



The Future of Permanent Supportive Housing in the District of Columbia

The Need

An Overview of Homelessness in the District

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The Facts

- 2008 Point in Time Count-January 24,2008
- 6044 persons counted
- Approximately 3000 formerly homeless persons in permanent supportive housing
- 378 unsheltered
- Increase since 2007 in part due to 12% increase in emergency beds for singles

The Facts

- Where people were counted
 - Unsheltered 378 6%
 - Emergency-singles 2907 48%
 - Transitional-singles 922 15%
 - Emergency-families 555 9%
 - Transitional-families 1281 21%

Facts-Unsheltered Homeless

- Formerly institutionalized 12%
- Chronic health problem 22%
- Chronic substance abuser 38%
- Living w/ HIV/AIDS 2%
- Physically disabled 9%
- Severely mentally ill 48%

Facts-Emergency Shelter Population Single Adults

- Formerly institutionalized 24%
- Chronic health problem 27%
- Chronic substance abuser 35%
- Living w/ HIV/AIDS 2%
- Physically disabled 23%
- Severely mentally ill 19%

Facts-Emergency Shelter Population-Families

- Formerly institutionalized 3%
- Formerly in foster care 5%
- Chronic health problem 14%
- Chronic substance abuser 10%
- Living w/ HIV/AIDS 4%
- Physically disabled 8%
- Severely mentally ill 4%

Point in Time 2008

The Chronically Homeless

- Persons counted 2,184
 - %Men 78.9
 - %Women 20.9
 - %Transgendered 0.2

 - Average age men 50
 - Average age women 49

The Chronically Homeless

- The chronically homeless are generally very ill, often have one or more physical or mental health conditions.
- Nearly 4 in 10 chronically homeless persons report chronic substance abuse or severe mental illness.
- One fourth of all chronically homeless men and women are physically disabled
- 30% report a chronic health problem

Chronically Homeless (cont'd)

- 16% of chronically homeless men and women are US military veterans
- 7% report being domestic violence victims
- 8% report or demonstrate that English is not their first language

Low Barrier Shelter Demographics and Utilization 2007

- In FY2007, 11,562 men and women used the city's publicly funded low-barrier and temporary (emergency) shelters
- 83% (9596) were men; 17% (1966) were women
- 3% (347) moved from emergency to transitional during the fiscal year

Chronic Users of the Shelter System FY 2007

- Chronic users of the shelter system are those that have spent more than 360 nights or more in a shelter during the fiscal year.

Chronic Shelter Users - Men

- 8% (768) of men served in FY07 were in shelter for the entire fiscal year
- 79% (607) of male chronic users spent all of their time in shelter at one site
- The most frequent sites used by male chronic users were New York Avenue, Franklin, 801 East and CCNV
- Median length of stay for men was 73 days

Chronic Shelter Users - Women

- 12%(236) women served in FY07 were in shelter for the entire year
- 80% of female chronic users of shelter spent all their time at one shelter
- The most frequented sites used by female chronic users of shelter were John Young Harriet Tubman, CCNV, Madison and Open Door

Episodic Users of Shelter

- Episodic users of the shelter system are those individuals with multiple shelter stays that fall within the fiscal year but that are 30 days or more apart. These are likely persons who sleep on the streets and enter shelter periodically during the year.

Episodic Users of Shelter-Men

- 21%(1971) of the men served in FY07 have had multiple episodes of homelessness throughout the year
- 39%(769) of male episodic users of shelter spent all of their time in shelter at one site
- The most frequented sites used by male episodic users of shelter were New York Avenue, Franklin School and 802 East

Episodic Users of Shelter-Women

- 18%(361) of the women served in FY07 had multiple episodes of homelessness throughout the year
- 22% of female episodic shelter users stayed at only one site
- The most frequented sites used by female episodic users of shelter were John Young and Harriet Tubman

Permanent Supportive Housing Inventory-2008

- Total of
approximately
2450 units

Permanent Supportive Housing Inventory

- 2085 units for individuals
 - Community Partnership funds approximately 600 units through HUD Supportive Housing, Shelter Plus Care and Chronic Homeless Initiative (30% of total)
 - Private agencies and mainstream agencies fund approximately 1485 (70%)

(primarily Home First 2)

Permanent Supportive Housing Inventory

- Approximately 365 units for families with children
 - The Community Partnership funds approximately 215 family units through HUD Supportive Housing and Shelter Plus Care (59% of total PSH family inventory)
 - Private agencies and District mainstream agencies fund approximately 150 units through primarily Home First 2 and SOME programs

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