

# Point in Time Count of the Homeless Population of Pinellas County

2010

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This report contains a count of the homeless population in Pinellas County, Florida. This count is based upon four sources: an unsheltered homeless count (N=1644), a sheltered homeless count (N=1474), a count conducted by law enforcement (N = 302), and a count of students reported as experiencing homelessness by the Pinellas County School System (N=2529). These four sources combined for a total of 5,949 individuals contained in this year's count. Demographic information and/or results of specific survey questions are reported. Similarity of demographic information across sheltered and unsheltered homeless data (e.g. predominantly single, male, Caucasian, with equal ratios of disability and veteran status) suggest reliability in these data. Additional questions provide insight concerning issues associated with homeless status (e.g. employment, length of homelessness). Recommendations focus on the need to examine sampling issues and to determine which survey questions are the most useful going forward.

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## TOTAL HOMELESS COUNT

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The count of homeless individuals in Pinellas County in this report is derived from four sources comprising a count of unsheltered homeless individuals, sheltered homeless individuals, a law enforcement count, and data received from the Pinellas County School District concerning children who have experienced homelessness during the 2009-2010 school year. The unsheltered and law enforcement data is based upon a Point In Time (PIT) count taken on January 28, 2010 in which volunteers and law enforcement officers went into the community and counted and/or surveyed unsheltered homeless individuals. The sheltered count is based upon reporting from participating homeless shelter providers. Data from these four sources yielded an estimate of 5949 individuals experiencing homelessness in Pinellas County. Data for each of these sources are summarized in detail in separate sections of this report.

Homeless Data Type	N
Unsheltered	1644
School Data	2529
Sheltered	1474
Law Enforcement	302
TOTAL	5949

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## UNSHELTERED DATA

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Results in this section are presented for the PIT count of unsheltered homeless persons in Pinellas County. Results provided a count of 1644 unsheltered homeless individuals. The following tables provide a descriptive analysis of this population based upon PIT survey results.

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### GENDER

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Results indicate that majority of unsheltered homeless persons were male (73.6%). Note that in the table below, percentages are calculated based upon the total sample and then again based upon those who provided a response to the question. The data on the left include the total sample of 1644 individuals and the data on the right exclude the 17 individuals who did not provide a response to the gender question. For the sake of consistency, the percentages reported in the text will be based upon those who answered the question, although the tables will provide this information for both the total sample and for those responding to the question. Note also that volunteers may or may not be instructed to record the gender of the individual for the 2011 PIT count in lieu of a response from the individual if that person's gender is in fact clear to the volunteer. Doing so would provide more clarity concerning the total sample.

Gender	N	%	N	%
Male	1197	72.8	1197	73.6
Female	427	26	427	26.2
Transgender	3	0.2	3	0.2

Refused	17	1		
Total	1644		1627	

## RACE/ETHNICITY

Race and ethnicity were assessed via two questions. The first asked for the individual's primary race and the second concerned whether the individual was or was not of Hispanic origin. Results indicated that 66.2% of respondents stated that their primary race was Caucasian, while 25.2% indicated that their primary race was African-American. A number of respondents classified themselves as 'Other', 'Refused', or 'Don't Know'. While 'Hispanic' is not considered to be a race, it may be that the lack of a Hispanic or Latino option for this question created ambiguity that was associated with a response of 'Other' or 'Refused'.

Among those who stated that they were of Hispanic origin in response to the second question, almost two-thirds had responded 'Other', 'Multi-Racial', or 'Refused' in response to the question concerning their primary race. While there are costs and benefits associated with any method of surveying individuals regarding their race/ethnicity, an approach in which respondents are able to select Hispanic/Latino as their primary race/ethnicity may be preferable.

Primary Race	N	%	N	%
American Indian or Alaska Native	43	2.6	43	2.7
Asian	11	0.7	11	0.7
Black or African American	404	24.6	404	25.2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	9	0.5	9	0.6
White	1060	64.5	1060	66.2
Other	36	2.2	36	2.2
Other Multi-Racial	39	2.4	39	2.4
Refused	32	1.9		
Don't Know	10	0.6		
Total	1644		1602	

Primary Race Among those who are Hispanic	N	%
Black or African American	4	5.1
Other	18	23.1
Other Multi-Racial	19	24.4
Refused	12	15.4
White	25	32.1
Total	78	

## HOUSING STATUS

Respondents were asked “Which best describes where you stayed Thursday night, January 28, 2010”. More than half stated that it was a place not meant for habitation. A much smaller percentage (9.1%) stated that they were in a rental situation with no housing subsidy. A combined total of approximately 14.9% were living with a friend or family member. Placement in transitional housing was stated by 7.9% of respondents. Each of the remaining options was stated by less than 5% of respondents.

Last Stayed:	N	%	N	%
Place not meant for habitation inclusive of non-housing service site (outreach programs only)	896	54.5	896	56
Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment or house	147	8.9	147	9.2
Rental by client, no housing subsidy	146	8.9	146	9.1
Transitional housing for homeless persons (including homeless youth)	127	7.7	127	7.9
Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment or house	91	5.5	91	5.7
Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher	54	3.3	54	3.4
Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher	42	2.6	42	2.6
Owned by client, no housing subsidy	22	1.3	22	1.4
Rental by client, with other (non-VASH) housing subsidy	17	1	17	1.1
Substance abuse treatment facility or detoxification center	16	1	16	1
Hospital (non-psychiatric)	16	1	16	1
Jail, prison or juvenile detention facility	13	0.8	13	0.8
Psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility	6	0.4	6	0.4
Owned by client, with housing subsidy	5	0.3	5	0.3
Permanent housing for formerly homeless persons (such as SHP, S+C, or SRO Mod Rehab)	1	0.1	1	0.1
Rental by client, with VASH housing subsidy	1	0.1	1	0.1
Safe Haven	1	0.1	1	0.1
Don't Know	36	2.2		
Refused	7	0.4		
Total	1644		1601	

Based upon respondents’ reports above, individuals were classified as being either ‘Literally Homeless’ (69.8%), ‘Housed and at risk of losing housing’ (23.5%), or ‘Housed and at imminent risk of losing housing’ (6.8%). Another group of 82 individuals were classified as being ‘Stably Housed’ and were excluded from the count based upon this classification.

Housing Status	N	%	N	%
Literally Homeless	1116	67.9	1116	69.8

Housed and at-risk of losing housing	376	22.9	376	23.5
Housed and at imminent risk of losing housing	108	6.6	108	6.8
Don't Know	38	2.3		
Refused	6	0.4		
Total	1644		1600	

## HOMELESS AT ENTRY

The 51 individuals who stayed at a 1) Hospital (non-psychiatric), 2) Jail, prison or juvenile detention facility, 3) Psychiatric Hospital or other psychiatric facility, or 4) Substance abuse treatment facility, were asked if they were homeless at entry. Among those providing a response, 64.4% reported that they were homeless at entry.

Were you homeless at entry?	N	%	N	%
Yes	29	56.9	29	64.4
No	16	31.4	16	35.5
Don't Know	5	9.8		
Refused	1	2		
Total	51		45	

## EVICTION / FORCED TO LEAVE

The 471 individuals who reported that they were 1) Staying with friends or family, 2) Staying in a place they rented or owned, or 3) Staying in a Hotel or Motel without assistance, were asked if they were being evicted or forced to leave. Of those providing a response, the majority (75.5%) reported that they were not being evicted or forced to leave, while 24.5% reported that they were.

Are you being evicted / forced to leave?	N	%	N	%
No	321	68.2	321	75.5
Yes	104	22.1	104	24.5
Don't Know	33	7		
Refused	13	2.8		
Total	471		425	

## NEW PLACE FOLLOWING EVICTION

Among the 104 individuals above who reported that they were being evicted or forced to leave their residence and who provided a response, 88.5% indicated that they did not have a place and money to support them at a new place.

Do you have a place and money to support you at your new place?	N	%	N	%
No	85	81.7	85	88.5

Yes	11	10.6	11	11.5
Don't Know	5	4.8		
Refused	3	2.9		
Total	104		96	

## LENGTH OF TIME

Respondents were then asked how long they have stayed in the place they were on January 28, 2010. Percentages vary by location. Among those residing in a place not meant for habitation, 331 individuals (37.9%) report residing in that location for more than one year and an additional 182 (20.8%) report residing in that location for 90 days to one year. These percentages provide an estimate of the percentage of those living a place not meant for habitation for an extended time period. Across all categories, 31.8% report residing in the place they stayed on January 28, 2010 for more than one year, while 21.5% report doing so for 90 days to 1 year.

		Length of Time							Total
		1 week or less	7 to 30 days	30 to 90 days	90 days to 1 year	More than 1 year	Don't know	Refused	
Place not meant for habitation inclusive of non-housing service site(outreach programs only)	N	80	135	145	182	331	3	20	896
	%	8.9%	15.1%	16.2%	20.3%	36.9%	0.3%	2.2%	
	N	80	135	145	182	331			873
	%	9.2%	15.5%	16.6%	20.8%	37.9%			
Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment or house	N	41	43	27	19	14	0	3	147
	%	27.9%	29.3%	18.4%	12.9%	9.5%	0.0%	2.0%	
	N	41	43	27	19	14			144
	%	28.5%	29.9%	18.8%	13.2%	9.7%			
Rental by client, no housing subsidy	N	4	12	32	40	55	1	2	146
	%	2.7%	8.2%	21.9%	27.4%	37.7%	0.7%	1.4%	
	N	4	12	32	40	55			143
	%	2.8%	8.4%	22.4%	28.0%	38.5%			
Transitional housing for homeless persons (including homeless youth)	N	11	24	24	33	29	1	5	127
	%	8.7%	18.9%	18.9%	26.0%	22.8%	0.8%	3.9%	
	N	11	24	24	33	29			121
	%	9.1%	19.8%	19.8%	27.3%	24.0%			
Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment or house	N	10	15	19	15	30	2	0	91
	%	11.0%	16.5%	20.9%	16.5%	33.0%	2.2%	0.0%	
	N	10	15	19	15	30			89
	%	11.2%	16.9%	21.3%	16.9%	33.7%			
Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher	N	18	15	11	8	1	1	0	54
	%	33.3%	27.8%	20.4%	14.8%	1.9%	1.9%	0.0%	
	N	18	15	11	8	1			53
	%	34.0%	28.3%	20.8%	15.1%	1.9%			

Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher	N	9	6	11	12	4	0	0	42
	%	21.4%	14.3%	26.2%	28.6%	9.5%	0.0%	0.0%	
	N	9	6	11	12	4			42
	%	21.4%	14.3%	26.2%	28.6%	9.5%			
Owned by client, no housing subsidy	N	0	1	0	4	16	1	0	22
	%	0.0%	4.5%	0.0%	18.2%	72.7%	4.5%	0.0%	
	N	0	1	0	4	16			21
	%	0.0%	4.8%	0.0%	19.0%	76.2%			
Rental by client, with other (non-VASH) housing subsidy	N	0	0	1	7	8	0	1	17
	%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	41.2%	47.1%	0.0%	5.9%	
	N	0	0	1	7	8			16
	%	0.0%	0.0%	6.2%	43.8%	50.0%			
Substance abuse treatment facility or detoxification center	N	0	4	8	2	1	1	0	16
	%	0.0%	25.0%	50.0%	12.5%	6.2%	6.2%	0.0%	
	N	0	4	8	2	1			15
	%	0.0%	26.7%	53.3%	13.3%	6.7%			
Hospital (non-psychiatric)	N	3	4	3	3	2	0	1	16
	%	18.8%	25.0%	18.8%	18.8%	12.5%	0.0%	6.2%	
	N	3	4	3	3	2			15
	%	20.0%	26.7%	20.0%	20.0%	13.3%			
Jail, prison or juvenile detention facility	N	1	3	2	5	2	0	0	13
	%	7.7%	23.1%	15.4%	38.5%	15.4%	0.0%	0.0%	
	N	1	3	2	5	2			13
	%	7.7%	23.1%	15.4%	38.5%	15.4%			
Psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility	N	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	6
	%	0.0%	33.3%	16.7%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	N	0	2	1	3	0			6
	%	0.0%	33.3%	16.7%	50.0%	0.0%			
Owned by client, with housing subsidy	N	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	5
	%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	20.0%	60.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	N	0	1	0	1	3			5
	%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	20.0%	60.0%			
Safe Haven	N	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	%	0.0%	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	N	0	1	0	0	0			1
	%	0.0%	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
Rental by client, with VASH housing subsidy	N	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	N	0	0	0	1	0			1
	%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100%	0.0%			
Permanent housing for formerly homeless persons(such as SHP, S+C,	N	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

or SRO Mod Rehab)	N	0	0	0	1	0			1
	%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100%	0.0%			
Don't Know	N	5	3	5	4	8	10	1	36
	%	13.9%	8.3%	13.9%	11.1%	22.2%	27.8%	2.8%	
	N	5	3	5	4	8			25
	%	20.0%	12.0%	20.0%	16.0%	32.0%			
Refused	N	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	7
	%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	85.7%	
	N	0	0	0	1	0			1
	%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100%	0.0%			
Total	N	182	269	289	341	504	20	39	1644
	%	11.1%	16.4%	17.6%	20.7%	30.7%	1.2%	2.4%	
	N	182	269	289	341	504			1585
	%	11.5%	17.0%	18.2%	21.5%	31.8%			

### TIMES HOMELESS IN THE LAST 3 YEARS

Respondents were asked how many times they have been homeless in the last three years. Results indicate that among those providing a response 32.9% report being homeless 2-3 times in the past three years, while 28% report being homeless 4 or more times in the last three years. These data provide an additional estimate of chronic homelessness.

How many times homeless in the last 3yrs?	N	%	N	%
First Time Homeless	516	31.4%	516	39.1%
2-3 times in the past	435	26.5%	435	32.9%
Chronic: 4 times in past 3 years	370	22.5%	370	28.0%
Not Applicable	205	12.5%		
Refused	73	4.4%		
Don't Know	45	2.7%		
Total	1644		1321	

### LENGTH OF HOMELESSNESS

Results presented below indicate that 24.6% of those providing a response report being homeless for 90 days to 1 year, while the largest percentage (36.3%) report being homeless for more than one year during their current period of homelessness.

How long have you been homeless this time?	N	%	N	%
1 week or less	92	5.6%	92	7.4%
7 to 30 days	180	10.9%	180	14.4%
30 to 90 days	215	13.1%	215	17.2%
90 days to 1 year	307	18.7%	307	24.6%

More than 1 year	453	27.6%	453	36.3%
Not Applicable	286	17.4%		
Refused	79	4.8%		
Don't know	32	1.9%		
Total	1644		1247	

## MARITAL, VETERAN, AND DISABILITY STATUS

Survey results indicate that only 7.8% of respondents providing an answer describe themselves as married or coupled. A majority describe themselves as either single (59.1%) or divorced (22.3%). Veteran status was endorsed by 17.8% or 282 respondents, while 42.5% or 660 respondents who answered the question stated that they have a disability. Additional questions indicated that a mental health problem was endorsed by 17.7% of respondents, a developmental disability by 2%, a physical medical problem by 24.4%, an alcohol/drug problem by 4.8%, and HIV/AIDS by 1.2%. Taking comorbidity into account, these percentages are consistent with the overall percentage of respondents reporting a disability (42.5%).

Marital Status	N	%	N	%
Single	946	57.5	946	59.1
Divorced	357	21.7	357	22.3
Separated	111	6.8	111	6.9
Married	92	5.6	92	5.7
Widowed	63	3.8	63	3.9
Coupled	33	2	33	2.1
Refused	33	2		
Don't Know	9	0.5		
Total	1644		1602	

U.S. Military Veteran	N	%	N	%
No	1299	79.0%	1299	82.2%
Yes	282	17.2%	282	17.8%
Refused	37	2.3%		
Don't Know	26	1.6%		
Total	1644		1581	

Disability	N	%	N	%
No	892	54.3%	892	57.5%
Yes	660	40.1%	660	42.5%
Don't Know	71	4.3%		
Refused	21	1.3%		
Total	1644		1552	

	Mental Health Problem		Developmental Disability		Physical/Medical Problem		Alcohol/Drug Problem		HIV/AIDS	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	275	16.70%	31	1.90%	379	23.10%	74	4.50%	19	1.20%
No	1277	77.70%	1521	92.50%	1173	71.40%	1478	89.90%	1533	93.20%
Unknown	92	5.60%	92	5.60%	92	5.60%	92	5.60%	92	5.60%
Total	1644		1644		1644		1644		1644	

	Mental Health Problem		Developmental Disability		Physical/Medical Problem		Alcohol/Drug Problem		HIV/AIDS	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	275	17.70%	31	2.00%	379	24.40%	74	4.80%	19	1.20%
No	1277	82.30%	1521	98.00%	1173	75.60%	1478	95.20%	1533	98.80%
Total	1552		1552		1552		1552		1552	

Note that the five categories above are presented twice: once with 'Unknown' responses included and once without.

### REASONS ASSOCIATED WITH CURRENT HOMELESSNESS

By far, the most common reason endorsed for current homelessness was financial problems (56.2%). Financial problems can be the most proximal reason for homelessness in many cases. Difficulties in other areas below can all be associated with homelessness, and were reported to some degree by respondents. Running from Foster Care and Turned 18 and Forced to Leave were both noticeably infrequent responses. This can be due to an undersampling of this younger population, an unwillingness to disclose that one is running from foster care, or a true low frequency correlate of homelessness in Pinellas County.

	Financial		Domestic Violence		Alcohol/Drug Problem		Mental Health Problem		Family Breakup	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
No	720	43.8%	1589	96.7%	1451	88.3%	1514	92.1%	1472	89.5%
Yes	924	56.2%	55	3.3%	193	11.7%	130	7.9%	172	10.5%

	Eviction		Medical Problem		Foreclosure		Release from Jail/Prison		Running from Foster Care		Turned 18 and Forced to Leave	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
No	1515	92.2%	1531	93.1%	1619	98.5%	1542	93.8%	1641	99.8%	1639	99.7%
Yes	129	7.8%	113	6.9%	25	1.5%	102	6.2%	3	0.2%	5	0.3%

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Respondents' status as a domestic violence victim/survivor was reported by 4.5% of respondents who provided an answer to this question. This is consistent with the 3.3% of respondents who reported domestic violence as a reason for their current homelessness.

Domestic violence victim/survivor	N	%	N	%
No	1465	89.1	1465	95.5
Yes	69	4.2	69	4.5
Refused	79	4.8		
Don't Know	31	1.9		
Total	1644		1534	

## EMPLOYMENT

Questions regarding employment indicate that approximately one-quarter of respondents (24.2%) report having worked during the past month. Of those unemployed, more than half (62.6%) of those providing a response report looking for work. Among those who report having worked in the last month, their type of employment varied, with 23.6% reporting permanent employment, 38.1% reporting temporary employment, 32.6% day labor, and 3.5% seasonal. It is difficult to provide an accurate picture of these processes with only three questions. They provide a glimpse of these issues, which are likely central given that financial difficulties are reported as a reason for homelessness among a majority of respondents. However, each person likely has a different set of complex issues associated with their employment status that renders the utility of general conclusions suspect for individuals.

Have you worked during the past month?	N	%
No	1245	75.8
Yes	399	24.2
Total	1644	

If unemployed: Looking for work?	N	%	N	%
No	391	31.4	391	37.4
Yes	654	52.5	654	62.6
Not Applicable	4	0.3		
Refused	165	13.3		
Don't Know	31	2.5		
Total	1245		1045	

If yes, was this work...	N	%
Temporary	152	38.1
Day Labor	130	32.6
Permanent	94	23.6
Seasonal	14	3.5
N/A	9	2.3

Total	399	
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## HOMELESS STATUS UPON ARRIVAL TO PINELLAS COUNTY

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It is not clear why one-third of respondents refused to answer this question. Among those who did answer, more than ten times the amount of respondents indicated that they were not homeless when they came to Pinellas County. This suggests that individuals are more likely to become homeless while residing in Pinellas County than to arrive in Pinellas while homeless.

Were you homeless when you came to Pinellas County?	N	%	N	%
Yes	103	6.3	103	9.6
No	969	58.9	969	90.4
Refused	572	34.8		
Total	1644		1072	

## LOCATION

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Results indicate that a majority of the unsheltered homeless reported that they mainly stay in Saint Petersburg (58%). Clearwater was the second most likely location (16.1%), with Pinellas Park at 5.5% and Tarpon Springs at 4.9%. Other locations had much smaller reported populations.

Location	N	%
Bradenton (Manatee)	2	0.1%
Clearwater	265	16.1%
Dunedin	15	0.9%
Ft. Myers (Lee)	2	0.1%
Gulfport	6	0.4%
Holiday (Pasco)	1	0.1%
Kenneth City	3	0.2%
Largo	49	3.0%
Macon (Leon)	1	0.1%
Madeira Beach	1	0.1%
Miami (Dade)	1	0.1%
New Port Richey (Pasco)	2	0.1%

Oak Knoll Estates (Leon)	1	0.1%
Oldsmar	1	0.1%
Orlando (Orange)	1	0.1%
Palm Harbor	11	0.7%
Pinecrest (Dade)	1	0.1%
Pinellas Park	90	5.5%
Plant City (Hillsborough)	1	0.1%
Raleigh	2	0.1%
Refused	1	0.1%
Safety Harbor	2	0.1%
Sarasota (Sarasota)	3	0.2%
Seminole	2	0.1%
South Pasadena	1	0.1%
Spring Hill (Hernando)	1	0.1%
St. Petersburg	953	58.0%
St. Petersburg Beach	22	1.3%
Tampa (Hillsborough)	7	0.4%
Tarpon Springs	80	4.9%
Treasure Island	1	0.1%
Trinity (Pasco)	1	0.1%
Other	36	2.2%
Unknown	78	4.7%
Total	1644	

### CURRENT LIVING SITUATION

When questioned concerning their current living situation, 70.2% reported being a single male and 21.9% reported being a single female. These percentages are consistent with earlier results indicating that most respondents reported being currently single.

	N	%	N	%
Single Male	1147	69.8%	1147	70.2%
Single Female	357	21.7%	357	21.9%
Female Single Parent	44	2.7%	44	2.7%
Two Parent Family	34	2.1%	34	2.1%
Male Single Parent	34	2.1%	34	2.1%
Two Parent Family with No Children	12	0.7%	12	0.7%
Grandparent	3	0.2%	3	0.2%
Legal Guardian	1	0.1%	1	0.1%
Caregiver	1	0.1%	1	0.1%
Unknown	10	0.6%		
Refused	1	0.1%		
Total	1644		1633	

## CHILDREN

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A large subset of questions was asked to specify the number of children living with unsheltered homeless adults in Pinellas County. Given access to the school records of homeless children, a choice was made to use that data for the purpose of the official count. However, the number of children reported by unsheltered homeless adults is shown below. These numbers may be somewhat higher as those with 5 or more children may have more than five. With this caveat, respondents reported having 267 children, of which 136 were currently staying with them. Among those staying with them, 116 were reported to be underage.

How many children do you have?	N	%	Children
0	1533	93.2%	
1	40	2.4%	40
2	34	2.1%	68
3	16	1.0%	48
4	14	0.9%	56
5 or more	7	0.4%	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>1644</b>		<b>267</b>

How many stay with you now?	N	%	Children
0	1577	95.9%	
1	29	1.8%	29
2	18	1.1%	36
3	11	0.7%	33
4	7	0.4%	28
5 or more	2	0.1%	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>1644</b>		<b>136</b>

How many living with you are underage?	N	%	Children
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0	1584	96.4%	
1	27	1.6%	27
2	19	1.2%	38
3	7	0.4%	21
4	5	0.3%	20
5 or more	2	0.1%	10
Total	1644		116

## UNSHELTERED HOMELESS SUMMARY

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Overall, 1644 homeless individuals were surveyed. The majority were single, male, and Caucasian. Approximately half of those surveyed reported living in a place not meant for habitation. Of these, approximately half were living in the same place for three months or more. More than half of all respondents providing an answer reported being homeless two or more times in the last three years. The homeless population surveyed reported that 17.8% were Veterans and 42.5% had a disability.

Although several potential reasons were offered for homelessness (including Alcohol/Drug Problems, Family Breakup, Eviction, etc.) the primary reason associated with current homelessness was reported to be financial (56.2%). One-quarter of respondents reported having worked in the last month. The majority of these reported working in day labor (32.6%) or temporary positions (38.1%). Of those not working, 62.6% of those providing a response reported looking for work.

A minority of respondents who provided a response (9.6%) reported being homeless when they came to Pinellas County. Most of the homeless population reported their location as being Saint Petersburg or Clearwater.

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## SCHOOL DATA

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School data were based upon records received from the Pinellas County School System. School records indicated that 2529 students were classified as homeless at some point during the 2009-2010 school year.

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### CROSS-CHECKING WITH SHELTERED AND UNSHELTERED DATASETS

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These data were cross-checked with names in the sheltered homeless data. A group of 41 students present in both datasets were removed from the school data. Only three older students were contained in both the school and unsheltered homeless datasets. These three students were retained in the school dataset and were removed from the unsheltered dataset.

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### GENDER

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There was an almost equal gender distribution with 50.1% male and 49.9% female.

	N	%
Female	1263	49.9
Male	1266	50.1
Total	2529	

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### GRADE

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Results presented in the table below suggest that higher numbers of students are reported to be homeless at the lower grade levels.

Grade	N	%
PK	49	1.9
KG	365	14.4
1	299	11.8
2	231	9.1
3	257	10.2
4	216	8.5
5	181	7.2

6	189	7.5
7	171	6.8
8	162	6.4
9	106	4.2
10	102	4
11	84	3.3
12	62	2.5
Adult	55	2.2
Total	2529	

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### ETHNICITY

Results presented below indicate that 50.9% of students experiencing homelessness were Caucasian, with 29.9% African-American. Other groups were each represented by less than 10% of the population.

	N	%	N	%
African-American, non-Hispanic	754	29.8	754	29.9
Asian / Pacific Islander	108	4.3	108	4.3
Caucasian, non-Hispanic	1285	50.8	1285	50.9
Hispanic	215	8.5	215	8.5
Native American / Alaskan native	12	0.5	12	0.5
Multiracial	150	5.9	150	5.9
missing data	5	0.2		
Total	2529		2524	

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### FREE/REDUCED LUNCH

Results presented below indicate that almost all of the students who applied for free-lunch were found to be eligible, while 15.7% of students did not apply.

	N	%
Did Not Apply	398	15.7
Applied Not Eligible	5	0.2
Eligible for Free Lunch	2113	83.6
Eligible for Reduced Lunch	13	0.5
Total	2529	

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### EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION STATUS

Results presented below do not suggest that students experiencing homelessness were largely over-represented in any special education category.

	N	%
No Exceptionality	1964	77.7
Orthopedically Impaired	1	0
Speech Impaired	88	3.5
Language Impaired	62	2.5
Deaf or Hard Of Hearing	9	0.4
Visually Impaired	4	0.2
Emotional/Behavioral Disabled	88	3.5
Specific Learning Disabled	155	6.1
Gifted	46	1.8
Autism Spectrum Disorder	13	0.5
Traumatic Brain Injured	1	0
Developmentally Delayed	17	0.7
Other Health Impaired	40	1.6
Intellectual Disability	41	1.6
Total	2529	

## HOUSING STATUS

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Students experiencing homelessness often moved to different schools throughout the school year. Each time they moved, a different status might be recorded. We chose to use the last recorded homeless status for each student. These are summarized in the first table below. Records indicate that the majority of students (71.1%) were reported to be sharing the housing of other persons. A subset of 17.8% were reported to be living in an emergency or transitional shelter yet were not listed in the sheltered data for which client-level data were available. Results also indicate that the last recorded status for 28 students was 'currently not homeless'. For these students, their last recorded homeless status during the 2009-2010 school year is indicated in the second table below.

Current Housing Status	N	%
Living in emergency or transitional shelter	449	17.8
Sharing the housing of other persons	1799	71.1
Living in cars, parks, campgrounds etc	64	2.5
Living in hotels or motels	165	6.5
Awaiting foster care	24	0.9
Currently not homeless	28	1.1
Total	2529	

Prior Status for 28 currently not homeless	N	%
Living in emergency or transitional shelter	6	21.4
Sharing the housing of other persons	15	53.6
Living in cars, parks, campgrounds etc	1	3.6
Living in hotels or motels	4	14.3

Awaiting foster care	2	7.1
Total	28	

## SUMMARY OF SCHOOL DATA

Records submitted by the Pinellas County School District identified 2529 children who were classified as being homeless during the 2009-2010 school year. Results indicate an equal distribution of boys and girls with most of either Caucasian or African-American ethnicity. Higher percentages of homeless children were reported at lower grade levels. Almost all children who applied received free lunch. The majority of children were reported to be sharing the housing of other persons.

## SHELTERED DATA

Sheltered data were submitted by the participating Pinellas County homeless shelters. Data were provided for 1474 homeless individuals residing in shelters.

### GENDER

Results presented below indicate that 69.1% of sheltered homeless individuals were male and 30.9% female, with one individual reported as transgendered and three refused to answer. These percentages are very similar to those among the unsheltered homeless population reported previously in this report, which were 73.6% male and 26.2% female.

	N	%	N	%
Female	454	30.8	454	30.9
Male	1016	68.9	1016	69.1
Transgendered	1	0.1	1	0.1
refused	3	0.2		
Total	1474		1471	

### RACE

Results presented below indicate that 64.4% of the sheltered homeless population was Caucasian and 29.3% was African-American, with smaller percentages reported for other races. These percentages are similar to those reported among the unsheltered homeless population, which were 66.2% Caucasian and 25.2% African-American.

	N	%	N	%
American Indian or Alaska Native	11	0.7	11	0.8
Asian	11	0.7	11	0.8
Black or African American	426	28.9	426	29.3
White	937	63.6	937	64.4

Other	36	2.4	36	2.5
Other Multi-Racial	34	2.3	34	2.3
Don't Know	7	0.5		
Refused	12	0.8		
Total	1474		1455	

### DISABILITY, VETERAN, AND MARITAL STATUS

Results presented below indicate that 38.6% of the sheltered homeless population who provided a response was classified as being disabled, which is consistent with the 42.5% reported earlier for the unsheltered homeless. Veteran status was reported for 20.7% of the sheltered homeless who provided a response, which is consistent with the 17.8% reported earlier for the unsheltered homeless. Data for marital status was incomplete, with data missing for 80% of individuals. However, where data were present, the majority of individuals were single, separated, divorced, or widowed. This data is consistent with that reported previously for the unsheltered homeless, which indicated that only 7.8% were either married or coupled.

Disability Status	N	%	N	%
No	799	54.2	799	61.4
Yes	503	34.1	503	38.6
Don't Know	166	11.3		
Refused	2	0.1		
missing	4	0.3		
Total	1474		1302	

Veteran Status	N	%	N	%
No	1121	76.1	1121	79.3
Yes	292	19.8	292	20.7
Don't Know	60	4.1		
Refused	1	0.1		
Total	1474		1413	

Marital Status	N	%	N	%
Single	152	10.3	152	51.4
Divorced	107	7.3	107	36.1

Separated	22	1.5	22	7.4
Widowed	8	0.5	8	2.7
Married	7	0.5	7	2.4
missing	1178	80		
Total	1474		296	

### PRIOR LIVING SITUATION

Results presented below indicate the prior living situation reported for the sheltered homeless population. Results indicate that a majority of those who responded were residing either in an emergency shelter (34.4%) or a place not meant for habitation (23.6%).

Prior Living Situation	N	%	N	%
Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher	462	31.3	462	34.4
Place not meant for habitation inclusive of non-housing service site (outreach programs only)	317	21.5	317	23.6
Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment or house	85	5.8	85	6.3
Transitional housing for homeless persons (including homeless youth)	80	5.4	80	6
Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment or house	79	5.4	79	5.9
On the Street	76	5.2	76	5.7
Rental by client, no housing subsidy	61	4.1	61	4.5
Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center	56	3.8	56	4.2
Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher	27	1.8	27	2
Other	24	1.6	24	1.8
Jail, prison or juvenile detention facility	19	1.3	19	1.4
Hospital (non-psychiatric)	17	1.2	17	1.3
Psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility	12	0.8	12	0.9
Owned by client, no housing subsidy	12	0.8	12	0.9
Permanent housing for formerly homeless persons (such as SHP, S+C, or SRO Mod Rehab)	6	0.4	6	0.4
Subsidized Housing	3	0.2	3	0.2
Rental by client, with other (non-VASH) housing subsidy	2	0.1	2	0.1
Foster care home or foster care group home	2	0.1	2	0.1
Safe Haven	2	0.1	2	0.1
Domestic Violence Situation	1	0.1	1	0.1
Don't Know	126	8.6		
Refused	1	0.1		
Missing	4	0.3		

Total	1474		1343	
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### LENGTH OF STAY

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The current length of stay for each individual is reported below. These results indicate that 20.9% have resided in a shelter for one year or longer, with an additional 20.5% residing in a shelter for more than 3 months. These percentages are lower than those reported among the unsheltered homeless, where 31.8% reporting staying in the same location for more than one year and an additional 21.5% reporting having done so for more than three months.

Length of Stay	N	%	N	%
One week or less	170	11.5	170	14.6
More than one week, but less than one month	195	13.2	195	16.8
One to three months	316	21.5	316	27.2
More than three months, but less than one year	238	16.2	238	20.5
One year or longer	243	16.5	243	20.9
Don't Know	305	20.4		
Other	1	0.1		
Refused	2	0.1		
Missing	4	0.3		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1474</b>		<b>1162</b>	

### HOUSING STATUS

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Results presented below indicate that there was limited variability in responses to this question. The majority of individuals in homeless shelters who provided a response (88.1%) were reported to be literally homeless.

Housing Status	N	%	N	%
Literally Homeless	1078	73.1	1078	88.1
Imminently losing their housing	62	4.2	62	5.1
Stably housed	33	2.2	33	2.7
Housed and at imminent risk of losing housing	27	1.8	27	2.2

Housed and at-risk of losing housing	12	0.8	12	1
Unstably housed and at-risk of losing their housing	11	0.7	11	0.9
Don't Know	243	16.5		
Missing	7	0.5		
Refused	1	0.1		
Total	1474	100	1223	

## HOUSEHOLD TYPE

Results presented below indicate that among households, the most frequently reported types were 'female single parent' (33.2%) and 'single parent- female head of household' (20.8%). There were 1137 cases that did not have a household type reported.

Household Type	N	%
No Dependents-Couple, Non Married	1	0.3
Couple With No Children	18	5.3
Dual Parent-Married	33	9.8
Female Single Parent	112	33.2
Grandparent(s) and Child	5	1.5
Male Single Parent	4	1.2
No Dependents-Single Male	10	3
Other	40	11.9
Other-Non Relative	4	1.2
Other-Relative/Kinship Care-Female Head of Household	2	0.6
Single Female	17	5
Single Parent-Female Head of Household	70	20.8
Single Parent-Male Head of Household	2	0.6
Two Parent Family	19	5.6
Total*	337	

\* there were 1137 missing cases for this variable

## SERVICE PROVIDER

The table below lists the sheltered homeless count by service provider. The largest percentage of sheltered homeless individuals resided at Catholic Charities, Pinellas Hope (19.1%).

Service Provider	N	%
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ALPHA House Transitional Living Program(8874)	12	0.8
ASAP Family Shelter(2570)	4	0.3
ASAP Women And Children's Shelter(1682)	11	0.7
ASAP Women's Emergency Shelter(9018)	1	0.1
Boley Centers Homeless Supportive Housing Program, Grove Park Apartments(14337)	12	0.8
Boley Centers Homeless Supportive Housing Program, Grove Street Apartments(13629)	2	0.1
Boley Centers Homeless Supportive Housing Program, Kenwood Apartments(13630)	1	0.1
Boley Centers Homeless Supportive Housing Program, Marconi Apartments(13632)	5	0.3
Boley Centers Homeless Supportive Housing Program, Parkside Apartments(13631)	3	0.2
Boley Centers Mid-County Safe Haven (Morningside)(14339)	19	1.3
Boley Centers Permanent Supportive Housing, 128 Place Apartments(13708)	4	0.3
Boley Centers Permanent Supportive Housing, Clam Bayou Apartments(13711)	7	0.5
Boley Centers Permanent Supportive Housing, Dave Miller Apartments(13709)	1	0.1
Boley Centers Permanent Supportive Housing, Safe Haven Apartments(13687)	24	1.6
Boley Centers Permanent Supportive Housing, Twin Brooks Apartments(14775)	3	0.2
Boley Centers Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) City of St. Petersburg HOME Voucher Program(14340)	39	2.6
Boley Centers Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Shelter Plus Care Phase 2(14363)	14	0.9
Boley Centers Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Shelter Plus Care(13707)	30	2
Boley Centers Transitional Housing Program, The Oaks Apartments(13686)	19	1.3
Boley Centers, Bayou Pass Apartments(14338)	1	0.1
Boley Centers, Residential Services(1429)	34	2.3
Catholic Charities, Pinellas Hope(13738)	282	19.1
CHIP Emergency Shelter(5891)	46	3.1
CHIP Transitional Housing(5892)	15	1
Homeless Emergency Project (HEP) Emergency Shelter(6848)	75	5.1
Homeless Emergency Project (HEP) Homeless Outreach, Housing(13430)	26	1.8
Homeless Emergency Project (HEP) Permanent Housing for Families with Disabilities(10396)	61	4.1
Homeless Emergency Project (HEP) Permanent Housing for Individuals with Disabilities - Carlton(14300)	8	0.5
Homeless Emergency Project (HEP) Permanent Housing for Individuals with Disabilities - Phase 1(14301)	14	0.9
Homeless Emergency Project (HEP) Permanent Housing for Individuals with Disabilities(12579)	1	0.1
Homeless Emergency Project (HEP) Transitional Housing(12577)	103	7
Operation PAR, PAR Village(4766)	5	0.3
Pinellas Hope, Medical Respite Services(14676)	6	0.4
R.C.S. (Religious Community Services), Grace House(2047)	40	2.7
Salvation Army Clearwater Transitional Housing(11753)	29	2
Salvation Army St. Petersburg Emergency Shelter (W,M,W/C,Coup/C)(2128)	67	4.5
Salvation Army St. Petersburg Transitional Housing(7182)	16	1.1
St. Petersburg Free Clinic, Beacon House Men's Shelter(2669)	40	2.7
St. Petersburg Free Clinic, Women's Residence(2056)	18	1.2
St. Vincent de Paul Center of Hope Transitional Housing(14057)	80	5.4
St. Vincent de Paul Night-Time Shelter(5306)	59	4
Still Standing Emergency Shelter(12937)	21	1.4
Still Standing Transitional Housing(13567)	4	0.3
Touched By An Angel Ministry, Transitional Housing(13933)	47	3.2

Turning Point Inebriate Intervention Center(2739)	69	4.7
WestCare - The Mustard Seed Inn(1944)	67	4.5
YWCA Family Village Emergency Housing Program(3540)	17	1.2
YWCA Family Village Transitional Housing Program(3541)	12	0.8
Total	1474	

## SHELTERED HOMELESS SUMMARY

Individual level data reports indicated 1474 individuals living in participating homeless shelters in Pinellas County. Demographic data were similar to that of the unsheltered homeless population. Most were reported to be single. A majority were male and either Caucasian or African-American. Disability status was reported by 38.6% and Veteran status was reported by 20.7% of those providing a response. The length of stay was reported to be 3 months or more for 41.4% of sheltered homeless individuals. The majority were reported to be literally homeless upon arrival to the shelter.

## TBIN NON-PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS PIT COUNT

A table of non-participating providers was included along with individual level data associated with sheltered and unsheltered homeless counts. A decision was made not to include these counts in the final homeless count. Comparison of these data with individual level sheltered homeless data indicated that those shelters highlighted in green below had also submitted individual level data that was included in the sheltered homeless count, whereas those shelters highlighted in blue below had not.

Name of Agency	Name of Program	Total Inventory	Total Occupied
Family Resources	Transitional Living Program - North	12	6
Family Resources	Transitional Living Program South	12	6
Family Resources	SafePlace2Be STP	12	9
Family Resources	SafePlace2Be CLW	12	9
Solid Rock Ministries	Recovery Transitional Housing Unit	100	78
Breaking Free By Faith	Permanent Supportive Housing	26	7
Breaking Free By Faith	Transitional Housing	8	6
Breaking Free By Faith	Emergency Shelter	8	6
Homeless Emergency Project	Shelter Plus Care	11	11
Touched By An Angel Ministries	Permanent Supportive Housing	8	0
Touched By An Angel Ministries	Domiciliary Residential Rehab Treatment Program	49	49
Touched By An Angel Ministries	Transitional Housing Program	68	37
Touched By An angel Ministries	Emergency Housing	13	10
Resurrection House	Resurrection House	67	34
ASAP	Family Shelter	11	10
ASAP	Women's and Children's Shelter	18	8
Operation Par	SHP At Par Village	5	5
Boley Centers Inc	Shelter Plus Care Phase 2	71	14
Boley Centers Inc	Shelter Plus Care Phase 1	27	24

Boley Centers Inc	Pinellas County Safe Haven	25	25
Boley Centers Inc	Morningside Safe Haven	20	19
CASA	Transitional Housing	66	40
Saint Vincent de Paul	Night Shelter	63	54
Center for Consumer and Economic Justice, Inc	Still Standing emergency Shelter Men 2745	16	8
Center for Consumer and Economic Justice, Inc.	Still standing Emergency Shelter Men 2861	18	10
Center for Consumer and Economic Justice, Inc	Still Standing Transitional Housing	8	4
Center for Consumer and Economic Justice, Inc.	Still Standing Emergency Shelter Female	6	4
Boley Centers Inc	Bayou Pass Apartments	2	1
Boley Centers Inc	Parkside Apartments	6	6
Boley Centers Inc	Rutland Bussey Apartments	1	1
Boley Centers Inc	Kenwood Apartments	7	7
Boley Centers Inc	Marconi apartments	8	8
Boley Centers Inc	Grove Street Apartments	8	8
Boley centers Inc	Grove Park Village Apartments	12	12
Boley Centers Inc	The Oaks Transitional Housing	20	19
Boley Centers Inc	Dome district Apartments	4	4
Boley Centers Inc	Dome District Apartments	4	4
Boley Centers Inc	Butterfly Apartments	8	8
Boley Centers Inc	Clam Bayou Apartments - Phase I	4	4
Boley Centers Inc.	Clam Bayou Apartments - Phase II	4	4
Boley Centers Inc	Dave Miller Apartments	3	3
Boley Centers Inc	Betty Rutland Bussey Apartments	1	1
Boley Centers Inc	128 Place Apartments	4	4
Boley Centers, Inc	Twin Brooks Apartments - Phase 1	3	3
Salvation Army St Petersburg	Transitional housing	37	24
Salvation Army St Petersburg	Emergency Shelter	69	56
YWCA of Tampa Bay	Family Village Transitional Housing	24	12
YWCA of Tampa Bay	Family Village Emergency Housing	56	22
Catholic Charities	Christopher House	6	5
Catholic Charities	Christopher House Family Residence	6	6
Catholic Charities	Christopher House Perm Supportive	16	17
Catholic Charities	Pinellas Hope Medical Respite Program	10	6
Catholic Charities	Pinellas Hope	270	283
St Pete Free Clinic	Beacon House Transitional Housing	6	6
St Pete Free Clinic	Beacon House Emergency Shelter	38	27
Westcare	Turning Point	65	76
Westcare Gulfcoast	Mustard Seed Inn	73	62
RCS	The Haven Shelter	36	28
RCS	The Haven TLP	36	23
RCS	Grace House	76	45
HEP	Emergency Housing Adult shelter	78	76
HEP	Outreach Shelter	25	23
Kimberly House	Transitional Housing	7	4
People That Love	Emergency Shelter	25	8
Salvation Army Clearwater	Transitional Housing Center	60	46
CHIP	Emergency Shelter (Men)	52	36
CHIP	Emergency Shelter (Women)	10	9

CHIP	Emergency shelter	4	0
CHIP	Transitional Housing	10	9
St Petersburg Free Clinic	Women's Residence	20	18
Alpha House	Transitional housing	21	19
HEP	Phase 1	16	14
HEP	Carlton SHP	8	8
HEP	Baty Villas	65	61
HEP	Transitional Housing	110	106
Saint Vincent de Paul	Center of Hope	87	84
HEP	Fairburn Transitional Housing	40	38
HEP	Transitional Housing	70	68
Brookwood	Brookwood	6	5

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## CRIMINAL AND JUSTICE SERVICES COUNT

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A final source for counting the homeless population in Pinellas County is conducted by law enforcement officials. This count was performed on the evening of January 22, 2010. Individuals included in the count are from places where law enforcement officials report that they usually find homeless individuals congregating. An effort is made to exclude individuals counted from places are within walking distance of a feeding location (1-2 miles) and all downtown areas throughout the county, as these individuals may be included in surveys done at the feeding locations. The official number reported for the count this year was 302.

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## CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

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The task of identifying the homeless population in Pinellas County is challenging. Homelessness takes many forms and decisions must be made as to how to best identify those who are homeless and obtain the most reliable information necessary to inform needed services.

The first primary challenge is to identify those who are in fact homeless. Counts of sheltered homeless are the most reliable as they are taken from known locations. The challenge here is to assure that all locations are accounted for and that the information requested is limited to that which is necessary for the task of counting the homeless in Pinellas County.

Counts of unsheltered homeless individuals are more difficult as care must be taken concerning the locations where surveys take place. Care must also be taken not to double-count those who are surveyed by volunteers and those who are counted by law enforcement. The issue of incomplete data must also be addressed as almost all survey data were incomplete and the percentages reported could only be based upon those for which data was provided.

A difficulty with the school level data is that they identify children who had been homeless at some point during the year, while the unsheltered and sheltered homeless data focus on those who were homeless on January 28, 2010. A related question is how best to obtain data relating to children. A decision was made to rely on the school level data in lieu of survey data. In this case, survey data concerning homeless children may be eliminated for the 2011 count.

Despite these challenges, congruence between sheltered and unsheltered demographic data suggested some degree of reliability. Many of the questions asked provided useful insight into the nature of factors associated with homelessness in Pinellas County. Going forward, the primary challenge is to assure that processes produce the most reliable count possible, with the need for each piece of additional data examined in relation to the specific purposes for which that data will be used.