

KANSAS CITY/JACKSON COUNTY POINT IN TIME CENSUS

GATHERING THE DATA

March, 2005

HSC, in coordination with numerous community agencies, conducted a 24 hour point in time census of the five county metropolitan homeless population on Thursday, January 27, 2005.

The goal of the count is to be able to determine the number of people who are receiving/requesting services in a single 24 hour period of time. This information is gathered via survey instrument in order

to count all service and housing needs.

This survey is broken down into three distinctive categories:

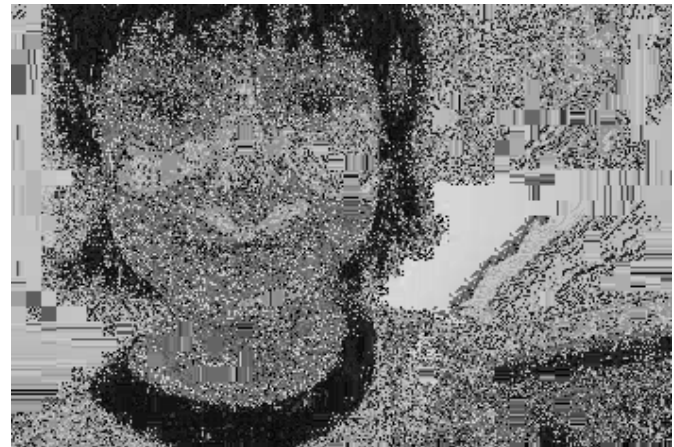
1. Street outreach/Housing Provision,
2. Housing Inventory, and
3. Supportive Services Only.

HSC's goal was to include as many agencies as possible across the five-county (Jackson, Clay and Platte in Missouri and

Johnson and Wyandotte in Kansas) metropolitan area in order capture a regional snapshot of homelessness, as well as to be able to easily

pull out the data for each of the political jurisdictions.

For more information please contact HSC at:



Special points of interest:

At any single point in time you could expect to find in Jackson County:

- 1,511 Homeless Children
- 615 Homeless Families, of which:
 - 568 are Female Headed Single Parent Families
 - 10 are Male Headed Single Parent Families
 - 37 are Two Parent Headed Families

WHAT DOES HOMELESSNESS IN JACKSON COUNTY LOOK LIKE?

In Jackson County the most prevalent face of homelessness is that of a child.

Of the 3,793 homeless individuals who were counted on January 27th: 1,465 of them were homeless children in families; there were another 46 unaccompanied youth under the age of 18.

These 46 children are

but a small number of what we know to represent the vast numbers of children who were not counted on that day.

Run-a-ways and throw-away kids generally shun traditional homeless service agencies. This is the case in that the shelters and service providers are required by law to turn them over to state custody or back to

their parents.

While in many instances this may be in the best interests of the child, it makes creating services for street kids uniquely difficult.



JACKSON COUNTY 24 HOUR POINT IN TIME CENSUS

| Individuals | Total Individuals | Female Adults | Male Adults | Unaccompanied Female Youths Under 18 | Unaccompanied Male Youths Under 18 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Emergency Shelter | 709 | 164 | 511 | 16 | 18 |
| Transitional Housing | 298 | 176 | 110 | 6 | 6 |
| Permanent Supportive Housing | 473 | 225 | 248 | | |
| Streets (other non sheltered/housed) | 196 | 29 | 167 | | |
| Total | 1,676 | 594 | 1036 | 22 | 24 |

These charts simply represent the number of people living on the streets who were interacting with street outreach workers; or those receiving or requesting shelter or housing on January 27, 2005.

| Chronic or Persistent Homelessness | Individuals | | Persons in Families | |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| | Sheltered Homeless | Street Homeless | Sheltered Homeless | Street Homeless |
| Chronic Homelessness (HUD's Definition except for family column does not require being unaccompanied.) | 272 | 153 | 5 | |
| Persistent Homelessness | 295 | 25 | 197 | |
| Homeless | 913 | 18 | 1,908 | 7 |

Definitions:

Chronic Homelessness: Chronic homelessness refers to 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 (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years. To be considered chronically homeless, persons must have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., living on the streets) and/or in an emergency shelter during that time.

Persistent Homelessness*: refers to an individual or family who has been either continuously homeless for a year or more **OR** has had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years. To be considered homeless, persons must have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., living on the streets) and/or in an emergency shelter during that time.

*This definition is **not** a new HUD definition, it is simply a definition our community wants to use to categorize homelessness in order to determine need.

| Persons in Families With Children | Total Family units (number of families) | Total Number of Persons in Families | Total Number of Children in Families | Single Parent Female Headed Families | Single Parent Male Headed Families | 2 Parent Family units (each unit = 2 people) |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Emergency Shelter | 123 | 393 | 254 | 104 | 3 | 16 |
| Transitional Housing | 316 | 1098 | 771 | 303 | 2 | 11 |
| Permanent Supportive Housing | 174 | 619 | 435 | 159 | 5 | 10 |
| Streets (other non-sheltered/housed) | 2 | 7 | 5 | 2 | | |
| Total | 615 | 2,117 | 1,465 | 568 | 10 | 37 |

A final report with data from the five county area will be published and distributed later this Spring. For more information, or to request a final document, please contact HSC at:



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