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# Introduction

This report summarizes information about the guests served at the Minneapolis/Hennepin County Project Homeless Connect event held on December 14, 2011 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. This was the twelfth Project Homeless Connect to be held in Minneapolis. The event was organized by the Minneapolis/Hennepin County Office to End Homelessness in partnership with the Family Housing Fund, and a steering committee made up of community members, service providers, and persons who have experienced homelessness.<sup>1</sup>

Overall, Hennepin County Project Homeless Connect served:

- 1,476 households<sup>2</sup>
- 1,679 individuals
- 203 children age 17 or younger
- 111 unaccompanied youth age 14-21

After a discussion of data collection methods this report presents a brief comparison to the population of guests served at the previous Minneapolis/Hennepin County Project Homeless Connect events, along with events held in St. Paul/Ramsey County. This report also includes a series of tables summarizing characteristics of guests served at Project Homeless Connect, including: basic demographics, living situation, income and sources of assistance, services sought, and a de-duplication of guests served at Project Homeless Connect with records of persons known to be previously served by agencies in Minnesota who serve those experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

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<sup>1</sup> For further information on the event, see [www.homelessconnectminneapolis.org](http://www.homelessconnectminneapolis.org)

<sup>2</sup> Households include couples with and without children, single parents with children, single adults, unaccompanied youth, and guests identifying as an “other” household type.

## *Methods*

The data reported below were collected on paper by volunteer intake workers on the day of the event, using the form found in the Appendix.<sup>3</sup> The data were later entered into Minnesota's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) by a team of trained data entry volunteers. Minnesota's HMIS is a statewide database that includes client-level data from many agencies that serve people experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness.<sup>4</sup>

Project Homeless Connect guests received consent forms and were recorded as "anonymous" if they preferred to not have personally identifiable information entered into the HMIS. As a result, of the households served (%) were entered without the ability to run matches in the HMIS database to see whether they have prior service records, or to see whether they were served by providers participating in HMIS after the event.

Guests who agreed to be entered with identifiable information were entered as "unnamed clients." That is, their names were only held temporarily by the database. Upon entering the client name in the initial data entry screen, the database automatically generated a unique identifier comprised of parts of the name, date of birth, gender, and race. The database then discarded the name. The creation of the unique identifier enabled Wilder Research to assess whether Project Homeless Connect guests were served by other programs participating in Minnesota's HMIS either before or immediately after the event.

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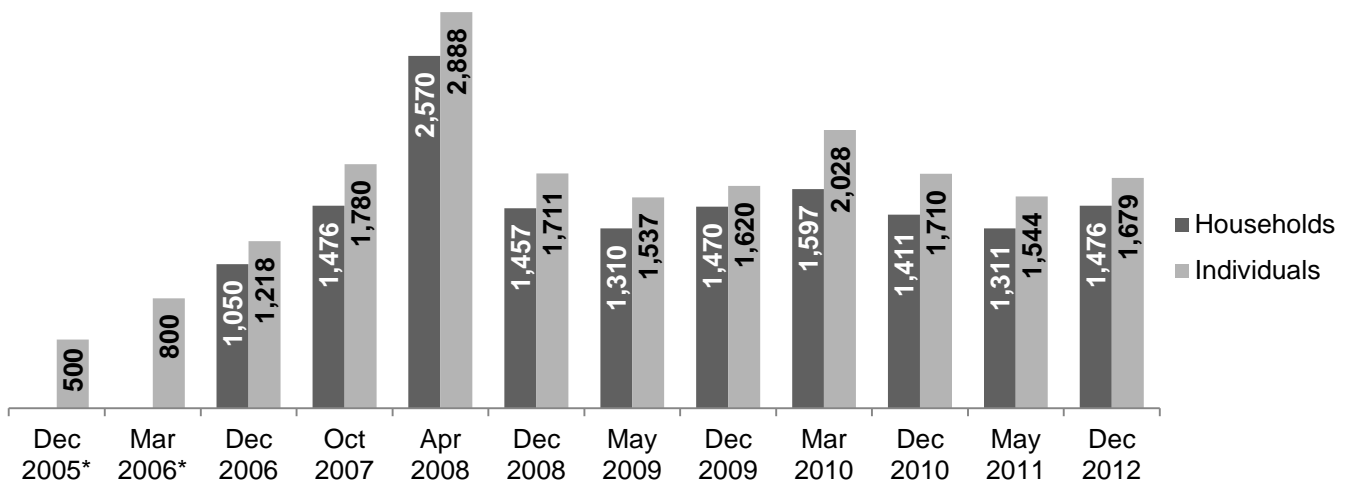
<sup>3</sup> Two questions included on the intake form that relate to wages and hours worked are not included in this report due to the fact that only a small proportion of event guests provided answers to them.

<sup>4</sup> For more information, see [www.hmismn.org](http://www.hmismn.org)

# Comparison with previous Hennepin Project Homeless Connect events

The Minneapolis/Hennepin County Project Homeless Connect held on December 14, 2011 served 1,679 individuals, an 8 percent increase from the May 2011 event that served 1,544 individuals.<sup>5</sup>

## 1. Households and individuals served at event – comparison to previous events



\* HMIS was not used for reporting for the first two events.

Breakdowns of demographic characteristics such as race, age, veteran status, and disability status were similar to previous events. Compared to the May 2011 event, more youth who attended had dependent children—38 youth, or 34 percent, at the December 2011 event attended with dependent children, versus 23 youth, or 21 percent, in May 2011. 86 percent of youth reported that this was their first time attending a Project Homeless Connect event, an increase from 78 percent in May 2011.

Twenty-five percent of all guests reported living in “doubled-up” situations with family or friends the night prior to the event, a slight increase from May 2011. Of those guests in doubled-up situations, nearly three-quarters would be considered homeless under the State of Minnesota’s definition.

<sup>5</sup> The previous Hennepin County Project Homeless Connect event reports can be found at <http://www.hmismn.org/reports/>



A much higher proportion—24 percent—of doubled-up clients identified as long-term homeless than at the previous event, where only 15 percent of doubled-up clients identified as long-term homeless. Additionally, the proportion of doubled-up clients identifying as first time homeless increased from 22 percent in May 2011 to 28 percent in December 2011.

As in previous years, most guests had stayed in Minneapolis or Saint Paul the night before the event. Fifty-nine percent of guests staying in Minneapolis and 68 percent of guests staying in Saint Paul identified as homeless. Forty-four percent of guests staying in another suburb identified as homeless.

Guests at the December 2011 event reported receiving public benefits such as MFIP, Medical Assistance, and food stamps. One-quarter of youth attending the event reported receiving income from employment, an increase from 12 percent at the May 2011 event.

The five services most commonly sought by guests were housing, employment assistance, dental care, eye care, and help obtaining a state ID. Other top five most commonly sought services for specific groups included help obtaining a birth certificate (adults with children and youth) and a haircut (men without children). Although housing and employment were the most commonly sought services for all groups, a particularly high proportion of youth (over three-quarters for housing and over one-half for employment) sought these services, relative to other groups attending the event.

The remainder of this report presents information on the guests served at the May 2011 Hennepin County Project Homeless Connect, including demographic characteristics, living situation, income and sources of assistance, and services sought by event guests.

# Demographic characteristics

## 2. Households served, as presenting at event, by head of household

	Male	Female	Gender Unknown*	Total
<b>In households without children</b>				
Adults 22+	725	279	33	1037
Unaccompanied Youth (14-21)	37	33	3	73
<i>Sub-total</i>	762	312	36	1,110
<b>In families with children</b>				
Adults 22+	98	219	11	328
Unaccompanied Youth (14-21)	6	32	0	38
<i>Sub-total</i>	104	251	11	366
<b>TOTAL</b>	866	563	47	1,476

\* Gender recorded as "Don't know," "Refused," or left blank by intake volunteer.

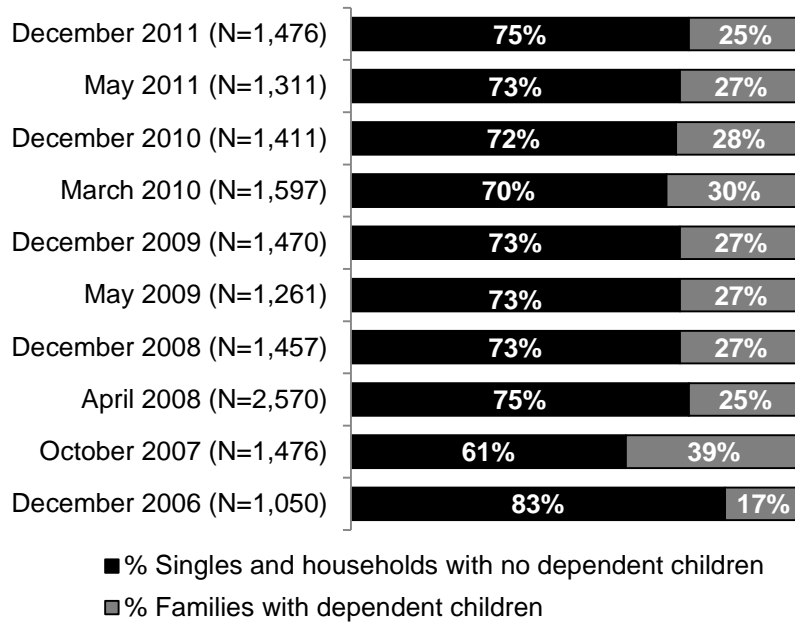
## 3. Individuals served at event, by household type

	Number	Percentage
<b>In households without children</b>		
Adult singles 22+ (no dependent children)	873	76%
Adults in couples 22+ (no dependent children)	72	6%
Adults – unknown status 22+ (no dependent children)	93	8%
Unaccompanied youth, age 14-21*	111	10%
<i>Sub-total</i>	1,149	100%
<b>In families with children</b>		
Parents or guardians	327	62%
Children, age 13-17	26	5%
Children, age 6-12	54	10%
Children, age 0-5	123	23%
<i>Sub-total</i>	530	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,679	

\* Includes 38 unaccompanied youth who attended the event with dependent children.

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#### 4. Household types served, comparison to previous events




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#### 5. Age of heads of households served at event

	Male	Female	Gender Unknown	Total
14-17	3	3	0	0%
18-21	40	62	3	7%
22-24	39	49	2	6%
25-34	119	135	6	18%
35-44	155	104	10	18%
45-54	319	127	17	31%
55-64	146	48	2	13%
65-79	12	9	1	1%
80+	2	2	0	0%
Missing age	31	24	6	4%
TOTAL	866	563	47	1,476
Average age (mean)	44	38	43	42

Note: The total may not equal 100 percent due to rounding.

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## 6. Race and ethnicity of guests served at event

	Number	Percentage
American Indian/Alaskan Native	212	14%
Asian	6	0%
Black/African American	753	51%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	6	0%
White	343	23%
Other	83	6%
Missing	73	5%
TOTAL	1,476	100%
Hispanic/Latino (any race)	54	4%

\* Up to two categories were recorded for each guest. The answers are reported here in a manner consistent with reporting used by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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## 7. Disability, veteran status, and previous experience with Project Homeless Connect\*

	Adults 22+				Youth** N=111	ALL n=1,476
	Men without children n=725	Women without children n=279	Gender unknown Without children N=33	Adults with children n=328		
Has a disability of long duration	48%	49%	48%	37%	12%	43%
Served in US military	17%	3%	12%	2%	2%	10%
Has been to a Project Homeless Connect event like this one before*	42%	42%	45%	31%	14%	38%

\* Previous experience according to self-report (not through de-duplicating with prior events).

\*\* Includes 38 unaccompanied youth with dependent children.

# Living situation

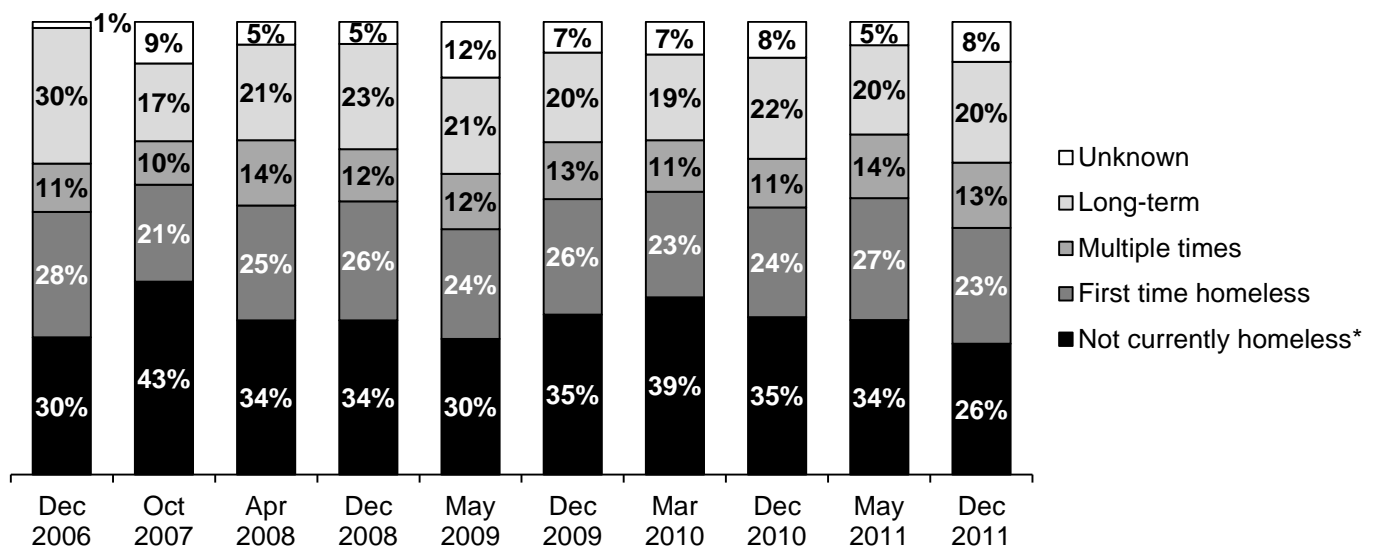
## 8a. Homeless status of guests served at event, comparison to previous events

	Dec 2006	Oct 2007	April 2008	Dec 2008	May 2009	Dec 2009	Mar 2010	Dec 2010	May 2011	Dec 2012
Not currently homeless*	30%	43%	34%	34%	30%	35%	39%	35%	34%	36%
1st time homeless and less than 1 year without home	28%	21%	25%	26%	24%	26%	23%	24%	27%	23%
Multiple times homeless, but NOT meeting LTH definition**	11%	10%	14%	12%	12%	13%	11%	11%	14%	13%
Long term: At least 1 year OR at least 4 times in past 3 years**	30%	17%	21%	23%	21%	20%	19%	22%	20%	20%
Unknown/Missing	1%	9%	5%	5%	12%	7%	7%	8%	5%	8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>2,570</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>1,310</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>1,411</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>1,476</b>

\* Includes the 3-5% of guests each year who indicated staying the previous night in situations typically considered homeless (emergency shelters, living on the streets/squatting, and transitional housing programs for the homeless).

\*\* The state of Minnesota defines an individual, unaccompanied youth or family as "Long-Term Homeless" if they are without a home for a year or more OR have had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years. Any period of institutionalization or incarceration (including transitional housing, prison/jail, treatment, hospitals, foster care, or refugee camps) is excluded when determining the length of time the household has been homeless.

## 8b. Homeless status of guests served at event, comparison to previous events



\* Includes the 3-5% of guests each year who indicated staying the previous night in situations typically considered homeless (emergency shelters, living on the streets/squatting, and transitional housing programs for the homeless).

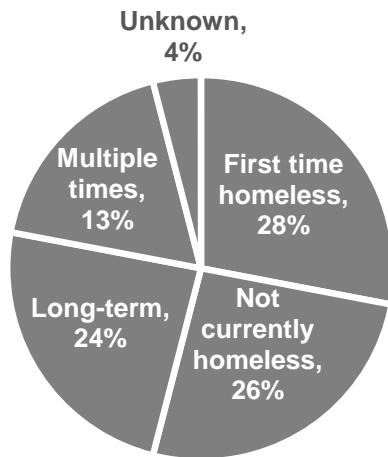
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**9. Living situation last night**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Emergency shelter	343	23%
Rental house or apartment	242	16%
Living with family	184	12%
Living with friends	181	12%
Transitional housing for homeless	149	10%
Substance abuse treatment center	66	4%
Permanent housing for formerly homeless	37	3%
Owned house or apartment	21	1%
Place not meant for habitation	17	1%
Hotel or motel (without an emergency voucher)	9	1%
Foster care/group home	8	1%
Psychiatric hospital or facility	4	0%
Jail, prison or juvenile facility	2	0%
Hospital (non-psychiatric)	1	0%
Other (unspecified)	142	10%
Missing/don't know/refused	70	5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>100%</b>

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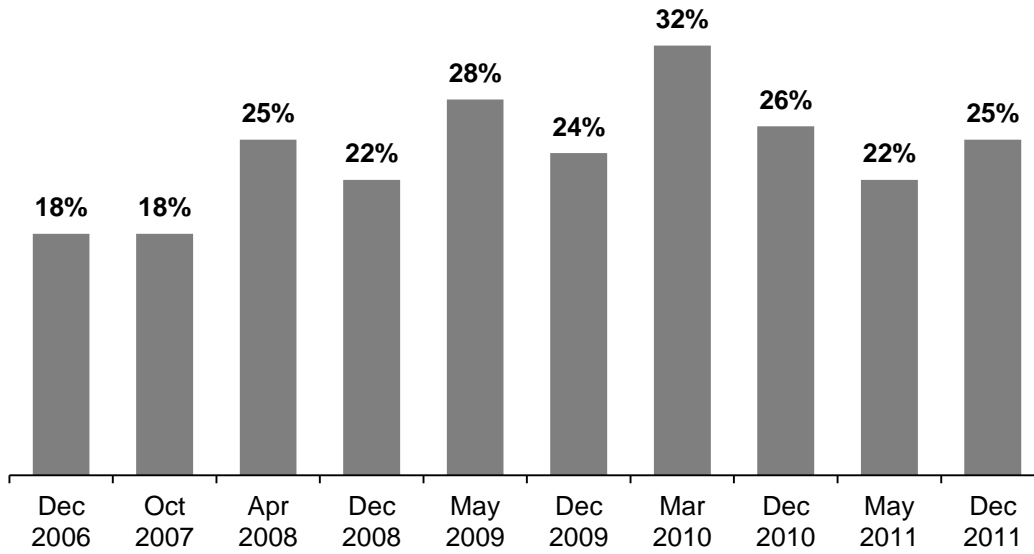
**10a. Homeless status of clients “doubled up” with friends or family the night prior to the event\***



\* According to the State of Minnesota's definition of homelessness, doubling-up is considered homeless if that arrangement has persisted less than 1 year. "Doubled up" clients include those who reported living with family or friends the night prior to the event.

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**10b. Proportion of “doubled-up” clients, comparison to previous events**

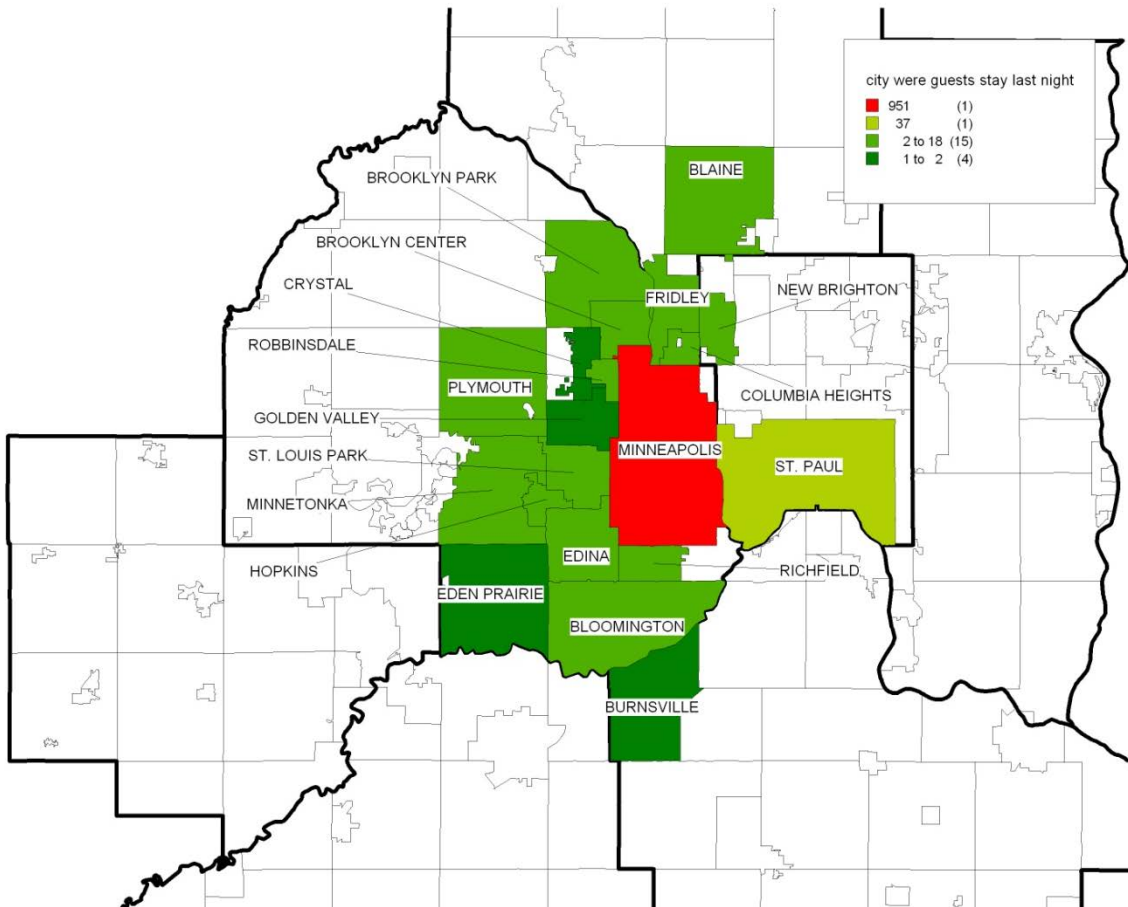




## 11. City where guest stayed last night

	Adults 22+				Youth* N=111	ALL n=1,476
	Men without children n=725	Women without children n=279	Gender unknown Without children n=33	Adults with children n=328		
Minneapolis	65%	60%	48%	67%	68%	64%
St. Paul	2%	2%	0%	3%	4%	3%
Other suburb	4%	9%	9%	7%	3%	6%
Missing	28%	28%	42%	23%	26%	27%

\* Includes 38 unaccompanied youth with dependent children.



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**12. City where guest stayed last night, comparison to previous events**

	<b>Dec 2006</b>	<b>Oct 2007</b>	<b>April 2008</b>	<b>Dec 2008</b>	<b>April 2009</b>	<b>Dec 2009</b>	<b>Dec 2010</b>	<b>May 2011</b>	<b>Dec 2011</b>
Minneapolis	819 (78%)	972 (66%)	1,989 (77%)	1,039 (71%)	820 (62%)	1068 (67%)	936 (66%)	813 (62%)	951 (64%)
St. Paul	55 (5%)	52 (4%)	83 (3%)	63 (4%)	35 (3%)	49 (3%)	63 (5%)	43 (3%)	37 (3%)
Other town/suburb	49 (5%)	110 (7%)	166 (6%)	104 (7%)	76 (6%)	126 (8%)	104 (7%)	101 (8%)	86 (6%)
Unknown/Missing	127 (12%)	342 (23%)	332 (13%)	251 (18%)	379 (29%)	354 (22%)	308 (22%)	354 (27%)	402 (27%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>2,570</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>1,310</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>1,411</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>1,476</b>

# Income and sources of assistance

## 13. Household income sources last 30 days\*

	Adults 22+				Youth <sup>a</sup> N=111	ALL n=1,476
	Men without children n=725	Women without children n=279	Gender unknown without children n=33	Adults with children n=328		
General Assistance	49%	41%	45%	32%	24%	42%
SSDI	14%	18%	12%	17%	9%	15%
Social Security (other)	18%	18%	21%	11%	5%	15%
No Income	13%	11%	0%	9%	20%	12%
Employment <sup>b</sup>	9%	11%	6%	14%	25%	12%
MFIP	0%	3%	0%	34%	19%	10%
Contributions from others	6%	4%	3%	6%	13%	6%
Other income sources	4%	5%	3%	9%	2%	5%

\* Intake staff were encouraged to report all sources received by the household, from the list above. They also recorded other income sources, reported by the guest. The "other" sources reported included pensions, child support payments, donating plasma, unemployment benefits, tribal payments, and other miscellaneous sources.

<sup>a</sup> Includes 38 unaccompanied youth with dependent children.

<sup>b</sup> Includes temporary employment and day labor.

## 14. Other assistance currently received by household\*

	Adults 22+				Youth** N=111	ALL n=1,476
	Men without children n=725	Women without children n=279	Gender unknown without children n=33	Adults with children n=328		
Medical assistance	60%	68%	48%	67%	58%	63%
Food stamps	57%	61%	55%	77%	59%	62%
Public housing	9%	7%	6%	7%	7%	8%
Other rent assistance	7%	8%	3%	6%	6%	7%
Section 8	5%	9%	0%	9%	2%	7%
Veterans medical or other veterans benefits & services	6%	2%	0%	2%	0%	4%

\* Intake volunteers were encouraged to report all sources received by the household, from the list above.

\*\* Includes 38 unaccompanied youth with dependent children.

# Services sought

## 15. Main types of service sought by household\*

	Adults 22+				Youth** N=111	ALL n=1,476
	Men without children n=725	Women without children n=279	Gender unknown without children n=33	Guests with children n=328		
Housing	53%	59%	42%	69%	76%	<b>59%</b>
Employment	36%	34%	36%	45%	56%	<b>39%</b>
Dental care	35%	33%	30%	39%	38%	<b>35%</b>
Eye care	37%	38%	30%	30%	23%	<b>34%</b>
Wants help obtaining ID	27%	35%	24%	34%	53%	<b>32%</b>
Haircut	35%	27%	30%	22%	17%	<b>29%</b>
Wants help obtaining a birth certificate	24%	31%	24%	36%	35%	<b>29%</b>
Education	18%	20%	18%	27%	33%	<b>22%</b>
Legal assistance	19%	16%	15%	21%	14%	<b>19%</b>
Social Security benefits	15%	15%	18%	17%	16%	<b>16%</b>
Medical care	15%	18%	18%	11%	14%	<b>15%</b>
Public assistance	11%	14%	15%	17%	27%	<b>14%</b>
Voicemail or cell phone	11%	9%	12%	8%	7%	<b>10%</b>
Mental health	10%	10%	3%	10%	6%	<b>10%</b>
Emergency shelter	8%	6%	3%	7%	9%	<b>7%</b>
Veterans benefits	6%	1%	3%	3%	2%	<b>4%</b>
Other ***	4%	3%	0%	3%	6%	<b>4%</b>
Chemical health	3%	1%	0%	4%	1%	<b>3%</b>
Domestic violence services	0%	2%	0%	3%	2%	<b>1%</b>
Transportation	1%	4%	6%	0%	1%	<b>1%</b>
Clothing	2%	1%	3%	1%	0%	<b>1%</b>
Mammogram	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	<b>0%</b>

\* Guests were asked what their top three services were from the list provided above. Some indicated more than three.

\*\* Includes 38 unaccompanied youth with dependent children.

\*\*\* Miscellaneous services requested included chiropractic care, shoes, child care supplies and resources, furniture, tax assistance, email /printer access, and others.

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**16. Top five services sought by household**

<b>Men without children n=725</b>	<b>Adults 22+ Women without children n=279</b>	<b>Adults with children n=328</b>	<b>Youth* N=111</b>
Housing (53%)	Housing (59%)	Housing (69%)	Housing (76%)
Eye care (37%)	Eye care (38%)	Employment (45%)	Employment (56%)
Employment (36%)	ID assistance (35%)	Dental care (39%)	ID assistance (53%)
Haircut (35%)	Employment (34%)	Birth certificate (36%)	Dental care (38%)
Dental care (35%)	Dental care (33%)	ID assistance (34%)	Birth certificate (35%)

\* Includes 38 unaccompanied youth with dependent children.

# Matching with data in Minnesota's HMIS

One of the reasons Project Homeless Connect organizers wanted to enter data from the event into Minnesota's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) was to get a sense of how many of those served at the event were already involved with social service providers, particularly providers whose mission is to serve people experiencing homelessness. While Minnesota's HMIS remains imperfect for the task, an increasing number of organizations whose mission is to serve those experiencing homelessness participate in HMIS.

As of December 2011, Minnesota's HMIS included 63 percent of shelter beds, 69 percent of transitional housing program beds, and 60 percent of permanent supportive housing beds in Hennepin County. The HMIS also includes the County's large homeless prevention program, as well as some other "services only" programs not associated with beds. Further, entering the data into HMIS enabled us to run matches against people served in other parts of the state, as well as earlier Project Homeless Connect events held in Hennepin and Ramsey counties.

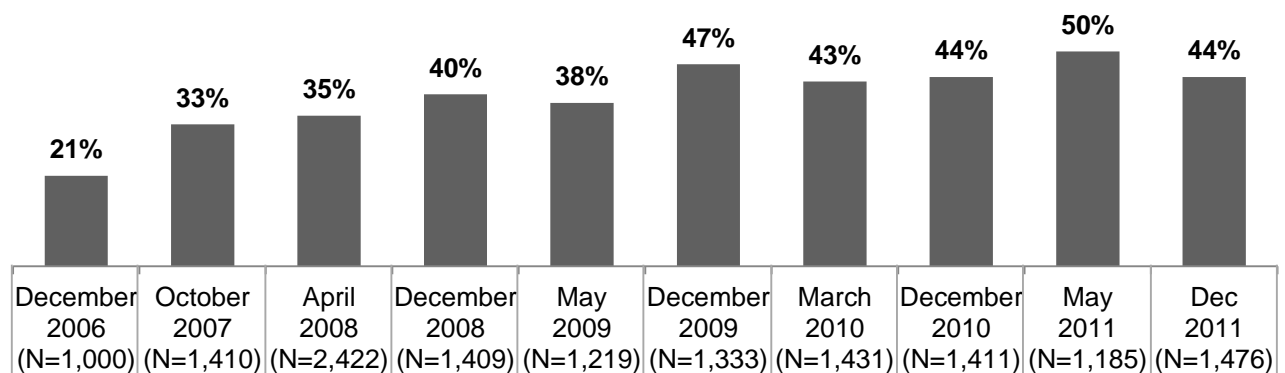
As discussed in the introduction, all guests who signed a consent form at Project Homeless Connect were entered as "unnamed clients" in the HMIS database. This means that while elements of the clients' names were used in creating a unique identifier, the name was not permanently stored. This procedure allows Wilder to match clients served in Project Homeless Connect with other records in the database without permanently storing their names. The unique identifier is created using parts of the name, date of birth, and gender.

While using the unique identifier to find matching records is the most reliable method available, it does present some limitations. Data entry errors and use of nicknames will cause different unique identifiers to be issued that will prevent matching. For example, if a guest is entered as "Bob Smith" at one event and then seeks services at a participating provider as "Robert Smith," this discrepancy will result in his records not being matched to identify him as the same person, using the method employed here. Further, around 8 percent of all clients entered into Minnesota's HMIS are entered as anonymous, many of whom are clients of domestic violence or legal service providers. As a result, the matching conducted for this report is most likely under-representative of the number of guests who have been served before or after the event by a provider participating in HMIS. For the same reason, the matching process most likely also under-counts the number of guests who have attended previous Project Homeless Connect events.

## ***Known contact with homeless service providers prior to event***

The 59 guests who indicated a preference not to provide their name or other potentially identifying information at the event were entered anonymously, and it is not possible to match their records with others existing in the database. Forty-four percent of the 1,476 identifiable guests served at the December 2011 event had been previously served by an organization participating in HMIS prior to the event.

### **17. Percent of identifiable guests served by an organization participating in HMIS prior to the event**



The 654 guests found to have been previously served by an organization participating in HMIS received a variety of services from programs located mostly in Hennepin County, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and homeless prevention and re-housing services through the state's Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) and through HUD's Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP). Other services received include emergency services such as food and clothing.

Guests served by an HMIS-participating organization prior to the event reported homeless status in similar proportions to previous events. The proportion of previously-served guests who were single heads of household with dependent children decreased from 21 percent in May 2011 to 16 percent in December 2011. Similarly, the proportion of previously-served guests who were single with no dependent children decreased from 64 percent in May 2011 to 59 percent in December 2011.

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**18a. Homeless status of event guests with records in HMIS prior to event compared with those without records in HMIS prior to event**

	In HMIS prior to event	Not in HMIS prior to event
Not currently homeless*	245 (37%)	292 (36%)
1st time homeless and less than 1 year without home	133 (20%)	213 (26%)
Multiple times homeless, but NOT meeting LTH definition	92 (14%)	95 (12%)
Long term: At least 1 year OR at least 4 times in past 3 years	148 (23%)	139 (17%)
Unknown/Missing	36 (6%)	83 (10%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>822</b>

\* Includes guests who indicated staying the previous night in situations typically considered homeless (emergency shelters, living on the streets/squatting, and transitional housing programs for the homeless).

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**18b. Household status of event guests with records in HMIS prior to event compared with those without records in HMIS prior to event**

	In HMIS prior to event	Not in HMIS prior to event
Single head of household with dependent children	107 (16%)	117 (14%)
Single with no dependent children	386 (59%)	487 (59%)
Unaccompanied youth	54 (8%)	57 (7%)
Married/domestic partner with dependent children	44 (7%)	58 (7%)
Married/domestic partner with no dependent children	28 (4%)	44 (5%)
Other household type	17 (3%)	29 (4%)
Unknown/missing	18 (3%)	30 (4%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>822</b>

***Known contact with homeless service providers after the event***

Of the 1,476 identifiable guests served at the December 2011 event, 270 (18%) of guests were served by organizations participating in Minnesota’s HMIS (and entered with identifiable records into the HMIS) within twelve weeks after the event. Of those 270 guests, 54 guests had not been served by a participating provider prior to the December event. However, as many housing providers initially collect information from clients on paper and then transfer it to HMIS, it is likely that more Project Homeless Connect guests were served than are represented here.



## ***Known involvement with previous Project Homeless Connect events***

As mentioned above, Minnesota's HMIS was also used to gather data on nine of the eleven previous Minneapolis/Hennepin County Project Homeless Connect events. Using HMIS data collected at those previous events, we examined the number of people who had attended more than one event. Setting aside the guests who were entered anonymously at each event:

- 80 (6%) of identifiable individuals served at the Hennepin County event in May 2011 had attended the previous event held in Hennepin County in December 2010. These individuals represent 12 percent of the 654 clients who were previously served by an organization participating in HMIS.
- 248 (18%) of identifiable individuals served at the Hennepin County event in May 2011 had attended at least one previous event in held in Hennepin County. These individuals represent 38 percent of the 654 clients who were previously served by an organization participating in HMIS.

These results are likely to under-represent the number of people who have attended more than one Project Homeless Connect event. In fact, when asked, "Have you ever been to a Project Homeless Connect event like this one before today?" 555 guests, or 38 percent, responded "yes." This discrepancy could be due to many factors: data entry errors that prevent the correct matching of their records, missing or incomplete intake forms from guests, or because guests may confuse previous Project Homeless Connect events with other similar events held in the Twin Cities, such as the Stand Down events for veterans, Project Youth Connect, and other homeless prevention and service efforts.

# Conclusion

The December 2011 Minneapolis/Hennepin County Project Homeless Connect event served nearly 1,500 households. Attendance increased by 8 percent from the May 2011 event, and was comparable to the majority of previous Minneapolis/Hennepin County events recorded in HMIS.

Compared to the December 2010 event, more clients reported being homeless for the first time or multiple times. Roughly one-quarter of all guests reported living in “doubled-up” situations with family or friends the night prior to the event. More guests reported having a disability of long duration than in previous years.

Although the top five most commonly-sought services were similar for different groups, more youth requested education services than adults age 22 or older, and more men without children requested a haircut. Shoes, chiropractic care, and mammograms continue to be the most commonly-sought “other” services requested by guests.

Nearly half of all identifiable guests attending the event were found to have been previously served by an organization participating in HMIS, and nearly one-quarter were found to have attended a previous Project Homeless Connect event in Hennepin County. Demographic characteristics of previously-served clients were similar to those reported at previous Project Homeless Connect Events. Finally, nearly 20 percent of guests served at the event were served within the next three months by an HMIS-participating organization.

# Appendix

## *Project Homeless Connect intake form*

## Project Homeless Connect Intake Form

Hi, My name is \_\_\_\_\_. Thanks for taking a few minutes to help us gather information for this event. This also gives me a chance to tell you about the services available today. We hope that your answers will help us to better understand what services are needed in the community and also to help us direct you to the services that you want today. This should take about 10 minutes. Also, please take a few minutes before you leave to fill out an exit survey.

Now, I am going to ask a few questions about you (and your family). We hope that by answering these questions we will be able to better serve you today and in the future. You do not have to answer any of these questions if you do not want to.

<b>What is your full Name?:</b>				
FIRST		MI		LAST
SUFFIX				
<b>BIRTH DATE:</b> ____ / ____ / ____				
MO	DAY	YEAR		
<b>GENDER:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown				
<b>Do you consider yourself ... (PRIMARY RACE)</b>		<b>(SECONDARY RACE (OPTIONAL/ IF OFFERED))</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native		<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native		
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		
<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American		<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American		
<input type="checkbox"/> White		<input type="checkbox"/> White		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino		<input type="checkbox"/> Asian		
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian		<input type="checkbox"/> Other Multi-Racial		<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Multi-Racial <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		<input type="checkbox"/> Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Refused		<input type="checkbox"/> Refused		
<b>Household Type:</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Single with NO dependent children		<input type="checkbox"/> Couple with dependent children		
<input type="checkbox"/> Couple with NO dependent children		<input type="checkbox"/> Single head of household with dependent children		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Refused		
<b>How many children are you here with <u>today</u>?</b>				
Teens (13 -17): ____		Children, 5-12yrs: _____		Children, 0-4yrs: ____
<b>EVER SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES</b> <i>*NOTE If yes, please direct to veterans services area</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes *		<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
<b>Do you have any type of mental or physical disability that keeps you from working, shopping or other daily activities?</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
<b>During the last month did you receive any income from....</b>				
<b>Employment</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Refused
<b>IF YES: How many hours do you work in an average week?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-10 Hours	<input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> 21-30 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> 31 or more hours
<b>What is your hourly wage in an average week?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6-8	<input type="checkbox"/> \$9-11	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12-14	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 or more
<b>General Assistance</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Refused
<b>Social Security Retirement, Survivors, Disability Insurance (RSDI/SSDI)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Refused
<b>SSI (Supplemental Security Income)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Refused
<b>MFIP (MN Family Investment Program)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Refused
<b>Contributions from other people</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Refused
<b>No income</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Refused
<b>Any other source?</b>				

<b>Do you currently receive....</b>					
<b>Food stamps?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Refused	
<b>A Section 8 Housing Voucher (for rent)?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Refused	
<b>Public housing?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Refused	
<b>Any other type of rental assistance?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Refused	
<b>Medical Assistance (or Medicaid or MA)?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Refused	
<b>Medicare?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Refused	
<b>Veterans Medical assistance or services?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Refused	
<b>WHERE DID YOU STAY LAST NIGHT?</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> Jail, prison, or juvenile facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/motel (without voucher)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Transitional housing for homeless	<input type="checkbox"/> Living with family	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster care/group home			
<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent housing for formerly homeless	<input type="checkbox"/> Living with friends	<input type="checkbox"/> Living on the street/outside/squatting			
<input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric hospital or facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Rental house/apartment	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know			
<input type="checkbox"/> Substance abuse treatment center, <b>incl detox</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> house/condo/apartment that you own	<input type="checkbox"/> Refused			
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____				
<b>HOW LONG HAVE YOU STAYED THERE?</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 week or less	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 3 months but less than 1 year				
<input type="checkbox"/> More than 1 week but less than 1 month	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year or longer				
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 3 months					
<b>WHAT CITY WAS THAT IN? _____ CHECK BOX IF Outside of Minnesota <input type="checkbox"/></b>					
<b>Are you currently Homeless?</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> NO Not currently homeless					
<input type="checkbox"/> YES → First time homeless AND less than 1 year without home					
<input type="checkbox"/> YES → <b>Severall</b> times homeless, but for less than 1 year and NOT more than 4 times in 3 years					
<input type="checkbox"/> YES → Long term: at least 1 year OR at least 4 times in the past 3 years					
<b>Have you ever been to a Project Homeless Connect event like this one before today?</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> Refused					
<b>Now I have a few questions about how we can help you. What would you like help with today?</b>					
Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Social Security Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Dental Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Veteran's Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Eye Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Legal assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Public Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Medical Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Mental Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Haircut	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Emergency Shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Chemical Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Voice Mail	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Domestic Violence	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Other? (fill in)			
<b>Would you like help getting a Minnesota picture ID?</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
<b>Would you like help getting a birth certificate?</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					

We would like you to feel free to visit as many resources and providers as you choose today. I am happy to walk around with you, show you where things are, and help you find the service and resources you want. Would that be okay? [IF NOT, LET CLIENT/FAMILY WALK AROUND ON THEIR OWN. IF THEY WANT TO WALK AROUND ON THEIR OWN, REMIND THEM TO PLEASE FILL OUT AN EXIT SURVEY]