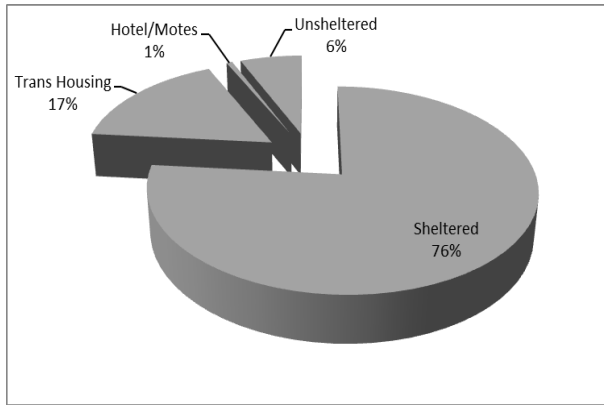


Results of 2011 Point-In-Time Count:



- ✓ There was a 55% increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness from 2009 to 2011.
- ✓ 26% of these individuals were children.
- ✓ 34% report being homeless for a year or more.
- ✓ There was over 100% increase from 2009 in the number of people reporting that they were chronically homeless.
- ✓ 41% of the respondents of the 2011 survey reported having a severe mental illness.
- ✓ 85 of the respondents reported having chronic substance abuse issues.
- ✓ 11% of respondents report that they are in a single adult with children household.
- ✓ 7% report being in a household with two adults and children.
- ✓ 18% of people experiencing homelessness reported being currently employed.

Please help with this important effort!

Questions?

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**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED FOR 2012
KANSAS
HOMELESS COUNT**

Annual Point-In-Time Count to
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January 25, 2012



EVERYBODY COUNTS!

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Background info:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awards grants to communities and local organizations that participate in homeless assistance planning programs, or what's referred to as a Continuum of Care (CoC) network. HUD requires Point-in-Time counts every year for all networks wishing to maintain and use federal funding.

Each year Shawnee County conducts a homeless count to meet this requirement.

Shawnee County receives just over one million dollars from HUD each year to provide housing and services to homeless individuals and families

In previous years, the community volunteers have been an essential part of conducting successful counts.

Volunteers are needed to assist us with reaching more homeless people.

To register as a volunteer please go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/pitvolunteer>

Or contact Doug Wallace

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Where will this happen?

Member agencies of the Topeka / Shawnee County Homeless Task Force will

- spearhead the count with the help of partner staff members, city and county officials,
- law enforcement officers, SRS workers, volunteers, and even persons who are homeless themselves.

Volunteers are needed to help survey individuals and families whom

- are staying at the Topeka Rescue Mission
- or living in cars, abandoned buildings, under bridges, etc.

Volunteers are needed to help survey individuals and families at other community locations such as Let's Help, Doorstep, Salvation Army, Topeka Moving Ahead Program, etc.

Training will be provided.

Why is it important?

Point-in-Time surveys allow communities to look at trends in the homeless population. Some of the questions on the Kansas surveys include these topics:

- places where persons might have stayed that night
- length of time spent homeless
- number of times they've been homeless
- family size including children
- veteran's status
- mental health
- substance abuse or domestic violence issues
- HIV/AIDS related illnesses
- job status

