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Definition

This report summarizes information from Wilder Research’s 2009 homeless survey about families and individuals who could be considered “long-term homeless.” These people were identified from survey data based on a combination of their current and prior experiences of homelessness. Those identified as “long-term homeless” were living in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, outdoors, or in other emergency arrangements, and were:

- Homeless for at least one year during the current episode, or
- Homeless for less than one year in the current episode, but homeless at least four times in the previous three years.

Background

This report represents a special analysis of the 2009 Wilder Statewide Homelessness Study. The study uses a survey weighting technique that describes the characteristics of virtually all shelter program residents based on interviews with approximately 65 percent of all homeless adults and unaccompanied youth in shelters and transitional housing programs. Because different weights are used based on the characteristics of all people at a given site, the following variations may occur:

1. Similar categories with small numbers of cases may round differently or have differing percentages based on the weights of cases.
2. Category totals may not exactly equal the sum of cases in each cell because of rounding error (for example, “1.3 + 1.4 = 2.7” would round to “1 + 1 = 3”).

Finally, readers will note that all figures in this report are point-in-time counts and not annual estimates.

Overview of tables

Section 1 shows a summary of the numbers of long-term homeless people in 2009.

Section 2 presents information about characteristics of homeless people separately for the two homeless patterns described above (one long episode currently, or multiple recent episodes) as well as for both combined. The tables in this section show information separately for two different housing settings: emergency settings (emergency shelters, battered women's shelters, and non-shelter arrangements) and transitional housing; and for three different household types:

- Adults (men and women age 18 or older with no children with them)
- Unaccompanied youth (male and female youth age 17 or younger with no children with them)
- Parents (adults and unaccompanied youth who have at least one child of their own with them)

The last table in Section 2 summarizes these figures for people in all housing settings and household types combined.

Section 3 presents characteristics of long-term homeless adults and parents, separately for emergency settings (including unsheltered) and transitional housing, including separate tables for:

- The 7-county Twin Cities metropolitan area
- The 80 counties of greater Minnesota

Section 4 presents what is known from the survey about three major problems that many homeless people face (serious mental illness, substance abuse disorders, and chronic health conditions) and what is known about the care they are currently receiving for these conditions. Transitional housing is intended as a longer-term form of housing plus services and is designed to support the needs of homeless individuals. They are therefore likely to be getting at least some of the services for which permanent supportive housing is designed, and hence residents in transitional housing may not need permanent supportive housing. The tables in Section 4 show how many transitional housing residents have each of the three conditions named above, and how many are not receiving care for them. This provides a rough estimate of the number of people currently in transitional housing who might benefit from additional opportunities being made available in permanent supportive housing. Including children with parents who fit this criterion, the data show

that 22 percent of long-term homeless people in transitional housing may not be receiving needed care.

Notes about tables

“Chronic health conditions” include asthma, other chronic lung or respiratory problems, high blood pressure, other chronic heart or circulatory problems, diabetes, tuberculosis, hepatitis, or HIV/AIDS.

“Substance abuse disorder” includes either an alcohol abuse disorder or a drug abuse disorder, or both.

“Dual diagnosis” means that the individual has both a substance abuse disorder and a mental health disorder.

“Recent criminal history” means the individual has been in juvenile detention (for more than a week), county jail or workhouse (for a month or more), or a state or federal prison, within the past two years. This is a conservative estimate of the extent to which criminal history may be a barrier to housing and employment. In addition to the 19 percent of all long-term homeless persons for whom this was true in the 2009 survey, 56 percent report that they had been in one of these settings at some time in their lives.

Section 1: Numbers of long-term homeless people in Minnesota, 2009

1a. People in emergency settings, including unsheltered

	Homeless at least one year	Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years	Total
Adults without children	1,513	287	1,801
Unaccompanied youth (without children)	23	17	40
Parents with children	195	79	274
Total adults and unaccompanied youth	1,732	383	2,115
Total children with parents	350	128	478
Total individuals	2,082	511	2,593

1b. People in transitional housing

	Homeless at least one year	Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years	Total
Adults without children	766	64	830
Unaccompanied youth (without children)	5	2	7
Parents with children	555	45	600
Total adults and unaccompanied youth	1,326	111	1,437
Total children with parents	1,148	78	1,226
Total individuals	2,474	189	2,663

1c. Total

	Homeless at least one year	Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years	Total
Total adults and unaccompanied youth	3,058	495	3,553
Total children with parents	1,498	206	1,704
Total individuals	4,556	700	5,256

Section 2: Characteristics of long-term homeless people, by household type and housing setting

2a. Adults in emergency settings, including unsheltered

	Homeless at least one year N=1,513		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=287		Total N=1,801	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
DEMOGRAPHICS						
Percent women	342	23%	79	27%	421	23%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	610	41%	98	35%	709	40%
African Native	17	1%	3	1%	20	1%
American Indian	229	15%	58	21%	287	16%
Asian/Pacific Islander	8	1%	3	1%	12	1%
White	519	35%	93	33%	612	34%
Other/More than one	117	8%	26	9%	143	8%
Hispanic/Latino*	106	7%	29	10%	135	8%
Metro	1,097	73%	159	55%	1,257	70%
Greater MN	416	27%	128	45%	544	30%
Shelter Type						
Battered women	28	2%	12	4%	41	2%
Emergency	805	53%	102	35%	907	50%
Other/unknown shelter	680	45%	173	60%	853	47%
In MN 2 years or less	295	19%	62	22%	357	20%
Currently employed	150	10%	37	13%	187	10%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	426	29%	106	38%	531	30%
HS/GED only	692	47%	122	44%	815	46%
Some college	364	25%	52	19%	417	24%
Mean age	41.3		36.4		40.5	

Note: *Hispanic/Latino may be of any race.*

2a. Adults in emergency settings, including unsheltered (continued)

	Homeless at least one year N=1,514		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=287		Total N=1,801	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	834	55%	184	64%	1,018	57%
Substance abuse disorder	439	29%	99	34%	538	30%
Alcohol abuse disorder	381	26%	76	26%	457	26%
Drug abuse disorder	242	16%	58	20%	300	17%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	309	20%	73	25%	382	21%
Chronic health condition	785	52%	142	49%	927	51%
# with none of above	342	23%	59	21%	401	22%
Recent criminal history	386	26%	83	29%	469	26%
# with none of above	249	16%	47	16%	296	16%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	751	50%	134	48%	884	50%
Limitations in daily activities	245	16%	46	16%	291	16%
Often confused	617	41%	126	45%	743	42%
Possible brain injury	620	41%	108	38%	728	40%
Women fleeing domestic violence	96	28%	30	38%	125	30%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	328	22%	57	20%	385	21%
ER in last 6 months	666	44%	142	50%	808	45%
Total # uses, 6 months	1,766	2.7	405	2.9	2,171	2.7
	visits	mean	visits	mean	visits	mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	1,139	77%	206	73%	1,345	77%
1 bedroom	235	16%	40	14%	275	16%
2 bedrooms	84	6%	30	11%	113	6%
3 bedrooms	16	1%	5	2%	21	1%
4 bedrooms	0	-	1	<1%	1	<1%
5 bedrooms	1	<1%	0	-	1	<1%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	1,018	67%	197	69%	1,215	68
SSI in past year	166	11%	46	16%	212	12%
MFIP in past year	32	2%	9	3%	41	2%
Currently employed	150	10%	37	13%	187	10%
Veteran	214	14%	23	8%	237	13%
Average # of housing barriers	4.8		4.0		4.7	

2b. Unaccompanied youth in emergency settings, including unsheltered

	Homeless at least one year N=23		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=17		Total N=40	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
DEMOGRAPHICS						
Percent women	16	70%	8	47%	24	60%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	12	52%	5	29%	17	43%
African Native	1	4%	1	6%	2	5%
American Indian	2	9%	5	29%	7	18%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	-	0	-	0	-
White	4	17%	5	29%	9	23%
Other/More than one	4	17%	1	6%	5	13%
Hispanic/Latino	3	14%	0	-	3	8%
Metro	18	78%	7	41%	25	63%
Greater MN	5	22%	10	59%	15	38%
Shelter Type						
Battered women	0	-	0	-	0	-
Emergency	2	9%	5	29%	7	18%
Street/unsheltered	21	91%	12	71%	33	83%
In MN 2 years or less	5	22%	2	12%	7	18%
Currently employed	6	26%	1	6%	7	18%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	15	94%	8	100%	23	96%
HS/GED only	1	6%	0	-	1	4%
Some college	0	-	0	-	0	-
Mean age	16.7		16.1		16.5	

2b. Unaccompanied youth in emergency settings, including unsheltered (continued)

	Homeless at least one year N=23		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=17		Total N=40	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	11	48%	9	53%	20	50%
Substance abuse disorder	5	22%	1	6%	6	15%
Alcohol abuse disorder	2	9%	1	6%	3	8%
Drug abuse disorder	5	23%	1	6%	6	15%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	2	9%	1	6%	3	8%
Chronic health condition	6	26%	2	12%	8	20%
<i># with none of above</i>	8	35%	8	47%	16	40%
Recent criminal history	5	22%	5	29%	10	25%
<i># with none of above</i>	7	30%	8	47%	15	38%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	2	9%	0	-	2	5%
Limitations in daily activities	0	-	0	-	0	-
Often confused	4	18%	3	19%	7	18%
Possible brain injury	1	4%	1	6%	2	5%
Women fleeing domestic violence	5	31%	3	38%	8	33%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	1	4%	2	12%	3	8%
ER in last 6 months	7	30%	6	38%	13	33%
Total # uses, 6 months	11 visits	1.6 mean	14 visits	2.3 mean	25 visits	1.9 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	15	68%	9	53%	24	62%
1 bedroom	5	23%	2	12%	7	18%
2 bedrooms	2	9%	4	24%	6	15%
3 bedrooms	0	-	2	12%	2	5%
4 bedrooms	0	-	0	-	0	-
5 bedrooms	0	-	0	-	0	-
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	10	45%	10	63%	20	53%
SSI in past year	1	4%	1	6%	2	5%
MFIP in past year	0	-	1	6%	1	3%
Currently employed	6	26%	1	6%	7	18%
Veteran	0	-	1	6%	1	3%
Average # of housing barriers	4.3		3.3		3.9	

2c. Parents in emergency settings, including unsheltered

	Homeless at least one year N=195		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=79		Total N=274	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
DEMOGRAPHICS						
Percent women	163	83%	70	88%	232	85%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	94	49%	37	47%	131	48%
African Native	4	2%	1	2%	5	2%
American Indian	29	15%	16	21%	45	17%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	2%	0	-	3	1%
White	48	25%	15	20%	63	23%
Other/More than one	15	8%	8	11%	23	8%
Hispanic/Latino	13	6%	8	10%	21	8%
Metro	124	64%	52	65%	176	64%
Greater MN	71	36%	27	35%	98	36%
Shelter Type						
Battered women	42	21%	14	18%	56	20%
Emergency	84	43%	39	50%	123	45%
Street/unsheltered	70	36%	26	33%	96	35%
In MN 2 years or less	50	26%	15	19%	65	24%
Currently employed	23	12%	13	16%	36	13%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	51	27%	34	44%	85	32%
HS/GED only	97	52%	32	41%	129	49%
Some college	40	21%	12	15%	51	19%
Mean age	30.5		26.2		29.3	
Total accompanying children	350		128		478	

2c. Parents in emergency settings, including unsheltered (continued)

	Homeless at least one year N=195		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=79		Total N=274	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	113	58%	50	63%	163	59%
Substance abuse disorder	22	11%	8	10%	30	11%
Alcohol abuse disorder	17	9%	4	5%	21	8%
Drug abuse disorder	17	9%	7	9%	24	9%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	15	8	7	9%	23	8%
Chronic health condition	87	45%	41	52%	128	47%
<i># with none of above</i>	51	26%	13	16%	64	23%
Recent criminal history	17	9%	7	9%	24	9%
<i># with none of above</i>	47	24%	12	15%	59	21%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	89	45%	31	40%	120	44%
Limitations in daily activities	34	18%	5	7%	40	14%
Often confused	86	44%	29	37%	115	42%
Possible brain injury	68	35%	30	38%	98	36%
Women fleeing domestic violence	73	45%	27	38%	100	43%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	5	3%	2	3%	7	3%
ER in last 6 months	89	45%	39	49%	128	47%
Total # uses, 6 months	263	3.0	131	3.4	394	3.1
	visits	mean	visits	mean	visits	mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	31	16%	15	19%	46	17%
1 bedroom	17	9%	11	14%	28	10%
2 bedrooms	85	44%	33	42%	118	43%
3 bedrooms	55	29%	19	24%	74	27%
4 bedrooms	4	2%	1	2%	5	2%
5 bedrooms	1	1%	0	-	1	<1%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	177	92%	69	87%	246	90%
SSI in past year	28	15%	6	7%	34	13%
MFIP in past year	135	70%	57	72%	192	70%
Currently employed	23	12%	13	16%	36	13%
Veteran	6	3%	2	3%	8	3%
Average # of housing barriers	4.5		3.8		4.3	

2d. Adults in transitional housing

	Homeless at least one year N=766		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=64		Total N=830	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
DEMOGRAPHICS						
Percent women	263	34%	25	39%	288	35%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	280	37%	15	23%	295	36%
African Native	20	3%	0	-	20	2%
American Indian	51	7%	5	8%	56	7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	8	1%	0	-	8	1%
White	368	48%	44	69%	412	50%
Other/More than one	37	5%	0	-	37	4%
Hispanic/Latino	26	3%	0	-	26	3%
Metro	620	81%	46	72%	666	80%
Greater MN	146	19%	18	28%	164	20%
In MN 2 years or less	92	12%	10	16%	102	12%
Currently employed	175	23%	5	7%	180	22%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	162	22%	10	17%	173	21%
HS/GED only	337	45%	26	41%	363	45%
Some college	249	33%	27	43%	275	34%
Mean age	40.3		38.8		40.2	

2d. Adults in transitional housing (continued)

	Homeless at least one year N=766		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=64		Total N=830	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	531	69%	51	80%	582	70%
Substance abuse disorder	274	36%	25	39%	298	36%
Alcohol abuse disorder	222	30%	16	25%	238	29%
Drug abuse disorder	182	24%	18	28%	200	25%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	200	26%	21	32%	220	27%
Chronic health condition	387	51%	41	65%	428	52%
<i># with none of above</i>	105	14%	9	14%	113	14%
Recent criminal history	116	15%	18	28%	135	16%
<i># with none of above</i>	85	11%	3	4%	88	11%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	363	49%	40	65%	403	50%
Limitations in daily activities	114	15%	8	13%	123	15%
Often confused	263	35%	34	53%	297	36%
Possible brain injury	276	36%	26	41%	303	36%
Women fleeing domestic violence	51	19%	8	31%	58	20%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	123	16%	7	12%	130	16%
ER in last 6 months	287	38%	36	56%	323	39%
Total # uses, 6 months	722	2.5	88	2.5	810	2.5
	visits	mean	visits	mean	visits	mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	507	69%	38	62%	545	68%
1 bedroom	144	20%	9	14%	152	19%
2 bedrooms	71	10%	14	23%	85	11%
3 bedrooms	9	1%	1	2%	11	1%
4 bedrooms	4	1%	0	-	4	1%
5 bedrooms	1	<1%	0	-	1	<1%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	621	82%	59	93%	680	83%
SSI in past year	74	10%	16	24%	90	11%
MFIP in past year	29	4%	12	19%	41	5%
Currently employed	175	23%	5	7%	180	22%
Veteran	136	18%	16	25%	152	18%
Average # of housing barriers	4.8		4.5		4.8	

2e. Unaccompanied youth in transitional housing

	Homeless at least one year N=5		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=2		Total N=7	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
DEMOGRAPHICS						
Percent women					6	86%
Race/ethnicity						
African American					6	86%
African Native					0	-
American Indian					1	14%
Asian/Pacific Islander					0	-
White					0	-
Other/More than one					0	-
Hispanic/Latino					1	14%
Metro					6	86%
Greater MN					1	14%
In MN 2 years or less					1	14%
Currently employed					5	71%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED					5	71%
HS/GED only					2	29%
Some college					0	-
Mean age					16.9	

Note. Because of small numbers, characteristics of unaccompanied youth in transitional housing are not shown separately by homeless pattern.

2e. Unaccompanied youth in transitional housing (continued)

	Homeless at least one year		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years		Total N=7	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness					3	43%
Substance abuse disorder					1	14%
Alcohol abuse disorder					0	-
Drug abuse disorder					1	14%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)					1	14%
Chronic health condition					2	29%
# with none of above					4	57%
Recent criminal history					1	14%
# with none of above					3	43%
Work limitation (kind or amount)					0	-
Limitations in daily activities					0	-
Often confused					0	-
Possible brain injury					1	14%
Women fleeing domestic violence					1	17%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years					0	--
ER in last 6 months					3	43%
Total # uses, 6 months					4 visits	1.3 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms					5	71%
1 bedroom					1	14%
2 bedrooms					1	14%
3 bedrooms					0	-
4 bedrooms					0	-
5 bedrooms					0	-
MA or other public medical benefit in past year					4	57%
SSI in past year					1	14%
MFIP in past year					0	-
Currently employed					5	71%
Veteran					0	-
Average # of housing barriers						3.1

Note: Because of small numbers, figures for unaccompanied youth in transitional housing are not shown separately by homeless pattern.

2f. Parents in transitional housing

	Homeless at least one year N=555		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=45		Total N=600	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
DEMOGRAPHICS						
Percent women	488	88%	45	100%	533	89%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	258	47%	18	40%	277	46%
African Native	5	1%	0	-	5	1%
American Indian	52	9%	14	31%	66	11%
Asian/Pacific Islander	7	1%	1	3%	9	2%
White	178	32%	8	19%	186	31%
Other/More than one	50	9%	3	7%	53	9%
Hispanic/Latino	41	8%	3	6%	43	8%
Metro	413	74%	22	48%	435	72%
Greater MN	142	26%	23	52%	165	28%
In MN 2 years or less	128	23%	9	20%	137	23%
Currently employed	188	34%	9	21%	197	33%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	132	24%	20	48%	152	26%
HS/GED only	246	45%	14	34%	260	44%
Some college	166	31%	8	18%	174	30%
Mean age	30.4		26.1		30.1	
Total accompanying children	1,148		78		1,226	

2f. Parents in transitional housing (continued)

	Homeless at least one year N=555		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=45		Total N=600	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	306	55%	32	70%	338	56
Substance abuse disorder	95	17%	7	15%	102	17%
Alcohol abuse disorder	56	10%	5	12%	61	10%
Drug abuse disorder	67	12%	3	7%	70	12%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	71	13%	7	15%	78	13%
Chronic health condition	236	43%	30	66%	266	44%
# with none of above	161	29%	8	18%	169	28%
Recent criminal history	48	9%	5	11%	53	9%
# with none of above	128	23%	7	16%	135	22%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	179	33%	15	33%	193	33
Limitations in daily activities	66	12%	6	14%	72	12%
Often confused	155	28%	13	28%	167	28%
Possible brain injury	104	19%	16	35%	120	20%
Women fleeing domestic violence	121	25%	16	35%	137	26%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	19	3%	3	7%	22	4%
ER in last 6 months	228	41%	28	63%	257	43%
Total # uses, 6 months	497	2.2	91	3.4	588	2.3
	visits	mean	visits	mean	visits	mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	22	4%	5	12%	27	5%
1 bedroom	20	4%	1	2%	21	4%
2 bedrooms	271	49%	21	48%	292	49%
3 bedrooms	177	32%	17	38%	194	33%
4 bedrooms	51	9%	0	-	51	9%
5 bedrooms	9	2%	0	-	9	1%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	534	96%	42	93%	576	96%
SSI in past year	52	9%	4	8%	56	9%
MFIP in past year	429	77%	34	75%	463	77%
Currently employed	188	34%	9	21%	197	33%
Veteran	24	4%	2	3%	26	4%
Average # of housing barriers	4.6		4.1		4.5	

2g. Summary for all household types and all housing settings

	Homeless at least one year N=3,058		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=495		Total N=3,553	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
DEMOGRAPHICS						
Percent women	1,276	42%	228	46%	1,504	42%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	1,259	41%	175	36%	1,434	41%
African Native	47	2%	5	1%	52	1%
American Indian	363	12%	98	20%	461	13%
Asian/Pacific Islander	28	1%	5	1%	32	1%
White	1,117	37%	166	34%	1,282	36%
Other/More than one	221	7%	39	8%	260	7%
Hispanic/Latino	189	6%	39	8%	228	7%
Metro	2,277	74%	288	58%	2,564	72%
Greater MN	781	26%	207	42%	988	28%
Shelter Type						
Battered women	70	2%	26	5%	96	3%
Emergency	891	29%	146	30%	1,037	29%
Transitional Housing	1,326	43%	111	22%	1,437	40%
Street/unsheltered	771	25%	211	43%	982	28%
In MN 2 years or less	569	19%	100	20%	669	19%
Currently employed	546	18%	66	13%	613	17%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	789	26%	180	38%	970	28%
HS/GED only	1,375	46%	194	41%	1,569	45%
Some college	819	27%	98	21%	917	27%
Mean age	38.2		33.3		37.5	
Total accompanying children	1,498		206		1,704	

2g. Summary for all household types and all housing settings (continued)

	Homeless at least one year N=3,058		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=495		Total N=3,553	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	1,797	59%	327	66%	2,124	60%
Substance abuse disorder	835	27%	140	28%	975	27%
Alcohol abuse disorder	678	23%	102	21%	779	22%
Drug abuse disorder	513	17%	87	18%	601	17%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	598	20%	109	22%	708	20%
Chronic health condition	1,503	49%	257	52%	1,761	50%
<i># with none of above</i>	669	22%	98	20%	767	22%
Recent criminal history	573	19%	118	24%	691	19%
<i># with none of above</i>	519	17%	77	16%	596	17%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	1,383	46%	220	46%	1,603	46%
Limitations in daily activities	459	15%	66	14%	525	15%
Often confused	1,125	37%	205	42%	1,330	38%
Possible brain injury	1,070	35%	181	37%	1,251	35%
Women fleeing domestic violence	345	27%	84	37%	429	29%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	475	16%	72	15%	547	15%
ER in last 6 months	1,280	42%	251	51%	1,531	43%
Total # uses, 6 months	3,263	2.6	729	2.9	3,992	2.6
	visits	mean	visits	mean	visits	mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	1,716	58%	275	57%	1,992	57%
1 bedroom	421	14%	62	13%	484	14%
2 bedrooms	513	17%	102	21%	615	18%
3 bedrooms	258	9%	43	9%	301	9%
4 bedrooms	59	2%	2	<1%	61	2%
5 bedrooms	12	<1%	0	-	12	<1%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	2,363	78%	379	77%	2,742	78%
SSI in past year	322	11%	72	15%	394	11%
MFIP in past year	624	21%	113	23%	737	21%
Currently employed	546	18%	66	13%	613	17%
Veteran	380	12%	43	9%	423	12%
Average # of housing barriers	4.8		4.0		4.7	

2h. Long-term homeless compared to those not chronically homeless

	Long-term homeless N=3,553		All others N=2,537		Total N=6,090	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
DEMOGRAPHICS						
Percent women	1,504	42%	1,378	54%	2,882	47%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	1,434	41%	923	37%	2,357	39%
African Native	52	1%	49	2%	101	2%
American Indian	461	13%	238	9%	698	12%
Asian/Pacific Islander	32	1%	34	1%	66	1%
White	1,282	36%	1,064	42%	2,346	39%
Other/More than one	260	7%	197	8%	457	7%
Hispanic/Latino	228	7%	208	8%	437	7%
Metro						
Greater MN	2,564	72%	1,551	61%	4,115	68%
	988	28%	987	39%	1,975	32%
Shelter Type						
Battered women	96	3%	178	7%	274	4%
Emergency	1,037	29%	868	34%	1,905	31%
Transitional Housing	1,437	40%	813	32%	2,250	37%
Street/unsheltered	982	28%	679	27%	1,661	27%
In MN 2 years or less	669	19%	723	29%	1,392	23%
Currently employed	613	17%	581	23%	1,194	20%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	970	28%	551	22%	1,520	26%
HS/GED only	1,569	45%	1,142	46%	2,711	46%
Some college	917	27%	785	32%	1,702	29%
Mean age	37.5		34.9		36.4	
Total accompanying children	1,704		1,831		3,535	

2h. Long-term homeless compared to those not chronically homeless (continued)

	Long-term homeless N=3,553		All others N=2,537		Total N=6,090	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	2,124	60%	1,182	47%	3,305	54%
Substance abuse disorder	975	27%	429	17%	1,404	23%
Alcohol abuse disorder	779	22%	339	14%	1,118	19%
Drug abuse disorder	601	17%	258	10%	859	14%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	708	20%	298	12%	1,006	17%
Chronic health condition	1,761	50%	1,033	41%	2,794	46%
<i># with none of above</i>	767	22%	852	34%	1,619	27%
Recent criminal history	691	19%	346	14%	1,036	17%
<i># with none of above</i>	596	17%	725	29%	1,321	22%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	1,603	46%	794	32%	2,397	40%
Limitations in daily activities	525	15%	252	10%	777	13%
Often confused	1,330	38%	615	25%	1,945	32%
Possible brain injury	1,251	35%	650	26%	1,901	31%
Women fleeing domestic violence	429	29%	403	29%	832	29%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	547	15%	226	9%	773	13%
ER in last 6 months	981	39%	1,531	43%	2,512	42%
Total # uses, 6 months	2,124 visits	2.2 mean	3,392 visits	2.6 mean	6,117 visits	2.5 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	1,992	57%	1,107	45%	3,099	52%
1 bedroom	484	14%	356	14%	839	14%
2 bedrooms	615	18%	594	24%	1,208	20%
3 bedrooms	301	9%	339	14%	641	11%
4 bedrooms	61	2%	67	3%	128	2%
5 bedrooms	12	<1%	11	<1%	24	<1%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	2,742	78%	1,821	72%	4,563	75%
SSI in past year	394	11%	299	12%	693	11%
MFIP in past year	737	21%	607	24%	1,344	22%
Currently employed	613	17%	581	23%	1,194	20%
Veteran	423	12%	246	10%	670	11%
Average # of housing barriers	4.7		3.0		4.0	

***Section 3: Characteristics of long-term homeless people,
by shelter type, family type, and part of state***

3a. Statewide

	Emergency settings, incl. unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN	N=1,801		N=830		N=2,631	
Percent women	421	23%	288	35%	709	27%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	709	40%	295	36%	1,004	38%
African Native	20	1%	20	2%	40	2%
American Indian	287	16%	56	7%	343	13%
Asian/Pacific Islander	12	1%	8	1%	20	1%
White	612	34%	412	50%	1,024	39%
Other/More than one	143	8%	37	4%	180	7%
Hispanic/Latino	135	8%	26	3%	161	6%
In MN 2 years or less	357	20%	102	12%	459	17%
Currently employed	187	10%	180	22%	367	14%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	531	30%	173	21%	704	27%
HS/GED only	815	46%	363	45%	1,178	46%
Some college	417	24%	275	34%	692	27%
Mean age	40.5		40.2		40.4	
PARENTS WITH CHILDREN	N=274		N=600		N=874	
Percent women	232	85%	533	89%	765	88%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	131	48%	277	46%	408	47%
African Native	5	2%	5	1%	10	1%
American Indian	45	17%	66	11%	111	13%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	1%	9	2%	12	1%
White	63	23%	186	31%	249	29%
Other/More than one	23	8%	53	9%	76	9%
Hispanic/Latino	21	8%	43	8%	64	8%
In MN 2 years or less	65	24%	137	23%	202	23%
Currently employed	36	13%	197	33%	233	27%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	85	32%	152	26%	237	28%
HS/GED only	129	49%	260	44%	389	46%
Some college	51	19%	174	30%	225	26%
Mean age	29.3		30.1		29.8	
Total accompanying children	478		1,226		1,704	

3a. Statewide (continued)

	Emergency settings, incl. unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN	N=1,801		N=830		N=2,631	
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	1,018	57%	582	70%	1,600	61%
Substance abuse disorder	538	30%	298	36%	836	32%
Alcohol abuse disorder	457	26%	238	29%	695	27%
Drug abuse disorder	300	17%	200	25%	500	19%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	382	21%	220	27%	603	23%
Chronic health condition	927	51%	428	52%	1,356	52%
<i># with none of above</i>	401	22%	113	14%	515	20%
Recent criminal history	469	26%	135	16%	604	23%
<i># with none of above</i>	296	16%	88	11%	384	15%
Possible brain injury	728	40%	303	36%	1,031	39%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	385	21%	130	16%	515	20%
ER in last 6 months	808	45%	323	39%	1,131	43%
Total # uses, 6 months	2,171 visits	2.7 mean	810 visits	2.5 mean	2,982 visits	2.7 mean
Needs just 0 or 1 bedroom	1,619	92%	697	87%	2,316	91%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	1,215	68%	680	83%	1,895	72%
SSI in past year	212	12%	90	11%	301	12%
Veteran	237	13%	152	18%	389	15%

3a. Statewide (continued)

	Emergency settings, incl. unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
PARENTS WITH CHILDREN	N=275		N=600		N=875	
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	163	59%	338	56%	501	57%
Substance abuse disorder	30	11%	102	17%	132	15%
Alcohol abuse disorder	21	8%	61	10%	82	9%
Drug abuse disorder	24	9%	70	12%	94	11%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	23	8%	78	13%	101	12%
Chronic health condition	128	47%	266	44%	395	45%
<i># with none of above</i>	64	23%	169	28%	232	27%
Recent criminal history	24	9%	53	9%	76	9%
<i># with none of above</i>	59	21%	135	22%	194	22%
Possible brain injury	98	36%	120	20%	218	25%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	7	3%	22	4%	29	3%
ER in last 6 months	128	47%	257	43%	385	44%
Total # uses, 6 months	394	3.1	588	2.3	982	2.6
	visits	mean	visits	mean	visits	mean
Needs just 0 or 1 bedroom	74	27%	48	8%	122	14%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	246	90%	576	96%	822	94%
SSI in past year	34	13%	56	9%	90	10%
Veteran	8	3%	26	4%	34	4%

3b. 7-county Twin Cities metropolitan area

	Emergency settings, incl. unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN	N=1,257		N=666		N=1,922	
Percent women	252	20%	214	32%	466	24%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	644	52%	268	40%	912	48%
African Native	19	2%	20	3%	38	2%
American Indian	140	11%	36	5%	176	9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	9	1%	8	1%	18	1%
White	326	26%	298	45%	624	33%
Other/More than one	108	9%	32	5%	140	7%
Hispanic/Latino	101	8%	22	3%	123	7%
In MN 2 years or less	263	21%	83	12%	345	18%
Currently employed	126	10%	131	20%	256	13%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	356	29%	143	22%	498	26%
HS/GED only	580	47%	282	43%	863	46%
Some college	295	24%	233	35%	528	28%
Mean age	40.5		40.2		40.4	
PARENTS WITH CHILDREN	N=176		N=435		N=611	
Percent women	153	87%	385	89%	538	88%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	114	65%	246	57%	361	60%
African Native	4	2%	4	1%	8	1%
American Indian	18	10%	27	6%	45	7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	1%	9	2%	10	2%
White	22	13%	106	25%	128	21%
Other/More than one	16	9%	38	9%	54	9%
Hispanic/Latino	7	4%	32	8%	39	7%
In MN 2 years or less	43	24%	98	22%	141	23%
Currently employed	16	9%	139	32%	156	25%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	58	33%	112	26%	169	28%
HS/GED only	86	50%	195	46%	281	47%
Some college	29	17%	120	28%	149	25%
Mean age	29.3		30.1		29.9	
Total accompanying children	478		1,226		1,704	

3b. 7-county Twin Cities metropolitan area (continued)

	Emergency settings, incl. unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN	N=1,257		N=666		N=1,922	
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	678	54%	460	69%	1,138	59%
Substance abuse disorder	338	27%	248	37%	586	30%
Alcohol abuse disorder	285	23%	195	30%	480	25%
Drug abuse disorder	188	15%	164	25%	352	19%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	235	19%	184	28%	419	22%
Chronic health condition	651	52%	349	53%	1,001	52%
<i># with none of above</i>	299	24%	90	14%	389	20%
Recent criminal history	285	23%	102	15%	387	20%
<i># with none of above</i>	228	18%	68	10%	296	15%
Possible brain injury	529	42%	238	36%	767	40%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	229	18%	109	16%	338	18%
ER in last 6 months	558	45%	254	39%	812	43%
Total # uses, 6 months	1,513 visits	2.8 mean	607 visits	2.4 mean	2,120 visits	2.6 mean
Needs just 0 or 1 bedroom	1,149	93%	575	90%	1,725	92%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	838	67%	541	82%	1,379	72%
SSI in past year	148	12%	65	10%	213	11%
Veteran	163	13%	131	20%	294	15%

3b. 7-county Twin Cities metropolitan area (continued)

	Emergency settings, incl. unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
PARENTS WITH CHILDREN	N=176		N=435		N=611	
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	96	55%	245	56%	341	56%
Substance abuse disorder	14	8%	74	17%	88	14%
Alcohol abuse disorder	8	5%	43	10%	52	9%
Drug abuse disorder	12	9%	56	13%	68	11%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	10	6%	59	14%	69	11%
Chronic health condition	84	48%	195	45%	279	46%
<i># with none of above</i>	44	25%	119	27%	163	27%
Recent criminal history	9	5%	37	9%	46	8%
<i># with none of above</i>	42	24%	95	22%	137	22%
Possible brain injury	64	36%	74	17%	138	23%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	4	2%	14	3%	18	3%
ER in last 6 months	83	47%	169	39%	252	41%
Total # uses, 6 months	273 visits	3.3 mean	377 visits	2.3 mean	650 visits	2.6 mean
Needs just 0 or 1 bedroom	60	35%	39	9%	100	17%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	163	92%	416	96%	579	95%
SSI in past year	19	11%	39	9%	58	10%
Veteran	5	3%	12	3%	17	3%

3c. Greater Minnesota

	Emergency settings, incl. unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN	N=544		N=164		N=709	
Percent women	169	31%	74	45%	243	34%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	64	12%	27	16%	91	13%
African Native	1	<1%	0	-	1	<1%
American Indian	147	27%	19	12%	166	24%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	<1%	0	-	3	<1%
White	286	53%	114	69%	400	57%
Other/More than one	35	7%	5	3%	40	6%
Hispanic/Latino	34	6%	4	2%	38	5%
In MN 2 years or less	94	17%	20	12%	114	16%
Currently employed	62	11%	49	31%	111	16%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	176	33%	30	20%	206	30%
HS/GED only	234	44%	81	53%	315	46%
Some college	122	23%	42	28%	164	24%
Mean age						
PARENTS WITH CHILDREN	N=98		N=165		N=264	
Percent women	80	81%	148	90%	228	86%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	17	18%	30	18%	47	18%
African Native	1	1%	1	1%	2	1%
American Indian	27	28%	39	24%	66	25%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	2%	0	-	2	1%
White	41	44%	80	48%	121	47%
Other/More than one	7	7%	15	9%	22	8%
Hispanic/Latino	14	14%	11	7%	25	10%
In MN 2 years or less	22	22%	39	24%	61	23%
Currently employed	20	20%	58	35%	78	30%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	28	30%	41	26%	68	27%
HS/GED only	43	46%	65	41%	108	43%
Some college	23	24%	53	34%	76	30%
Mean age	29.3		30.1		29.9	
Total accompanying children	478		1,226		1,704	

3c. Greater Minnesota (continued)

	Emergency settings, incl. unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN	N=544		N=164		N=709	
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	340	62%	122	74%	462	65%
Substance abuse disorder	200	37%	51	31%	250	35%
Alcohol abuse disorder	172	32%	43	26%	215	31%
Drug abuse disorder	112	21%	37	23%	148	21%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	147	27%	37	22%	184	26%
Chronic health condition	276	51%	79	48%	355	50%
<i># with none of above</i>	102	19%	23	14%	125	18%
Recent criminal history	183	34%	33	20%	217	31%
<i># with none of above</i>	68	13%	20	12%	89	12%
Possible brain injury	199	37%	65	39%	264	37%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	155	29%	21	13%	177	25%
ER in last 6 months	250	46%	69	42%	319	45%
Total # uses, 6 months	658	2.7	203	2.9	861	2.7
	visits	mean	visits	mean	visits	mean
Needs just 0 or 1 bedroom	470	90%	121	78%	591	87%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	377	70%	139	87%	517	74%
SSI in past year	63	12%	25	15%	88	13%
Veteran	74	14%	21	13%	95	13%

3c. Greater Minnesota (continued)

	Emergency settings, incl. unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
PARENTS WITH CHILDREN	N=98		N=165		N=264	
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	66	67%	93	56%	160	61%
Substance abuse disorder	16	16%	28	17%	44	17%
Alcohol abuse disorder	12	13%	18	11%	30	11%
Drug abuse disorder	12	12%	14	8%	26	10%
Dual diagnosis (MI & SA)	13	13%	19	11%	32	12%
Chronic health condition	45	45%	72	43%	116	44%
<i># with none of above</i>	19	19%	50	30%	69	26%
Recent criminal history	15	15%	15	9%	30	11%
<i># with none of above</i>	17	17%	39	24%	57	21%
Possible brain injury	34	35%	46	28%	80	30%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	3	3%	8	5%	11	4%
ER in last 6 months	45	45%	88	53%	132	50%
Total # uses, 6 months	121 visits	2.7 mean	211 visits	2.4 mean	332 visits	2.5 mean
Needs just 0 or 1 bedroom	13	14%	9	5%	22	8%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	83	86%	160	97%	243	93%
SSI in past year	15	16%	17	10%	32	12%
Veteran	3	3%	14	8%	17	6%

Section 4: Transitional housing residents who may not be receiving the services they need

4a. Adults without children

	Homeless at least one year N=766		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=64		Total N=830	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Serious mental illness	531	69%	51	80%	582	70%
No recent inpatient or outpatient care	90	17%	6	13%	96	17%
Substance abuse disorder	274	36%	25	39%	298	36%
No recent inpatient or outpatient care	53	19%	5	18%	58	19%
Chronic health condition	387	51%	41	65%	428	52%
No recent care for the condition(s)	80	21%	15	37%	96	22%
Any of the above problems	662	86%	55	86%	717	86%
Any of the above problems has not received care	196	30%	20	36%	216	30%

Note: "No recent care" percentages are shown as percent of those who had the condition.

4b. Unaccompanied youth

	Homeless at least one year N=5		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=2		Total N=7	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Serious mental illness	2	40%	1	50%	3	43%
No recent inpatient or outpatient care	0	-	0	-	0	-
Substance abuse disorder	1	20%	0	-	1	14%
No recent inpatient or outpatient care	1	100%	0	-	1	100%
Chronic health condition	1	20%	1	50%	2	29%
No recent care for the condition(s)	0	-	1	100%	1	50%
Any of the above problems	2	40%	1	50%	3	43%
Any of the above problems has not received care	1	50%	1	100%	2	67%

Note: "No recent care" percentages are shown as percent of those who had the condition.

4c. Parents

	Homeless at least one year N=555		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=45		Total N=600	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Serious mental illness	306	55%	32	70%	338	56%
No recent inpatient or outpatient care	41	14%	12	38%	53	16%
Substance abuse disorder	95	17%	7	15%	102	17%
No recent inpatient or outpatient care	19	20%	3	40%	22	21%
Chronic health condition	236	43%	30	66%	266	44%
No recent care for the condition(s)	48	20%	7	22%	55	21%
Any of the above problems	394	71%	37	82%	431	72%
Any of the above problems has not received care	98	25%	17	47%	116	27%
Total children accompanying parents in last line above	217		32		249	

Note: "No recent care" percentages are shown as percent of those who had the condition.

4d. Summary for all household types in transitional housing

	Adults without children	Youth	Parents	Children with parents	Total
Number in transitional housing	1,169	44	1,088	1,962	4,263
Number long-term homeless	830	7	600	1,226	2663
As percent of all in transitional housing	68%	44%	59%	57%	61%
Number long-term homeless with problems that have not received care	216	2	116	249	583
As percent of LTH in transitional housing	26%	29%	19%	20%	22%
As percent of all in transitional housing	18%	5%	11%	13%	14%

Comparison to 2006

This report replicates the format and calculation methods of the 2003 and 2006 reports on long-term homelessness. Study methods were comparable from 2006 to 2009, so results from those two years can be directly compared.

From 2006 to 2009, the total number of long-term homeless adults increased by 35.1 percent. Three factors contributed to this increase:

- A 20.7% increase in the number of adults staying in shelters (3,643 to 4,397)
- A 39.2% increase in the total number of unsheltered adults who were interviewed (1,138 to 1,584)
- Increases, within each shelter type, in the percentage of persons who were long-term homeless:
 - 7.2% increase in rate in emergency shelters (23.7% to 25.6%)
 - 12.9% increase in rate in transitional housing (29.3% to 32.4%)
 - 3.0% increase in rate among unsheltered adults (58.0% to 59.7%)

The year-to-year comparisons are shown in Figure 5a, including sub-totals by shelter type.

5a. Total homeless and long-term homeless adults, by year and shelter type

	2003 ^(c)		2006		2009	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total adults in study	4,895		4,781	100%	5,957	100%
Total long-term homeless adults			2,588	54.1%	3,497	58.5%
Total adults in emergency and battered women's shelters^(a)	1,917		1,763	100%	2,149	100%
Long-term homeless adults in emergency or battered women's shelters			862	48.9%	1,126	52.4%
Total adults in transitional housing^(a)	2,306		1,880	100%	2,224	100%
Long-term homeless adults in transitional housing			1,066	56.7%	1,424	64.0%
Long-term homeless adults in transitional housing and with at least one chronic health condition that has not received care			222	11.8%	331	14.9%
Total adults interviewed in non-shelter locations^(b)	672		1,138	100%	1,584	100%
Long-term homeless adults not in a shelter program			660	58.0%	946	59.7%

(a) The actual number of adults in shelters is a known number, reported by shelter providers for the night of October 22, 2009. Survey results for sheltered adults are weighted to represent these numbers.

(b) The actual number of unsheltered adults is not known; the number shown in the table is the number who were interviewed. Survey results for unsheltered adults represent only those adults who were interviewed.

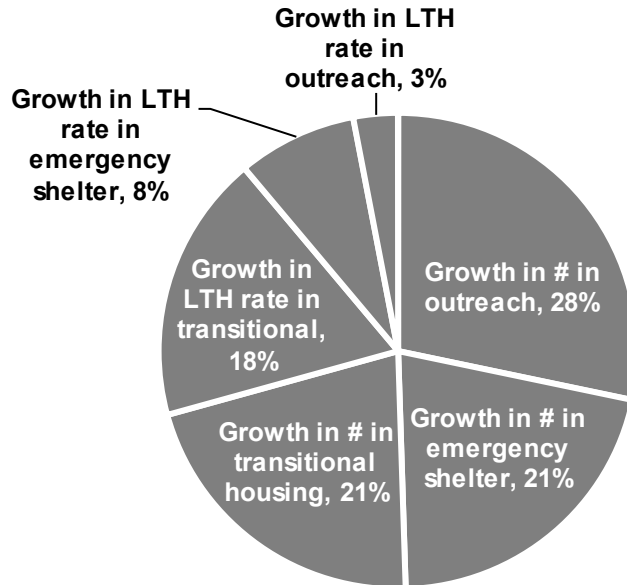
(c) Due to changes in the survey questions, long-term homelessness data from 2003 are not directly comparable.

These are significant increases both in the numbers of sheltered adults and in the rates of long-term homelessness among sheltered adults. As a result, although the 2009 study included greater outreach efforts than in 2006, this difference accounts for less than one-third of the overall increase in the number of long-term homeless adults documented in the 2009 study. Figure 5b shows the share of the increase that is due to increased numbers overall, and the share that is due to increased rates of long-term homelessness.

Because the rates are different for different shelter types, the increase is shown separately for each shelter type. The chart shows that most (71%) of the increase in long-term homelessness is due to the rise in the overall number of people experiencing homelessness. This is especially true for the increase in the number of long-term homeless people in

outreach settings, where there was little change in the rate of homelessness from 2006 to 2009.

5b. Share of increased long-term homelessness among adults from 2006 to 2009 due to each component of growth



The share of growth was computed in two steps, as shown in Figure 5c below. First, we assumed the rate of homelessness within each housing type stayed the same in 2009 as in 2006, and computed how many more long-term homeless people would be found just because of the larger numbers of people in each setting in 2009. For example, in emergency and battered women’s shelters, the 2006 study found a total of 1,763 adults, and the 2009 study found a total of 2,149, for an increase of 386 people. If we assumed the same rate of long-term homelessness as in 2006, we would expect that 48.9 percent of these additional 386 people would be long-term homeless in 2009, or 189 of them. However, there were an additional 75 people who were long-term homeless in these shelters in 2009, because the rate also rose.

5c. Computation of the share of increased long-term homelessness due to each component of growth

	2006		2009		Increase in N	Share of increase due to increased N*	Remainder of increase (due to increased rate)**
	N	%	N	%			
Total adults in study	4,781	100%	5,957	100%	1,176		
Total long-term homeless adults	2,588	54.1%	3,497	58.5%	909	643	266
Total adults in emergency and battered women's shelters^(a)	1,763	100%	2,149	100%	386		
Long-term homeless adults in emergency or battered women's shelters	862	48.9%	1,126	52.4%	264	189 (21% of total)	75 (8% of total)
Total adults in transitional housing^(a)	1,880	100%	2,224	100%	344		
Long-term homeless adults in transitional housing	1,066	56.7%	1,424	64.0%	358	195 (21% of total)	163 (18% of total)
Total adults interviewed in non-shelter locations^(b)	1,138	100%	1,584	100%	446		
Long-term homeless adults not in a shelter program	660	58.0%	946	59.7%	286	259 (28% of total)	27 (3% of total)

* *Share of increase due to increased N: Shows how many of the additional adults in this setting we would expect to be long-term homeless, if the rate of long-term homelessness remained the same as in 2006 (multiple "increase in N" by the 2006 rate).*

** *Remainder of increase (due to increased rate): Shows the difference between actual increase and the amount in the previous column; this much cannot be explained by the larger number of people who were homeless in this setting, and is therefore due to the higher share of those people who were long-term homeless in 2009 compared to 2006.*

Note: Some figures may differ slightly from calculations using this table, due to rounding of original weighted numbers.