

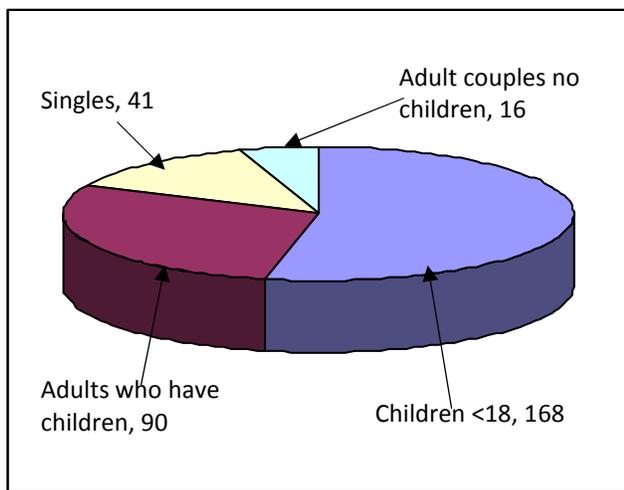


Homeless Point in Time Count 2011

A Snapshot of Homelessness in Johnson County

The Johnson County Continuum of Care on Homelessness counted literally homeless persons and households during one 24-hour period on January 26, 2011. In Johnson County, 315 literally homeless persons (those living in emergency shelter, transitional housing or in places not meant for human habitation such as in cars or on the streets) were identified. While it is likely that this number is an undercount of the true number of homeless in the county, these findings are a valuable planning tool to improve the response to homelessness in Johnson County and are collected biennially.

2011 Homeless Census Results Total Count = 315



315 Johnson County residents were literally homeless on January 26, 2011:

- Analysis was based on surveys of 166 households, 43 of which were not homeless, did not stay in Johnson County or were living with family and friends without paying (doubled up)
- 123 households containing 315 persons reported being literally homeless, which is defined as living on the streets, in cars or in emergency shelter or transitional housing
- 76 persons were imminently or 'near' homeless, staying with others temporarily or doubled up due to losing their own housing
- More than half (53%) of literally homeless persons counted were children (<18 yrs.)
- The number of homeless children who were unsheltered doubled between 2009 and 2011

KEY FACTS

Changes in homelessness from the 2009 point-in-time count to the 2011 count.

- The number of literally homeless residents counted increased from 210 in 2009 to 315 in 2011.
- The number identified as literally homeless decreased 10 percent between the 2007 and the 2009 point-in-time counts, but increased 50 percent between 2009 and 2011.
- Four homeless persons and four homeless families were chronically homeless – having been homeless for more than one year or having had four or more episodes of homelessness in the past three years and having at least one adult with a disability.

Literally Homeless Point-in-Time Count Comparison: 2009 to 2011 Households with vs Households without Children by shelter status		
	2009	2011
Number of Sheltered* Persons in Households with Children	121	213
Number of Unsheltered** Persons in Households with Children	31	45
<i>Total Literally Homeless Persons in Households with Children</i>	<u>152</u>	<u>258</u>
Number of Sheltered* Individuals or Persons in Households without Children	45	34
Number of Unsheltered** Individuals or Persons in Households without Children	13	23
<i>Total Literally Homeless Persons without Children</i>	<u>58</u>	<u>57</u>
Grand Total (Persons in households with and without children)	210	315

* Sheltered homeless includes people staying in emergency shelter or transitional housing, and includes those in domestic violence shelters. Not included are any previously homeless who have moved to permanent supportive housing.

** Unsheltered homeless includes people who meet the HUD definition of staying in places not made for human habitation, such as living in their cars or on the streets.

Literally Homeless Point-in-Time Count Comparison: 2009 to 2011		
Adults and Children by shelter status		
	2009	2011
Number of Sheltered* Adults (single or in households)	120	110
Number of Unsheltered** Adults	29	37
<i>Total Literally Homeless Adults</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>147</i>
Number of Sheltered* Children	46	137
Number of Unsheltered** Children	15	31
<i>Total Literally Homeless Children</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>168</i>
Grand Total (adults and children)	210	315

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Profile of Literally Homeless Households with Children:

74 Households with children = 258 persons*

- Over two in five children (50 of 120) in homeless households with children were age six and under – critical years to lay the foundation for lifelong learning and development. (Children in domestic violence shelters are omitted from the analysis as their birthdates were not recorded.)
- 80% (59 of 74) of households with children were headed by single adults; 93% of single adult households with children were headed by females (55 of 59).
- 55% (of households responding) of adult heads of households with children were employed.
- 39% (29 of 74 households) reported that domestic violence attributed to their homelessness.

Profile of Literally Homeless Single Households or Two Adult Households without Children:

Individuals or Couples without Children = 49 households, 57 persons*

- 37% (21 of 57 persons) reported that they had a serious mental illness, chronic illness or disability, and/or diagnosable substance abuse disorder.
- 39% (of households responding) were employed.
- 20% (10 of 49 households) reported that domestic violence contributed to their homelessness.
- Three of the 41 single households were youth less than 18 years of age.

Challenges to assessing and understanding how many homeless persons reside in Johnson County and their characteristics:

- Few Johnson County residents who have lost their housing are readily viewable to the public, and thus the awareness of their situation and needs is minimal.
- The six Johnson County School Districts reported identifying 746 homeless students in the 2009-2010 school year, which is far greater than the number of children identified during the 2011 point-in-time count. This suggests that the full number of the homeless and near homeless or doubled up may be far greater.
- School homeless liaisons report that the majority of these students were not runaways or castaways, but were residing with their immediate families in the homes of others temporarily.

** Data analysis reflects the responses of those completing related questions*

SOURCE: 2011 & 2009 Point-In-Time Homeless Count conducted by the Johnson County Continuum of Care and facilitated by UCS in partnership with the Kansas Point in Time Partnership; personal communications with Johnson County School District Homeless Liaisons. Summary prepared by United Community Services of Johnson County. Data analysis is based on 166 surveys, 43 of which were either not homeless, did not stay in Johnson County, or were doubled up with family and friends.

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