

## Long Term Homeless Households Identified in Minnesota's HMIS in SFY 2009

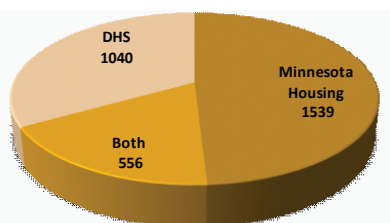
### Households served by Minnesota Housing and Department of Human Services (DHS) long term homeless (LTH) programs:

**1596** Households were served in DHS Supportive Service Grant funded projects

**2095** Households were served in projects funded by Minnesota Housing

*556 of the above households were served by both programs*

**3135** households served overall



- Approximately one third of households served with DHS LTH Supportive Services Grant resided in housing funded by Minnesota Housing
- Approximately one fourth of households residing in housing funded by Minnesota Housing received services through the DHS LTH Supportive Services Grant

### Other households identified as long term homeless in the homeless services system

During SFY 2009, 4,448 households (3,921 identified and 527 anonymous) headed by long-term homeless individuals were served by other HMIS-participating programs (a 35% increase from 2008). Of the 3,921 identified households:

- Nearly one quarter (24% or 927) were in permanent supportive housing. 80% were singles and 23% were families<sup>i</sup>.
- More than three quarters (76% or 2,997) were served in shelter or other homelessness assistance programs; of these:
  - 79% of households were single individuals, 25% were families<sup>ii</sup>
  - 9% of the adults served were military veterans
  - Gender: There was an almost equal split between male and female heads of households (52% and 47% respectively)
  - Age: 26% of the heads of households were age 21 or younger (an increase from 2008 at 15%) and 38% were over age 40 (a decrease from 2008 at 45%)
  - Race: 40% of the heads of households identified their race as Black or African American, 38% White, and 16% American Indian. 5% identified Hispanic/Latino ethnicity
- Service use breakout:

Overall	Single Individuals	Families
Emergency Shelter 38%	Emergency Shelter 42%	Prevention and Rapid Re-housing 42%
Prevention and Rapid Re-housing 18%	Support Services Only 16%	Transitional Housing 21%
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Transitional Housing 15%	Outreach 11%	Emergency Shelter 17%
Outreach 14%	Prevention and Rapid Re-housing 10%	

- Destination of households when they exited these programs (only known for 65% of the exited households because most shelters do not record exit destination):
  - 27% Unknown
  - 26% Rental Housing
  - 12% Staying with family or friends
  - 9% Emergency shelter
  - 4% each – transitional housing, unsheltered, facility (foster care, treatment, hospital, jail, etc.)
  - 3% Permanent supportive housing

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**Location of identified long-term homeless households by Continuum of Care region:**

Anoka	47 (2%)	Scott-Carver	2 (0%)
Central	235 (8%)	Southeast	51 (2%)
Dakota	25 (1%)	Southwest	16 (1%)
Hennepin	1251 (42%)	St Louis	483 (16%)
Northeast	46 (2%)	Washington	0 (0%)
Northwest	185 (6%)	West Central	195 (7%)
Ramsey	562 (19%)		

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**Limitations of HMIS Pool in SFY 2009**

Minnesota’s HMIS system includes a variety of different housing programs such as shelters, permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, support services only, and prevention with 79% bed coverage in the state. All Continuum of Care regions have participation of at least 71% of beds, with six of the 13 regions with participation rates over 90%.

A limitation of the data for emergency shelter is the bed coverage, especially for individuals. For the time period covered, 70% of all shelter beds were in the system, which includes 45% of individual and 98% of family beds. All Continuum of Care regions have shelter providers that participate in HMIS. Seven of the 13 regions have participation of 80% or more. It should also be noted that not all shelter-motel vouchers are tracked in HMIS.

Anonymous participants: people are given the option to have their information entered into the system anonymously. At the time of this project, 7% of client data were entered in the system as anonymous and consequently would not be part of the matching pools.

<sup>i</sup> Some adults served as singles and in families during the year so the total is greater than 100%.

<sup>ii</sup> Same as above

<sup>iii</sup> Totals are over 100% due to people being served by several different programs in the report year

*The data in this report were compiled by Wilder Research from the Minnesota Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and include households served from July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009.*