



HIGHLIGHTS

2012 Point-in-Time Count of Persons Who Were Homeless In the Fairfax-Falls Church Community

On Jan. 25, 2012, there were 1,534 people who were literally homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community. 697 of them were single individuals and 837 were people in families.

The number of people who were literally homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community declined by one percent (15 people) from the number counted in January 2011.

- Persons in families decreased by 5.2 percent (46 people) compared to 2011.
- The number of single adults increased by 4.5 percent (30 adults) compared to 2011. There was also one unaccompanied youth counted as literally homeless in 2012.

❖ **Persons in families accounted for nearly 55 percent** of all homeless persons counted.

- Thirty-three percent of all persons who were homeless were children under the age of 18, a slight drop of two percent from 2011 in the number of literally homeless children.
- 59 percent of adults in homeless families were employed,. In 2011, 60 percent of adults in families were employed.
- In 2012, 40 percent of all persons in families were homeless due to domestic violence, an increase from 35 percent in 2011. Nearly 52 percent of families identified domestic violence as the reason for homelessness.
- There were 16 fewer families who were homeless in 2012 compared to 2011, with 46 fewer people, including 34 fewer children and 12 fewer adults.

❖ **Single individuals represented over 45 percent** of the total persons counted.

- 64 percent of single individuals who were homeless suffered from serious mental illness and/or substance abuse, an increase from 60 percent in 2011, and many had chronic health problems and/or physical disabilities.
- 20 percent of single individuals who were homeless were employed. In 2011, 19 percent of single adults who were homeless were reported as employed.
- In 2012, 51 percent of single individuals (353 people) were identified as chronically homeless, compared to 39 percent in 2011.
- An additional 43 adults were counted as unsheltered in 2012. Unsheltered individuals comprised 26 percent of total single adults compared to 20 percent the 2011 count.

Prevention initiatives, housing first and permanent housing with supports continue to have an impact on the number of persons who are homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community. Prevention initiatives have been especially effective for families with children. During 2011, over 900 people received prevention or rapid re-housing financial assistance, and six additional families were placed into permanent supportive housing

Increased Outreach through the new CSB Intensive Community Treatment Teams has been effective in identifying and engaging individuals who are unsheltered or without a place to stay at night. A total of 56 more people were counted in Outreach and Hypothermia/Winter Seasonal programs. An additional 32 beds of permanent supportive housing were being implemented, and there was an increase of 26 in the number of individuals counted in permanent supportive housing for homeless single adults.

Characteristics for Single Individuals:

Total Number of Single Individuals: 697

Ages: Age 18 - 34: 174 (25%)
Age 35 - 54: 367 (53%)
Age 55 and over: 155 (22%)
Unaccompanied youth under age 18: 1 (< 0.15%)

<i>Characteristic</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Serious mental illness, substance abuse or both	444	64%
Chronic health problems	91	13%
Physical disability	84	12%
Homeless due to domestic violence	63	9%
Current or prior history of domestic violence (<i>new category</i>)	104	15%
Limited English Proficiency (<i>new category in 2012</i>)	98	14%
Homeless from an institution	102	15%
Formerly in foster care	28	4%
Veteran of U.S. military service	56	8%
Chronic homeless	353	51%
Unsheltered	178	26%
Gender: Male	508	73%
Gender: Female	189	27%
Employed	142	20%
No income	285	41%
Income unknown/not reported	129	19%
Income from \$1 to \$500 per month	101	14%
Income from \$501 to \$1,000 per month	140	20%
Income over \$1,000 per month	42	6%
Race/ethnicity: Hispanic (<i>any race</i>)	94	13.5%
White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	289	41.4%
Black (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	243	34.9%
Bi-or Multiracial/Asian/Other/Unknown	71	10.2%

The annual Point-in-Time Count of Persons Who Are Homeless 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 persons who were formerly homeless 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 a return to homelessness.

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