



## Homeless Census 2011

This report covers the period from October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011. The counts are based on the numbers that were reported to U.S. Department for Housing and Urban Development through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) managed in Louisville by The Coalition for the Homeless. We adjusted the numbers to include domestic violence shelter clients who are not entered into the system for confidentiality reasons.

### Number of homeless

The Louisville homeless service providers counted **8,615 unduplicated homeless people** over the past year. This number includes both sheltered and unsheltered\* homeless. Unlike past years, we have included only the unsheltered homeless who were counted when they received some type of homeless services. We are not able to count the unsheltered homeless who do not receive any services from the homeless service providers and did not extrapolate this number as in years past.

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| Sheltered homeless   | 7,918 | 12% increase                                      |
| Unsheltered homeless | 697   | 66% decrease from last year's extrapolated number |
| Total                | 8,615 | 6% decrease                                       |

\* Sheltered = people who stayed in emergency or transitional shelters. Unsheltered = people on the street or people who are receiving services but are not staying in a shelter.

### Homeless subpopulation counts

The subpopulation counts below apply to the 7,918 sheltered homeless. These are the homeless who slept in a homeless shelter at least once during the report period. We have no way to gather this information for the unsheltered homeless.

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|--------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Number of families       | 509   | 14% increase |
| People in families       | 1,747 | 24% increase |
| Children (less than 18)  | 1,247 | n/a          |
| People with disabilities | 2,593 | n/a          |
| DV victims               | 701   | 16% increase |
| Chronically homeless     | 1,419 | 14% decrease |
| Veterans                 | 820   | 7% decrease  |

### Shelter capacity

The shelter capacity is the total number of homeless beds that were available in Louisville shelters during the reporting period. Bed utilization is compiled four times a year and refers to the number of beds that were in use on those days.

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| Number of ES and TH* shelter beds in 2011           | 1,484 (7% increase)             |
| Bed utilization on average night                    | 93% is ES<br>83% in TH          |
| Average length of stay in shelter for adult clients | 26 days in ES<br>109 days in TH |

\*ES = emergency shelter, TH = transitional shelter

### Success in reducing homelessness

Each year, many homeless people move from homelessness to permanent housing.

| People moving from homelessness to permanent housing in 2011 | % of 2011 count | Change from 2010 |
|--|-----------------|------------------|
| 1,521  | 18%             | 25% increase     |