

**2009 Point-in-Time Count of Homeless Persons
Fairfax-Falls Church Community
Highlights from the January 28, 2009, Count**

Total Homeless Persons:	1,730
Number of Single Individuals	663
Number Persons in Families	1,067

The 2009 Point-in-Time count shows that the overall number of homeless persons decreased slightly in the past year, by 5.7% from 1,835 to 1,730. Nearly 62% of all homeless persons were in families, and 36% were under age 18. The number of single individuals counted decreased by 81, and the number who were unsheltered decreased from 212 in 2008 to 129 in 2009. The number of persons in families remained constant, but with more adults and fewer children under age 18.

Characteristics for Singles

<i>Characteristic</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Serious mental illness, substance abuse or both	397	60%
Chronic health problems	196	30%
Physical disability	74	11%
Victims of domestic abuse	71	11%
Language minority	138	21%
Homeless from an institution	141	21%
Formerly in foster care	21	3%
U.S. military service	63	10%
Chronic homeless	297	45%
Unsheltered	129	19%
Gender: male	484	73%
Gender: female	179	27%
Employed	164	25%
No income or unknown	357	54%
Income from \$1 to \$500 per month	115	17%
Income from \$501 to \$1,000 per month	134	20%
Income over \$1,000 per month	57	9%
Race/ethnicity: Hispanic	125	19%
White	268	40%
Black	218	33%
Other	52	8%

Ages: Age 18 - 34: 171 (26%)
 Age 35 - 54: 383 (58%)
 Age 55 and over: 106 (16%)
 Unaccompanied youth under age 18: 3 persons

Number of Families 315
 Total Number of Persons in Families 1,067

Adults in Families: 438 Children in Families: 629
 Age 18 - 34: 228 (52%) Under age 6: 279 (45%)
 Age 35 - 54: 198 (45%) Age 6 - 11: 197 (31%)
 Age 55 and over: 12 (3%) Age 12 - 18: 153 (24%)

Characteristics for Persons in Families

<i>Characteristic</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Victims of domestic violence	272	25%
Language minorities	236	22%
Chronic health problems	61	6%
Serious mental illness, substance abuse or both	37	3%
Physical disability	34	3%
No identified sub-population	542	51%
Gender: adults, male	109	25%
Gender: adults, female	329	75%
Gender: children, male	287	46%
Gender: children, female	342	54%
Adults who are employed	279	64%
Adults with no income or unknown	98	22%
Adults with income from \$1 to \$1,000 per month	120	27%
Adults with income from \$1,001 to \$2,000 per month	113	26%
Adults with income over \$2,000 per month	107	24%
Race/ethnicity: Hispanic	143	13%
White	197	18%
Black	609	57%
Other	118	11%

Note:

The annual count 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, or self-pay to live in a motel. The homeless number also does not include formerly homeless persons who live in permanent supportive housing. However, an additional 26 permanent supportive housing beds for single individuals were added since the 2008 Point-in-Time Count and this may be one factor contributing to a lower number of homeless individuals.

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