



**King County**  
Washington

2009  
One Night Count  
Survey Data

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual One Night Count of people who are homeless in King County, which took place on January 30th, 2009 has two components:

1. A Street Count of people who are homeless and surviving on the streets / without shelter. The Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH) implements the street count. Information about the methodology for the street count and results of the One Night Count for 2009 and prior years can be found on their website at <http://www.homelessinfo.org/onc.html>
2. A Survey that counts and gathers demographic information about the people being served in emergency shelter and transitional housing programs on that same night. The survey is conducted by staff from King County Department of Community and Human Services, and completed by staff of emergency shelter and transitional housing programs across King County.

2009 One Night Count	
Street Count	2,827
Emergency Shelter	2,552
Transitional Housing	3,582
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,961</b>

In 2009, 65 emergency shelters and 119 transitional housing programs completed the survey. The tables that follow summarize the data collected through these surveys.

The survey information provides a snapshot of homelessness in our community - a true picture of the people who were homeless and finding shelter in emergency shelter and transitional housing programs on January 30, 2009. When referring to these figures keep in mind, however that while these data provide an accurate “point-in-time” picture of those being sheltered, the profile cannot necessarily be generalized to the broader population of people who are homeless (a more detailed discussion of this can be found in the 2008 One Night Count report <http://www.homelessinfo.org/onc.html>).

NOTE: In 2009, there was a net increase of 38 beds/units of emergency shelter for single men and 8 units for single women were added to the inventory. 50 units of severe weather shelter were also added to the inventory, although severe weather shelters were not open on the night of the 2009 count. In transitional housing programs there was a net increase of 39 units (210 beds) for families with children and 34 units for single women. The complete listing of emergency shelters and transitional housing programs in King County is in the *Inventory of Homeless Units and Beds* at [www.kingcounty.gov/socialservices/Housing/PlansAndReports/HCD\\_Reports.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/socialservices/Housing/PlansAndReports/HCD_Reports.aspx)

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**Table 1: Individuals by household type and type of program**

	ES	TH
Families with children	715	2,598
Single men	1,358	663
Single women	465	302
Unaccompanied minors	14	13
Couples without children	0	6
Subtotal	<b>2,552</b>	<b>3,582</b>
<b>Total number of people</b>	<b>6,134</b>	

**Table 2: Race and ethnicity of people served in King County shelters and transitional housing programs (by percentage of homeless and general populations)**

	Sheltered Homeless Population			General Population
	ES	TH	Combined	
African American/Black	34%	44%	40%	<b>2,437</b> 6.10%
White	35%	28%	31%	<b>1,903</b> 75.70%
Hispanic	12%	12%	12%	<b>742</b> 7.40%
Multi-racial	5%	6%	6%	<b>361</b> 3.40%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3%	4%	4%	<b>221</b> 13.90%
Native American	3%	2%	2%	<b>151</b> 0.90%
Unknown	9%	3%	5%	<b>319</b> NA
Total number of people				<b>6,134</b>

**Table 3: Ages of people in King County homeless housing**

	<b>ES</b>	<b>TH</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Birth to 5 years</b>	214	681	<b>895</b>
<b>6-12 years</b>	160	554	<b>714</b>
<b>13-17 years</b>	85	337	<b>422</b>
<b>18-25 years</b>	241	482	<b>723</b>
<b>26-54 years</b>	1,262	1,331	<b>2,593</b>
<b>55-64 years</b>	433	151	<b>584</b>
<b>65 years and older</b>	157	46	<b>203</b>
	2552	3582	<b>6134</b>

**Table 4: People identified as immigrants or refugees and people identified as speaking limited English**

	Individuals in single person households	Individuals in families with children	<b>Total</b>
Immigrant or refugee	140	638	<b>778</b>
Limited English speaking	90	580	<b>670</b>

**Table 5: Instances\* of reported disabilities, chronic homelessness, and selected health conditions**

	<b>ES</b>	<b>TH</b>	<b>Total</b>
Mental illness	516	485	<b>1,001</b>
<i>(serious mental illness: a subset of above)</i>	308	168	476
Alcohol or substance abuse	493	597	<b>1,090</b>
<i>(chronic substance abuse: a subset of above)</i>	330	265	595
Physical disability	308	226	<b>534</b>
HIV/AIDS	20	79	<b>99</b>
Developmental disability	59	81	<b>140</b>

\* This table presents reported instances, not individual people.

**Table 6: Instances\* of institutional contact within the past year (reported for 757 people)**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>ES</b>	<b>TH</b>	<b>Total</b>
Jail / Prison or work release facility	204	124	<b>328</b>
Psychiatric hospital	113	60	<b>173</b>
Hospital for physical illness	90	83	<b>173</b>
In-patient drug/alcohol treatment	37	122	<b>159</b>
Foster care system	6	24	<b>30</b>
<b>TOTAL instances</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>863</b>

\* This table presents reported instances, not individual people.

**Table 7: People identified as Veterans**

<b>ES</b>	<b>TH</b>	<b>Total</b>
261	153	<b>414</b>

Note: more than 98% of the persons identified as veterans were in programs for single individuals. Twenty of those identified as veterans were women.

**Table 8: People identified as Having Experienced Domestic Violence**

	<b>ES</b>	<b>TH</b>	<b>Total</b>
Adults	155	519	<b>674</b>
Children	115	529	<b>644</b>
<b>Total individuals</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>1,048</b>	<b>1,318</b>
Households	154	503	<b>657</b>

Note: This data is collected in connection with a question that asks if people have experienced domestic violence. It does not necessarily indicate that domestic violence is the cause of their homelessness.

**Table 9: Composition of households served**

Household type	Emergency Shelters	Transitional Housing	All
Single male	1,358	663	<b>2,021</b>
Single female	465	302	<b>767</b>
Unaccompanied minor (under 18)	14	13	<b>27</b>
Couple without children	0	3	<b>3</b>
<b>TOTAL Households <u>without</u> children</b>	<b>1,837</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>2,818</b>
Couple with children	52	126	<b>178</b>
One adult (headed by female)	144	647	<b>791</b>
One adult (headed by male)	8	32	<b>40</b>
One minor (headed by female)	0	6	<b>6</b>
<b>TOTAL Households <u>with</u> children</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>1,015</b>
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>2,041</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>3,833</b>

**Table 10: HUD INCOME GUIDELINES as of January 30, 2009**

	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons
<b>30%</b>	\$0 to \$17,100	\$0 to \$19,500	\$0 to \$21,950	\$0 to \$24,400	\$0 to \$26,350	\$0 to \$28,300	\$0 to \$30,250	\$0 to \$32,200
<b>50%</b>	\$17,100 to \$28,500	\$19,500 to \$32,550	\$21,950 to \$36,650	\$24,400 to \$40,700	\$26,350 to \$43,950	\$28,300 to \$47,200	\$30,250 to \$50,450	\$32,200 to \$53,700
<b>80%</b>	\$28,500 to \$43,050	\$32,550 to \$49,200	\$36,650 to \$55,350	\$40,700 to \$61,500	\$43,950 to \$66,400	\$47,200 to \$71,350	\$50,450 to \$76,250	\$53,700 to \$81,200
<b>Median Income</b>	\$56,980	\$65,120	\$73,260	\$81,400	\$87,912	\$94,424	\$100,993	\$107,475

**Table 11: Income levels of households served in King County emergency shelters and transitional housing programs**

Household income level	ES	TH	All	# of HH
Zero Income	19%	12%	<b>16%</b>	<b>600</b>
Extremely Low Income (≤30% AMI)	49%	77%	<b>62%</b>	<b>2,375</b>
Very Low Income (≤50% AMI)	1%	4%	<b>2%</b>	<b>83</b>
Greater than 50% AMI	<1%	<1%	<b>&lt;1%</b>	<b>9</b>
Unknown	32%	6%	<b>20%</b>	<b>766</b>
<b>Total number of households</b>				<b>3,833</b>

Data on households in emergency shelter and transitional housing on January 30, 2009

**Table 12: Primary sources of income for households served**

<b>Primary Source of Household Income</b>	<b>ES</b>	<b>TH</b>	<b>All</b>	<b># of HH</b>
No source of income	25%	11%	<b>19%</b>	<b>714</b>
Employment	14%	22%	<b>18%</b>	<b>690</b>
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	5%	25%	<b>15%</b>	<b>558</b>
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	12%	13%	<b>13%</b>	<b>481</b>
General Assistance – Unemployable (GAU)	9%	10%	<b>9%</b>	<b>355</b>
Other source of income	7%	5%	<b>6%</b>	<b>233</b>
General Assistance – Unemployable (GAX)	3%	5%	<b>4%</b>	<b>142</b>
Unemployment compensation	1%	1%	<b>1%</b>	<b>49</b>
Alcohol and Drug Addiction Treatment and Support Act (ADATSA) Support	0%	1%	<b>1%</b>	<b>21</b>
Unknown	22%	7%	<b>15%</b>	<b>590</b>
<b>Total number of households</b>				<b>3,833</b>

**Table 12: Last permanent address of household**

	<b># of households</b>	<b>ES</b>	<b>TH</b>	<b>Total %</b>
Seattle	1602	56%	46%	<b>51%</b>
South King County	532	12%	22%	<b>17%</b>
East King County	192	4%	8%	<b>6%</b>
North King County	161	4%	6%	<b>5%</b>
<b>King County subtotal</b>	2487			<b>80%</b>
Other Washington county	204	6%	7%	<b>7%</b>
<b>Washington State subtotal</b>	2691			<b>86%</b>
Out of State	429	17%	11%	<b>14%</b>
Total # of households for which last address known	3120			<b>100%</b>
Unknown / Not monitored	713			N/A

**Table 13: Length of time homeless (this episode) for households (where known)**

	<b>One week or less</b>	<b>1 week to 6 months</b>	<b>7 to 11 months</b>	<b>12 to 23 months</b>	<b>24 months or longer</b>	<b>Total known</b>
# of Households - ES	53	362	159	246	267	1,087
	5%	33%	15%	23%	25%	
# of Households - TH	32	657	295	278	157	1,419
	2%	46%	21%	20%	11%	
<b>TOTAL Households</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>2,506</b>
Proportion of HH where length of time homeless is known	3%	41%	18%	21%	17%	65% of all Households

**Table 14: Frequency of homelessness within the last two years for households (where known)**

	<b>Only time</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> time</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> time</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> time (or more)</b>	<b>Total known</b>
# of Households - ES	471	198	109	218	996
	47%	20%	11%	22%	
# of Households - TH	805	324	112	54	1,295
	62%	25%	9%	4%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>2,291</b>
Proportion of HH where frequency of homelessness is known	62%	25%	9%	4%	60%

Thanks to the following organizations for their participation in the 2009 ONC survey, and for the work they do every day for and with people who are homeless.

Abused Deaf Women Advocacy Services	Low Income Housing Institute
Acres of Diamonds	Mamma's Hands
Archdiocesan Housing Authority	Manaway Evangelistic Ministries
Auburn Youth Resources	MultiFaith Works
Bread of Life Mission	Multiservice Center
Catholic Community Services	Muslim Housing Services
Church Council of Greater Seattle	New Beginnings
City of Bellevue	Operation Nightwatch
Community Psychiatric Clinic	Overlake Christian Church
Compass Center	Plymouth Healing Communities
Consejo	Providence Hospitality House
Development Association of Goodwill Baptist Church	St. Stephen Housing Association
DAWN	Shalom Zone Nonprofit Association
Downtown Emergency Services Center	The Salvation Army
Eastside Domestic Violence Program	Seattle King County Public Health
Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council	SHARE
El Centro de la Raza	Seattle Mennonite Church
Elizabeth Gregory Home	Sojourner Place
Exodus Housing	Solid Ground
Family Services	The Sophia Way
Family and Adult Service Center	Springboard Alliance
Family Promise of Seattle	Union Gospel Mission
First Place School	United Indians of All Tribes
Friends of Youth	United States Mission
Harborview Mental Health Services	Urban League of Seattle
Hopelink	VVLP - Compass Center
Hospitality House	Vine Maple Place
Immanuel Community Services	Vision House
Interaction Transition	Way Back Inn
Interim	WHEEL
International District Housing Alliance	YMCA
Jubilee Women's Center	Youth and Outreach Services
Kent Youth & Family Services	YouthCare
Kirkland Interfaith Transitional Housing	YWCA
Lifelong AIDS Alliance	