



TARRANT COUNTY HOMELESS COALITION

TARRANT COUNTY HOMELESS CENSUS 2009

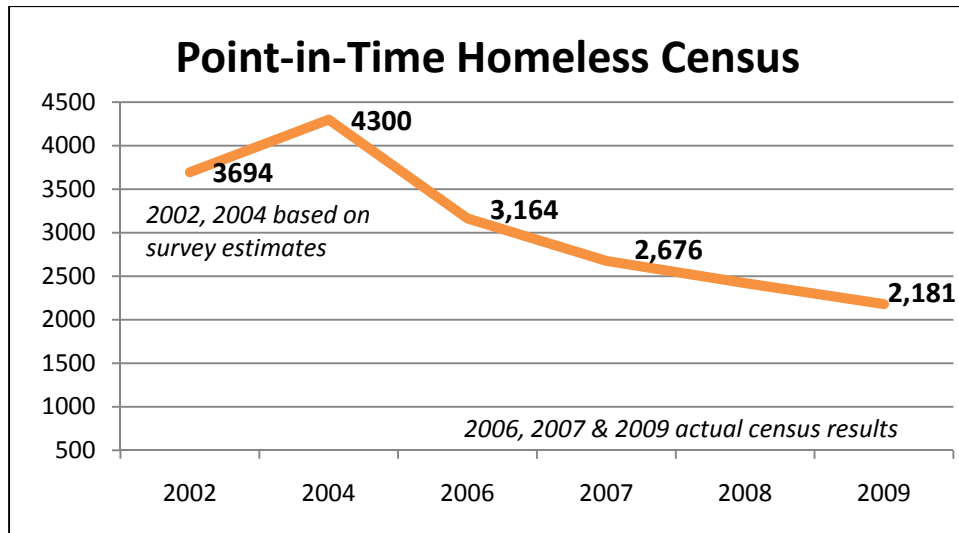
On the night of January 29, 2009, the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition and 576 volunteers and police conducted a census of the unsheltered homeless. TCHC has conducted a count of the homeless in 2006, 2007 and 2009. The next census will occur January 2011. The 2009 survey and census is a report of data recorded from homeless persons surveyed on January 29, 2009 and data recorded within the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The data reported by TCHC is not based on estimates.

RESULTS

- **2,181 homeless persons** were identified on the streets, in emergency shelters, and in transitional housing programs.
- There was a **18.5% decrease** in the number of homeless from 2007 to 2009.
- **195** persons were **unsheltered**, 32 were women, up from 12 women identified on the streets in 2007.
- It is estimated from this point in time count that **5,012** persons will experience homelessness in Tarrant County in 2009.
- **24.99%** of the homeless were **children**. No children were found unsheltered.
- **467** homeless persons were **51 or older**, 86 were 62 or older.
- **209 (15.7%)** were chronically homeless, defined as having a disability, being unaccompanied, and having been homeless a year or more or 4 or more episodes of homelessness in the last 3 years; down from 16.65% in 2007. 32% of the unsheltered were chronically homeless.
- **509** persons are **at risk** for becoming chronically homelessness presenting as unaccompanied, suffering a chronic disability, and approaching a year or more of homelessness.
- Emergency Shelters were at **84.4% capacity** of beds available and Transitional Housing programs were at **86.4% capacity**.

CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) CHANGES IMPACTING REDUCTION AND DATA QUALITY

- The CoC has a higher accuracy in data collected in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) due to increased number of case managers utilizing and recording client information and the mandate of ID scan cards by all emergency shelters. TCHC implemented a greater level of strategic planning in the unsheltered census utilizing all HUD recommended best practices.
- Addition of **146 permanent supportive housing beds** since 2007 (Day Resource Center, Presbyterian Night Shelter and Fort Worth Housing Authority) funded by the HUD CoC Samaritan Bonus in 2005, 2006, 2007)
- **78%** of permanent supportive housing clients have **retained their housing** for 6 months or more due to quality case management



| HOMELESS BY HOUSING TYPE | | 2009 |
|--------------------------|--|--------------|
| Unsheltered | | 195 |
| Emergency Shelter | | 1,128 |
| Safehaven Housing (PNS) | | 20 |
| Transitional Housing | | 838 |
| TOTAL HOMELESS | | 2,181 |

| HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION | Unsheltered | Emergency | Transitional | Safehaven | Total |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Singles | 179 | 859 | 225 | 20 | 1,283 |
| Households with No Dependent Children | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| Households with children | 0 | 269 | 613 | 0 | 882 |
| TOTAL: | 195 | 1,128 | 838 | 20 | 2,181 |

| CHILDREN AND SENIORS | Children 18 and under | Children 18 and under as % of all homeless | Ages 51 - 61 | Ages 51-61 as % of all homeless | Seniors aged 62+ | Seniors as % of all homeless |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Unsheltered | 0 | 0 % | 45 | 23.08% | 6 | 3.08% |
| Emergency Shelters | 183 | 8.39% | 259 | 22.56% | 66 | 5.75% |
| Transitional Housing | 362 | 16.60% | 77 | 9.19% | 14 | 1.67% |
| | 545 | 24.99% | 381 | 17.47% | 86 | 3.94% |

| SUBPOPULATIONS | Emergency Sheltered & Transitional | Unsheltered | Emergency Shelters |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Severely Mentally Ill | 301 | 39 | 194 |
| Chronic Substance Abuse | 588 | 41 | 427 |
| Veterans | 199 | 102 | 110 |
| Persons with HIV/AIDS | 16 | 5 | 12 |
| Victims of Domestic Violence | 394 | 7 | 408 |
| Unaccompanied Youth (under 18) | 9 | 0 | 9 |