

PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS

Marion and Polk Counties

Results of January 26, 2011 Homeless Survey

Homeless Totals

Totals for the homeless count conducted on January 26, 2011 include one-night emergency shelter and transitional housing program counts (One Night Shelter Count); count reports from eight school district sites in Marion and Polk counties (School Counts); site count surveys at the Department of Human Services, Salem Hospital, Marion County and City of Salem Courts, Polk County Corrections, ~~and~~ Salem Housing Authority, ARCHES, and St. Vincent DePaul (Short Surveys); Marion and Polk jail surveys (Marion County Jail Survey and Polk County Jail Survey); homeless observed count; and street surveys (Homeless Street Surveys).

The total number of homeless individuals counted in Marion and Polk counties on January 26, 2011 was 3,064. The total number counted on January 27, 2010 was 3,366, a decrease of 302 individuals.

2011 HOMELESS COUNT

One Night Shelter Counts		Short Surveys	
Individuals Sheltered	897	Surveys completed (individuals)	193
Households Sheltered	593		
Individuals Turned Away	30	Polk County Jail Survey	
Households Turned Away	17	(82 surveys completed)	
		✓ Released into homelessness (within 1 week)	5
School Counts		Marion County Jail Survey	
(No Sheltered Families Included in Count)		(151 surveys completed)	
Marion County School Districts		✓ Released into homelessness (within 1 week)	
Gervais			
• Homeless Students	24	✓ Released into homelessness (within 1 week)	31
Silverton			
• Homeless Students	65		
Salem/Keizer (Salem and Marion County)		Homeless Street Surveys	
• Homeless Students	521	✓ Completed Surveys	229
• Individuals in families	733	✓ Individuals represented within surveys	286
Stayton		✓ Observed (not surveyed)	139
• Homeless Students	80		
Woodburn		TOTALS:	
• Homeless Students	314	SHELTERS	
Polk County School Districts		✓ Individuals Sheltered	897
Central		✓ Individuals Turned Away	30
• Homeless Students	51	SCHOOL COUNTS	
• Individuals in families	94	✓ Homeless Individuals	1,483
Dallas		SHORT SURVEYS	
• Homeless Students	105		193
Salem/Keizer (West Salem)		JAIL SURVEYS	
• Homeless Students	29		36
• Individuals in families	59	STREET SURVEYS	
Willamina		✓ Individuals represented within surveys	286
• Homeless Students	9	✓ Observed (not surveyed)	139
Total Homeless Students	1,198	TOTAL	
Total Homeless Individuals	1,483	Homeless Count 2011	
			3,064

Marion/Polk ONE NIGHT SHELTER COUNT
Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing & Emergency Financial Assistance

January 26, 2011

ORGANIZATION	INDIVIDUALS SHELTERED	HOUSEHOLDS SHELTERED	INDIVIDUALS TURNED AWAY	HOUSEHOLDS TURNED AWAY
ARCHES	58	33	0	0
Dallas Resource Center	26	7	0	0
Marion County Health	21	21	0	0
MVWCS – Emergency	13	11	4	2
MVWCS – Transitional	0	0	0	0
MWVCAA HPRP Prev.	122	40	0	0
MWVCAA HPRP Rapid ReHousing	23	9	0	0
MWVCAA HSP	17	4	0	0
MWVCAA Interim Asst	16	5	0	0
MWVCAA M-P Tran.	13	7	0	0
MWVCAA Marion TBA	53	22	0	0
MWVCAA Polk TBA	13	6	0	0
MWVCAA Quest	8	8	0	0
MWVCAA Salem TBA	21	13	0	0
NWHS Crisis Hotline	13	7	0	0
NWHS HOAP Safe Haven	5	5	9	9
NWHS HOST Shelter	9	9	0	0
NWHS HOST TLP	5	5	0	0
Polk C. Parole & Prob.	3	3	0	0
Sable House	11	4	0	0
SHA Emerg Fin. Asst		No Rental Assistance Available on Date of Count		
Salem Interfaith	11	5	8	2
Salem Outreach Shelter	45	14	0	0
Salvation Army	80	61	0	0
Salv Army –Rent Asst	9	2		
Shangri-La New Options	8	8	0	0
Shelley’s House	10	10	0	0
Silverton Area Comm Aid		No Rental Assistance Available on Date of Count		
Simonka Place Emerg	28	26	0	0
Simonka Place Trans	9	8	0	0
St Brigid Home	5	3	0	0
St Francis Shelter	28	11	9	4
St Joseph Shelter	53	28	0	0
St Monica	6	3	0	0
St Teresa’s		Closed for Remodeling on Date of Count.		
St Vincent de Paul	10	6	0	0
Stayton Resource Center	15	5	0	0
Tahana Whitecrow	0	0	0	0
Titus 3	5	5	0	0
UGM Emergency	94	94	0	0
UGM Transitional	31	31	0	0
Woodburn Resource Ctr		No Rental Assistance Available on Date of Count		
TOTALS	897	539	30	17

Street Count Interviews January 26th, 2011

On January 26, 2011, over 80 community volunteers conducted 229 interviews with people who had no permanent place to live in Marion and Polk counties. The interviews were conducted on the street, in parks, under bridges, in camps and at area homeless service organizations. All participants were informed that their names would not be collected and that their participation was completely voluntary.

DEMOGRAPHICS:

Street interviews resulted in data collected from 163 males and 64 females. 286 individuals were represented within the 229 surveys collected. 74% of respondents were single adults. 37% of homeless respondents were between the ages of 36-50. 16% of the participants were veterans. 51% of all participants reported receiving a GED, graduating from high school and/or having some college education. 4% of all participants reported having a college degree.

GENDER

	Count	Percent
Male	163	71%
Female	64	28%
No Response	2	1%
Total	229	100%

HOUSEHOLD TYPE

Single Adult	170	74%
Couples without children	29	13%
Single Parent with children	15	6%
Two Parent with children	9	4%
Unaccompanied youth (17 or younger)	4	2%
No Response	2	1%
Total	229	100%

AGE GROUPS

	Count	Percent
Under 21	16	7%
21-35	57	25%
36-50	84	37%
51-65	40	17%
Over 65	5	2%
No Response	27	12%
Total	229	100%

EDUCATION LEVEL

	Count	Percent
Still in HS or MS	4	2%
Grade 1-9	42	18%
Grade 10-12	42	18%
GED	42	18%
HS Graduate	37	16%
Some College	38	17%
College Graduate	8	4%
No Response	16	7%
Total	229	100%

VETERAN STATUS

	Count	Percent
Yes	37	16%
No	192	84%
No Response	0	0%
Total	229	100%

HOMELESS CHARACTERISTICS:

81 participants (35%) indicated they have been homeless for less than 1 year, and 143 participants (63%) have been homeless for more than 1 year, a 3% increase over 2010. 78% of participants indicated they eat regularly, although 170 (75%) say they eat 2 times or less per day. Only 22% indicated they ate 3 meals a day. 61% of respondents indicated they were looking for work. When asked what could be done to improve their situation, 34% said a job or work opportunities and 27% said affordable housing. 32% of respondents had no income, a 16% increase over 2010. 70% of participants made \$500 or less per month, a 15% increase over 2010. When asked about the most difficult aspect of being homeless, 19% said loneliness/depression/or uncertain future and 19% said staying warm and dry. 31% of participants were chronically homeless, a 3% increase over 2010 and a 7% increase over 2009, defined as: Continuously homeless for 1 year or had at least 4 episodes of homelessness in the past 3 years and have a disabling condition.

LENGTH OF HOMELESSNESS

	Count	Percent
Less than 1 year	81	35%
1-3 years	66	29%
3-5 years	31	13%
Over 5 years	18	8%
Over 10 years	22	10%
Over 20 years	6	3%
No response	5	2%
Total	229	100%

PLACE TO SLEEP

	Count	Percent
Street	49	21%
Vehicle	30	13%
Camp/Park	61	27%

Temp w/friend	76	33%
Other	8	4%
No Response	5	2%
Total	229	100%

ABLE TO EAT REGULARLY

	Count	Percent
Yes	179	78%
No	45	20%
No Response	5	2%
Total	229	100%

HOW OFTEN DO YOU EAT

	Count	Percent
Less than 1 time a day	14	6%
1 time a day	63	28%
2 times a day	93	41%
3 times a day	51	22%
No Response	8	3%
Total	229	100%

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

	Count	Percent
Yes	140	61%
No	86	38%
No Response	3	1%
Total	229	100%

INCOME – MONEY SOURCE*

	Count	Percent
Social Security/Disability	27	11%
Panhandling	28	12%
Part-Time Work	12	5%
Job	8	3%
Recycle Cans	27	11%
Odd jobs	27	11%
Government assistance/VA Benefits	10	4%
Unemployment	4	2%
No Income	76	32%
Other	9	4%
No Response	10	4%
Total	238	100%

*Could have more than one answer per person

HOW MUCH PER MONTH

	Count	Percent
\$0	76	33%

\$1 - \$500	84	37%
\$501 - \$1,000	40	17%
No Response	29	13%
Total	229	100%

NECESSARY TO IMPROVE CURRENT SITUATION*

	Count	Percent
Affordable Housing	65	27%
Job	81	34%
Medical/Dental	14	6%
Free Camping Zone/Camping Supplies	5	2%
Assistance obtaining ID	6	2%
Assistance obtaining SS/disability	11	5%
Assistance obtaining clothing/hygiene supplies	8	3%
Addiction services	2	1%
Nothing/Don't know	5	2%
Other	19	8%
No Response	25	10%
Total	241	100%

*Could have more than one answer per person

WHY LEFT LAST LIVING ARRANGEMENT*

	Count	Percent
Child Abuse	3	1%
Couldn't Afford Rent	53	16%
Credit	3	1%
Criminal History	19	6%
Domestic Violence	14	4%
Drugs/Alcohol at home	14	4%
Drugs/Alcohol (self)	23	7%
Evicted by Landlord	23	7%
Kicked out by Family/Friend	29	9%
Medical Problem	12	4%
Mental or Emotional disorder	19	6%
Poor Rental History	6	2%
Runaway	5	2%
Unemployed	65	20%
Foreclosure	4	1%
Other	13	4%
No Response	17	5%
Total	322	100%

*Could have more than one answer per person

DIFFICULTY OF BEING HOMELESS*

	Count	Percent
Obtaining employment	23	8%
Judged/Public Perception/Harassment	30	11%
Loneliness/Depression/Uncertain Future	53	19%
Medical Treatment/Medications	9	3%
Getting enough to eat	15	5%
Finding Place to Sleep	17	6%
Staying Warm/Dry	52	19%
Hygiene	20	7%
Violence/Safety Concerns	15	5%
Not having own space	13	5%
Other	9	3%
No Response	20	7%
Total	276	100%

* Could have more than one answer per person

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

	Count	Percent
Yes	71	31%
No	158	69%
Total	229	100%

DISCRIMINATION, VIOLENCE AND HOMELESSNESS:

Participants were asked if they ever felt discriminated against, and whether they had ever experienced violence while homeless. 63% of participants indicated they had experienced discrimination because they were homeless and 39% had experienced violence while homeless.

DISCRIMINATION DUE TO HOMELESSNESS

	Count	Percent
Yes	144	63%
No	67	29%
No Response	18	8%
Total	229	100%

EXPERIENCE VIOLENCE

	Count	Percent
Yes	90	39%
No	116	51%
No Response	23	10%
Total	229	100%

JAIL AND PRISON EXPERIENCE:

Participants were asked about their jail and/or prison experience. These were not invasive questions but rather exploratory questions to determine if the participant had ever been in jail and/or prison. 67% of the participants said they had been in jail, a 6% decrease from 2010. 25% of participants had been in prison, a 7% decrease from 2010.

EVER BEEN IN JAIL

	Count	Percent
Yes	154	67%
No	60	26%
No Response	15	7%
Total	229	100%

EVER BEEN IN PRISON

	Count	Percent
Yes	57	25%
No	156	68%
No Response	16	7%
Total	229	100%

HEALTH AND DISABILITY VARIABLES:

Participants were asked a series of questions related to health and disability. The purpose for asking these questions was to determine how many participants had health problems, dental problems and disabilities. 63% indicated they had health problems, 60% dental problems, and 81% said they had disability concerns. 42% of the participants had seen a doctor within the last year, a 7 % decrease from 2010, while only 17% had seen a dentist within the last year.

MEDICAL PROBLEMS

	Count	Percent
Yes	144	63%
No	73	32%
No Response	12	5%
Total	229	100%

LAST TIME SAW A DOCTOR

	Count	Percent
Past Year	97	42%
More than 1 Year	30	13%
2-3 Years	36	16%
4-5 Years	11	5%
Over 5 Years Ago	24	10%
Do Not Recall	12	5%
No Response	19	8%
Total	229	100%

DENTAL PROBLEMS

	Count	Percent
Yes	138	60%
No	71	31%
No Response	20	9%
Total	229	100%

LAST TIME SAW A DENTIST

	Count	Percent
Past Year	39	17%
More than 1 Year	23	10%
2-3 Years	32	14%
4-5 Years	12	5%
Over 5 Years Ago	70	31%
Do Not Recall	28	12%
No Response	25	11%
Total	229	100%

DISABILITY CONCERNS*

	Count	Percent
Mental/Emotional	83	21%
Physical Disability	75	19%
Developmental	23	6%
Alcohol Abuse	45	11%
Substance Abuse	33	8%
Chronic Health Condition	63	16%
No Disabling Condition/No Response	73	18%
Total	395	100%

*Could have more than one disability