Virginia's Homeless Programs
2009-10 Program Year

A Report to the
House Appropriations
and
Senate Finance Committees

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Executive Summary

Homelessness directly affects thousands of Virginians annually. According to the annual 2010 point-in-time count conducted by localities statewide, at least 9,001 individuals were homeless during a 24-hour snapshot in January 2010. Four to five times that number may actually experience homelessness at some point during the year, according to national homeless studies. Many of these persons have special needs based on situations ranging from physical or mental disabilities to chronic substance abuse. Of the total homeless population, many are also victims of other circumstances such as job loss or domestic violence. The Commonwealth of Virginia utilizes a variety of approaches to serve the needs of a diverse homeless population.

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) directly addresses the problems associated with homelessness by administering several core programs that provide financial support to local governments and nonprofit providers of housing and supportive services to the homeless.

- Child Care for Homeless Children Program (CCHCP)
- Child Services Coordinator Grant (CSCG)
- Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)
- State Shelter Grant (SSG)
- Homeless Intervention Program (HIP)
- Housing Opportunities for Person with AIDS (HOPWA)

The following summarizes funding and number of persons served during the 2009-10 program year:

- **CCHCP**
  - DHCD received a $350,000 block grant for the CCHCP program
  - 445 children received child care through the program
- **CSCG**
  - Funding included $500,000 in state general funds and $589,375 in Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program funds
  - 7,923 homeless children in 48 emergency and transitional housing facilities assisted

- **Shelter Programs**
  - ESG is a HUD allocation of $1,676,590
  - SSG is a state-funded program with $3,475,247 in TANF funds and $2,882,293 in State general funds
  - ESG and SSG programs together assisted 6,157 shelter beds (28,489 persons)
- **HIP**
  - Funding included $4,050,000 million in State general funds and $600,000 TANF funds
  - Financial assistance was provided to 1742 households (4,639 individuals). Non-financial assistance (case management, housing

counseling, etc.) was provided to 2,189 households (5,929 individuals)

- **HOPWA**
  - Funding included $667,943 in federal funds through the Department of Housing and Urban Development
  - Funding was distributed through 9 project sponsors across the state to serve 268 individuals (258 Households).

- **Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP)**
  - In addition to DHCD's core homeless programs, a grant was received in August 2009 through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). This limited one-time 3 year grant of 11.4 million for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) was allocated to 23 sub-grantees that serve both entitlement and non-entitlement jurisdictions throughout the state. These funds are used for a variety of activities towards homelessness prevention and rapid-re-housing. As of September 30, 2010, over 50% of all HPRP funds have been expended to serve 3,047 households struggling with housing during the recession.

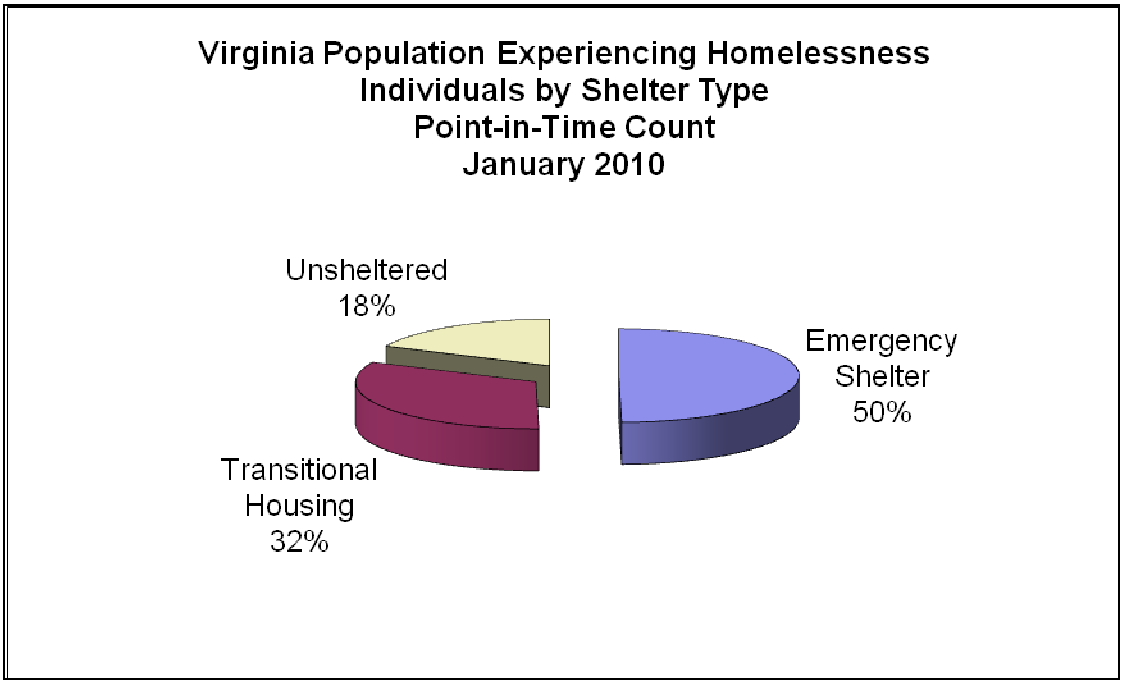
This report serves as a means to report overall conditions and progress made related to the administration of the State's homelessness programs in compliance with Budget Item 103 D.

> The Department shall report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance, the House Appropriations Committees, and the Director, Department of Planning and Budget by November 4 of each year on the state's homeless programs, including, but not limited to, the number of (i) emergency shelter beds, (ii) transitional housing units, (iii) single room occupancy dwellings, and (iv) homeless intervention programs supported by state funding on a locality and statewide basis. The report shall also include the number of Virginians served by these programs, the costs of the programs, and the financial and in-kind support provided by localities and nonprofit groups in these programs. In preparing the report, the Department shall consult with localities and community-based groups.

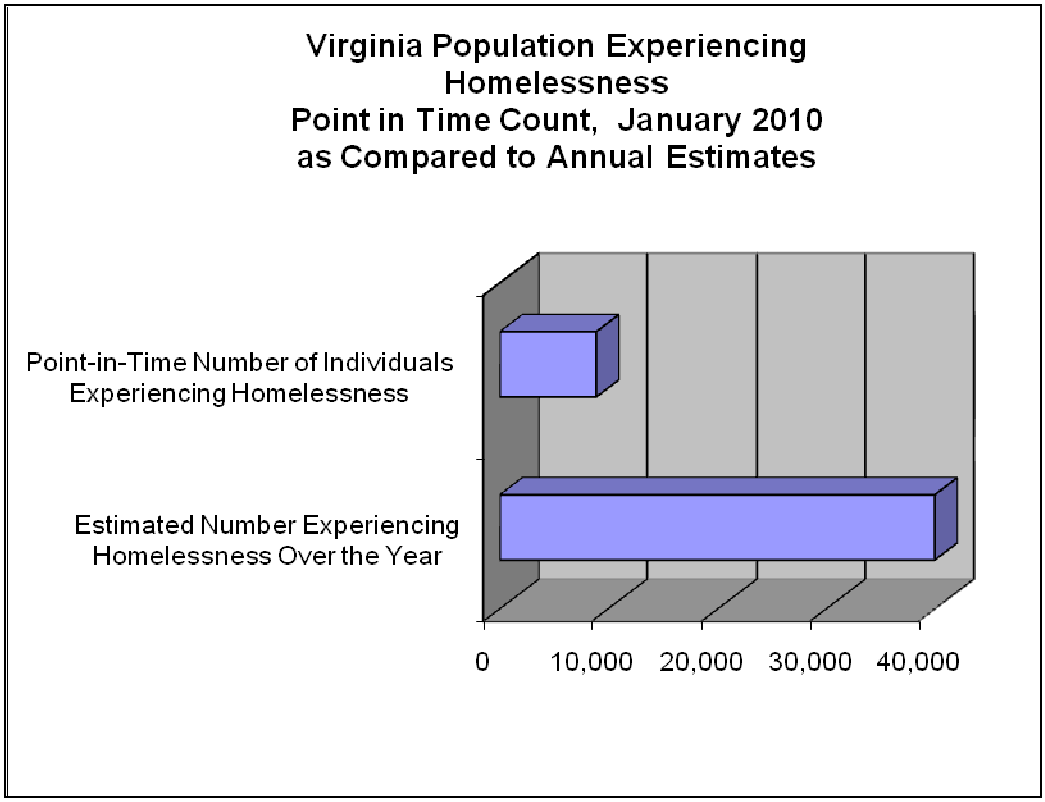
Conditions

Every year each jurisdiction across the state participates in an annual point-in-time count of sheltered and unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness. Sheltered persons are any individuals (including children and unaccompanied youth) sleeping in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or using a hotel/motel voucher.

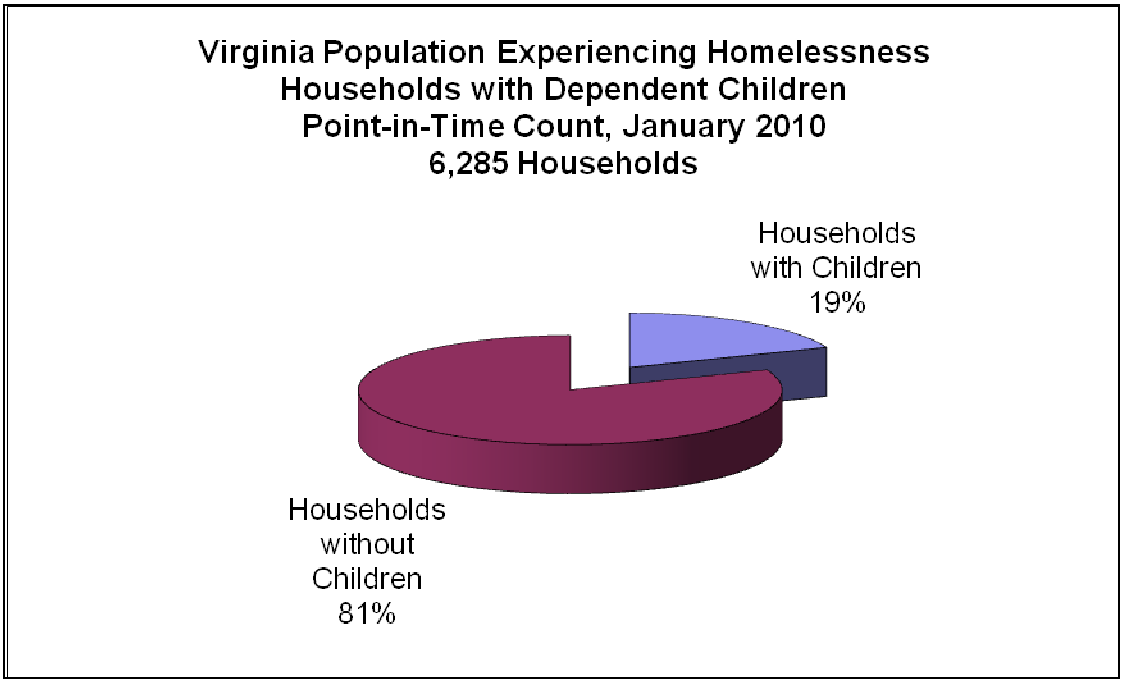
The January 2010 point-in-time count identified 8,883 individuals as experiencing homelessness. About 50 percent of these individuals were in emergency shelters, 32 percent were in transitional shelter programs, and 18 percent (consistent with the 2009 count) were unsheltered.



The number of individuals experiencing homelessness over an entire year is typically four to five times that of the point-in-time count. In this case, an estimated 35,532 to 44,415 individuals in Virginia experienced homelessness throughout the year.

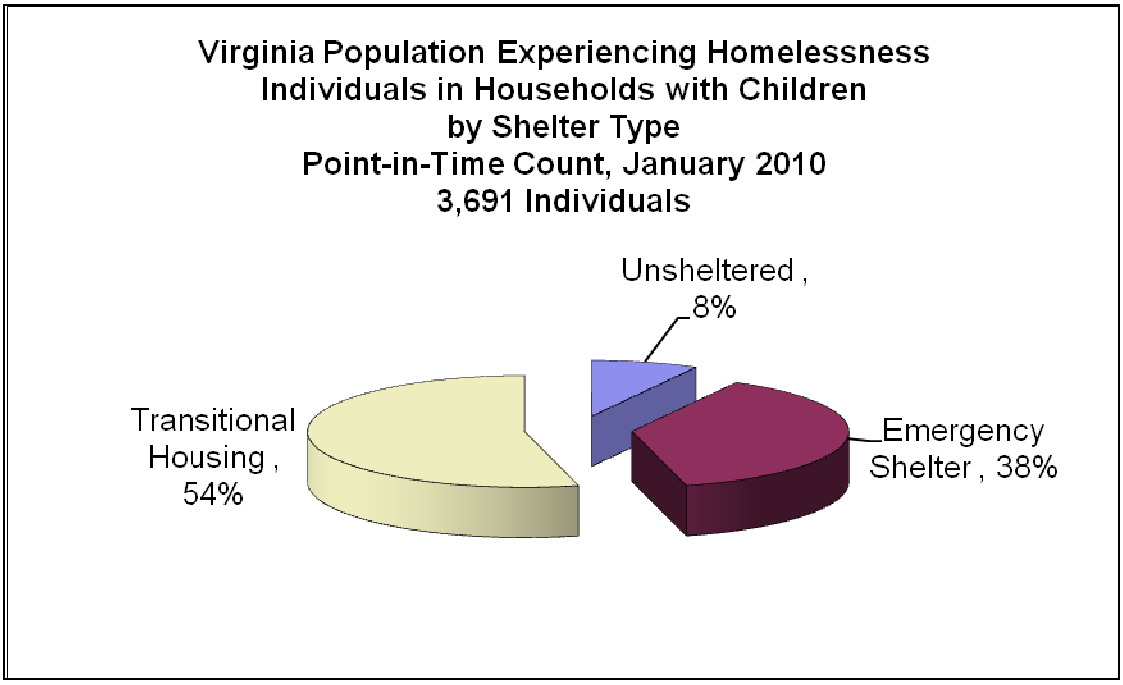


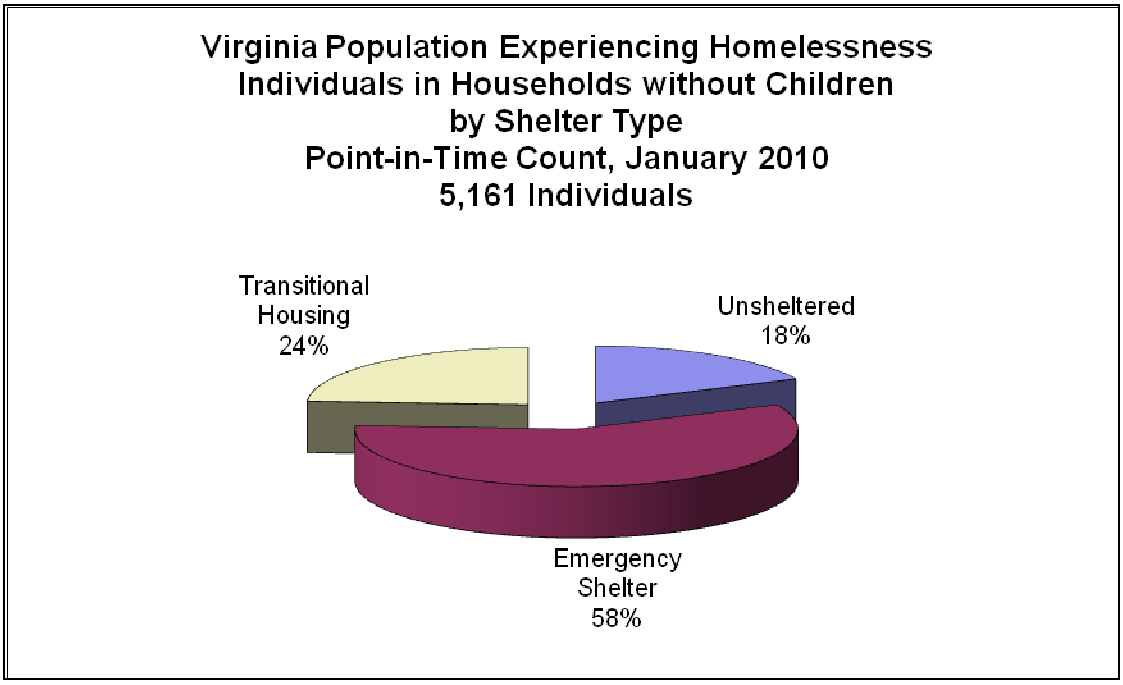
Nineteen percent of households experiencing homelessness during the point-in-time count included households with dependent children.



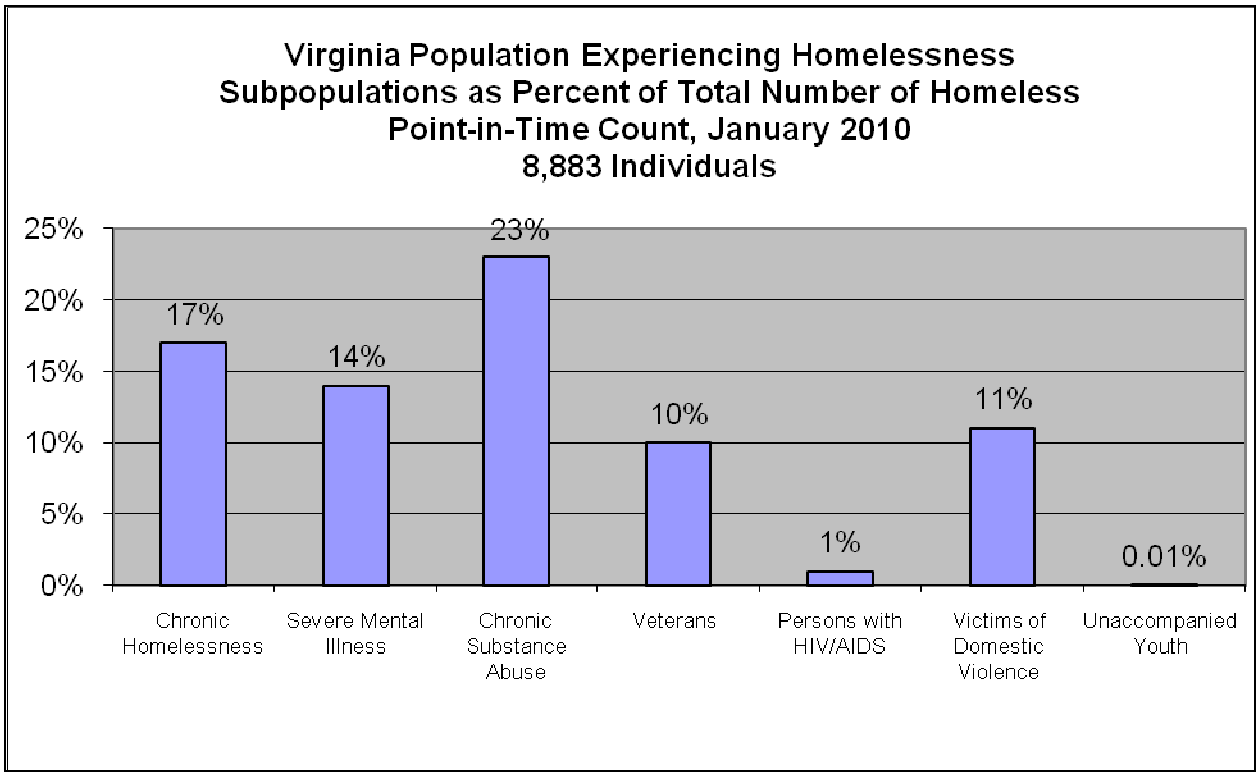
Individuals in households with dependent children were more likely (54 percent) to reside in transitional housing as compared to those in households without dependent children (24 percent). Individuals in households without children were

significantly more likely (58 percent) to reside in emergency shelter as compared to those in households with children (38 percent) or be entirely unsheltered (18 percent) as compared to those in households with children where only eight percent of these individuals were unsheltered.





Based on data reported from the 2010 point-in-time count, 17 percent of the 8,883 individuals were experiencing chronic homelessness. This is based on the HUD (Housing and Urban Development) definition of chronic homelessness as "an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more, or has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years." Notably, ten percent of the homeless population in Virginia are reportedly veterans, and 11 percent are victims of domestic violence.



Note: Totals greater than 100 percent due to individuals being included in some cases in more than one sub-population.

Homeless Programs

DHCD administers approximately $14.8 million (amount does not include carry over funds from previous years or HPRP stimulus funds) for homeless services programs. This includes approximately $7.4 million in state general funds that leverage an additional $7.6 million in federal funds to address the critical needs of homelessness in Virginia.

Federal resources include $350,000 from Health and Human Services (HHS), which is allocated to DHCD through the Virginia Department of Social Services (DSS) for a child care services program serving homeless children within the Commonwealth. TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), another federal resource allocated by DSS to DHCD supports the coordination of child care services for homeless children. TANF funds from DSS are also utilized to support shelter programs across the state and these funds augment efforts to prevent homelessness through the state's Homeless Intervention Program.

In addition to the federal funding allocated to the Department through DSS, DHCD also received federal funding directly from HUD through the federal Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program and HOPWA. The federal shelter grant program is leveraged along with the State Shelter Grant to support shelter services across the Commonwealth and the HOPWA program prevents homelessness among low-income individuals with HIV/AIDS and their families.

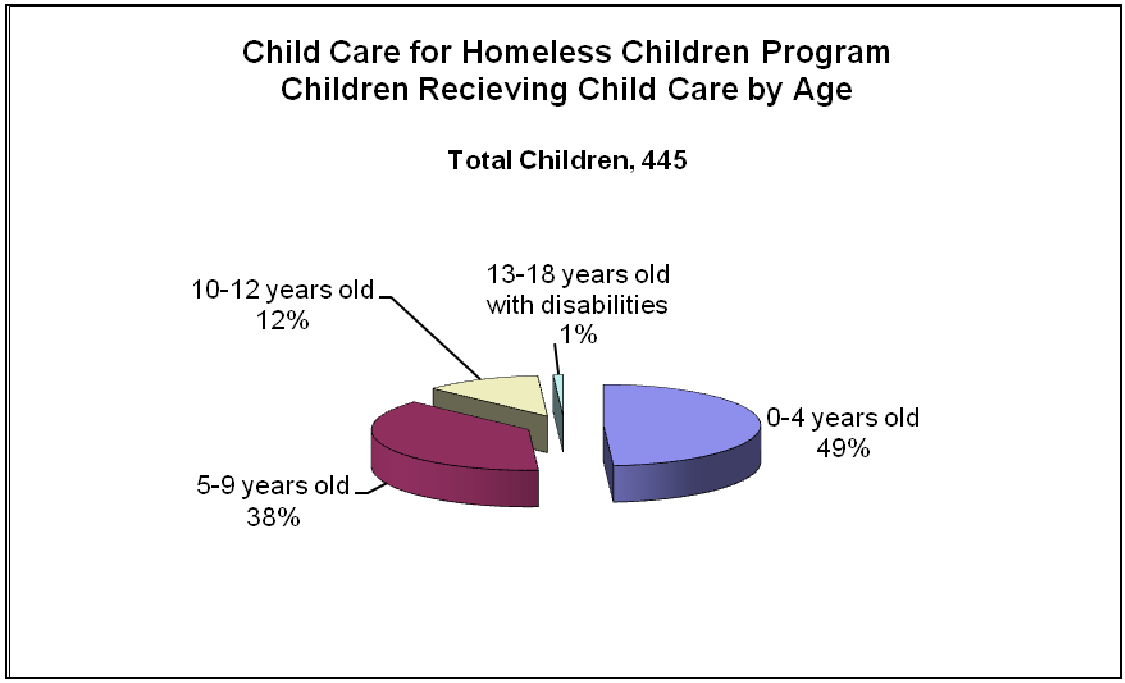
DHCD-Administered Homeless Programs 2009-2010 Program Year		
Program	**Source**	**2009-2010 Allocation**
Child Care for Homeless Children Program (CCHCP)	Federal –HHS (DSS)	$350,000
Child Care Services Coordinator Grant (CSCG)	State TANF	$500,000 (State) $589,375 (TANF)
Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)	Federal -HUD	$1,676,590
State Shelter Grant (SSG)	State TANF	$2,882,293 (State) $3,475,247 (TANF)
Homeless Intervention Program (HIP)	State TANF	$4,050,000 (State) $600,000 (TANF)
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Federal -HUD	$667,943

Child Care for Homeless Children Program

The Child Care for Homeless Children Program (CCHCP) receives funding through the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, which the Virginia Department of Social Services (DSS) administers. DHCD has an interagency contract with DSS to provide for the payment of child care services for homeless children residing in emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities that receive State Shelter Grant funding. Homeless families in shelter facilities may receive assistance for the cost of child care while working or participating in an educational or job training program.

In 2009-10 program year, DSS provided DHCD with $350,000 from its block grant to support the Child Care for Homeless Children Program. As a result 445 children (representing 255 households) received child care during the year allowing parents to work toward developing economic self-sufficiency.

Almost half of the children receiving child care were four years old or younger.



Childcare for Homeless Children 2009-10		
Service Provider	Location	Childcare for Homeless Children
Action in Community Through Service	Dumfries	$58,452.81
Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.	Arlington	$732.26
Community Lodges	Alexandria	$10,254.10
Community Touch, Inc.	Bealeton	$24,270.55
Fauquier Family Shelter Services, Inc.	Warrenton	$6,961.35
ForKids, Inc.	Norfolk	$26,871.93
Genieve Shelter	Suffolk	$1,947.50
Hilliard House	Richmond	$40,679.12
HomeAgain (formerly Emergency Shelter, Inc.)	Richmond	$17,600.00
Homestretch	Falls Church	$16,160.91
Mercy House, Inc.	Harrisonburg	$14,808.37
Our House Families	Chesapeake	$2,272.84
Portsmouth Area Resources Coalition, Inc.	Portsmouth	$1,619.50
Prince William County Office of Housing and Community Development	Woodbridge	$16,942.22
Samaritan House, Inc.	Virginia Beach	$36,888.05
Serve, Inc.	Manassas	$8,488.91
St. Joseph's Villa	Richmond	$50,899.73
Transitional Housing Barn, Inc.	Bristow	$5,191.63
YWCA of Central Virginia	Lynchburg	$182.25
TOTAL		$341,224.03

Child Services Coordinator Grant

The Child Services Coordinator Grant (CSCG) program provides support for an in-house coordinator to address the special health care, mental health, and educational needs of homeless children residing in emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities. Nonprofit organizations and local governments that receive State Shelter Grant funds are eligible applicants for CSCG funds. Emergency shelter applicants must document a minimum of at least five new homeless children per month in residence to be eligible for funding and transitional housing facilities must serve at least 20 children per month to be eligible for funding.

The CSCG program addresses the needs of homeless children by:

- Insuring that professional child service resources are available to homeless families with children through linkages in the community.
- Improving service delivery to homeless children through increased information-sharing, collaborative planning, and analysis/referral to existing resources.
- Emphasizing parental choice and participation in the coordination of services for children.

Child service coordinators assisted 7,923 homeless children in 48 emergency shelter and transitional housing facilities.

The 2009-10 funding included an appropriation of $500,000 in state general funds and $589,375 in TANF program funds.

- 6,417 children received general health assessments by intake workers or case managers, including referrals to health professionals if needed.
- 5,765 children received mental health screenings, including assessments with professionals as needed.

NOTE: Selected outcome numbers may represent duplication, because a homeless child may need a variety of services and assistance. Also, some children may have entered the shelter in one fiscal year and received the service in a subsequent year.

Child Services Coordinator Grant 2009-10		
Service Provider	**Location**	**Child Services Coordinator Grant**
Action in Community Through Service of Prince William, Inc.	Dumfries	$57,335.53
Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.	Arlington	$43,001.64
Avalon: A Center for Women and Children	Williamsburg	$28,667.76
CARITAS	Richmond	$28,667.76
Carpenter's Shelter	Alexandria	$14,333.88
Citizens Against Family Violence, Inc.	Martinsville	$14,333.88
Community Lodgings, Inc.		$14,333.87
Community Touch	Bealeton	$14,333.88
Crisis Assistance Response Emergency Shelter, Inc.	Petersburg	$14,333.88
Doorways	Arlington	$28,667.76
Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Danville	$12,195.86

Service Provider	Location	Child Services Coordinator Grant
Ecumenical Family Shelter, Inc. A.K.A. The Dwelling Place	Norfolk	$22,019.40
Family Crisis Support Services, Inc.	Norton	$14,333.88
Family Resource Center	Wytheville	$14,333.88
Fauquier Family Shelter Services, Inc.	Warrenton	$45,301.59
First Step: A Response to Domestic Violence, Inc.	Harrisonburg	$14,333.88
ForKids, Inc.	Norfolk	$30,967.71
Greater Orange Community Development Corporation, Inc.	Orange	$14,333.88
Help and Emergency Response	Portsmouth	$26,116.32
HomeAgain	Richmond	$28,667.76
Homestretch	Falls Church	$45,301.59
Laurel Intervention Center fro Domestic Violence	Winchester	$14,333.88
Laurel Shelter, Inc.	Gloucester	$14,333.88
Loudoun County Department of Family Services	Leesburg	$14,333.88
Menchville House Ministries	Newport News	$14,333.88
Mercy House, Inc.	Harrisonburg	$30,967.34
New Directions Center, Inc.	Staunton	$14,333.88
New Hope Housing, Inc.	Alexandria	$28,667.76
Our House Families (Formerly Community Resource Network of Chesapeake, Inc.)	Chesapeake	$14,333.88
People Incorporated of Southwest Virginia	Abingdon	$28,667.76
Portsmouth Area Resources Coalition, Inc.	Portsmouth	$28,667.76
Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence	Fredericksburg	$14,333.88
Rappahannock Refuge, Inc./Hope House	Fredericksburg	$14,333.88
Response, Inc.	Woodstock	$14,333.88
Reston Interfaith, Inc.	Reston	$14,333.88
Salvation Army of Richmond	Richmond	$14,333.18
Samaritan House, Inc.	Virginia Beach	$43,001.62
Serve, Inc.	Manassas	$28,667.76
Shelter for Help in Emergency	Charlottesville	$14,333.88
Shelter House, Inc.	Falls Church	$14,333.88
St. Joseph's Villa	Richmond	$43,001.64
Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter, Inc.	Fredericksburg	$28,667.76
Transitional Housing Barn, Inc	Bristow	$14,333.88
Transitions Family Violence Services	Hampton	$14,333.88
Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Hilda Barg Homeless Provider	Woodbridge	$28,667.76

Service Provider	Location	Child Services Coordinator Grant
Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley	Radford	$14,333.88
YWCA of Richmond	Richmond	$14,333.88
YWCA of South Hampton Roads	Norfolk	$28,667.76
TOTAL		$1,087,235.70

State Shelter Grant and Emergency Shelter Grant

The State Shelter Grant (SSG**)** is a state-funded program. In 2009-10 program year, $3,475,247 in Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds were allocated to supplement the $2,882,293 in general funds available to support this program. The federal Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) was awarded by formula to the Commonwealth by HUD through the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. Virginia received $1,676,590 of ESG funding in 2009-10. Providers of emergency shelter and transitional housing receive grants through the SSG and ESG programs.

The State Shelter Grant (SSG) program helps homeless families and individuals by providing state funding to emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities. The funds can be used to defray operating costs such as salary support, administration, maintenance, rent, utilities, insurance, supplies, and furnishings. SSG funds may also be used to support the delivery of essential human services addressing employment, substance abuse, education, or health needs. These services cannot duplicate or replace existing services.

Similarly, the federal Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program helps the homeless by providing shelter and services at emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities. Grant recipients may use funds to meet the costs of operations and limited staff costs. Local governments receiving funds may use five percent for administrative expenses.

Many grantees receive both SSG and ESG funding for each bed in their facility. However, grantees in the federal Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) FFY 2009 entitlement cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Richmond, Roanoke, and Virginia Beach, and the entitlement counties of Arlington, Fairfax, and Prince William are not eligible for state-administered ESG funding. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development provides funds directly to entitlement localities. The entitlement localities then make them available to emergency shelter and transitional housing providers within their jurisdictions.

In 2009-10 DHCD allocated both SSG and ESG grant funds based on the number of beds available to serve the homeless (60 percent), on the shelter utilization rate (20 percent), and on the level of services provided by the shelter

(20 percent). Seasonal facilities (thermal shelters) received DHCD-administered funding based on the average daily bed count prorated by the number of months the shelter was in operation. Supportive service level and utilization rate is also included in the formula. ESG awards for day shelters were based on 50 percent of the average daily attendance by persons for whom the provider has documented homelessness and the level of supportive services provided.

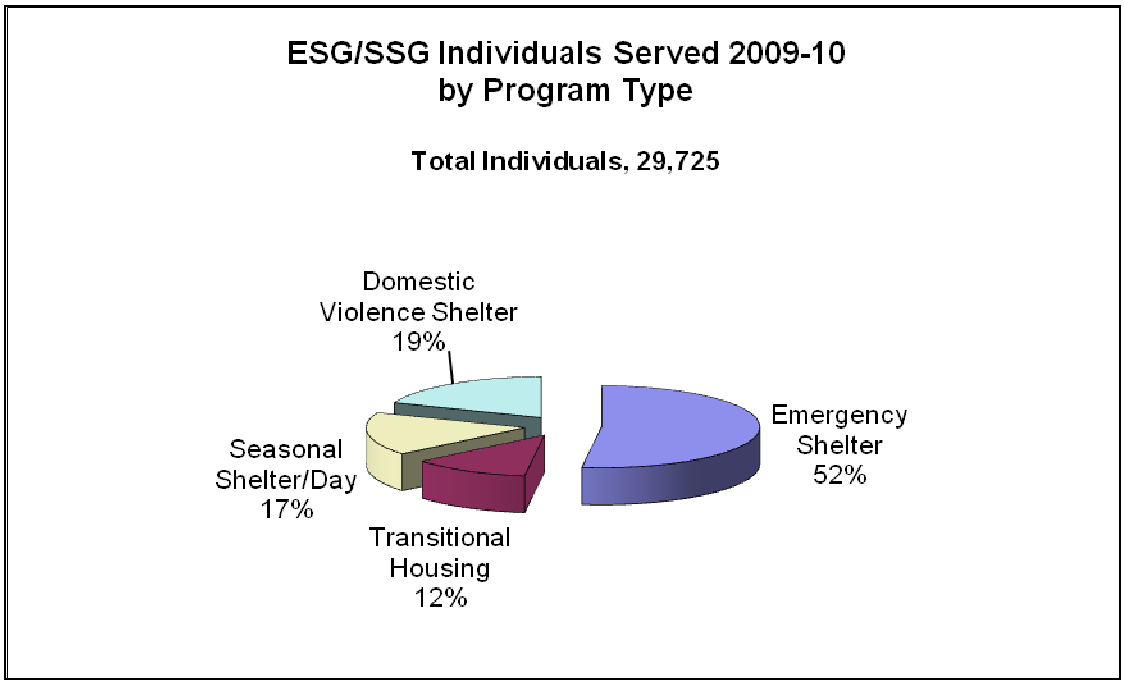
Shelter providers receiving SSG and ESG funds served 29,725 persons through emergency, transitional, and seasonal shelters during 2009-10 program year. The table and charts to follow provide additional details on the count and percentage distribution served by the primary types of shelters as well as by the number who could not be served.

Beds Funded

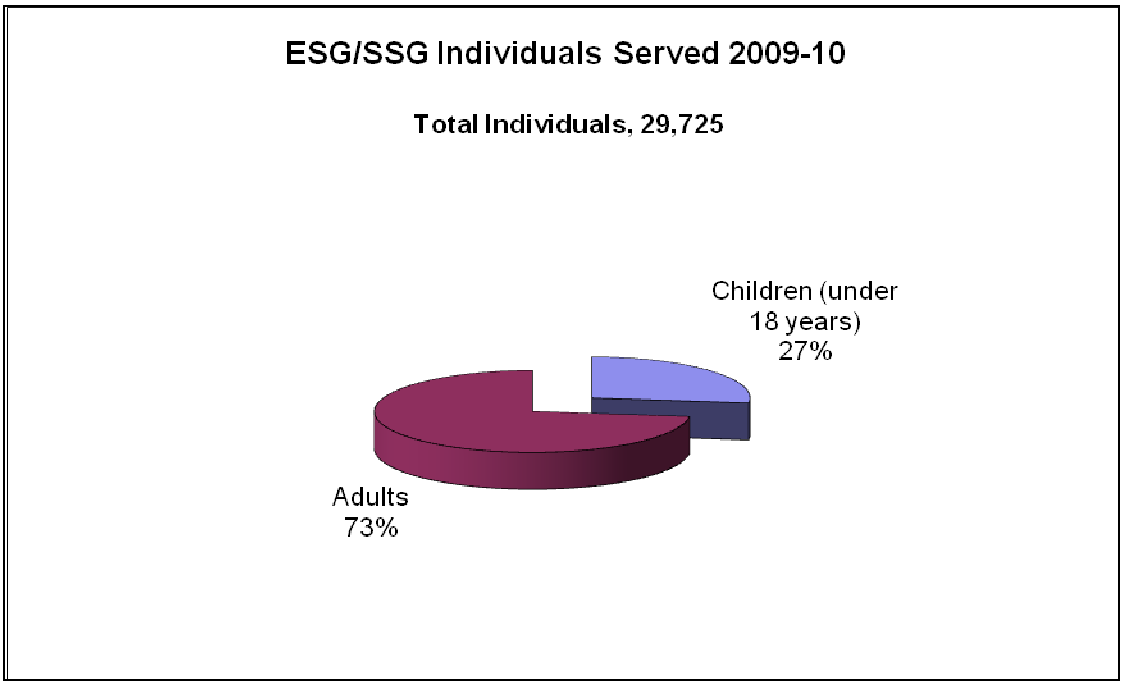
The number of beds fluctuates from year to year. In the 2009-10 program year, SSG and/or ESG funded a total of 6,157 beds. Of these, 2,135 were emergency shelter beds, 668 were seasonal shelter beds, 2,518 were transitional housing beds, and 836 were domestic violence emergency shelter beds.

Number Served

Based on data gathered from shelter providers, 52 percent, or 15,369 of the individuals served, were served in emergency shelters.



Over a quarter (27 percent) of the individuals served are children under the age of 18. Twelve percent (3,470) of the individuals served are four years old or younger.



SHELTER GRANT FUNDING 2009-10

Service Provider	Location	State Shelter Grant	Emergency Shelter Grant
Action in Community Through Service of Prince William, Inc.	Dumfries	$81,723.66	
Alexandria Office On Women/Battered Women's Shelter	Alexandria	$18,967.45	$8,608.35
Alexandria, City of Department of Human Services	Alexandria	$71,272.16	$32,389.38
Alive, Inc.	Alexandria	$14,449.56	$6,527.84
Arlington County Government	Arlington	$16,743.61	$7,762.44
Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.	Arlington	$173,445.06	$79,632.76
Avalon: A Center for Women and Children	Williamsburg	$41,670.72	$19,062.10
Bedford County DSS-Domestic Violence Services	Bedford	$10,528.36	$4,764.79
Bethany House of Northern Virginia, Inc.	Alexandria	$31,025.02	
CARITAS	Richmond	$122,818.10	
Carpenter's Shelter	Alexandria	$125,012.20	$66,017.23

Service Provider	Location	State Shelter Grant	Emergency Shelter Grant
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington	Arlington	$6,221.94	$7,671.38
Choices, Council on Domestic Violence for Page County	Luray	$20,693.60	$9,404.00
Christian Relief Services	Alexandria	$31,660.48	
Citizens Against Family Violence	Martinsville	$14,170.69	$6,389.14
Clinch Valley Community Action	North Tazewell	$47,576.58	$22,059.00
Community Housing Partners	Christiansburg	$34,075.96	$15,801.82
Community Lodgings, Inc.	Alexandria	$46,097.76	$21,248.36
Community Touch, Inc.	Bealeton	$47,659.72	$22,490.96
Community Transitional Housing Program	Front Royal	$15,477.42	$5,280.47
Crisis Assistance Response Emergency Shelter, Inc.	Petersburg	$22,199.03	$10,099.78
Crossroads Shelter, Inc.	Wytheville	$26,638.82	$12,119.72
Culpeper Community Development Corporation	Culpeper	$20,304.33	$9,343.80
The Daily Planet	Richmond	$44,083.12	
Doorways	Arlington	$123,741.33	$57,036.40
DOVES, Inc.	Danville	$11,019.18	$5,443.42
Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Onancock	$19,456.70	$8,907.94
Ecumenical Family Shelter, Inc.	Norfolk	$59,087.75	
Family Crisis Support Services, Inc.	Norton	$53,249.73	$24,271.72
Family Resource Center	Wytheville	$35,931.43	$14,568.40
Fauquier Family Shelter Services, Inc.	Warrenton	$153,704.66	$70,020.12
First Step: A Response to Domestic Violence, Inc.	Harrisonburg	$20,796.47	$9,501.61
ForKids, Inc.	Norfolk	$115,608.67	$17,869.24
Franklin County Family Resource Center	Rocky Mount	$31,035.98	$14,029.29
Freedom House	Richmond	$46,151.35	
Friend of Guest House, Inc.	Alexandria	$11,196.15	$5,097.95
Genieve Shelter	Suffolk	$20,098.71	$9,122.10
Good Shepherd Alliance, Inc.	Sterling	$39,408.71	$17,944.62
Good Shepard Housing Foundation	Woodbridge	$23,002.93	
Greater Orange Community Development Corp.	Orange	$64,326.80	$29,353.75
Hampton Ecumenical Lodgings and Provisions, Inc.	Hampton	$108,912.02	$48,162.24
Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board	Newport News	$9,369.49	$3,970.05

Service Provider	Location	State Shelter Grant	State Shelter Grant
Harmony Place	Front Royal	$46,528.57	$21,250.12
Hanover Safe Place (Hanover Domestic Violence Task Force)	Ashland	$7,899.96	$3,611.25
Harrisonburg/Rockingham Area Thermal Shelter	Harrisonburg	$6,893.60	$3,126.57
The Haven Shelter and Services, Inc.	Warsaw	$18,871.03	$8,586.45
The Healing Place	Richmond	$208,534.71	
Help and Emergency Response	Portsmouth	$42,817.58	$19,459.08
Hilliard House	Richmond	$38,056.23	
HomeAgain (formerly Emergency Shelter, Inc.)	Richmond	$167,042.02	
Homestretch	Falls Church	$319,570.60	
Hope House of Scott County	Gate City	$15,261.29	$6,894.69
Hostel of the Good Shepherd	Galax	$14,037.11	$6,357.95
Judeo-Christian Outreach Center	Virginia Beach	$54,172.37	
Laurel Intervention Center for Domestic and Sexual Violence	Winchester	$19,590.02	$8,928.19
Laurel Shelter, Inc.	Gloucester	$25,444.37	$11,568.95
LINK of Hampton Roads, Inc.	Newport News	$55,286.31	$24,154.14
Loudoun Citizens for Social Justice/LAWS	Leesburg	$13,641.50	$6,196.60
Loudoun County Department of Family Services	Leesburg	$37,790.19	$16,983.49
Lynchburg Community Action Group, Inc.	Lynchburg	$29,753.26	$13,634.13
Lynchburg Daily Bread	Lynchburg	$0	$6,081.83
Menchville House Ministries, Inc.	Newport News	$46,841.64	$21,688.20
Mercy House, Inc.	Harrisonburg	$75,545.81	$34,527.21
Miriam's House, Inc.	Lynchburg	$32,053.06	$14,669.12
Monticello Area Community Action Agency	Charlottesville	$14,643.63	$6,747.72
New Directions Center, Inc.	Staunton	$20,448.20	$9,336.73
New Hope Housing, Inc.	Alexandria	$218,913.01	
New River Family Shelter	Christiansburg	$27,691.56	$12,608.72
Northern Virginia Family Service	Woodbridge	$46,313.83	
Office of Human Affairs	Newport News		$9,809.40
Our House Families	Chesapeake	$39,824.22	$18,347.17
People and Congregations Engaged in Ministry	Charlottesville	$21,401.15	$9,747.45
People Incorporated of Southwest Virginia	Abingdon	$168,444.72	$77,200.21
Portsmouth Area Resources Coalition, Inc.	Portsmouth	$74,055.62	$34,083.91

Service Provider	Location	State Shelter Grant	Emergency Shelter Grant
Portsmouth Volunteers for the Homeless, Inc.	Portsmouth	$35,990.95	$16,583.14
Prince William County Department of Social Services	Manassas	$14,232.07	
Prince William County Office of Housing and Community Development	Woodbridge	$40,942.01	
Project Horizon, Inc.	Lexington	$16,175.81	$7,305.42
Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence	Fredericksburg	$24,339.52	$11,018.00
Rappahannock Refuge, Inc./Hope House	Fredericksburg	$31,251.44	$14,550.28
Region Ten Community Services Board	Charlottesville	$15,951.76	$7,860.34
Response, Inc.	Woodstock	$32,107.70	$12,733.63
Reston Interfaith, Inc.	Reston	$92,369.34	
Roanoke Valley Interfaith Hospitality Network	Salem	$15,455.43	
Safehome Systems, Inc.	Covington	$16,745.46	$7,576.82
Salvation Army of Alexandria	Alexandria	$16,680.16	$7,690.66
Salvation Army of Charlottesville	Charlottesville	$104,434.64	$47,981.32
Salvation Army of Harrisonburg	Harrisonburg	$67,837.99	$30,746.87
Salvation Army of Lynchburg	Lynchburg	$32,487.22	$14,926.73
Salvation Army of Norfolk (Tidewater Area Command)	Norfolk	$30,215.59	
Salvation Army of Petersburg	Petersburg	$36,240.98	$16,677.21
Salvation Army of Richmond	Richmond	$56,613.45	
Salvation Army of Roanoke	Roanoke	$159,009.34	
Salvation Army of Williamsburg	Williamsburg	$47,948.56	$22,152.81
Salvation Army of Winchester	Winchester	$52,383.91	$24,058.32
Salvation Army Peninsula Command	Hampton	$47,396.73	
Samaritan House, Inc.	Virginia Beach	$142,397.82	
Scenario, Inc	St. Stephens Church	$0	$946.08
Serve, Inc.	Manassas	$79,092.00	
Services to Abused Families, Inc.	Culpeper	$29,229.74	$12,390.14
Shelter for Help in Emergency	Charlottesville	$29,502.75	$13,369.02
Shelter House, Inc.	Falls Church	$120,129.78	
Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter	Maurer Town	$16,783.18	$5,917.29
St. Joseph's Villa	Richmond	$94,925.81	$43,842.54
Southside Center for Violence Prevention	Crewe	$18,138.24	$8,175.10
Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter, Inc.	Fredericksburg	$91,588.88	$41,788.11
Total Action Against Poverty	Roanoke	$55,268.06	
Transitional Housing Barn, Inc	Bristow	$41,401.06	

Service Provider	Location	State Shelter Grant	Emergency Shelter Grant
Transitions Family Violence Services	Hampton	$87,117.43	$38,536.91
Trust - Roanoke Valley Trouble Center	Roanoke	$24,670.80	
Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation	Virginia Beach	$136,958.22	
Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc. Arlington Residential Program Center	Arlington	$51,745.97	$23,616.32
Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Bailey's Crossroads Shelter	Falls Church	$54,566.57	
Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center	Woodbridge	$34,420.63	
Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Virginia Beach Lighthouse	Virginia Beach	$46,526.26	
Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley	Radford	$63,256.36	$29,069.81
YWCA of Central Virginia	Lynchburg	$50,782.40	$23,109.29
YWCA of Richmond	Richmond	$48,251.38	
YWCA of the Roanoke Valley	Roanoke	$36,473.27	
YWCA of South Hampton Roads	Norfolk	$68,869.18	
TOTAL		$6,345,566.83	$1,589,148.61

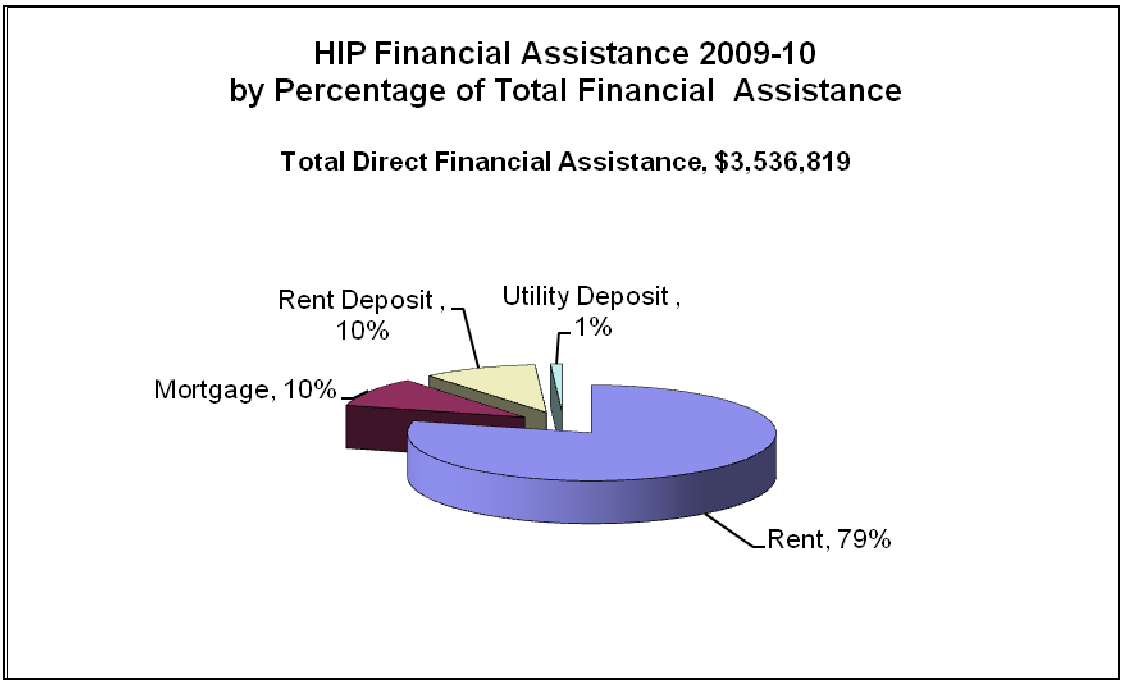
Homeless Intervention Program (HIP)

The purpose of the HIP program is to prevent homelessness through providing short-term rental, mortgage, and/or deposit assistance, housing counseling, and financial management skills to low income individuals and families who are experiencing a housing crisis.

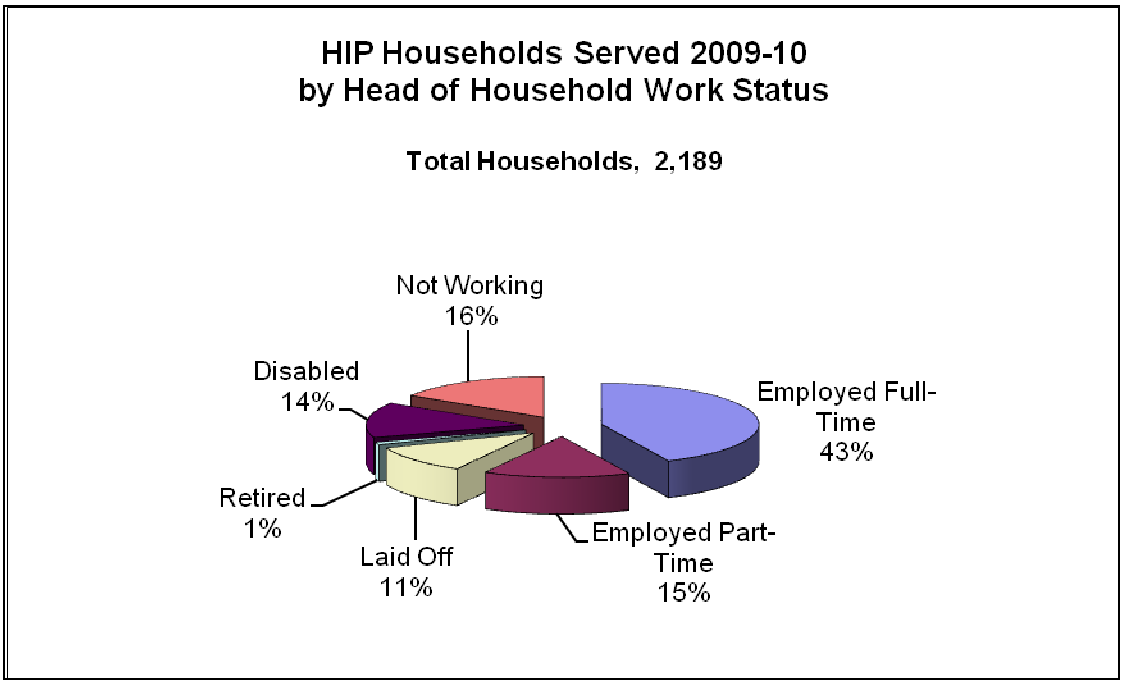
Through this program, $4,050,000 in State general funds and an additional $600,000 in TANF funds are distributed by DHCD to 26 grantees (local governments or non-profits) to ensure that HIP assistance and services are available to citizens in every jurisdiction in Virginia.

During the 2009-10 program year, the HIP program provided financial assistance to 1,742 households (4,639 individuals). In addition to financial assistance, the HIP program provided other housing related services (case management, housing counseling, etc.) to 2,189 households (5,929 individuals). About half (47 percent) of these individuals are children under the age of 18 and over a third (33 percent) of the households served were TANF eligible households (families with children that are 200% of poverty level).

Most (79 percent) of the direct financial assistance was in the form of rent assistance to eligible households in crisis.

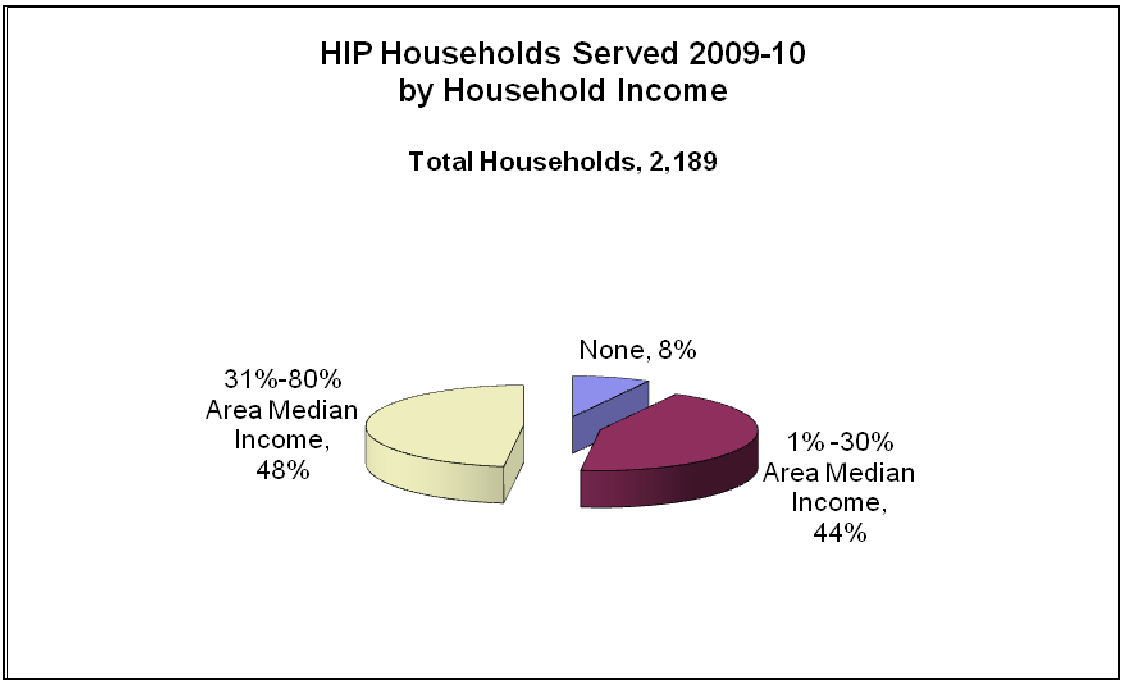


More than half (58 percent) of the households assisted had a head of household with an employment status of either full or part time. Forty-three percent worked full-time, 14 percent were disabled, and another one percent were retired.

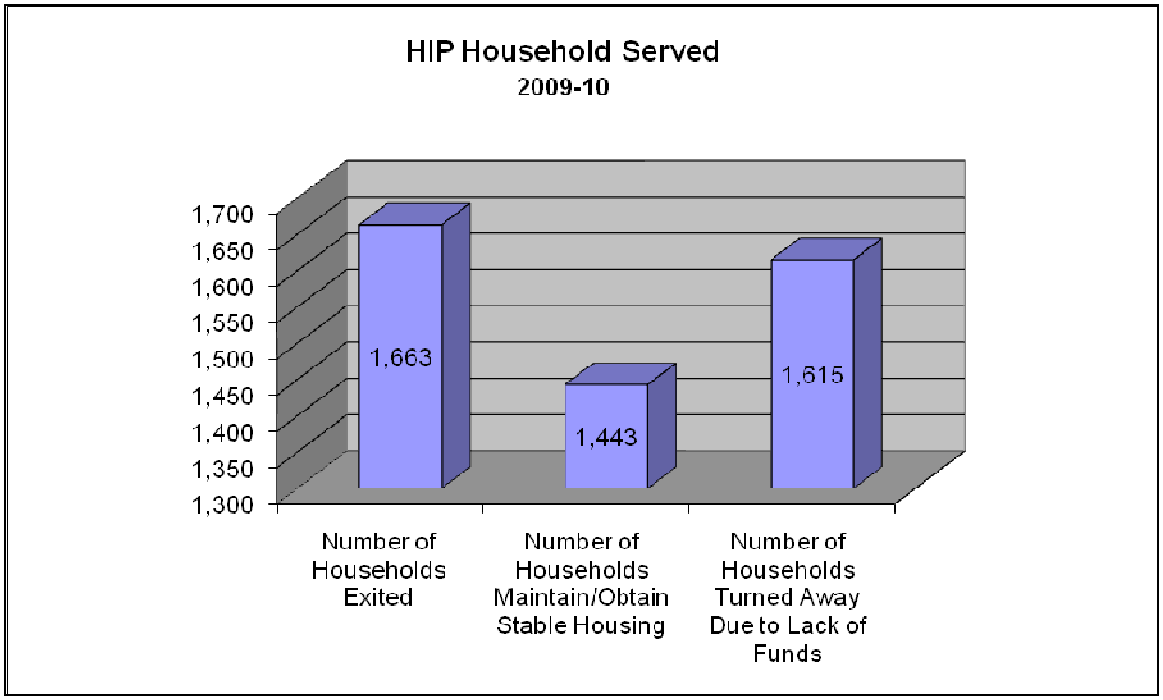


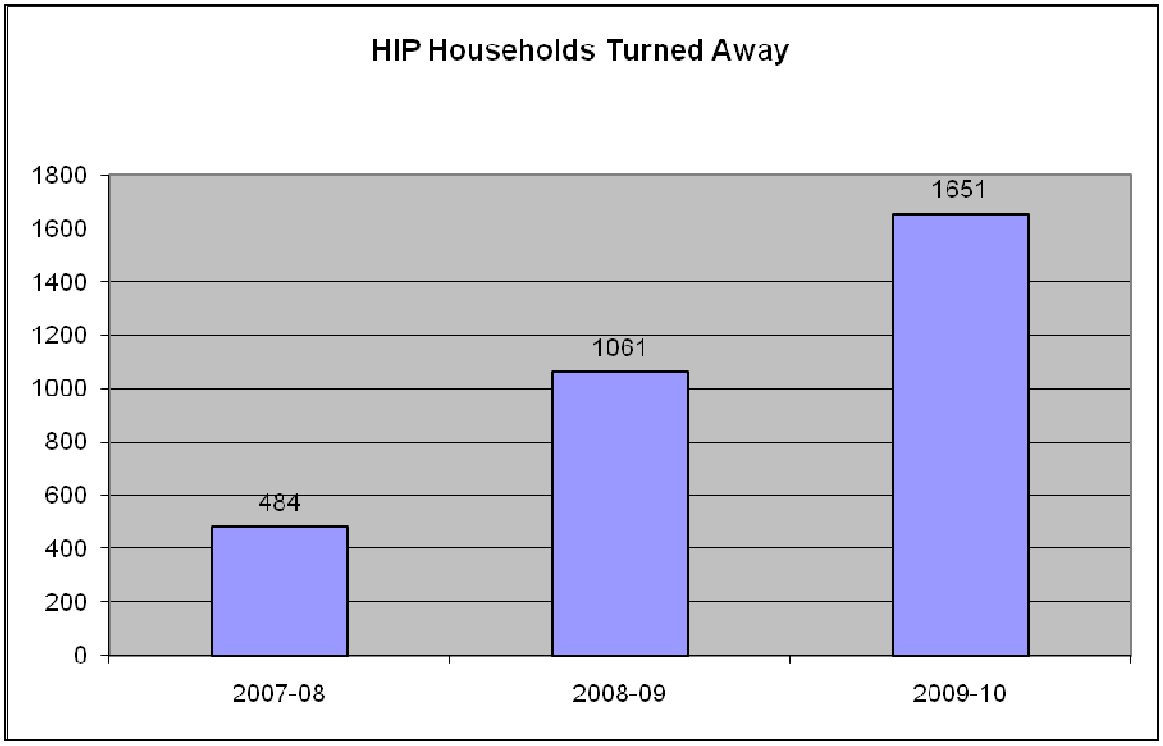
All households served had household incomes below 80 percent area median income. More than half (52 percent) of households served had incomes at or

below 30 percent area median income. Eight percent or 175 households had no income.



On average, households who received financial assistance received about $2,030 and 79 percent assisted households received financial assistance and almost all received housing and financial counseling. Program results show that 87 percent of the households served exited the program able to maintain or obtained stable housing. Throughout the year, 1,615 households were denied services due to lack of funding. This represents a 56 percent increase in households turned away over the prior year in 2008-09 where 1061 household were turned away and a 241 percent increase in households turned away in 2007-2008. This may be a result of the higher numbers of households seeking assistance as a result of the on-going recession.


HIP Household Served
2009-10
1,700
1,650
1,600
1,550
1,500
1,450
1,400
1,350
1,300
1,663
1,443
1,615
Number of Households Exited
Number of Households Maintain/Obtain Stable Housing
Number of Households Turned Away Due to Lack of Funds

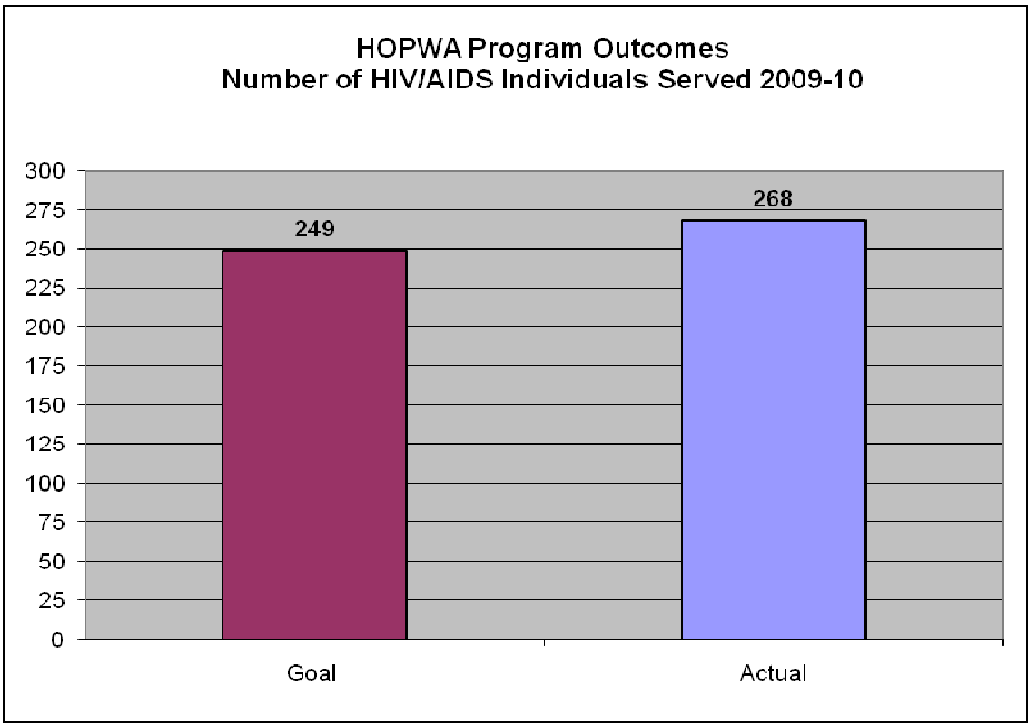

HIP Households Turned Away
1800
1600
1400
1200
1000
800
600
400
200
0
484
1061
1651
2007-08
2008-09
2009-10

Homeless Intervention Program 2009-10		
Service Provider	**Location**	**Homeless Intervention Program**
Alexandria, City of Department of Human Services	Alexandria	$279,707.92
Commonwealth Catholic Charities	Richmond	$202,657.92
Culpeper Community Development Corporation	Culpeper	$164,672.75
Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority	Accomack	$92,513.44
Hampton Department of Social Services	Hampton	$163,197.73
HOPE, Inc.	Wytheville	$166,364.47
HOPE Community Services, Inc.	Farmville	$117,995.26
Improvement Association	Emporia	$112,337.03
James City County OHCD	Williamsburg	$149,230.92
LINK of Hampton Roads, Inc.	Newport News	$106,802.72
Loudoun County Department of Family Services	Leesburg	$229,613.00
Lynchburg Community Action Group, Inc.	Lynchburg	$122,917.83
Mercy House	Harrisonburg	$126,873.77
New River Community Action, Inc.	Radford	$175,450.52
Northern Virginia Family Service	Woodbridge	$348,961.71
People Incorporated of Southwest Virginia	Abingdon	$165,036.76
The Planning Council	Norfolk	$221,376.49
Prince William Department of Social Services	Prince William	$261,018.05
Quin Rivers Agency for Community Action	Quinton	$378,496.52
Salvation Army of Charlottesville	Charlottesville	$155,941.08
Salvation Army of Winchester	Winchester	$121,099.49
STEP	Rocky Mount	$116,853.41
Total Action Against Poverty	Roanoke	$208,470.84
Tri-County Community Action Agency	South Boston	$132,420.08
Virginia Beach Dept of Human Services	Virginia Beach	$142,249.03
Waynesboro RHA	Waynesboro	$110,105.62
TOTAL		$4,572,364.36

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

The 2009-10 HOPWA program was administered through nine project sponsors across the state of Virginia. These project sponsors served a total of 268 individuals with HIV/AIDS who primarily received:

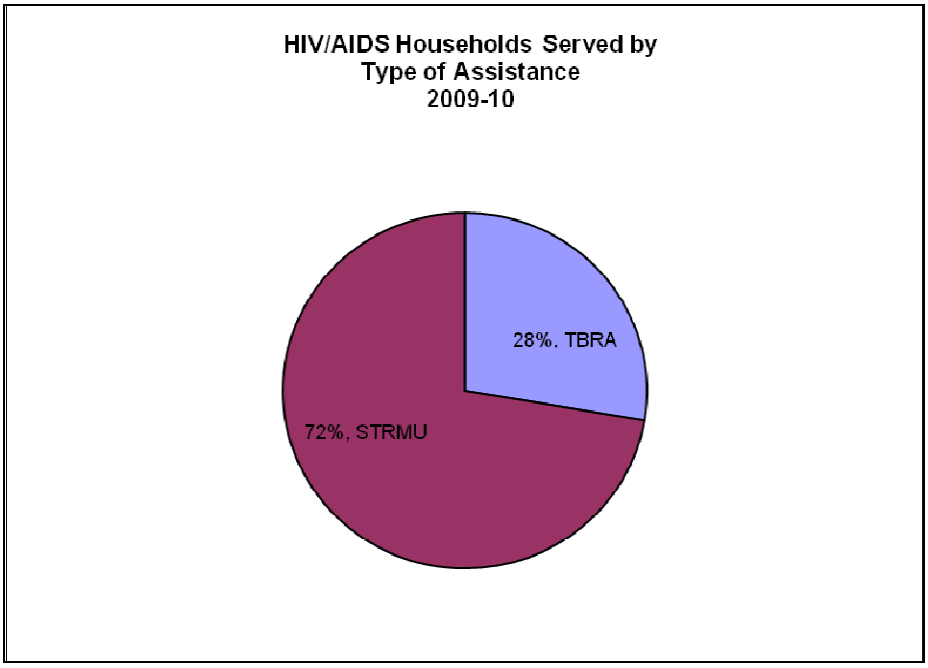
- Short-term rent, utility, and mortgage assistance (STRUM);
- Tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA); and
- Supportive services.



Emergency housing continues to present challenges for persons living with HIV or AIDS. Compared to suburban and urban counterparts, homeless shelters are not as readily accessible in rural areas, and those programs available are frequently open only to targeted homeless populations, such as victims of domestic violence or those with a physical or mental disability. In addition, consumers may not be able to satisfy programming requirements for employment and/or job training.

2009-10 HOPWA Project Sponsors				
Subgrantee (Project Sponsor)	**Service Area(s)**	**Housing Activities**	**Supportive Services**	**Funded Amount**
Eastern Shore of Virginia Housing Alliance	Counties of Accomack and Northampton	• Short-term rent, utility and mortgage payments • Tenant-based rental assistance	• Case Management	$10,710.63
Blue Ridge AIDS Support Services, Inc. (BRASS)	Counties of Roanoke, Botetourt, Craig, Alleghany, Montgomery, Pulaski, Giles and Floyd and Cities of Roanoke, Salem, Covington and Radford.	• Tenant-based rental assistance	• Case Management	$152,757.12
Lynchburg Community Action Group, inc.	Counties of Appomattox, Amherst, Bedford, Prince Edward, Charlotte, and Campbell and Cities of Lynchburg and Bedford	• Short-term rent, utility and mortgage payments • Tenant-based rental assistance	• Case management • Transportation • Food/food bank • Support Group	$102,623.93
AIDS Response Effort, Inc.	Counties of Shenandoah, Page and Frederick and City of Winchester	• Short-term rent, utility and mortgage payments • Tenant-based rental assistance	• Case management • Food/food bank	$63,480.30
AIDS/HIV Services Group	Counties of Albemarle, Greene, Nelson and Fluvanna and the City of Charlottesville	• Short-term rent, utility and mortgage payments • Tenant-based rental assistance	• Case management	$134,757.73
Fredericksburg Area HIV/AIDS Support Services	Counties of King George, Madison, Orange, Rappahannock, Westmoreland, and Culpeper	• Tenant-based rental assistance • Short-term rent, utility and mortgage payments	• Case management • Transportation	$87,661.74
Valley AIDS Network	Counties of Rockingham, Bath, Rockbridge, Augusta, Highland, Page and Shenandoah and the Cities of Lexington, Staunton, Waynesboro, and Harrisonburg	• Short-term rent, utility and mortgage payments • Tenant-based rental assistance	• Case management	$58,712.90
Piedmont Community Services	Counties of Henry, Patrick and Franklin, Stuart and City of Martinsville	• Short-term, emergency rental assistance • Tenant-based rental assistance	• Transportation • Food/food bank • Support group • Case Management • Substance Abuse Counseling	$55,272.84
Pittsylvania Community Action Inc.	Pittsylvania, Danville	• Tenant-based rental assistance • Short-term rent, utility and mortgage payments	• Case Management	$78,272.04

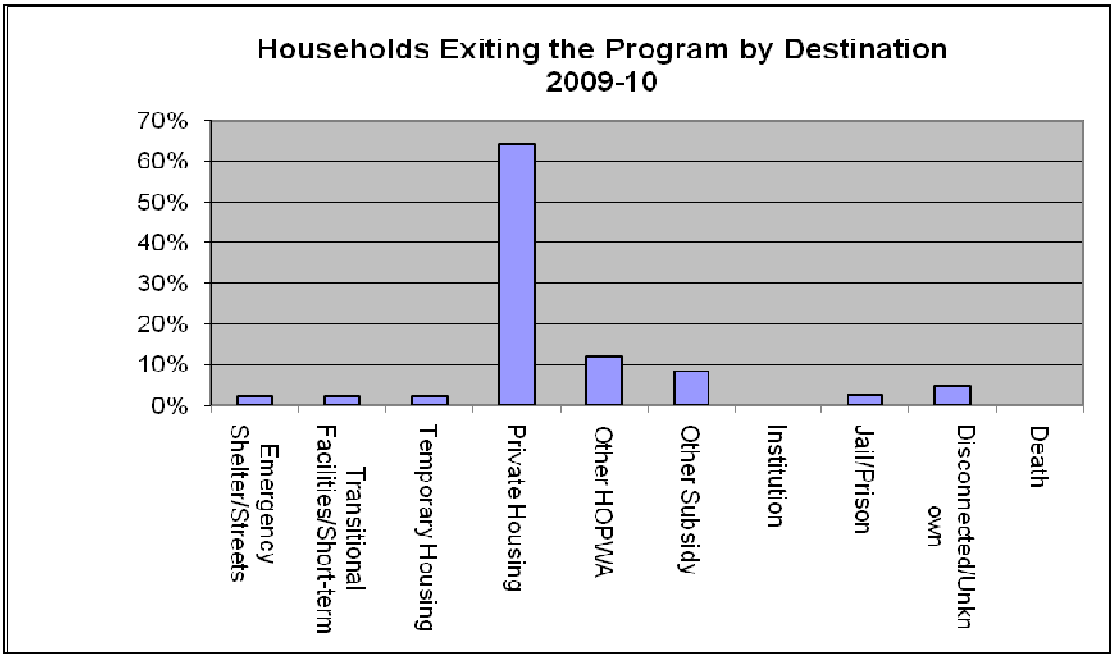
Twenty-eight percent of all households served were assisted with tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) and seventy-two percent of households were assisted short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance (STRMU).



Source: 2009-10 HOPWA CAPER

A total of 84 households* exited the state HOPWA program during the program year. Eighty-four percent of the households exited the program to stable/permanent housing.

**In addition to 84 exiting households, 58 households were designated as likely to continue with TBRA and 129 households as likely to continue with STRMU assistance in the following program year.*



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Conclusion

During the 2009-10 program year DHCD administered $14.8 million (amount does not include carry over funds from previous years or HPRP stimulus funds) for homeless services through grants and allocations to non-profits and units of local government across the state of Virginia. This included $7.4 million in state general funds that leverage an additional $7.6 in federal funds to address the critical needs of homelessness in the Commonwealth.

Funds were fully utilized in the administration and leveraging of the state's core homeless service programs:

- Child Care for Homeless Children Program (CCHCP)
- Child Services Coordinator Grant (CSCG)
- Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)
- State Shelter Grant (SSG)
- Homeless Intervention Program (HIP)
- Housing Opportunities for Person with AIDS (HOPWA)

In this past program year, sub-grantees reported increases in needs for homeless assistance and prevention. While the economy has begun to show signs of recovery, the Department anticipates high levels of needs in the coming year as employment lags and individuals and families continue to struggle.