

2008 EMERGENCY SHELTER SYSTEM

CHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Overview

The Chester County Department of Community Development (DCD) provides funding for eight emergency shelters located throughout Chester County. Consolidated Plan Quarterly Reports are submitted to DCD by County-funded emergency shelters, which provided the information contained in the following report. DCD compiled the 2008 statistics from Chester County's emergency shelter system and submitted the report to HUD in the 2008 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) on March 31, 2009.

According to shelter reports, a 17% increase from 2007 to 2008 in total homeless cases served in Chester County emergency shelters was observed (912 cases). Emergency homeless shelters serving individual clients housed 718 single men (17.5% increase from 2007) and 90 single women (9.7% increase). Family shelters reported serving 97 single-parent families (10% increase from 2007) and 7 two-parent families (600% increase). Homeless shelters serving one and two-parent families in Chester County served a total of 77 more people in 2008 than in 2007, representing a 29% increase from 2007.

Demographic Summary

Overall, 56% (511 people) of homeless shelter cases served in Chester County in 2008 were Caucasian. African American demographics comprised 43% (393 people) of the cases served. Hispanic/Latino, 2.6% (25 people), and Asian (2 people) populations made

up the remainder of homeless shelter cases in 2008. There were 190 U.S. Veterans served in homeless shelters in 2008 (a 19.5% increase from 2007). 168 adults and 174 children stayed in Chester County family shelters in 2008. Out of the total 342 persons served in family shelters, 51% (174) were children. Over 31% (108) were children between 0 and 5 years old.

Income and Employment

Over 89% of the population that stayed in emergency shelters serving individuals earned 30% or less of the Median Family Income (MFI) in 2008. Among individuals who stayed in these shelters, there was a 25% increase from 2007 in those who reported to be seeking employment. 174 individuals (23%) were employed. This represents an 18% decrease in employed individuals from 2007. However, 475 individuals (63%) were seeking employment, a 25% increase over 2007.

Of those who stayed in family shelters, 44% earned 30% or less of the MFI. The number of people who stayed in a family shelter and were employed was 12% (42 people), representing a 40% increase over 2007. The number of people who stayed in family shelters in 2008 and reported that they were seeking employment was 98, a 96% increase over 2007.

Overall, 216 people (23% of those who stayed in emergency shelters) were employed in 2008. This represents an 11% decrease in people who were employed, compared to 2007. However, 573 people (63% of those who stayed in emergency shelters) re-

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ported that they were seeking employment in 2008. This reflects a 34% increase from 2007.

Special Needs

Among clients who stayed in an emergency shelter serving individuals, an 18% increase in drug dependency was reported (282 total individuals) from 2007. These shelters reported 250 individuals with alcohol dependency in 2008. Meanwhile, 275 individual clients (36%) reported mental health issues and 20 individuals (2.6%) were physically disabled.

Nearly 17% (27 people) of those who stayed in a family shelter in 2008 reported having mental health issues, while 9 people were physically disabled. Fourteen people (4%) were drug dependent, 7 (2%) were alcohol dependent, and the total number of people with AIDS who were served in all Chester County funded homeless shelters in 2008 was 4, the same number as in 2007.

In examining the overall special needs population served by emergency shelters during 2008, 296 people (32%) were drug dependent, while 257 people (28%) were alcohol dependent. These numbers represent a 19% increase in drug dependency and a 4% increase in alcohol dependency over 2007. In 2008, 29 people (3% of those who stayed in emergency shelters) were physically disabled. This reflects a 190% increase in people with disabilities being served in Chester County homeless shelters over 2007. In 2008, 24 people (2.6% of those who stayed in emergency shelters) were mentally retarded, 11% less than in 2007. Fifty-nine battered spouses were served in emergency shelters in 2008, a 10.6% decrease from 2007.

Homeless Single Women's Traveling Shelter

While Safe Harbor of Greater West Chester is the only shelter that serves single homeless women, it only has the capacity to provide four beds. In 2008, DCD awarded funding to support the expansion of Safe Harbor to increase the capacity to serve single homeless women to 20 beds. The Homeless Single Women's Taskforce continued to operate a roaming shelter from October 2008 through April 5, 2009. During that time there were 32 single homeless women served. Thanks to the support of local agencies and faith-based organizations over the past two years, Chester County was again able to provide more shelter beds for single homeless women.

DCD Funded Emergency Shelters

- Community, Youth & Women's Alliance:
Gateway Shelter
- Domestic Violence Center of Chester County
- Friends Association for the Care & Protection
of Children
- Good Samaritan
- Safe Harbor of Greater West Chester
- Saint Mary's Franciscan Shelter
- Salvation Army: Railton House
- W.C. Atkinson Memorial Community Services
Center



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2008 Demographics of Homeless in Emergency Shelters

Characteristic	Quarter				2008 Totals	Percent	2007 Totals	% +/- '07
	1	2	3	4				
# of cases served	266	206	214	226	912	100%	783	16.48%
# of people served	315	245	254	279	1093	100%	958	14.09%
single man	209	168	168	173	718	78.73%	611	17.51%
single woman	27	15	25	23	90	9.87%	82	9.76%
two-parent family	2	1	1	3	7	0.77%	1	600.00%
single-parent family	28	22	20	27	97	10.64%	88	10.23%
adult-only household	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	1	-100.00%
0-30% MFI	205	195	198	216	814	89.25%	765	6.41%
31-50% MFI	11	4	4	6	25	2.74%	13	92.31%
51-80% MFI	7	7	12	2	28	3.07%	5	460.00%
81% MFI and over	1	0	0	2	3	0.33%	0	---
White	165	123	116	107	511	56.03%	423	20.80%
Black/African American	99	81	94	119	393	43.09%	343	14.58%
Asian	1	0	1	0	2	0.22%	3	-33.33%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	---
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	---
Multi-racial	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	---
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	10	6	4	5	25	2.74%	26	-3.85%
female-headed household	29	22	20	27	98	10.75%	87	12.64%
drug dependent	69	86	80	61	296	32.46%	249	18.88%
alcohol dependent	74	56	86	41	257	28.18%	247	4.05%
mental retardation client	3	5	13	3	24	2.63%	27	-11.11%
mental health client	92	69	73	68	302	33.11%	260	16.15%
physically disabled	9	4	7	9	29	3.18%	10	190.00%
Aids/related diseases	0	1	2	1	4	0.44%	4	0.00%
veteran	50	45	51	44	190	20.83%	159	19.50%
battered spouse	20	15	11	13	59	6.47%	66	-10.61%
employed	77	46	54	39	216	23.68%	242	-10.74%
seeking employment	152	135	132	154	573	62.83%	429	33.57%
received govt. subsidy	42	39	32	38	151	16.56%	150	0.67%
dropped frm govt. subsidy	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	12	-100.00%
children 0-5 years	28	21	27	32	108	11.84%	95	13.68%
children 6-12 years	17	13	9	13	52	5.70%	62	-16.13%
children 13-18 years	2	4	3	5	14	1.54%	21	-33.33%
Total number of adults served	268	207	215	229	919	84.08%	803	14.45%
Total number of children served	47	38	39	50	174	15.92%	175	-0.57%
Total persons served	315	245	254	279	1093	---	958	14.09%
Total unduplicated cases					912	100.00%	805	13.29%

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2008 Homeless Demographics: Individuals vs. Families

Characteristic	Individuals		Families	
	Totals	Percent	Totals	Percent
# of cases served	751	100.00%	161	100.00%
# of people served	751	100.00%	342	100.00%
single man	718	95.61%	0	0.00%
single woman	33	4.39%	57	35.40%
two-parent family	0	0.00%	7	4.35%
single-parent family	0	0.00%	97	60.25%
adult-only household	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
0-30% MFI	662	88.15%	152	94.41%
31-50% MFI	17	2.26%	8	4.97%
51-80% MFI	27	3.60%	1	0.62%
81% MFI and over	3	0.40%	0	0.00%
White	439	58.46%	72	44.72%
Black/African American	311	41.41%	82	50.93%
Asian	1	0.13%	1	0.62%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Multi-racial	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	10	1.33%	15	9.32%
female-headed household	0	0.00%	98	60.87%
drug dependent	282	37.55%	14	8.70%
alcohol dependent	250	33.29%	7	4.35%
mental retardation client	19	2.53%	5	3.11%
mental health client	275	36.62%	27	16.77%
physically disabled	20	2.66%	9	5.59%
Aids/related diseases	4	0.53%	0	0.00%
veteran	188	25.03%	2	1.24%
battered spouse	0	0.00%	59	36.65%
employed	174	23.17%	42	26.09%
seeking employment	475	63.25%	98	60.87%
received govt. subsidy	117	15.58%	34	21.12%
dropped frm govt. subsidy	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
children 0-5 years	0	0.00%	108	62.07%
children 6-12 years	0	0.00%	52	29.89%
children 13-18 years	0	0.00%	14	8.05%
Total number of adults served	751	100.00%	168	49.12%
Total number of children served	0	0.00%	174	50.88%
Total persons served	751	100.00%	342	100.00%

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2008 Homeless Demographics

Shelters serving male & female individuals only

Characteristic	Quarter				2008 Totals	Percent	2007 Totals	% +/- '07
	1	2	3	4				
# of cases served	222	175	176	178	751	100.00%	693	8.37%
# of people served	222	175	176	178	751	100.00%	693	8.37%
single man	209	168	168	173	718	95.61%	611	17.51%
single woman	13	7	8	5	33	4.39%	82	-59.76%
two parent family	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	---
single parent family	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	---
adult-only household	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	---
0-30% MFI	165	165	162	170	662	88.15%	676	-2.07%
31-50% MFI	7	3	2	5	17	2.26%	12	41.67%
51-80% MFI	7	7	12	1	27	3.60%	5	440.00%
81% MFI and over	1	0	0	2	3	0.40%	0	---
White	142	104	105	88	439	58.46%	378	16.14%
Black/African American	80	71	70	90	311	41.41%	298	4.36%
Asian	0	0	1	0	1	0.13%	3	-66.67%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	---
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	---
Multi-racial	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	---
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	6	3	1	0	10	1.33%	20	-50.00%
Female headed household	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	---
drug dependent	63	82	76	61	282	37.55%	239	17.99%
alcohol dependent	74	54	81	41	250	33.29%	246	1.63%
mental retardation client	3	5	10	1	19	2.53%	22	-13.64%
mental health client	80	63	69	63	275	36.62%	246	11.79%
Physically disabled	7	2	5	6	20	2.66%	8	150.00%
Aids/related diseases	0	1	2	1	4	0.53%	4	0.00%
veteran	50	45	50	43	188	25.03%	159	18.24%
battered spouse	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	25	-100.00%
Employed	63	35	47	29	174	23.17%	212	-17.92%
Seeking employment	130	115	107	123	475	63.25%	379	25.33%
Receive Govt. Subsidy	29	36	26	26	117	15.58%	132	-11.36%
Dropped frm Govt. Subsidy	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	4	-100.00%
children 0-5 years	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	---
children 6-12 years	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	---
children 13-18 years	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	---
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2008 Homeless Demographics

Shelters serving one & two-parent families

Characteristic	Quarter				2008 Totals	Percent	2007 Totals	% +/- '07
	1	2	3	4				
# of cases served	44	31	38	48	161	100.00%	90	78.89%
# of people served	93	70	78	101	342	100.00%	265	29.06%
single man	0	0	0	0	0	---	0	---
single woman	14	8	17	18	57	16.67%	0	---
two parent family	2	1	1	3	7	2.05%	1	600.00%
single parent family	28	22	20	27	97	28.36%	88	10.23%
adult-only household	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	1	-100.00%
0-30% MFI	40	30	36	46	152	44.44%	89	70.79%
31-50% MFI	4	1	2	1	8	2.34%	1	700.00%
51-80% MFI	0	0	0	1	1	0.29%	0	---
81% MFI and over	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	---
White	23	19	11	19	72	21.05%	45	60.00%
Black/African American	19	10	24	29	82	23.98%	45	82.22%
Asian	1	0	0	0	1	0.29%	0	---
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	---
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	---
Multi-racial	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	---
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	4	3	3	5	15	4.39%	6	150.00%
Female headed household	29	22	20	27	98	28.65%	87	12.64%
drug dependent	6	4	4	0	14	4.09%	10	40.00%
alcohol dependent	0	2	5	0	7	2.05%	1	600.00%
mental retardation client	0	0	3	2	5	1.46%	5	0.00%
mental health client	12	6	4	5	27	7.89%	14	92.86%
Physically disabled	2	2	2	3	9	2.63%	2	350.00%
Aids/related diseases	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	---
veteran	0	0	1	1	2	0.58%	0	---
battered spouse	20	15	11	13	59	17.25%	41	43.90%
Employed	14	11	7	10	42	12.28%	30	40.00%
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