



## HIGHLIGHTS

### 2010 Point-in-Time Count of People Who Are Homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community

***On Jan. 27, 2010, there were 1,544 people who were literally homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community. 652 of them were single individuals and 892 were people in families.***

- ✿ During the past year, the number of people who were homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community has **decreased nearly 11 percent**.
  - On Jan. 27, 2010, a total of 1,544 people were counted who were homeless, of whom 892 were in families and 652 were single individuals.
  - Nearly 58 percent of all persons who were homeless were in families.
  - Single individuals who were homeless represented 42 percent of the total number of persons counted.
  - 36 percent of all persons who were homeless were children under the age of 18.
- ✿ The number of homeless families **decreased by over 16 percent**.
  - More than 60 percent of adults in homeless families were employed.
- ✿ The number of single individuals who were homeless **decreased slightly by 1.7 percent**.
  - 60 percent of single individuals who were homeless suffered from serious mental illness and/or substance abuse, and many had chronic health problems and/or physical disabilities.
- ✿ **Prevention initiatives, housing first and permanent housing with supports** appear to be having an impact on the number of persons who are homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community.
- ✿ **The annual Point-in-Time Count of Homeless Persons** in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community follows the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reporting guidelines and **covers people who are literally homeless** – those who are in shelters, in transitional housing or unsheltered living on the street.
- ✿ The count does not include people who live in temporary arrangements but do not face immediate loss of shelter, who self-pay to live in a motel or youth who are staying temporarily with others but who do not have a permanent stable residence.
- ✿ The numbers also do not include formerly homeless persons who now live in permanent supportive housing or persons who live in permanent housing but are receiving supportive services to maintain housing stability and prevent homelessness.



## Characteristics of Single Individuals

**Total number of single individuals: 652**

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Serious mental illness, substance abuse or both	391	60%
Chronic health problems	83	13%
Physical disability	54	8%
Victims of domestic abuse	45	7%
Language minority	147	23%
Homeless from an institution	132	20%
Formerly in foster care	16	2%
Veteran of U.S. military service	62	10%
Chronic homeless	242	37%
Unsheltered	140	21%
Gender: Male	484	74%
Gender: Female	168	26%
Employed	150	23%
No income or unknown	362	56%
Income from \$1 to \$500 per month	114	17%
Income from \$501 to \$1,000 per month	131	20%
Income over \$1,000 per month	45	7%
Race/ethnicity: Hispanic ( <i>any race</i> )	110	17%
White ( <i>only, non-Hispanic</i> )	256	39%
Black ( <i>only, non-Hispanic</i> )	199	31%
Asian/Other/Bi- or Multiracial/unknown	87	13%

**Ages:** Age 18-34: 182 (28%)  
 Age 35-54: 366 (56%)  
 Age 55 and over: 103 (16%)  
 Unaccompanied youth under the age of 18: 1 person

## Characteristics of Persons in Families

**Number of families: 263 - Total number of persons in families: 892**

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Victims of domestic violence	257	29%
Language minorities	352	39%
Chronic health problems	36	4%
Serious mental illness, substance abuse or both	24	3%
Physical disability	8	1%
Homeless from an institution	8	1%
Formerly in foster care	26	3%
No identified subpopulation	325	36%
Gender: adults, male	67	20%
Gender: adults, female	275	80%
Gender: children, male	269	49%
Gender: children, female	281	51%
Adults who are employed	212	62%
Adults with no income or unknown	68	20%
Adults with income from \$1 to \$1,000 per month	125	37%
Adults with income from \$1,001 to \$2,000 per month	104	30%
Adults with income over \$2,000 per month	45	13%
Race/ethnicity: Hispanic ( <i>any race</i> )	156	18%
White ( <i>only, non-Hispanic</i> )	189	21%
Black ( <i>only, non-Hispanic</i> )	430	48%
Asian/Other/Bi- or Multiracial/unknown	117	13%

**Adults in families: 342**

Age 18-34: 188 (55%)  
 Age 35-54: 146 (43%)  
 Age 55 and over: 8 (2%)

**Children in families: 550**

Under age 6: 237 (43%)  
 Age 6-11: 189 (34%)  
 Age 12-18: 124 (23%)