

## **Winter, 2010, Point In Time/Community Homeless Count for Charlotte-Mecklenburg With Definitions for Homelessness**

(Total count exceeds 7,059 but includes some possible duplicate counting among agencies serving the same clients. Best estimate of non-duplicated total is over 6,500 homeless).

1. HUD (2,824 individuals counted)
  - an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and
  - an individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is — a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill); an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized or; a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
  - For purposes of this chapter, the term “homeless” or “homeless individual” does not include any individual imprisoned or otherwise detained pursuant to an Act of the Congress or a State law.
  
2. McKinney Vento (2,918 homeless children counted by CMS as of January, 2010)
  - Lacks a regular, fixed and adequate nighttime residence (sub standard housing).
  - Is sharing housing due to economic struggles (double-up).
  - Is living in a shelter, hotel or motel.
  - Is living in a public place not designed for sleeping (cars, parks).
  - Is an unaccompanied youth.
  - Is a child or youth awaiting foster care placement.
  - Is a child or youth abandoned in a hospital.
  - Is a migrant child who qualifies under any of the above.
  
3. Others Local (1,317 counted)
  - Homeless Jail inmates
  - Homeless hospital inpatients
  - Recently foreclosed and evicted

- Other homeless served by Homeless Service agencies not included in count above

**Here are key highlights for the Winter 2010 Count:**

- The total winter, 2010 community homeless count exceeds 6500, which is a conservative estimate. The count was 6000 in January, 2009, showing an increase of over 8% this past year.
- The total count includes three categories: HUD defined homeless (2824 this year, up from 2397 last summer in July, 2009, an 18% increase), CMS McKinney Vento Federal definition homeless children (2,918 this year), an increase of 485 children compared with last winter, 2009, an increase of 20%. The community other count is 1317 which is slightly down from last year primarily due to fewer homeless jail inmates (425 this year vs. 498 winter, 2009), and includes jail inmates, hospital homeless, foreclosed and evicted, and agencies not counted in other above categories.
- CMPD continues to report a significantly larger number of street homeless in camps and outdoor settings. The winter 2010 camp count is 753. Last summer it was 703. But the previous numbers counted in winter, 2009 and summer, 2008 were about half this count. This may be due in part to a more comprehensive method of counting by CMPD but probably represents a significantly larger street homeless population this past year, in the winter as well as summer.
- The combined community count of homeless persons for winter, 2010 is up 33% from January, 2008, a period of 24 months.
- Overall, the numbers and needs of homeless persons in Charlotte-Mecklenburg have continued to increase.

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