Long term homelessness among individuals and families in Minnesota in 2006

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Definition

This report summarizes information from Wilder Research's 2006 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 2006 Wilder Homeless Study. The study uses a survey weighting technique that describes the characteristics of virtually all shelter program residents based on interviews with approximately 60 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. Wilder has adopted a conservative and simple approach to developing annual estimates. The point in time counts are multiplied by two based on the assumption that there are approximately twice as many long-term homeless individuals over the course of a year as are found during a single night count.

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Overview of tables

Section 1 shows a summary of the numbers of long-term homeless people in 2006.

Section 2 presents information about characteristics of homeless people separately for the two homeless patterns described above as well as for both combined. The tables in this section show information separately for two different housing settings: emergency settings (emergency 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. The tables in this section show how many transitional housing residents have each of these three conditions, and how many are not receiving care for them and thus may be in need of further assistance.

Section 1: Numbers of long-term homeless people in Minnesota, 2006

	Homeless at least one year	Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years	Total
Adults without children	1,152	234	1,386
Unaccompanied youth (without children)	24	26	50
Parents with children	98	41	139
Total adults and unaccompanied youth	1,274	301	1,575
Total children with parents	183	75	258
Total individuals	1,457	376	1,833

1a. People in emergency settings, including unsheltered

1b.	People	in transitional	housing
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	Homeless at least one year	Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years	Total
Adults without children	532	46	578
Unaccompanied youth (without children)	2	1	3
Parents with children	454	37	491
Total adults and unaccompanied youth	988	84	1,072
Total children with parents	1,033	94	1,127
Total individuals	2,021	178	2,199

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	2,262	385	2,647
Total children with parents	1,216	168	1,384
Total individuals	3,478	553	4,031

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

	Homeless at least one year N=1,108		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=216		Total N=1,324	
	N	%	N	%	Ν	%
DEMOGRAPHICS						
Percent women	244	21%	73	31%	317	23%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	426	37%	70	30%	496	36%
African Native	23	2%	2	1%	25	2%
American Indian	162	14%	39	17%	201	15%
Asian/Pacific Islander	13	1%	1	<1%	14	1%
White	435	38%	96	41%	531	39%
Other Race	82	7%	24	10%	106	8%
Hispanic/Latino	75	7%	20	9%	95	7%
Metro Greater MN	890 262	77% 23%	149 85	64% 36%	1,039 347	75% 25%
Shelter Type						
Battered women	23	2%	18	8%	41	3%
Emergency	628	55%	107	46%	735	53%
Other/unknown shelter	501	43%	109	47%	610	44%
In MN 2 years or less	172	15%	52	22%	224	16%
Currently employed	236	21%	51	22%	287	21%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	330	29%	89	40%	419	31%
HS/GED only	512	45%	101	45%	613	45%
Some college	288	25%	34	15%	322	24%
Mean age	43		35		4	2

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	one			Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=234		otal ,386
	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	607	53%	140	60%	747	54%
Substance abuse disorder	393	34%	86	37%	479	35%
Chronic health condition *	611	53%	129	55%	740	53%
# with none of above 3	303	26%	52	22%	355	26%
Recent criminal history	442	38%	93	40%	535	39%
# with none of above 4	218	19%	36	15%	254	18%
Dual diagnosis (MI & CD)	281	24%	65	28%	346	25%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	544	48%	113	50%	657	49%
Limitations in daily activities	192	17%	37	16%	229	17%
Often confused	456	40%	106	46%	562	41%
Possible brain injury	444	39%	97	41%	541	39%
Women fleeing domestic violence	89	36%	29	40%	118	37%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	264	23%	45	20%	309	23%
ER in last 6 months	477	42%	103	45%	580	42%
Total # uses, 6 months	1,316 visits	2.8 mean	276 visits	2.7 mean	1,593 visits	2.8 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	844	77%	158	70%	1,002	76%
1 bedroom	186	17%	38	17%	224	17%
2 bedrooms	57	5%	23	10%	80	6%
3 bedrooms	12	1%	5	2%	17	1%
4 bedrooms	2	<1%	1	<1%	3	<1%
5 bedrooms	0	-	0	-	0	-
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	670	59%	140	61%	810	59%
SSI in past year	131	12%	49	21%	180	13%
MFIP in past year	32	3%	18	8%	50	4%
Currently employed	236	21%	51	22%	287	21%
Veteran	214	19%	13	6%	227	17%
Average # of housing barriers	1,152	4.7	234	4.0	1,386	4.6

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

	one	lomeless at least one ye		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=26		otal =50
	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%
DEMOGRAPHICS						
Percent women	12	50%	18	69%	30	60%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	8	33%	8	32%	16	33%
African Native	2	8%	2	8%	4	8%
American Indian	3	13%	6	24%	9	18%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	-	0	-	0	-
White	6	25%	7	28%	13	27%
Other Race	5	21%	2	8%	7	14%
Hispanic/Latino	1	4%	2	8%	3	6%
Metro	16	67%	12	46%	28	56%
Greater MN	8	33%	14	54%	22	44%
Shelter Type						
Battered women	0	-	0	-	0	-
Emergency	8	33%	17	65%	25	50%
Street/unsheltered	16	67%	9	35%	25	50%
In MN 2 years or less	5	21%	3	12%	8	16%
Currently employed	2	9%	3	12%	5	10%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	24	100%	26	100%	50	100%
HS/GED only	0	-	0	-	0	-
Some college	0	-	0	-	0	-
Mean age	1	6.6	1	5.5	1	6.1

2b. Unaccompanied youth in emergency settings, including unsheltered

	Homeless at least one year N=24		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=26		Total N=50	
	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	14	58%	17	65%	31	62%
Substance abuse disorder	5	21%	4	15%	9	18%
Chronic health condition *	12	50%	17	65%	29	58%
# with none of above 3	9	29%	4	15%	11	22%
Recent criminal history	5	21%	11	42%	16	32%
# with none of above 4	7	29%	1	4%	8	16%
Dual diagnosis (MI & CD)	3	13%	3	12%	6	12%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	4	17%	3	12%	7	15%
Limitations in daily activities	1	4%	1	4%	2	4%
Often confused	6	26%	7	27%	13	27%
Possible brain injury	9	38%	3	12%	12	24%
Women fleeing domestic violence	5	42%	5	28%	10	33%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	2	9%	0	-	2	4%
ER in last 6 months	12	52%	10	38%	22	45%
Total # uses, 6 months	81 visits	6.8 mean	15 visits	1.5 mean	96 visits	4.4 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	14	74%	10	50%	24	62%
1 bedroom	3	16%	4	20%	7	18%
2 bedrooms	2	11%	4	20%	6	15%
3 bedrooms	0	-	1	5%	1	3%
4 bedrooms	0	-	0	-	0	-
5 bedrooms	0	-	1	5%	1	3%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	12	52%	11	48%	23	50%
SSI in past year	0	_	1	4%	1	2%
MFIP in past year	1	4%	1	4%	2	4%
Currently employed	2	9%	3	12%	5	10%
Veteran	0	-	0	-	0	-
Average # of housing barriers	24	4.4	26	3.3	50	3.8

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

	one	Homeless at least one year N=98		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=41		Total N=139	
	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%	
DEMOGRAPHICS							
Percent women	81	83%	39	95%	120	86%	
Race/ethnicity							
African American	40	41%	15	38%	55	40%	
African Native	0	-	0	-	0	-	
American Indian	16	16%	7	18%	23	17%	
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	1%	0	-	1	1%	
White	29	30%	13	33%	42	31%	
Other Race	11	11%	5	13%	16	12%	
Hispanic/Latino	3	3%	3	8%	6	5%	
Metro	60	61%	19	46%	79	57%	
Greater MN	38	39%	22	54%	60	43%	
Shelter Type							
Battered women	22	22%	12	29%	34	24%	
Emergency	39	40%	13	32%	52	37%	
Street/unsheltered	37	38%	16	39%	53	38%	
In MN 2 years or less	25	26%	20	51%	45	33%	
Currently employed	24	25%	12	31%	36	26%	
Education level							
Less than HS/GED	43	44%	13	33%	56	41%	
HS/GED only	40	41%	20	50%	60	43%	
Some college	15	15%	7	18%	22	16%	
Mean age	30).47	28.9		30.0		
Total accompanying children	1	83		74	2	57	

2c. Parents in emergency settings, including unsheltered

	one	meless at least one year N=98 Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=41				one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years		otal 139
	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%		
CHARACTERISTICS								
Serious mental illness	54	55%	24	60%	78	57%		
Substance abuse disorder	9	9%	8	20%	17	12%		
Chronic health condition *	53	54%	18	44%	71	51%		
# with none of above 3	73	74%	28	68%	101	73%		
Recent criminal history	18	18%	10	24%	28	20%		
# with none of above 4	21	21%	6	15%	27	19%		
Dual diagnosis (MI & CD)	9	9%	6	15%	15	11%		
Work limitation (kind or amount)	38	39%	15	39%	53	39%		
Limitations in daily activities	17	17%	7	18%	24	18%		
Often confused	49	51%	14	37%	63	47%		
Possible brain injury	38	39%	9	22%	47	34%		
Women fleeing domestic violence	34	42%	14	36%	48	40%		
SERVICE USE/NEED								
Detox in last 2 years	7	7%	2	5%	9	7%		
ER in last 6 months	37	38%	16	41%	53	39%		
Total # uses, 6 months	103 visits	2.9 mean	32 visits	2.1 mean	135 visits	2.6 mean		
Housing size needed								
0 bedrooms	9	10%	2	5%	11	8%		
1 bedroom	7	8%	1	3%	8	6%		
2 bedrooms	45	49%	24	60%	69	52%		
3 bedrooms	27	29%	9	23%	36	27%		
4 bedrooms	3	3%	2	5%	5	4%		
5 bedrooms	1	1%	2	5%	3	2%		
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	88	91%	35	85%	123	89%		
SSI in past year	11	11%	8	20%	19	14%		
MFIP in past year	67	68%	27	69%	94	69%		
Currently employed	24	25%	12	31%	36	26%		
Veteran	1	1%	3	8%	4	3%		
Average # of housing barriers	98	4.4	41	3.7	139	4.2		

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

	Homeless at least one year N=532		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=46		Total N=578	
	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%
DEMOGRAPHICS						
Percent women	211	40%	16	35%	227	39%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	156	29%	16	40%	172	30%
African Native	14	3%	0	-	14	2%
American Indian	36	7%	8	20%	44	8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	8	2%	0	-	8	1%
White	285	54%	13	33%	298	52%
Other Race	31	6%	3	8%	34	6%
Hispanic/Latino	27	5%	4	10%	31	6%
Metro	431	81%	26	57%	457	79%
Greater MN	101	19%	20	43%	121	21%
In MN 2 years or less	97	18%	8	17%	105	18%
Currently employed	185	35%	13	28%	198	35%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	90	17%	6	13%	96	17%
HS/GED only	273	52%	28	61%	301	53%
Some college	162	31%	12	26%	174	30%
Mean age	40).7	3	2.2	4(0.0

2d. Adults in transitional housing

	Homeless at least one year N=532		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=46		Total N=578	
	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	392	74%	31	67%	423	73%
Substance abuse disorder	280	53%	25	54%	305	53%
Chronic health condition *	301	57%	26	57%	327	57%
# with none of above 3	55	10%	6	13%	61	11%
Recent criminal history	178	33%	10	22%	188	33%
# with none of above 4	44	8%	6	13%	50	9%
Dual diagnosis (MI & CD)	203	38%	17	37%	220	38%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	306	59%	24	52%	330	59%
Limitations in daily activities	104	20%	14	30%	118	21%
Often confused	192	37%	9	20%	201	35%
Possible brain injury	170	32%	18	39%	188	33%
Women fleeing domestic violence	38	18%	4	27%	42	19%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	80	15%	7	16%	87	15%
ER in last 6 months	191	37%	24	52%	215	38%
Total # uses, 6 months	415 visits	2.2 mean	100 visits	4.2 mean	515 visits	2.4 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	312	61%	29	64%	341	61%
1 bedroom	142	28%	8	18%	150	27%
2 bedrooms	51	10%	3	7%	54	10%
3 bedrooms	8	2%	5	11%	13	2%
4 bedrooms	0	-	0	-	0	-
5 bedrooms	0	-	0	-	0	-
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	408	78%	39	85%	447	78%
SSI in past year	63	12%	5	11%	68	12%
MFIP in past year	24	5%	3	7%	27	5%
Currently employed	185	35%	13	28%	198	35%
Veteran	115	22%	3	7%	118	21%
Average # of housing barriers	532	4.9	46	3.8	578	4.8%

2d. Adults in transitional housing (continued)

	one	Homeless at least one year N=2		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=1		Total N=3	
	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%	
DEMOGRAPHICS							
Percent women					2	67%	
Race/ethnicity							
African American					0	-	
African Native					0	-	
American Indian					1	33%	
Asian/Pacific Islander					0	-	
White					0	-	
Other Race					2	67%	
Hispanic/Latino					2	67%	
Metro					1	33%	
Greater MN					2	67%	
In MN 2 years or less					0	-	
Currently employed					1	33%	
Education level							
Less than HS/GED					3	100%	
HS/GED only					0	-	
Some college					0	-	
Mean age						16	

2e. Unaccompanied youth in transitional housing

Note. Because of small numbers, figures are not shown separately by homeless pattern.

	Homeless at least one year N=2		one year, 4 times in	s less than but at least last 3 years I=1	Total N=3	
	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness					2	67%
Substance abuse disorder					1	33%
Chronic health condition *					0	-
# with none of above 3					1	33%
Recent criminal history					2	67%
# with none of above 4					1	33%
Dual diagnosis (MI & CD)					0	-
Work limitation (kind or amount)					0	-
Limitations in daily activities					0	-
Often confused					0	-
Possible brain injury					0	-
Women fleeing domestic violence					0	-
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years					0	-
ER in last 6 months					1	33%
Total # uses, 6 months					1 visit	1 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms					0	-
1 bedroom					2	100%
2 bedrooms					0	-
3 bedrooms 4 bedrooms					0	-
5 bedrooms					0	-
MA or other public medical					0	
benefit in past year					1	50%
SSI in past year					1	50%
MFIP in past year					0	_
Currently employed					1	33%
Veteran					0	-
Average # of housing barriers					3	3.7%

2e. Unaccompanied youth in transitional housing (continued)

* "Chronic health conditions" include asthma, other chronic lung or respiratory problems, high blood pressure, chronic heart or circulatory problems, diabetes, TB, hepatitis, or HIV/AIDS.

Note: Because of small numbers, figures are not shown separately by homeless pattern.

	Homeless at least one year N=454		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=37		Total N=491	
	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%
DEMOGRAPHICS						
Percent women	406	89%	34	94%	440	90%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	187	42%	15	41%	202	42%
African Native	11	2%	0	-	11	2%
American Indian	48	11%	6	16%	54	11%
Asian/Pacific Islander	7	2%	0	-	7	1%
White	151	34%	14	38%	165	34%
Other Race	39	9%	2	5%	41	9%
Hispanic/Latino	34	8%	0	-	34	7%
Metro	334	74%	23	62%	357	73%
Greater MN	120	26%	14	38%	134	27%
In MN 2 years or less	101	22%	11	31%	112	23%
Currently employed	186	41%	17	46%	203	41%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	134	30%	19	51%	153	31%
HS/GED only	187	42%	12	32%	199	41%
Some college	129	29%	6	16%	135	28%
Mean age	31	1.1	27.5		30.8	
Total accompanying children	1,0)33	Ģ	94	1,1	27

2f. Parents in transitional housing

	Homeless at least one year N=454		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=37		Total N=491	
	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	226	50%	13	36%	239	49%
Substance abuse disorder	50	11%	4	11%	54	11%
Chronic health condition *	175	39%	9	24%	184	37%
# with none of above 3	133	29%	15	42%	148	30%
Recent criminal history	49	11%	1	3%	50	10%
# with none of above 4	127	28%	15	42%	142	29%
Dual diagnosis (MI & CD)	36	8%	2	5%	38	8%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	152	35%	13	36%	165	35%
Limitations in daily activities	65	14%	1	3%	66	13%
Often confused	158	35%	8	22%	166	34%
Possible brain injury	328	72%	29	78%	357	73%
Women fleeing domestic violence	110	27%	10	29%	120	27%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	13	3%	2	5%	15	3%
ER in last 6 months	167	37%	17	46%	184	38%
Total # uses, 6 months	359 visits	2.2 mean	34 visits	2.1 mean	393 visits	2.2 mean
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	9	2%	0	-	9	2%
1 bedroom	18	4%	2	6%	20	4%
2 bedrooms	213	48%	13	39%	226	47%
3 bedrooms	142	32%	13	39%	155	32%
4 bedrooms	45	10%	3	9%	48	10%
5 bedrooms	21	5%	2	6%	23	5%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	415	92%	35	97%	450	93%
SSI in past year	57	13%	2	6%	59	12%
MFIP in past year	335	75%	32	86%	367	76%
Currently employed	186	41%	17	46%	203	41%
Veteran	12	3%	0	-	12	2%
Average # of housing barriers	454	4.3	37	2.8	491	4.2

2f. Parents in transitional housing (continued)

	Homeless at least one year N=2,262		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=385		Total N=2,647	
	N	%	N	%	Ν	%
DEMOGRAPHICS						
Percent women	956	42%	179	47%	1,135	43%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	818	37%	125	33%	943	36%
African Native	50	2%	4	1%	54	2%
American Indian	264	12%	66	18%	330	13%
Asian/Pacific Islander	29	1%	1	<1%	30	1%
White	907	41%	143	38%	1,050	40%
Other Race	170	8%	37	10%	207	8%
Hispanic/Latino	141	6%	29	8%	170	7%
Metro	1,731	77%	228	59%	1,959	74%
Greater MN	530	23%	156	41%	686	26%
Shelter Type						
Battered women	44	2%	30	8%	74	3%
Emergency	676	30%	137	36%	813	31%
Transitional Housing	988	44%	84	22%	1,072	40%
Street/unsheltered	554	24%	134	35%	688	26%
In MN 2 years or less	400	18%	94	25%	494	19%
Currently employed	633	28%	96	25%	729	28%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	624	28%	154	41%	778	30%
HS/GED only	1,011	45%	161	43%	1,172	45%
Some college	595	27%	60	16%	655	25%
Mean age	39	0.2	32	2.1	38	.2
Total accompanying children	1,2	216	1	68	1,3	84

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

	Homeless at least one year N=2,262		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=385		Total N=2,647	
	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	1,294	57%	227	59%	1,521	57%
Substance abuse disorder	737	33%	128	33%	865	33%
Chronic health condition *	1,082	48%	167	43%	1,249	47%
# with none of above 3	524	23%	91	24%	615	23%
Recent criminal history	693	31%	127	33%	820	31%
# with none of above 4	417	18%	65	17%	482	18%
Dual diagnosis (MI & CD)	531	23%	92	24%	623	24%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	1,044	47%	168	45%	1,212	47%
Limitations in daily activities	379	17%	60	16%	439	17%
Often confused	861	39%	144	38%	1,005	39%
Possible brain injury	787	35%	135	35%	922	35%
Women fleeing domestic violence	275	29%	62	34%	337	30%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	366	16%	57	15%	423	16%
ER in last 6 months	883	40%	170	45%	1,053	40%
Total # uses, 6 months	2,275 visits	2.6 mean	459 visits	2.7 mean	2,733 visits	2.7 mear
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	1,189	55%	199	54%	1,388	55%
1 bedroom	357	16%	55	15%	412	16%
2 bedrooms	368	17%	66	18%	434	17%
3 bedrooms	190	9%	34	9%	224	9%
4 bedrooms	51	2%	7	2%	58	2%
5 bedrooms	22	1%	5	1%	27	1%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	1,593	71%	261	69%	1,854	71%
SSI in past year	261	12%	67	18%	328	13%
MFIP in past year	459	21%	81	21%	540	21%
Currently employed	633	28%	96	25%	729	28%
Veteran	342	15%	19	5%	361	14%
Average # of housing barriers	2,261	4.6	384	3.8	2,646	4.5

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

	Long-term homeless N=2,646		All others N=2,286		Total N=4,932	
	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%
DEMOGRAPHICS						
Percent women	1,136	43%	1,220	53%	2,356	48%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	942	36%	796	35%	1,738	36%
African Native	54	2%	28	1%	82	2%
American Indian	331	13%	220	10%	551	11%
Asian/Pacific Islander	31	1%	73	3%	104	2%
White	1,051	40%	940	42%	1,991	41%
Other Race	207	8%	201	9%	408	8%
Hispanic/Latino	170	7%	171	8%	341	7%
Metro	1,959	74%	1,471	64%	3,430	70%
Greater MN	686	26%	815	36%	1,501	30%
Shelter Type						
Battered women	74	3%	192	8%	266	5%
Emergency	812	31%	758	33%	1,570	32%
Transitional Housing	1,071	40%	829	36%	1,900	39%
Street/unsheltered	688	26%	508	22%	1,196	24%
In MN 2 years or less	494	19%	637	28%	1,131	23%
Currently employed	730	28%	631	28%	1,361	28%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	779	30%	604	27%	1,383	29%
HS/GED only	1,172	45%	1,010	45%	2,182	45%
Some college	655	25%	612	27%	1,267	26%
Mean age	38	.2	35	.4	36	.9
Total accompanying children	1,3	85	1,7	59	3,1	44

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

	Long-term homeless N=2,646			thers ,286	Total N=4,932	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	1,521	57%	1,026	45%	2,547	52
Substance abuse disorder	865	33%	468	20%	1,333	27%
Chronic health condition *	1,397	53%	1,388	61%	2,785	56%
# with none of above 3	615	23%	774	34%	1,389	28%
Recent criminal history	820	31%	504	22%	1,324	27%
# with none of above 4	482	18%	657	29%	1,139	23%
Dual diagnosis (MI & CD)	623	24%	291	13%	914	19%
Work limitation (kind or amount)	1,212	47%	774	35%	1,986	41%
Limitations in daily activities	439	17%	268	12%	707	15%
Often confused	1,005	39%	592	26%	1,597	33%
Possible brain injury	922	35%	549	24%	1,471	30%
Women fleeing domestic violence	337	30%	405	33%	742	32%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	423	16%	218	10%	641	13%
ER in last 6 months	1,054	40%	824	37%	1,878	39%
Total # uses, 6 months	2,733 visits	2.7 mean	2,022 visits	2.5 mean	4,756 visits	2.6 mear
Housing size needed						
0 bedrooms	1,388	55%	953	43%	2,341	49%
1 bedroom	412	16%	341	15%	753	16%
2 bedrooms	434	17%	508	23%	942	20%
3 bedrooms	223	9%	317	14%	540	11%
4 bedrooms	57	2%	74	3%	131	3%
5 bedrooms	27	1%	10	<1%	37	1%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	1,854	71%	1,552	69%	3,406	70%
SSI in past year	328	13%	295	13%	623	13%
MFIP in past year	540	21%	588	26%	1,128	23%
Currently employed	730	28%	631	28%	1,361	28%
Veteran	361	14%	264	12%	625	13%
Average # of housing barriers	2,646	4.5	2,286	3.0	4,932	3.8

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

Section 3: Characteristics of long-term homeless people, statewide and by metro and greater Minnesota areas

	setting	gency js, incl. eltered		itional sing	То	otal	
	Ν	%	Ν	%	N	%	
ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN	N=1,386		N=	N=578		N=1,964	
Percent women	317	23%	227	39%	544	28%	
Race/ethnicity							
African American	496	36%	172	30%	668	34%	
African Native	25	2%	14	2%	39	2%	
American Indian	200	15%	44	8%	244	13%	
Asian/Pacific Islander	14	1%	8	1%	22	1%	
White	531	39%	299	52%	830	43%	
Other Race	106	8%	35	6%	141	7%	
Hispanic/Latino	95	7%	31	6%	126	7%	
In MN 2 years or less	224	16%	104	18%	328	17%	
Currently employed	287	21%	198	35%	485	25%	
Education level							
Less than HS/GED	419	31%	97	17%	516	27%	
HS/GED only	613	45%	300	53%	913	47%	
Some college	322	24%	174	30%	496	26%	
Mean age	4	1.7	4().0	41	1.2	
PARENTS WITH CHILDREN	N=	139	N=	491	N=630		
Percent women	120	86%	440	90%	560	89%	
Race/ethnicity							
African American	56	40%	202	42%	258	42%	
African Native	0	-	11	2%	11	2%	
American Indian	23	16%	54	11%	77	12%	
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	1%	7	1%	8	1%	
White	43	31%	165	34%	208	34%	
Other Race	17	12%	41	9%	58	9%	
	6	5%	34	7%	40	7%	
Hispanic/Latino	-						
	45	33%	113	23%	158	25%	
Hispanic/Latino In MN 2 years or less Currently employed		33% 26%	113 203	23% 41%	158 239	25% 38%	
In MN 2 years or less	45				Ì		
In MN 2 years or less Currently employed	45				Ì	38%	
In MN 2 years or less Currently employed Education level	45 36	26%	203	41%	239	38% 34%	
In MN 2 years or less Currently employed Education level Less than HS/GED HS/GED only	45 36 57	26% 41%	203 153	41% 31%	239 210		
In MN 2 years or less Currently employed Education level Less than HS/GED	45 36 57 60 22	26% 41% 43%	203 153 198 136	41% 31% 41%	239 210 258 158	38% 34% 41%	

3a. Statewide

3a. Statewide (continued) Emergency settings, incl. Transitional unsheltered housing Total Ν % Ν % Ν % N=578 N=1.964 ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN N=1.386 **CHARACTERISTICS** Serious mental illness 747 54% 423 73% 1,170 60% Substance abuse disorder 479 35% 305 53% 784 40% Chronic health condition * 646 47% 327 57% 973 50% # with none of above 3 355 26% 62 11% 417 21% 535 39% 189 33% 724 37% Recent criminal history # with none of above 4 254 18% 50 9% 304 15% Dual diagnosis (MI & CD) 346 25% 220 38% 566 29% 541 39% 188 33% 729 37% Possible brain injury SERVICE USE/NEED 15% Detox in last 2 years 309 23% 87 396 21% ER in last 6 months 581 43% 214 38% 795 41% 2.4 Total # uses, 6 months 1,593 2.8 515 2,108 2.7 visits mean visits mean visits mean Needs just 0 or 1 bedroom 1,225 93% 492 88% 1,717 91% MA or other public medical 59% 447 78% 65% benefit in past year 810 1,257 181 13% 12% 249 13% SSI in past year 68 Veteran 227 17% 118 21% 345 18%

3a. Statewide (continued)

	Emergency settings, incl. unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	Ν	%	N	%	N	%
PARENTS WITH CHILDREN	N=	139	N=	491	N=	630
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	79	57%	239	49%	318	51%
Substance abuse disorder	16	12%	54	11%	70	11%
Chronic health condition *	69	50%	307	63%	376	60%
# with none of above 3	37	27%	148	30%	185	29%
Recent criminal history	28	20%	50	10%	78	12%
# with none of above 4	27	19%	142	29%	169	27%
Dual diagnosis (MI & CD)	14	10%	38	8%	52	8%
Possible brain injury	47	34%	134	27%	181	29%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	9	7%	16	3%	25	4%
ER in last 6 months	53	39%	183	38%	236	38%
Total # uses, 6 months	135 visits	2.6 mean	393 visits	2.2 mean	529 visits	2.3 mean
Needs just 0 or 1 bedroom	19	14%	30	6%	49	8%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	122	89%	451	93%	573	92%
SSI in past year	18	13%	559	12%	77	12%
Veteran	4	3%	12	2%	16	3%

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	setting	gency gs, incl. eltered	Transitional housing		тс	otal
	Ν	%	Ν	%	N	%
ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN	N= 1	I,039	N=	457	N=1	,496
Percent women	227	22%	187	41%	414	28%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	468	46%	160	35%	628	42%
African Native	23	2%	11	2%	34	2%
American Indian	120	12%	31	7%	151	10%
Asian/Pacific Islander	10	1%	5	1%	15	1%
White	321	31%	218	48%	539	36%
Other Race	85	8%	31	7%	116	8%
Hispanic/Latino	82	8%	25	6%	107	7%
In MN 2 years or less	174	17%	88	19%	262	18%
Currently employed	217	21%	156	35%	373	25%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	322	32%	81	18%	403	27%
HS/GED only	450	44%	240	53%	690	47%
Some college	246	24%	130	29%	376	26%
Mean age	4	1.9	40.4		4	1.4
PARENTS WITH CHILDREN	N	=78	N=	357	N=435	
Percent women	69	88%	326	91%	395	91%
Race/ethnicity						
African American						
African Native	48	61%	190	54%	238	55%
American Indian	0	-	5	1%	5	1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	4%	24	7%	27	6%
White	1	1%	7	2%	8	2%
Other Race	18	23%	94	27%	112	26%
Hispanic/Latino	9 2	11% 3%	30 22	9% 6%	39 24	9% 6%
In MN 2 years or less	32	41%	90	25%	122	28%
Currently employed	13	41% 17%	129	36%	122	33%
Education level	10	17/0	123	50 /0	142	3370
Less than HS/GED	37	47%	119	34%	156	36%
HS/GED only	25	32%	144	41%	169	39%
Some college	17	22%	92	26%	109	25%
Mean age	30	0.9	30	0.7	30.8	
Total accompanying children	1	67	8	24	9	91

3b. 7-county Twin Cities metropolitan area

	setting	rgency gs, incl. Transitional neltered housing			Total	
	Ν	%	N	%	N	%
ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN	N=1	,039	N=	457	N=1	,496
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	547	53%	328	72%	875	58%
Substance abuse disorder	346	33%	236	52%	582	39%
Chronic health condition *	493	47%	259	57%	752	50%
# with none of above 3	276	27%	51	11%	327	22%
Recent criminal history	395	38%	131	29%	526	35%
# with none of above 4	200	19%	42	9%	242	16%
Dual diagnosis (MI & CD)	244	23%	165	36%	409	27%
Possible brain injury	404	39%	158	35%	562	38%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	216	21%	66	15%	282	19%
ER in last 6 months	450	44%	171	38%	621	42%
Total # uses, 6 months	1,282 visits	2.9 mean	381 visits	2.3 mean	1,664 visits	2.7 mean
Needs just 0 or 1 bedroom	925	94%	392	88%	1,317	92%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	616	60%	357	79%	973	66%
SSI in past year	129	13%	63	14%	192	13%
Veteran	156	15%	85	19%	241	16%

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

	setting	gency js, incl. eltered	Transitional housing		Total	
	Ν	%	N	%	N	%
PARENTS WITH CHILDREN	N=	=78	N=	357	N=	435
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	45	58%	179	50%	224	51%
Substance abuse disorder	4	5%	32	9%	36	8%
Chronic health condition *	47	59%	140	39%	187	43%
# with none of above 3	13	17%	101	28%	114	26%
Recent criminal history	12	15%	39	11%	51	12%
# with none of above 4	68	87%	259	73%	327	75%
Dual diagnosis (MI & CD)	3	4%	24	7%	27	6%
Possible brain injury	50	64%	262	73%	312	72%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	3	4%	12	3%	15	3%
ER in last 6 months	26	34%	137	39%	163	38%
Total # uses, 6 months	79 visits	3.1 mean	266 visits	2.0 mean	345 visits	2.2 mean
Needs just 0 or 1 bedroom	12	16%	20	6%	32	7%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	69	90%	325	92%	394	92%
SSI in past year	11	14%	50	14%	61	14%
Veteran	1	1%	8	2%	9	2%

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

3c. Greater Minnesota

	setting	gency gs, incl. eltered	Transitional housing		тс	otal
	Ν	%	N	%	N	%
ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN	N=	347	N=	121	N=	468
Percent women	256	74%	82	68%	338	72%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	28	8%	12	10%	40	9%
African Native	2	1%	3	3%	5	1%
American Indian	80	23%	13	11%	93	20%
Asian/Pacific Islander	4	1%	3	3%	7	2%
White	211	61%	81	70%	292	63%
Other Race	21	6%	4	3%	25	5%
Hispanic/Latino	13	4%	5	4%	18	4%
In MN 2 years or less	50	15%	16	13%	66	14%
Currently employed	69	20%	42	34%	111	24%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	97	29%	16	13%	113	25%
HS/GED only	163	49%	60	50%	223	49%
Some college	76	23%	44	37%	120	26%
Mean age	4	0.9	38	8.8	4(0.4
PARENTS WITH CHILDREN	N	=61	N=	:134	N=195	
Percent women	51	84%	115	86%	166	85%
Race/ethnicity						
African American	8	13%	12	9%	20	11%
African Native	0	-	5	4%	5	3%
American Indian	20	33%	29	23%	49	26%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	-	0		0	
White	25	41%	71	55%	96	51%
Other Race	8	13%	11	9%	19	10%
Hispanic/Latino	4	7%	11	9%	15	8%
In MN 2 years or less	12	21%	23	17%	35	18%
Currently employed	23	39%	74	55%	97	50%
Education level						
Less than HS/GED	20	33%	35	26%	55	28%
HS/GED only	35	57%	54	41%	89	46%
Some college	6	10%	44	33%	50	26%
Mean age		8.9		1.1	30.4	
Total accompanying children		90		04	i -	93
			3		3	30

	Emergency settings, incl. unsheltered		Transitional housing		Total	
	Ν	%	Ν	%	N	%
ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN	N=	347	N=	121	N=	468
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	200	58%	95	79%	295	63%
Substance abuse disorder	132	38%	70	57%	202	43%
Chronic health condition*	154	44%	68	56%	222	47%
# with none of above 3	80	23%	11	9%	91	19%
Recent criminal history	140	40%	57	47%	197	42%
# with none of above 4	54	16%	8	7%	62	13%
Dual diagnosis (MI & CD)	102	29%	55	45%	157	34%
Possible brain injury	137	40%	30	25%	167	36%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	94	28%	21	17%	115	25%
ER in last 6 months	130	38%	44	36%	174	38%
Total # uses, 6 months	310 visits	2.5 mean	133 visits	3.1 mean	444 visits	2.6 mean
Needs just 0 or 1 bedroom	301	89%	101	88%	402	89%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	194	56%	90	75%	284	61%
SSI in past year	52	15%	5	4%	57	12%
Veteran	71	20%	33	27%	104	22%

3c. Greater Minnesota (continued)

3c. Greater Minnesota (continued)

	setting	Emergency settings, incl. Transitional unsheltered housing			Total	
	Ν	%	N	%	N	%
PARENTS WITH CHILDREN	N=	=61	N=	134	N=	195
CHARACTERISTICS						
Serious mental illness	34	56%	60	45%	94	48%
Substance abuse disorder	12	20%	22	16%	34	18%
Chronic health condition *	37	62%	90	67%	127	65%
# with none of above 3	24	39%	47	35%	71	36%
Recent criminal history	16	26%	11	8%	27	14%
# with none of above 4	17	28%	45	33%	62	32%
Dual diagnosis (MI & CD)	11	18%	13	10%	24	12%
Possible brain injury	19	31%	39	29%	58	30%
SERVICE USE/NEED						
Detox in last 2 years	6	10%	3	2%	9	5%
ER in last 6 months	27	45%	46	35%	73	38%
Total # uses, 6 months	56 visits	2.1 mean	128 visits	2.8 mean	183 visits	2.6 mean
Needs just 0 or 1 bedroom	7	12%	9	7%	16	9%
MA or other public medical benefit in past year	54	89%	126	94%	180	92%
SSI in past year	7	11%	9	7%	16	8%
Veteran	3	5%	4	3%	7	4%

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

4a. Adults

	Homeless at least one year N=532		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=46		Total N=578	
	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%
Serious mental illness	392	74%	31	67%	423	73%
No recent inpatient or outpatient care	57	15%	9	29%	66	16%
Substance abuse disorder	280	53%	25	54%	305	53%
No recent inpatient or outpatient care	44	16%	8	32%	52	17%
Chronic health condition*	231	43%	20	43%	251	43%
No recent care for the condition(s)	43	14%	4	15%	47	14%
Any of the above problems	476	90%	39	87%	515	89%
Any of the above problems is unaddressed	128	27%	21	53%	149	29%

4b. Unaccompanied youth

	Homeless at least one year N=2		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=1		Total N=3	
	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%
Serious mental illness	1	50%	1	100%	2	67%
No recent inpatient or outpatient care	0	-	0	-	0	-
Substance abuse disorder	0	-	1	100%	1	33%
No recent inpatient or outpatient care	-	-	0	-	0	-
Chronic health condition*	0	-	0	-	0	-
No recent care for the condition(s)	-	-	-	-	_	-
Any of the above problems	1	50%	1	100%	2	67%
Any of the above problems is unaddressed	0	-	0	-	0	-

4c. Parents

	Homeless at least one year N=454		Homeless less than one year, but at least 4 times in last 3 years N=37		Total N=491	
	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%
Serious mental illness	226	50%	13	36%	239	49%
No recent inpatient or outpatient care	39	17%	2	15%	41	17%
Substance abuse disorder	50	11%	4	11%	54	11%
No recent inpatient or outpatient care	11	22%	0	-	11	20%
Chronic health condition*	279	61%	28	76%	307	63%
No recent care for the condition(s)	24	14%	0	-	24	13%
Any of the above problems	321	71%	21	58%	342	70%
Any of the above problems is unaddressed	71	22%	2	10%	73	21%
Total children accompanying parents in last line above	1,	44	6	634	7	78

Comparison to 2003

This report replicates the format and calculation methods of a 2003 report on the same subject. However, the numbers and percentages are not entirely comparable to those in the 2003 report for two reasons:

- 1. In the 2006 statewide survey, the Continuum of Care partners carried out a significantly more thorough outreach effort to locate and survey homeless persons in non-sheltered locations. As a result, the 2006 study includes more interviews with this group of people, a relatively high proportion of whom are long-term homeless. However, there is no evidence to suggest that the actual number of non-sheltered homeless adults was any higher in 2006 than in 2003, simply that improved outreach resulted in better representation of this group in 2006.
- 2. In the 2006 interview, questions about episodes of homelessness were asked in a slightly different sequence than in 2003. As a result, while the 2006 data better represent the actual experiences of homeless persons, the number of people reporting multiple episodes is slightly higher than in 2003.

It is possible to directly compare one component of long-term homelessness: the proportion of sheltered adults who report that their current episode has lasted for a year or longer. In 2006, 25.0 percent of all sheltered homeless adults (911 persons out of a shelter population of 3,643) had been homeless for a year or longer, compared to 22.8 percent (946 adults out of a shelter population of 4,150) in 2003. Note that although the percentage increased from 2003 to 2006, the overall shelter population decreased, and thus the number of sheltered individuals who were homeless for a year or longer was smaller in 2006.

Among homeless adults not using formal shelter programs at the time of the study, the *proportion* who reported being homeless for a year or longer remained essentially unchanged at 47 percent. However, because of the improved outreach efforts, a larger number of these individuals were found in 2006 than in 2003.

These comparisons are shown in the table below, including sub-totals by shelter type.

5. Total homeless adults and adults who were homeless for a year or longer, by year and shelter type

	20)03	2006		
	Ν	%	N	%	
Total sheltered adults ^(a)	4,150	100%	3,643	100%	
Adults homeless a year or longer and in emergency or battered women's shelters	670	16.1%	712	19.5%	
Adults homeless a year or longer and in transitional housing	1,117	26.9%	983	27.0%	
Adults homeless a year or longer, in transitional housing, <u>and</u> with at least one chronic health condition that is not being treated	276	6.7%	199	5.5%	
Total number of adults interviewed in non-shelter locations ^(b)	672	100%	1,138	100%	
Adults homeless a year or longer and not in a shelter program	317	47.2%	536	47.1%	

(a) The actual number of adults in shelters is a known number, which is shown in the table.

(b) The actual number of unsheltered adults is not known; the number shown in the table is the number who were interviewed.