

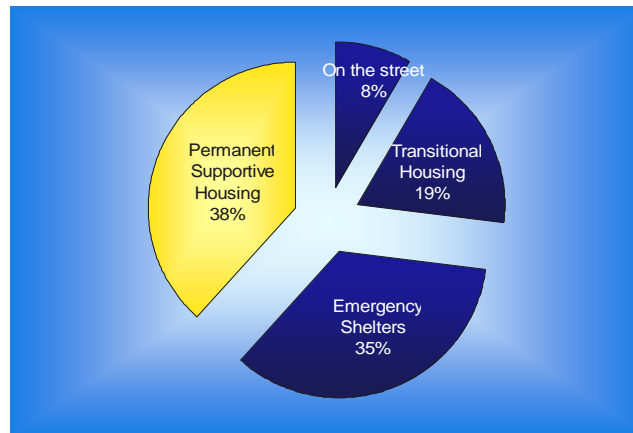
A Summary of the 2007 Point in Time Count for the District of Columbia



On January 25, 2007 the Community Partnership completed the seventh point in time enumeration for the District of Columbia's Continuum of Care (CoC). This count of homeless persons occurs annually to comply with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reporting standards. Moreover, the point in time count provides the city with up-to-date, comprehensive statistics on the homeless population in the District of Columbia.

The Good News

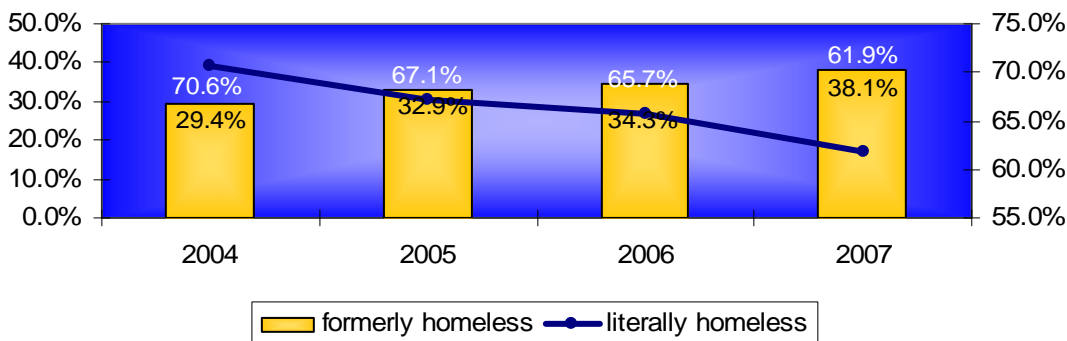
- **Homelessness in DC has decreased!** On any given day, there are 5,757 homeless individuals & persons in families in the District; this **6.5%** fewer homeless people than last year's count.
- **Growth in Permanent Housing:** For the first time, a large portion of D.C.'s total homeless population (**38%**) are residing in Permanent Supportive Housing.
- **Working towards 10 year plan goals:** The District's 10 year plan to end homelessness calls for a continued increase in the development of Permanent Housing. Today there are **3,582** formerly homeless individuals & persons in families living in Permanent Housing in D.C. **This is an 11% increase in the amount of homeless people that are now living permanent housing when compared with last year's count. Permanent Housing is identified in the city's 10 year plan as the solution to homelessness.**
- **Reductions in Chronic Homelessness:** Chronic Homelessness is a subset of the homeless population. These individuals are defined as single adults with a disabling condition that have been homeless for a year or more. DC's chronic homeless count in 2007 was 1,760- **6%** lower than the amount of chronically homeless person found last year.



Quick Facts

- 340 persons were estimated to be sleeping on the streets on Jan. 25.
- 1,542 cases of chronic substance abuse were reported.
- 1,362 cases of Severe Mental Illness and 762 cases of Dual Diagnosis were reported.
- 410 homeless persons were reported to be living with HIV/AIDS.
- 463 homeless persons have been victims of domestic violence.

Reductions in the Homeless Count & Growth in Permanent Housing SOLUTIONS



To learn more about homelessness in D.C., visit the Community Partnership's website at www.community-partnership.org

Survey Methodology

The Community Partnership managed the Point in Time aggregation for the District of Columbia. The Partnership utilized the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to collect data on homeless individuals and families in the DC. Providers were instructed to fill out a survey sheet on each individual in their shelter on 1/25/07.

Private agencies that do not receive public funds voluntarily participated in the survey collection process and submitted information via telephone interviews and paper surveys. Questions in the survey instrument were derived from HUD data standards and regional interest areas of the Washington Council of Governments Homeless Subcommittee. The Survey consists of close ended questions on persons residing in a shelter facility on the night of 1/25/07. Over the past seven years, many questions on the instrument have remained constant giving The Partnership the opportunity to establish trends and comment on changes in the population over time.

Our research indicates that there was a 97% participation rate by DC homeless shelter and housing providers. The Partnership would like to thank these providers for their participation and commitment to this process.