



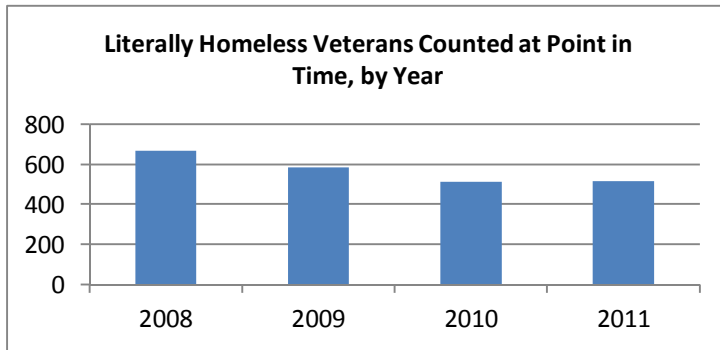
The Community Partnership  
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of Homelessness

## Veteran Homelessness in the District of Columbia

Veterans of the United States military account for roughly 12 percent of the adult homeless population in the District of Columbia. When the Community Partnership conducted the 2011 Point in Time Enumeration – an annual, single-day “snapshot” census of homeless persons – a total of 515 homeless veterans were counted in the District. Subsequent information collected by TCP shows that as many as 1,511 veterans were served in Emergency Shelter or Transitional Housing throughout 2010.

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Among  
Veterans**

While the 2011 count of 515 veterans was virtually unchanged from the 2010 count of 512, the number of veterans counted during Point in Time has decreased by 23 percent since 2008.



Some 70 percent of veterans primarily reside on the street or in the city’s Emergency Shelters. Approximately one-fifth of homeless veterans are enrolled in Transitional Housing Programs for single adults, while the remaining ten percent are in the city’s family shelter and housing facilities.

### Housing for Veterans in the District

The housing of homeless veterans is a priority of both the local and federal governments and of The Community Partnership. While homeless veterans reside shelter and housing programs across the city, the DC homeless services continuum of care includes multiple programs that are dedicated exclusively to serving veterans.

There are some 150 units of Transitional Housing for homeless veterans and more than 200 units of Permanent Supportive Housing for *formerly homeless* veterans in the city. These programs are funded through a variety of sources including the District of Columbia Department of Human Services, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

### Quick Facts on Veteran Homelessness

- Homeless veterans in the District are, on average, **five years** older than their non-veteran counterparts. Median age among unaccompanied homeless veterans in the District is 54; median age among veterans in families is 31
- Nearly **two-thirds** of the homeless veterans surveyed met the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development’s definition of “chronically homeless” – a disabled person who has been homeless for more than a year or who has had three episodes of homelessness in the past four years.
- **30 percent** of homeless veterans report histories of substance abuse and **28 percent** report mental health issues; **14 percent** report experiencing both conditions concurrently.
- **One in three** homeless veterans reports living with a physical disability.
- **Two of every five** veterans reports living with a chronic health condition.
- Nearly **45 percent** of all homeless veterans report that they have no income of any kind. Median income among homeless veterans with at least one income source is **\$713 per month**. One fourth of all homeless veterans are employed, with income from employment being the most common primary income source reported by those surveyed.

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