



The Community Partnership  
For The Prevention  
of Homelessness

## The 2010 Point in Time Enumeration for the District of Columbia

On January 27th the Community Partnership completed the 2010 Point in Time enumeration for the District of Columbia. This count of homeless persons occurs annually to comply with federal reporting standards. A survey of persons counted is also conducted which provides some of the most comprehensive data on homelessness collected throughout the year.

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### Homelessness in the District

On January 27th, **6,539** homeless persons were counted in the District of Columbia. This includes **4,016** unaccompanied persons and **2,532** persons in families.

The number of homeless persons in the District has increased by **five percent** from Point in Time 2009. This was driven primarily by an increase in demand among families for shelter during the winter months. Despite the overall increase, however, the count revealed that fewer unaccompanied persons are utilizing Emergency Shelter than in the past, and that the District's System Transformation Initiative (STI) has been successful in moving many families from shelter to Transitional Housing and ultimately to Permanent and Permanent Supportive Housing.

### Permanent Supportive Housing Placements

Also counted at Point in Time were **4,602** *formerly homeless* persons residing in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). This is a **33 percent** increase from 2009. Without these dedicated resources, these men, women and children might still be homeless.

The 4,602 formerly homeless persons include **2,902** single persons and **1,700** persons in families, accounting for increases of 18 percent and 69 percent, respectively from last year. These unprecedented increases are largely due to the expansion of the Mayor's Permanent Supportive Housing Program (PSHP) which has helped to double the city's permanent supportive housing stock in just two years.

In the months following the 2010 count, PSHP was expanded even further to provide housing for an additional **80** unaccompanied men and women and upwards of **50** families, including many that were residing in emergency shelter when the enumeration occurred in January.

PSH also includes programs funded by the Local Rent Supplement Program (LRSP), HUD's Shelter+Care and Supportive Housing Program grants, the District Departments of Mental Health and Department of Health, and a number of privately-funded agencies. TCP also encourages the city's homeless service agencies to apply for the HUD's annual Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus, offered as a part of the SuperNOFA, which seeks to establish new, programs that would serve the city's most vulnerable and hardest to house.

These additional resources have increased stability for the most vulnerable of our homeless population and moved the District closer to the goal of ending homelessness.

### Quick Facts from PIT 2010

- 430 unsheltered persons were counted on January 27th
- 2,097 "chronically homeless" were also counted— HUD defines these as unaccompanied, disabled persons who have been homeless for more than a year
- The median age of single homeless persons in the District is 50, while median age among adults in homeless families is 30
- Nearly half of all homeless adults have no income of any kind. Median income for those with at least one income source is just \$608 per month
- 1,596 cases of chronic substance abuse and 1,145 cases of severe mental illness were reported -- 12 percent of homeless adults reported experiencing both conditions concurrently
- More than one in five homeless adults report a chronic health problem
- 10 percent of homeless adults in the District are veterans of the U.S. Military
- One-fourth of homeless adults report a past stay in an institutional setting such as prison, hospitals or treatment facilities
- 776 homeless persons, including children, are victims of domestic violence prior to becoming homeless