# Homelessness in Monroe County, Florida

2015 Homeless Point-in-Time Report
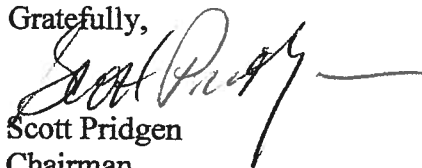
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The Monroe County Point-in-Time Homeless Survey could not have been completed without the support and dedication of the many homeless service providers who comprise the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care and the dozens of volunteers who participated in the county-wide effort.

A special note of thanks goes to the hard working individuals who strive to provide a decent and safe place for homeless individuals and families to live and recover from the underlying causes of their homelessness.

Finally, this report would not have been possible without the cooperation of the survey respondents who completed surveys and provided us with confidential information about their experiences and reasons for homelessness.

Collectively, these survey responses provide all of us with a better understanding of the magnitude of homelessness in the Florida Keys and the work that lies ahead of us to ensure that all people in our community have a safe and decent place to call home.

Gratefully,

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Chairman
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*The mission of the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care, Inc. is to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness by facilitating the Continuum-of-Care process in Monroe County, Florida.*

*On Tuesday, January 27th, 2015,*
*there were 615 homeless men, women and children counted*
*in the annual Point-in-Time survey in Monroe County, Florida.*

## I. INTRODUCTION

With the help of volunteers, homeless service providers, Key West Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Monroe County Social Services, churches, hospitals, staff and outreach workers, the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care, Inc., hereafter referred to as MC-CoC, conducted a point-in-time (PIT) study of homeless persons in the Florida Keys who were both sheltered and unsheltered.

A point-in-time count provides a "snapshot" of homelessness by counting those who are homeless at a particular time; however, surveyors can easily "miss" homeless individuals and families.

The MC-CoC is a coalition working with homeless assistance agencies in the Florida Keys to coordinate the delivery of housing and services to homeless families, individuals, youth and persons with disabilities.

MC-CoC seeks to provide the leadership, support and structure necessary to develop and sustain a comprehensive system of housing and services for those experiencing homelessness.

Referred to as the Continuum of Care, this system is formally designated by the State of Florida as the local homeless coalition for the jurisdiction that encompasses all of Monroe County. The MC-CoC is one of twenty-eight (28) state-wide coalitions.

The MC-CoC works to unite housing and service providers, funders, business and non-profit organizations, government agencies, law enforcement, faith communities, health care providers and other groups and individuals throughout Monroe County in an ongoing effort to break the cycle of homelessness and help homeless persons achieve and maintain maximum self-sufficiency.

Designing, implementing and maintaining a Continuum of Care homeless service delivery system requires the on-going collection and analysis of data on the number, location and demographic characteristics of homeless persons who need access to emergency shelter, supportive transitional housing, permanent housing and specialized services.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the primary source of federal funding for housing support for homeless people, requires that each Continuum of Care across the country conduct a "point-in-time" survey every two years during the last week of the month of January.

However, the MC-CoC is committed to conducting the survey on an annual basis in order to have the most accurate and current data possible upon which to plan local services and evaluate outcomes.

MC-CoC, HUD, the State of Florida Department of Children and Families, local Governments and service providers will use the information collected by the point-in-time survey to assess, project and plan strategies and services to eliminate homelessness.

MC-CoC defines homelessness as:
- Sleeping in places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, or abandoned or condemned buildings, in an emergency shelter, in transitional housing or are exiting an institution where they temporarily resided for up to 90 days and were in shelter or a place not meant for habitation immediately prior to entering that institution;
- Staying temporarily (doubled up) with family or friends while looking for a permanent place to live;
- Staying temporarily in a hotel/motel while looking for shelter or housing;
- Individuals and families who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence; and having no subsequent residence identified and lacking the resources and support networks needed to obtain access to housing;
- Any individual or family fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or other dangerous or life threatening conditions that relate to violence;
- Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age who are unstably housed and are likely to continue in that state.

Although homeless persons who are incarcerated on the date of the Point-in-Time Survey are **not** by HUD's definition homeless, the MC-CoC is including this data as an addendum to this report because of the significant number of homeless individuals who cycle in and out of the Monroe County Detention Center.

Also included as an addendum, but not in the official PIT Count, is information on homeless individuals living in Permanent Supportive Housing and homeless children who are living doubled up.

## II. UNDERSTANDING THE DATA

There is no disagreement that it is difficult to count homeless people. The one consistent finding in all the research on homelessness is that surveys undercount homeless populations. No PIT can achieve 100% accuracy. It is easy to "miss" homeless individuals and families -- they might not receive services at the agencies where homeless persons are counted on the night of the PIT, or if they do frequent a particular agency, they might not be there during the 24-hour day of the count. People enter and leave homelessness frequently and may become homeless shortly after the point-in-time study.

The comprehensiveness of a sheltered homeless count is entirely dependent upon the level of participation of agencies and organizations that serve homeless individuals and families. 100% of Monroe County shelter and homeless housing providers participated in this effort.

Unsheltered homeless people are particularly difficult to count. By definition, they are not in places where they can easily be counted, such as transitional housing and homeless shelters.

Some homeless people are not counted because they are not in locations where they can be readily found, much less where they have the opportunity to complete a survey, such as those living on the street, in automobiles, on derelict boats, in mangroves, and other kinds of crude and temporary housing.

Youth on their own (including the so-called Rainbow Children and Grunge Kids), recently homeless persons and individuals and families who are doubled up with friends and relatives are often underrepresented among those who access homeless services.

Other homeless people are likely afraid of being counted, such as undocumented persons and families who fear losing custody of their children.

MC-CoC recruited and trained 123 service providers, volunteers and outreach workers for the 2015 PIT count totaling 487 volunteer hours.

MC-CoC held several PIT planning meetings and conducted eight (8) trainings in the lower, middle and upper keys to prepare service provider staff and volunteers to collect the survey data in order to keep the cost of the Point-in-Time count affordable. Where possible, volunteers and agency staff assisted homeless (or assumed homeless) individuals to complete the two-sided survey.

The Key West Police Department and private citizens, provided boats to reach homeless individuals living on derelict vessels or outer islands.

Dozens of businesses, not-for-profits, and individuals donated items for "goody bags" to offer survey respondents as both an incentive to participate in the PIT and as a gesture of gratitude for doing so. The bags contained personal hygiene items, first aid supplies, baked goods, socks, etc.

**Survey questions included information on:**
- Age
- Chronic homelessness
- Area in county
- Gender
- Disabling conditions
- Duration of homelessness
- Time Homeless in Monroe County
- Episodes of homelessness
- Ethnicity
- History of foster care
- Family composition
- Government benefits received
- Households with and without children
- Last permanent place
- Military service
- Where slept previous night
- Newly homeless
- Reasons for homelessness
- Unsheltered/Sheltered
- Sources of income
- Services needed

**Definitions of Terms:**
**Homeless**
Only people who are literally homeless according to HUD's definition can be reported to HUD and the Florida State Office on Homelessness. This means that on the night of the January 27th, 2015 count, they were living in emergency shelter, including domestic violence shelters, in transitional housing for homeless persons who originally came from the streets or emergency shelters, or in places not meant for human habitation (cars, parks, derelict boats, mangroves, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, the street, etc.)

**Sheltered/Unsheltered**
*Sheltered* homeless persons are those residing in emergency shelter (including domestic violence shelters and temporary overnight shelters) or in transitional housing on the night of the count.
*Unsheltered* homeless persons are those residing in places not meant for human habitation on the night of the count, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, derelict boats, mangroves, on the street, etc.

**Permanent Supportive Housing**
People living in Permanent Supportive Housing are **not** considered homeless and are not included in the PIT count report submitted to HUD. However, because the numbers of people and beds in Permanent Supportive Housing must be reported to HUD, and because it important for local planning and service coordination in Monroe County, this information was collected during the PIT count and included in this report.

**Chronically Homeless**
In 2011, the definition of chronically homeless was expanded to include both individuals and families.

Definition: an unaccompanied homeless individual (18 or older) with a disabling condition **OR** a family with at least one adult member (18 or older) who has a disabling condition and has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had a least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years. The disabling condition can include mental illness, chronic substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, physical disability, or developmental disability.

**Doubled Up**
Doubled up is defined as "Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, or economic hardship."

**Continuum-of-Care (CoC)**
A CoC is a community plan to organize and deliver housing and services to meet the needs of people who are homeless as they move to stable housing and maximize self-sufficiency. It includes action steps to end homelessness and prevent a return to homelessness.

Essentially, a COC is a group of service providers and stakeholders that collaborate together to address homelessness through housing and support services.

**What are the components of a CoC?**
- Outreach, intake, and assessment
- Emergency Shelter (ES)
- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Prevention and Rapid Re-housing

**What are the primary roles of a CoC?**
1. Develop, implement, and monitor the CoC Plan
2. Apply for HUD and State CoC funding
3. Conduct the annual Point-In-Time Count

**What does our CoC look like?**
Geographical Area:
- Monroe County, FL

Participants from the following sectors are involved with the Monroe County Homeless Services CoC:

- Service providers
- Local government agencies
- Faith-based community
- Department of Children and Families
- Law enforcement agencies
- Housing Authority
- School District
- Business Community
- Homeless/Formerly Homeless
- Health Care
- Concerned citizens

## III. FINDINGS

Some survey respondents did not answer every question. As a result, the percentages reported in each sub-section of the report, in tables and in graphs represent only those people who answered the particular question and not the total number of respondents. In other words, unless otherwise noted, the percentages do not include "missing" responses. Additionally, when adding up numbers in various categories, the number will not always equal the number of "respondents" or "all homeless" due to survey questions that were not answered.

## Total Persons Documented in Monroe County who met the federal definition of homelessness on January 27th, 2015 =615

### Sheltered= 301          Unsheltered=314

**Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Reported County-Wide by Year:**

| 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 981 | 1122 | 1121 | 1020 | 1040 | 926 | 926* | 658 | 680 | 615 |

(Note: Years 2006 -2012 as reported by the Southernmost Homeless Assistance League) (*Estimated-unsheltered not counted. Not actual)

**Unsheltered on January 27th, 2015 by Region**

| Lower Keys | Middle Keys | Upper Keys |
|:----------:|:-----------:|:----------:|
| 204 | 63 | 47 |

## Unsheltered Homeless

On January 27th, 2015 there were three hundred fourteen (314) people living on the streets, under bridges, in a car, on a derelict vessel, in the mangroves, or other place not suitable for human habitation. This number represents 53% of all homeless persons in Monroe County, FL. There were eight (8) homeless families comprised of 10 adults with 9 children unsheltered.

## Chronically Homeless Unsheltered

Out three hundred fourteen (314) unsheltered homeless individuals, one hundred eighteen (118) or 37% met the federal definition of chronically homeless (as self reported). A chronically homeless person is defined as an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more, or has had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three years. A chronically homeless family is a household with at least one adult member who has a disabling condition and who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had a least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years. To be considered chronically homeless, persons must

have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., living on the streets) and/or in an emergency shelter/safe haven during that time. Disabling condition is defined as "a diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability, or chronic physical illness or disability, including the co-occurrence of two or more of these conditions."

## Sheltered Homeless

On January 27th, 2015 there were three hundred and on (301) people in Monroe County emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities.  This includes seventeen (17) homeless families with children for a total of 44 people. This number represents 57% of all homeless persons in Monroe County, FL.

The above referenced homeless individuals were sheltered by the following organizations:
- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami, Inc.
- City of Key West- Keys Overnight Temporary Shelter (KOTS)
- Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc. (DAS)
- Florida Keys Children's Shelter, Inc.
- Florida Keys Outreach Coalition, Inc. (FKOC)
- Independence Cay
- Samuel's House
- Volunteers of America (VOA)

## Gender

| Sheltered | | Unsheltered | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Male | 71% | Male | 78% |
| Female<br>Transgender male to female<br>( 1 person) included in 29% | 29% | Female | 22% |

## Race/Ethnicity

| Sheltered | | Unsheltered | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hispanic or Latino | 15% | Hispanic or Latino | 7% |
| Non-Hispanic or Latino | 85% | Non-Hispanic or Latino<br>Did not respond | 88%<br>5% |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| American Indian/Alaskan Native | 4% | American Indian/Alaskan Native | 4% |

| Asian | .5% | Asian | 0% |
|---|---|---|---|
| Black/African American | 8% | Black/African American | 6% |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 2% | Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 0% |
| White | 84% | White | 80% |
| Multi-racial | .5% | Multi-racial | 6% |
| | | **Did not respond** | **10%** |

**Marital Status?**

| Sheltered | | Unsheltered | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Single | 58% | Single | 68% |
| Married | 5% | Married | 4% |
| Domestic Partnership | 1% | Domestic Partnership | 3% |
| Divorced | 27% | Divorced | 9% |
| Widowed | 4% | Widowed | 3% |
| Separated | 5% | Separated | 3% |
| | | **Did not respond** | **10%** |

** Adults only
**Age**

| Sheltered | | Unsheltered | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Under 18 | 11% | Under 18 | 3% |
| 18-24 | 1% | 18-24 | 6% |
| 25-60 | 69% | 25-60 | 74% |
| Over 61 | 19% | Over 61 | 17% |
| | | Did not respond | 10% |

**Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Military?**

| Sheltered | | | Unsheltered | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Yes 15% | No | 85% | Yes 7% | No | 93% |

**Where Did You Stay Last Night?**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Place not meant for habitation (car, streets, mangroves, etc.) | 36% | Apartment or house owned | 0% |
| Emergency Shelter | 31% | With family member | 1 % |
| Transitional Housing | 18% | With friend(s) | 5% |
| Psychiatric facility | 0% | Hotel/Motel paid by self | .4% |
| Substance abuse treatment facility | 0% | Foster care home | 0% |
| Hospital | .6% | Other    (Boat ) | 5% |
| Jail/Detention | 0% | | |
| Don't Know | 0% | | |
| Refused to answer | 3% | | |
| Room, apartment, house rented | 0% | | |

**How many separate periods of time in the past three years have you been without a regular place to stay (including right now)?**

| Sheltered | | Unsheltered | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 time | 42% | 1 time | 19% |
| 2-3 times | 31% | 2-3 times | 20% |
| 4 or more times | 10% | 4 or more times | 26% |
| Did not respond | 17% | Did not respond | 36% |

## What caused you to become homeless?

| Sheltered | | Unsheltered | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Employment/financial reasons | 43% | Employment/financial reasons | 47% |
| Substandard Housing | 4% | Substandard Housing | 4% |
| Foreclosure | 2% | Foreclosure | 3% |
| Eviction | 6% | Eviction | 7% |
| Recent immigration | 0% | Recent immigration | .3% |
| Family Problems | 13% | Family Problems | 12% |
| Natural/other disasters | 1% | Natural/other disasters | 0% |
| Medical/disability problems | 10% | Medical/disability problems | 20% |
| Substance Abuse/Mental Illness | 24% | Substance Abuse/Mental Illness | 14% |
| Domestic Violence | 5% | Domestic Violence | 1% |
| Choice | 1% | Choice | 3% |
| Jail/incarceration | 1% | Jail | 1% |

## Do you have a disabling condition?

| Sheltered | | Unsheltered | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Yes | 37% | Yes | 40% |
| No | 63% | No | 42% |
| | | Did not answer | 18% |

**What type of disabling condition do you have?**  (based on "yes" answer above)

| Sheltered | | Unsheltered | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Physical | 55% | Physical | 56% |
| Developmental | 3% | Developmental | 6% |
| Mental Health | 46% | Mental Health | 40% |
| Drug or Alcohol Addiction | 32% | Drug or Alcohol Addiction | 33% |
| HIV/AIDS | 4% | HIV/AIDS | 1% |

**If unsheltered, how long since you last has a regular place to stay?**

| 1 week or less | More than 1 week, but less than a month | 1 to 3 months | More than 3 months, but less than a year | One year or longer |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9% | 4% | 12% | 17% | 58% |

* 39%  did not answer this question

**Do you receive any of the following forms of income?**

| Sheltered | | Unsheltered | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Earned income | 28% | Earned income | 18% |
| Unemployment | .4% | Unemployment | .3% |
| SSI | 13% | SSI | 11% |
| SSDI | 9% | SSDI | 5% |
| Veterans disability | 2% | Veterans disability | .3% |
| Workers' Comp | .4% | Workers' Comp | 0% |

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|---|---|---|---|
| TANF | .4% | TANF | .3% |
| SSA retirement | 2% | SSA retirement | 3% |
| Veteran's pension | 1% | Veteran's pension | .7% |
| Job pension | 1% | Job pension | 1% |
| Child support | .4% | Child support | .3% |
| Alimony | 0% | Alimony | 0% |
| Private disability insurance | .4% | Private disability insurance | 0% |
| No financial Resources | 38% | No financial Resource | 57% |
| Food Stamps | 40% | Food Stamps | 37% |
| Other | 2% | Other | 2% |

## How long have you been in Monroe County?

**Unsheltered**

| Less than 6 months | 6 months to 1 yr. | 1 to 5 years | 6 to 10 years | 11to 15 years | 16 to 20 years | 21 to 25 years | 25+ yrs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22% | 5% | 19% | 11% | 5% | 5% | 3% | 9% |

*21% did not respond

**Sheltered**

| Less than 6 months | 6 months to 1 yr. | 1 to 5 years | 6 to 10 years | 11to 15 years | 16 to 20 years | 21 to 25 years | 25+ yrs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25% | 7% | 23% | 12% | 6% | 4% | 5% | 7% |

*11% did not respond

## Were you ever in foster care?

| Sheltered | | Unsheltered | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Yes   9% | No  91% | Yes   5% | No   95% |

## Additional Supplemental Data
## Sheltered Individuals and Families

| | |
|---|---:|
| Have you ever rented/owned in Monroe County? | |
| • Yes | 139 |
| Why did you move to Monroe County? | |
| • Employment | 59 |
| • Family | 24 |
| • Boyfriend/Girlfriend/Spouse | 20 |
| • Weather/Water | 60 |
| • Born here | 11 |
| • Medical/Health | 3 |
| • Services | 2 |
| • Other: domestic violence, retire, visit and returned | 55 |
| Were you homeless prior to moving here? | |
| • Yes | 88 |
| • No | 162 |
| Where were you homeless? | |
| • Miami, FL | 17 |
| • Other area of Florida | 22 |
| • Outside of Florida | 35 |
| Have you been in contact with law enforcement in the last 6 months? | |
| • Yes | 72 |
| • No | 171 |
| What was the result of contact with law enforcement? | |
| • Arrest | 30 |
| • Warning | 9 |
| • Referral to services | 7 |
| • Assistance with crime against you | 7 |
| • Other | 11 |
| Have you seen a doctor in last 6 months? | |
| • Yes | 176 |
| • No | 84 |
| If yes, was it at the ER: | 55 |
| How long since you last had a regular place to stay? | |
| • 1 week or less | 44 |
| • More than 1 week but less than a month | 22 |
| • 1-3 months | 40 |
| • More than 3 months but less than 1 year | 52 |
| • 1 year or longer | 97 |
| How long were you housed in Monroe County prior to becoming homeless? | |
| • 1 week or less | 71 |

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|---|---:|
| • More than 1 week but less than a month | 13 |
| • 1-3 months | 20 |
| • More than 3 months but less than 1 year | 32 |
| • 1 year or longer | 101 |
| What services do you or your family need right now? | |
| • Food | 100 |
| • Housing | 199 |
| • Material goods (clothing) | 63 |
| • Shelter | 85 |
| • Local bus pass | 74 |
| • Moving/relocation assistance | 35 |
| • Criminal justice/legal services | 9 |
| • Education | 29 |
| • Health care | 71 |
| • HIV/AIDS services | 3 |
| • Mental Health Care | 32 |
| • Food Stamps | 69 |
| • Substance abuse services | 20 |
| • Employment | 65 |
| • Case Management | 41 |
| • Daycare/childcare | 7 |
| • Rental Assistance | 82 |
| • Prescription Assistance | 42 |
| If more shelter beds were open in the Lower Keys would you stay there? | |
| • Yes | 142 |
| • No | 103 |
| Have you considered going to another area of the Keys for services | |
| • Yes | 65 |
| • No | 183 |
| Have you lived in another area of the Florida Keys? | |
| • Yes  ( 12 Middle Keys & 2 Upper Keys others not specified) | 65 |
| • No | 188 |
| Have you sought housing or services in the Lower Keys | |
| • Yes | 144 |
| • No | 95 |
| If a 24 hour shelter were offered in the Lower Keys, would you use it? | |
| • Yes | 165 |
| • No | 82 |

## Supplemental Data

### Homeless persons incarcerated during the Point-in-Time

On January 27th, 2015 there were one hundred twenty-two (122) homeless individuals incarcerated at the Monroe County Detention Center (MCDC). Of those one hundred twenty-two (122), seventy-eight (78) individuals completed a Point in Time survey.

### Age, Gender, Race and Ethnicity of all 122

| Males | White | Black | Hispanic | Other | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17 & under | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 18-35 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 21 |
| 36-65 | 69 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 85 |
| 66 & over | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
|  | 89 | 22 | 1 | 0 | 112 |

| Females | White | Black | Hispanic | Other | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17& under | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 18-35 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 36-55 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| 66 & over | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
|  | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 |

| TOTAL | White | Black | Hispanic | Other | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | 98 | 23 | 1 | 0 | 122 |

### Homeless individuals in custody on the 27th day of January for last ten years

| 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 161 | 166 | 182 | 181 | 138 | 103 | 111 | 99 | 144 | 122 |

Thirty-one (31) out of the one hundred twenty-two (122) homeless inmates reported above have been booked into the MCDC ten (10) or more times over the past ten (10) years with five (5) of those 25 or more times. The highest number of bookings for two (2) of these homeless offenders was seventy-eight (78) times. These thirty-one (31) individuals have spent a combined 36,643 days in the MCDC. At $80.40 per day, per inmate over the reporting period, the cost to Monroe County was $2,946,097.00 with an average cost per inmate of $95,035.00 over the 10 years.

Of these one hundred twenty-two (122) homeless individuals incarcerated on January 27th,2015,

ninety-one (91) have been booked into the MCDC two (2) or more times over the past ten (10) years and spent a combined 67,285 days in jail. At $80.40 per day, per inmate, the total cost thus far is a staggering $5,409,488.22. Repeat inmates represent 74% of the total booked in this period.

Those who are homeless and have behavioral health disorders are overrepresented in the criminal justice system. State prisoners and local jail inmates who had a mental health problem were twice as likely as inmates without a mental health problem to have experienced homelessness in the year before their incarceration, yet few have access to adequate medical or behavioral health care in the community or during incarceration. Lack of adequate treatment only exacerbates those behaviors that lead to arrest. [1]

Behavioral health programs available to inmates detained in the Monroe County Detention Center include:

- JIP(Jail In-House Program)– Men and Women- Court Ordered six-month program for inmates with Drug and Substance abuse issues.
- Forensic Case Manager & Diversion Case Manager – Facilitates and assist inmates who have mental illness/substance abuse issues, needs related to referral for state hospital/forensic services and/or residential long or short term treatment in or out of Monroe County.
- Jail AA/NA Meetings.
- Behavior Modification and Life Skills Program, provided by contractor through MCDC Programs for inmates, related to Anger Management, Battery, Parenting, and Life Skills.

For Re-entry from the Monroe County Detention Center into the community, both the JIP and the Case Manager services are coordinated by the Guidance Care Center funded by a SAMSHA Grant. These community treatment programs that are targeted for inmates referrals from jail for re-entry Offender Reentry Program (ORP) Grant, a 6 month intensive outpatient treatment program, for adult men and women.

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[1] James, D. and Glaze, L. Bureau of Justice Statistics. Mental Health Problems in Prison and Jail Inmates.

# Additional Supplemental Data

## Monroe County Detention Center Surveys for Point in Time 2015
January 27th, 2015
78 surveyed out of 122 = 64%

| | |
|---|---:|
| Where were you staying right before you went to jail? | |
| • Homeless shelter | 17 |
| • Place not meant for habitation/streets/beach | 30 |
| • Boat without pump out | 2 |
| • Stay with friend | 1 |
| • Room, apartment, house rented | 3 |
| • In Florida but not in the Keys | 2 |
| • Another State | 3 |
| • No answer | 23 |
| How long have you been in Monroe County? | |
| • Less than 6 months | 10 |
| • 6 mos to 1 year | 10 |
| • 1 to 5 years | 9 |
| • 6 to 10 years | 6 |
| • 11 to 15  years | 4 |
| • 16 to 20 years | 6 |
| • 21 to 25 years | 2 |
| • 25+ years | 10 |
| • No answer | 21 |
| Have you ever rented/owned in Monroe County? | |
| • Yes | 31 |
| • No | 24 |
| • No answer | 23 |
| Why did you move to Monroe County? | |
| • Employment | 13 |
| • Family | 3 |
| • Weather/Water | 13 |
| • Services | 1 |
| • Recent Immigrant | 1 |
| • Born here | 1 |
| • Visiting and stayed | 3 |
| • New life and/or get away from family problems | 11 |
| • No answer | 32 |
| Were you homeless prior to moving here? | |
| • Yes | 19 |
| • No | 39 |
| • Refused or did not answer | 20 |

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|---|---|
| Where were you homeless? | |
| • Miami, FL | 3 |
| • Outside of Florida | 12 |
| Have you seen a doctor in last 6 months? | |
| • Yes | 42 |
| • No | 16 |
| If yes, was it at the ER: | 8 |
| Are Hispanic or Latino? | |
| • Yes | 8 |
| • No | 67 |
| • No answer | 3 |
| What is your race? | |
| • American Indian/Native Alaskan | 0 |
| • Asian | 0 |
| • Black /African American | 12 |
| • Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 0 |
| • White | 54 |
| • Other or multi-racial | 3 |
| • No answer | 8 |
| What is your Gender? | |
| • Male | 70 |
| • Female | 8 |
| What is your age? | |
| • 18 to 24 | 1 |
| • 25 to 60 | 67 |
| • 61 and over | 7 |
| • No Answer | 3 |
| How you ever served on active duty in the US Military? | |
| • Yes | 8 |
| • If yes, do you receive benefits | 1 |
| • No | 6 |
| Marital Status | |
| • Single | 55 |
| • Married | 2 |
| • Domestic partnership | 2 |
| • Divorced | 14 |
| • Widowed | 0 |
| • Separated | 1 |
| • No answer | 4 |
| Is this your first time homeless? | |
| • Yes | 33 |
| • No | 33 |

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| How many separate periods of time in the last 3 years have you **NOT** had a regular place to stay (including right now)? | |
| • 1 time | 28 |
| • 2-3 times | 12 |
| • 4 or more times | 15 |
| • No answer | 23 |
| What caused you to become homeless? | |
| • Employment/financial | 23 |
| • Substandard Housing | 13 |
| • Eviction | 1 |
| • Medical/disability problems | 3 |
| • Family problems | 6 |
| • Natural or other disaster | 1 |
| • Recent immigration | 1 |
| • Domestic Violence | 2 |
| • No answer | 27 |
| How long since you had a regular place to stay? | |
| • 1 week or less | 2 |
| • More than 1 week but less than a month | 0 |
| • 1-3 months | 12 |
| • More than 3 months but less than 1 year | 17 |
| • 1 year or longer | 26 |
| How long were you housed in Monroe County prior to becoming homeless? | |
| • 1 week or less | 14 |
| • More than 1 week but less than a month | 1 |
| • 1-3 months | 9 |
| • More than 3 months but less than 1 year | 7 |
| • 1 year or longer | 23 |
| Do you have a disabling condition? | |
| • Yes | 26 |
| • No | 34 |
| If yes, type of disabling condition?  More than one may apply per person | |
| • Physical | 14 |
| • Developmental | 0 |
| • Mental Health | 7 |
| • Drug/Alcohol abuse | 2 |
| • HIV/AIDS | 1 |
| Form(s) of income reported | |
| • Earned income/unemployment | 6 |
| • SSI | 5 |
| • SSDI | 3 |

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|---|---|
| • Food Stamps | 7 |
| • No financial resources | 32 |
| What services do you or your family need right now? | |
| • Food | 39 |
| • Housing | 44 |
| • Material goods | 29 |
| • Shelter | 33 |
| • Local bus passes | 36 |
| • Moving/relocation assistance | 18 |
| • Criminal justice/legal assistance | 12 |
| • Education | 13 |
| • Health Care | 30 |
| • HIV/AIDS services | 5 |
| • Mental Health care | 14 |
| • Substance abuse services | 11 |
| • Employment | 27 |
| • Case Management | 18 |
| • Day care/child care | 3 |
| • Other | 8 |
| Were you ever a foster child? | |
| • Yes | 7 |
| Do you feel lack of permanent shelter causes you to be arrested? | |
| • Yes | 44 |
| • No | 19 |
| • No answer | 15 |
| Will you have a place to stay upon release? | |
| • Yes | 19 |
| • No | 40 |
| Do you use jail as shelter? | |
| • Yes | 5 |
| Do you jail for medical care? | |
| • Yes | 6 |
| What services if offered in jail would help you have shelter when you leave | |
| • None | 20 |
| • Case management | 4 |
| • Legal Aid | 1 |
| • Job assistance | 6 |
| • Substance Abuse programs | 5 |
| • Housing assistance/linkages | 9 |
| • Bus ticket | 3 |

## Additional Supplemental Data

**Keys Overnight Temporary Shelter (KOTS) Surveys for Point in Time 2015**
January 27th, 2015
110 surveyed
*not all surveyed responded

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|---|---:|
| How long have you been in Monroe County? | |
| • Less than 6 months | 36 |
| • 6 mos. to 1 year | 5 |
| • 1 to 5 years | 23 |
| • 6 to 10 years | 19 |
| • 11 to 15 years | 7 |
| • 16 to 20 years | 5 |
| • 21 to 25 years | 3 |
| • 25 + years | 9 |
| Have you owned/rented in Monroe County? | |
| • Yes | 55 |
| • No | 50 |
| Why did you move to Monroe County? | |
| • Employment | 35 |
| • Family | 8 |
| • Boyfriend/Girlfriend/Spouse | 9 |
| • Weather | 25 |
| • Born Here | 4 |
| • Medical/Health | 1 |
| • Other includes: ministry, festivals, Act of God, relationship issues, new start/change, eviction, fishing, shelter in Miami full, better life | 22 |
| Were you homeless prior to moving here? | |
| • Yes | 33 |
| • No | 60 |
| Where were you homeless? | |
| • Miami | 10 |
| • Other area of Florida | 8 |
| • Outside of the State of Florida | 17 |
| Have you been involved with law enforcement in the last 6 months? | |
| • Yes | 37 |
| • No | 58 |
| What was the result of contact with law enforcement? | |
| • Arrest/citation | 18 |
| • Warning | 6 |
| • Referral to services | 1 |
| • Assistance with crime against you | 2 |

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|---|---|
| • Other: conversation, checked ID | 5 |
| Have you seen a doctor in the last 6 months? | |
| • Yes | 69 |
| • No | 38 |
| • If yes, Emergency room | 26 |
| Are you Hispanic or Latino? | |
| • Yes | 6 |
| • No | 93 |
| What is your race? | |
| • American Indian/Native Alaskan | 2 |
| • Asian | 2 |
| • Black /African American | 10 |
| • Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 4 |
| • White | 85 |
| • Multi racial | |
| What is your Gender? | |
| • Male | 85 |
| • Female | 15 |
| • Transgender male to female | 1 |
| What is your age? | |
| • 18-24 | 0 |
| • 25-60 | 76 |
| • 61 and over | 34 |
| How you ever served on active duty in the US Military? | |
| • Yes | 14 |
| • Veteran with services | 14 |
| Marital Status? | |
| • Single | 61 |
| • Married | 9 |
| • Domestic Partner | 0 |
| • Divorced | 23 |
| • Widowed | 4 |
| • Separated | 5 |
| Is this your first time homeless | |
| • Yes | 55 |
| • No | 51 |
| How many separate periods of time in the last 3 years have you **NOT** had a regular place to stay (including right now)? | |
| • 1 time | 50 |
| • 2-3 times | 36 |
| • 4 or more times | 18 |
| What caused you to become homeless most recently? | |
| • Employment/financial | 65 |

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|---|---:|
| • Substandard Housing | 7 |
| • Foreclosure | 1 |
| • Eviction | 6 |
| • Recent Immigration | |
| • Family Problems | 12 |
| • Natural/other disasters | 2 |
| • Medical/disability problems | 9 |
| • Substance Abuse or use | 1 |
| • Domestic Violence | 1 |
| • Jail/Prison | 2 |
| • Other | 3 |
| How long since you had a regular place to stay? | |
| • 1 week or less | 8 |
| • More than 1 week but less than a month | 9 |
| • 1-3 months | 11 |
| • More than 3 months but less than 1 year | 22 |
| • 1 year or longer | 51 |
| How long were you housed in Monroe County prior to becoming homeless? | |
| • 1 week or less | 40 |
| • More than 1 week but less than a month | 3 |
| • 1-3 months | 5 |
| • More than 3 months but less than 1 year | 7 |
| • 1 year or longer | 27 |
| Do you have a disabling condition? | |
| • Yes | 44 |
| • No | 60 |
| What type of disabling condition do you have? | |
| • Physical | 32 |
| • Developmental | 1 |
| • Mental Health | 11 |
| • Drug or Alcohol Addition | 4 |
| • HIVS / AIDS | 1 |
| Do you receive any of the following forms of income? | |
| • Earned Income | 11 |
| • Unemployment | 1 |
| • SSI | 21 |
| • SSDI | 7 |
| • Veterans disability | 4 |
| • SSA | 1 |
| • Veteran's pension | 1 |
| • Job pension | 2 |

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|---|---|
| • Food Stamps | 55 |
| • Other source | 4 |
| • No financial resources | 60 |
| What services that you or your family need right now? | |
| • Food | 58 |
| • Housing | 87 |
| • Material goods | 38 |
| • Shelter | 46 |
| • Local bus passes | 43 |
| • Moving/relocation assistance | 19 |
| • Criminal justice/legal assistance | 0 |
| • Education | 12 |
| • Health Care | 36 |
| • HIV / AIDS services | 0 |
| • Mental Health care | 13 |
| • Food Stamps | 38 |
| • Substance abuse services | 5 |
| • Employment | 37 |
| • Case Management | 22 |
| • Day care/child care | 0 |
| • Rental Assistance | 44 |
| • Prescription assistance | 16 |
| • Other Vets benefits, phone, lockers | 4 |
| Were you ever a foster child? | |
| • Yes | 13 |
| • No | 89 |
| If more shelter beds were open in the Lower Keys would you stay there? | |
| • Yes | 79 |
| • No | 25 |
| Have you considered going to another area of the Florida Keys for services? | |
| • Yes | 33 |
| • No | 72 |
| Have you ever lived in another area of the Florida Keys? | |
| • Yes | 22 |
| • No | 75 |
| If yes, where | |
| • Big Pine/Cudjoe | 5 |
| • Middle Keys | 7 |
| • Upper Keys | 5 |
| Have you sought housing or services in the Lower Keys? | |
| • Yes | 46 |

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|---|---:|
| • No | 57 |
| If a 24 hour shelter were offered in the Lower Keys, would you use it? | |
| • Yes | 90 |
| • No | 14 |

## Additional Supplemental data

### Lower Keys Surveys for Point in Time 2015
January 27th, 2015
204 surveyed

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|---|---|
| Where did you stay last night? | |
| • Psychiatric Facility | 0 |
| • With a Friend | 13 |
| • With family member | 1 |
| • Place not meant for habilitation | 167 |
| • Boat | 18 |
| • Hospital | 4 |
| • Did not answer | 14 |
| Will you have to leave within a week? | |
| • Yes | 31 |
| • No | 83 |
| How long have you been in Monroe County? | |
| • Less than 6 months | 34 |
| • 6 mos. – 1 yr | 12 |
| • 1-5 yrs | 36 |
| • 6-10 years | 22 |
| • 11-15 years | 11 |
| • 16-20 years | 11 |
| • 21-25 years | 7 |
| • 25+ years | 23 |
| Have you rented or owned in Monroe County? | |
| • Yes | 74 |
| • No | 83 |
| • Did not answer | 47 |
| Why did you move to Monroe County? Includes multiple responses | |
| • Employment | 20 |
| • Family/friends | 17 |
| • Weather/fun/fishing/new life/change/Lord lead | 41 |
| • Born here | 1 |
| • Medical/health | 2 |
| • Services | 3 |
| • Domestic Abuse | 1 |
| • Choice | 39 |
| Were you homeless prior to moving here? | |
| • Yes | 55 |
| • 3 in Miami,15 in other area of FL, out of state  36, 1 no answer | |
| • No | 69 |

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|---|---|
| • Did not answer | 80 |
| Have you been involved with law enforcement in the last 6 months? | |
| • Yes | 79 |
| • Result: 44 arrested, 5 checked ID, 15 warning, 1 refer to services | |
| • No | 64 |
| • Did not answer | 61 |
| Have you seen a doctor in the last 6 months? | |
| • Yes | 88 |
| • 44 were seen at ER and 43 were not at ER | |
| • No | 56 |
| • Did not respond | 60 |
| Are Hispanic or Latino? | |
| • Yes | 16 |
| • No | 188 |
| What is your race? | |
| • American Indian/Native Alaskan | 7 |
| • Asian | 0 |
| • African American/Black | 16 |
| • Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 0 |
| • White | 163 |
| • Multi-racial | 18 |
| What is your Gender? | |
| • Male | 168 |
| • Female | 36 |
| What is your age? | |
| • Under 18 years | 8 |
| • 18-24 | 8 |
| • 25-60 | 154 |
| • 61 and over | 34 |
| How you ever served on active duty in the US Military? | |
| • Veteran with services | 2 |
| • Veteran without benefits | 38 |
| • No | 140 |
| • Did not answer | 24 |
| Marital Status | |
| • Single | 137 |
| • Married | 11 |
| • Domestic partnership | 3 |
| • Divorced | 28 |
| • Widowed | 5 |
| • Separated | 10 |
| Is this your first time homeless? | |

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|---|---|
| • Yes | 52 |
| • No | 114 |
| How many separate periods of time in the last 3 years have you **NOT** had a regular place to stay (including right now)? | |
| • 1 time | 38 |
| • 2-3 times | 34 |
| • 4 or more times | 55 |
| What caused you to become homeless most recently? | |
| • Employment/financial | 96 |
| • Substandard housing | 7 |
| • Foreclosure | 11 |
| • Eviction | 13 |
| • Recent Immigration | 1 |
| • Family problems | 20 |
| • Medical/disability problems | 32 |
| • Substance use or abuse | 28 |
| • Domestic Abuse | 1 |
| • Incarceration/jail | 2 |
| • Choice | 5 |
| How long since you had a regular place to stay? | |
| • 1 week or less | 11 |
| • More than 1 week but less than a month | 5 |
| • 1-3 months | 17 |
| • More than 3 months but less than 1 year | 22 |
| • 1 year or longer | 99 |
| How long were you housed in Monroe County prior to becoming homeless? | |
| • 1 week or less | 32 |
| • More than 1 week but less than a month | 4 |
| • 1-3 months | 12 |
| • More than 3 months but less than 1 year | 15 |
| • 1 year or longer | 73 |
| Do you have a disabling condition? | |
| • Yes | 80 |
| • No | 85 |
| If yes, type of disabling condition? More than one may apply per person | |
| • Physical | 48 |
| • Developmental | 4 |
| • Mental Health | 29 |
| • Drug/Alcohol abuse | 31 |
| • HIV/Aids | 1 |
| Form(s) of income reported | |

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|---|---|
| • Earned income/unemployment | 32 |
| • Unemployment | 1 |
| • SSI | 20 |
| • SSDI | 12 |
| • SSA Retirement | 6 |
| • Veteran's pension/disability | 2 |
| • Job pension | 2 |
| • Child support | 1 |
| • Food Stamps | 63 |
| • Other: Native dividends, annuity | 3 |
| • No financial resources | 101 |
| What services do you or your family need right now? | |
| • Food | 90 |
| • Housing | 100 |
| • Material goods | 42 |
| • Shelter | 61 |
| • Local bus pass | 37 |
| • Moving/relocation assistance | 7 |
| • Criminal justice/legal assistance | 8 |
| • Education | 18 |
| • Healthcare | 58 |
| • HIV/AIDS service | 1 |
| • Mental health care | 23 |
| • Food stamps | 23 |
| • Substance abuse service | 18 |
| • Employment | 50 |
| • Case Management | 25 |
| • Daycare/child care | 2 |
| • Rental Assistance | 22 |
| • Prescription Assistance | 8 |
| • ID assistance | 2 |
| Were you ever a foster child? | |
| • Yes | 10 |
| If more shelter beds were open in the Lower Keys would you stay there? | |
| • Yes | 70 |
| • No | 87 |
| Have you considered going to another area of the Florida Keys for services? | |
| • Yes | 48 |
| • No | 111 |
| Have you ever lived in another area of the Florida Keys? | |
| • Yes | 45 |

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| If yes, where | |
| • Big Pine/Cudjoe | 3 |
| • Middle Keys | 8 |
| • Upper Keys | 3 |
| Have you sought housing or services in the Lower Keys? | |
| • Yes | 58 |
| • No | 99 |
| If a 24 hour shelter were offered in the Lower Keys, would you use it? | |
| • Yes | 91 |
| • No | 68 |

**Additional Supplemental Data**

**Middle Keys Surveys for Point in Time 2015**
January 27th, 2015
63 surveyed

| Where did you stay last night? | |
|---|---|
| • Jail, prison, detention facility | 3 |
| • Place not meant for habitation (car, street, boat) | 32 |
| • Boat without pump out system | 8 |
| • Stay with family member | 1 |
| • Stay with friend | 12 |
| • Other: trailer, layover in Marathon on way Key West | 2 |
| Where were you staying before you went to jail? | |
| • Place not meant for habitation (car, street, boat) | 3 |
| Will you be forced to leave the place you stayed within the next week? | |
| • Yes | 17 |
| • No | 33 |
| Will you have a place to stay or money to that you will use to get a place to stay once you leave? | |
| • Yes | 5 |
| • No | 25 |
| How long have you been in Monroe County? | |
| • Less than 6 months | 26 |
| • 6 mos. to 1 year | 3 |
| • 1 to 5 years | 9 |
| • 6 to 10 years | 5 |
| • 11 to 15 years | 3 |
| • 16 to 20 years | 2 |
| • 21 to 25 years | 0 |
| • 25 + years | 3 |
| Have you owned/rented in Monroe County? | |
| • Yes | 11 |
| • No | 30 |
| Why did you move to Monroe County? | |
| • Employment | 12 |
| • Family | 1 |
| • Boyfriend/Girlfriend/Spouse | 4 |
| • Weather | 16 |
| • Born Here | 1 |
| • Medical/Health | 1 |
| • Other includes: domestic violence, traveling, don't know | 10 |

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|---|---|
| Were you homeless prior to moving here? | |
| • Yes | 30 |
| • No | 21 |
| Where were you homeless? | |
| • Miami | 5 |
| • Other area of Florida | 7 |
| • Outside of the State of Florida | 22 |
| Have you been involved with law enforcement in the last 6 months? | |
| • Yes | 20 |
| • No | 23 |
| What was the result of contact with law enforcement? | |
| • Arrest/citation | 7 |
| • Warning | 7 |
| • Referral to services | 1 |
| • Assistance with crime against you | 1 |
| • Other: kicked out, checked ID | 4 |
| Have you seen a doctor in the last 6 months? | |
| • Yes | 21 |
| • No | 30 |
| • If yes, Emergency room | 13 |
| Are you Hispanic or Latino? | |
| • Yes | 3 |
| • No | 47 |
| What is your race? | |
| • American Indian/Native Alaskan | 5 |
| • Asian | 0 |
| • Black /African American | 2 |
| • Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 0 |
| • White | 45 |
| • Multi racial | 0 |
| What is your Gender? | |
| • Male | 42 |
| • Female | 21 |
| What is your age? | |
| • 18-24 | 8 |
| • 25-60 | 47 |
| • 61 and over | 8 |
| How you ever served on active duty in the US Military? | |
| • Yes | 10 |
| • Veteran with services | 2 |
| • Veteran without benefits | 7 |
| Marital Status? | |

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|---|---:|
| • Single | 45 |
| • Married | 2 |
| • Domestic Partner | 4 |
| • Divorced | 8 |
| • Widowed | 3 |
| • Separated | 1 |
| Is this your first time homeless | |
| • Yes | 14 |
| • No | 33 |
| How many separate periods of time in the last 3 years have you **NOT** had a regular place to stay (including right now)? | |
| • 1 time | 9 |
| • 2-3 times | 17 |
| • 4 or more times | 14 |
| What caused you to become homeless most recently? | |
| • Employment/financial reasons | 31 |
| • Substandard Housing | 3 |
| • Foreclosure | 0 |
| • Eviction | 4 |
| • Recent Immigration | 0 |
| • Family Problems | 6 |
| • Natural/other disasters | 0 |
| • Medical/disability problems | 14 |
| • Substance Abuse or use | 6 |
| • Domestic Violence | 0 |
| • Other | 3 |
| How long since you had a regular place to stay? | |
| • 1 week or less | 8 |
| • More than 1 week but less than a month | 2 |
| • 1-3 months | 6 |
| • More than 3 months but less than 1 year | 11 |
| • 1 year or longer | 17 |
| How long were you housed in Monroe County prior to becoming homeless? | |
| • 1 week or less | 18 |
| • More than 1 week but less than a month | 3 |
| • 1-3 months | 6 |
| • More than 3 months but less than 1 year | 5 |
| • 1 year or longer | 10 |
| Do you have a disabling condition? | |
| • Yes | 20 |
| • No | 31 |

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|---|---|
| What type of disabling condition do you have? Includes more than one per person | |
| • Physical | 14 |
| • Developmental | 0 |
| • Mental Health | 8 |
| • Drug or Alcohol Addition | 1 |
| • HIVS / AIDS | 0 |
| Do you receive any of the following forms of income? | |
| • Earned Income | 8 |
| • Unemployment | 0 |
| • SSI | 6 |
| • SSDI | 1 |
| • Veterans disability | 0 |
| • Private disability insurance | 0 |
| • Worker's Comp | 0 |
| • TANF | 1 |
| • Local Government Assistance | 1 |
| • SSA | 1 |
| • Veteran's pension | 0 |
| • Job pension | 1 |
| • Food Stamps | 22 |
| • Other source | 2 |
| • No financial resources | 35 |
| What services that you or your family need right now? | |
| • Food | 40 |
| • Housing | 33 |
| • Material goods | 24 |
| • Shelter | 19 |
| • Local bus passes | 14 |
| • Moving/relocation assistance | 5 |
| • Criminal justice/legal assistance | 1 |
| • Education | 2 |
| • Health Care | 24 |
| • HIV / AIDS services | 0 |
| • Mental Health care | 12 |
| • Food Stamps | 21 |
| • Substance abuse services | 2 |
| • Employment | 19 |
| • Case Management | 1 |
| • Day care/child care | 0 |
| • Rental Assistance | 23 |
| • Prescription assistance | 14 |
| • Other: boat with sails | 1 |

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| Were you ever a foster child? | |
| • Yes | 1 |
| If more shelter beds were open in the Middle Keys would you stay there? | |
| • Yes | 35 |
| • No | 18 |
| Have you considered going to another area of the Florida Keys for services? | |
| • Yes | 20 |
| • No | 33 |
| Have you ever lived in another area of the Florida Keys? | |
| • Yes | 24 |
| • No | 29 |
| Have you sought housing or services in the Middle Keys? | |
| • Yes | 24 |
| • No | 28 |
| If a 24 hour shelter were offered in the Middle Keys, would you use it? | |
| • Yes | 36 |
| • No | 16 |

# Additional Supplemental Data

## Upper Keys Surveys for Point in Time 2015
January 27th, 2015
47 surveyed

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|---|---|
| Where did you stay last night | |
| • Jail | 2 |
| • Place not meant for habitation (ie car, street, mangroves) | 25 |
| • Boat w/o pump out system | 5 |
| • Stayed with family | 4 |
| • Stayed with friend | 8 |
| • Hotel/motel paid for by self | 2 |
| Will you be forced to leave the place you stayed within the next week | |
| • Yes | 9 |
| • No | 26 |
| Will you have a place to stay or money to get a place | |
| • Yes | 3 |
| • No | 13 |
| How long have you been in Monroe County? | |
| • Less than 6 months | 9 |
| • 6 months to 1 year | 0 |
| • 1 to 5 years | 14 |
| • 6 to 10 years | 8 |
| • 11 to 15 years | 1 |
| • 16 to 20 years | 2 |
| • 21 to 25 years | 3 |
| • 25 + years | 2 |
| Have you rented/owned in Monroe County? | |
| • Yes | 12 |
| • No | 25 |
| Why did you move to Monroe County? | |
| • Employment | 3 |
| • Family | 7 |
| • Weather | 2 |
| • Other: snowbird, friend, needed change, likes it | 11 |
| Were you homeless prior to moving here? | |
| • Yes | 10 |
| • No | 26 |
| Where were you homeless? | |
| • Miami, FL | |
| • Other area of Florida | 2 |

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|---|---:|
| • Outside of the State of Florida | 5 |
| **Have you been involved with law enforcement in the last 6 months?** | |
| • Yes | 10 |
| • No | 23 |
| **What was the result of contact with law enforcement?** | |
| • Arrest/citation | 4 |
| • Family Court | 1 |
| • Accident | 1 |
| **Have you seen a doctor in the last 6 months?** | |
| • Yes | 19 |
| • No | 17 |
| • If yes, Emergency room | 9 |
| **Are Hispanic or Latino?** | |
| • Yes | 3 |
| • No | 44 |
| **What is your race?** | |
| • American Indian/Native Alaskan | 1 |
| • Asian | 0 |
| • Black /African American | 1 |
| • Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 0 |
| • White | 45 |
| • Multiracial | 0 |
| **What is your Gender?** | |
| • Male | 32 |
| • Female | 15 |
| **What is your age?** | |
| • Under 18 | 1 |
| • 18-24 | 1 |
| • 25-60 | 35 |
| • 61 and over | 10 |
| **How you ever served on active duty in the US Military?** | |
| • Yes | 9 |
| • Veteran with services | 5 |
| • No | 37 |
| **Marital Status** | |
| • Single | 35 |
| • Married | 1 |
| • Domestic Partnership | 2 |
| • Divorced | 6 |
| • Widowed | 1 |
| • Separated | 1 |
| **Is this your first time homeless?** | |

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|---|---|
| • Yes | 16 |
| • No | 29 |
| How many separate periods of time in the last 3 years have you **NOT** had a regular place to stay (including right now)? | |
| • 1 time | 13 |
| • 2-3 times | 12 |
| • 4 or more times | 12 |
| What caused you to become homeless? | 0 |
| • Employment/financial reasons | 23 |
| • Substandard Housing | 3 |
| • Foreclosure | 0 |
| • Eviction | 4 |
| • Recent Immigration | 0 |
| • Family Problems | 13 |
| • Natural/other Disaster | 0 |
| • Medical/disability problems | 16 |
| • Substance Abuse or use | 10 |
| • Domestic Abuse | 3 |
| • Choice | 3 |
| How long since you had a regular place to stay? | |
| • 1 week or less | 2 |
| • More than 1 week but less than a month | 3 |
| • 1-3 months | 7 |
| • More than 3 months but less than 1 year | 8 |
| • 1 year or longer | 23 |
| How long were you housed in Monroe county prior to becoming homeless? | |
| • 1 week or less | 8 |
| • More than 1 week but less than a month | 1 |
| • 1-3 months | 3 |
| • More than 3 months but less than 1 year | 2 |
| • 1 year or longer | 18 |
| Do you have a disabling condition? | |
| • Yes | 28 |
| • No | 15 |
| If yes, type of disabling condition?  More than one may apply per person | |
| • Physical | 10 |
| • Developmental | 3 |
| • Mental Health | 14 |
| • Drug/Alcohol abuse | 10 |
| • HIV/AIDS | 0 |
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| Form(s) of income reported | |
| • Earned income | 11 |
| • SSI | 4 |
| • SSDI | 1 |
| • Veterans Disability | 1 |
| • SSA Retirement | 1 |
| • Job pension | 1 |
| • Food stamps | 17 |
| • Other source | 1 |
| • No financial resources | 21 |
| What services do you or your family need right now? | |
| • Food | 17 |
| • Housing | 31 |
| • Material goods (clothing) | 6 |
| • Shelter | 20 |
| • Local bus passes | 6 |
| • Moving/relocation assistance | 6 |
| • Criminal justice/legal assistance | 3 |
| • Education | 9 |
| • Health Care | 15 |
| • HIV/AIDS | 0 |
| • Mental Health care | 4 |
| • Food stamps | 11 |
| • Substance abuse services | 6 |
| • Employment | 15 |
| • Case management | 5 |
| • Daycare/Childcare | 2 |
| • Rental Assistance | 11 |
| • Prescription Assistance | 13 |
| • Other: car, transportation, none | 3 |
| Were you ever in foster care? | |
| • Yes | 1 |
| If more, shelter beds were opened in the Upper Keys would you stay? | |
| • Yes | 22 |
| • No | 20 |
| Have you ever considered going to another area of the Florida Keys for services? | |
| • Yes | 15 |
| • No | 25 |
| Have you lived in another area of the Keys? | |
| • Yes | 10 |
| • No | 30 |

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| Have you sought housing or services in the Upper Keys? | |
| • Yes | 26 |
| • No | 13 |
| If a 24 hour shelter were offered in the Upper Keys, would you use it? | |
| • Yes | 23 |
| • No | 16 |

## Homeless children in Monroe County Schools

On January 27th, 2015 there were three hundred thirty-nine (339) homeless children in Monroe County Public Schools which is an increase of 39 from 2014. Seventy-five (75) were camping or transitional shelter; one (1) was awaiting foster placement; seven (7) in motels; twelve (12) on boats, in public space or substandard housing; two hundred forty-four (244) were doubled up. (Doubled up is defined as "Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, or economic hardship.")
Note that national statistics indicate half of all homeless children are under age six (6) and not attending school.

## Homeless children by school years

| 2005-2006 | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 | Jan. 2013 | Jan. 2014 | Jan. 2015 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 92 | 166 | 243 | 317 | 298 | 213 | 183 | 288 | 309 | 339 |

Homeless students include those who meet the definition contained in the HEARTH act of 2009:
- Someone who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.
- Someone who has as a primary nighttime residence a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground.
- Someone living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements.
- Someone who resided in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation and who is exiting an institution where he or she temporarily resided.
- Someone who will imminently lose their housing, including housing they own, rent, or live in without paying rent, are sharing with others, and rooms in hotels or motels, has no subsequent residence identified, and lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing.
- A family that has experienced a long-term period without living independently in permanent housing, has experienced persistent instability as measured by frequent moves over such period, and can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse, the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or multiple barriers to employment.

Children who lack a stable home are vulnerable to a number of adverse outcomes. Some threats, such as poverty and hunger, may precede episodes of homelessness; others stem directly from living without a home. Homeless children are more likely than other children to have moderate to severe acute and chronic health problems, and less access to medical and dental care.[1] Symptoms of asthma, hyperactivity/inattention, and behavior problem are more prevalent among this group.[2,3] Children without stable homes are more than twice as likely as others to repeat a school grade, be expelled or suspended, or drop out of high school. A quarter or more of homeless children have witnessed violence, and more than half have problems with anxiety and

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depression.[4] Family homelessness may result in children's separation from their parents—either because children are formally placed in foster care, or because parents leave children in the care of relatives and friends.

"Unaccompanied youth" are children and youth who are homeless and on their own—that is, not living with their families. This group includes "runaway" youth, youth whose parents encouraged them to leave or locked them out of their home, and independent youth from families where irreconcilable conflicts or loss of contact have made it impossible for them to return home. Many are victims of abuse; many spent time in foster care as children.[5] Due to the challenges in identifying them, unaccompanied youth are often excluded from estimates of the homeless population.

A number of factors contribute to homelessness among children and youth. In surveys of city officials, the most frequently cited reasons for family homelessness are a lack of affordable housing, poverty, and domestic violence; for unaccompanied youth, the chief factors cited are mental illness, substance abuse, and lack of affordable housing.[6]

Almost by definition, homeless children and youth are difficult to count, as their living situations frequently change. Attempts are made to estimate the extent of the homeless problem in the United States, using various methods, but all have their limitations. For this report, we use data that count children who are homeless and enrolled in school, and also data on homeless children who are served by formal shelters (either short- or long-term) over the course of a year, some of whom are also in school. Because of the different methods used to make the counts, the two measurements are not comparable.

[1]National Center on Family Homelessness. (2009). *America's youngest outcasts: State report card on child homelessness.*   [2]Ibid.   [3]Cutuli, J. J., Herbers, J. E., Rinaldi, M., Masten, A. S., and Oberg, C. N. (2010). Asthma and behavior in homeless 4- to 7-year-olds.*Pediatrics, 125*, 145-151.[4]National Center on Family Homelessness. Op. cit.   [5]Burt, M. (2007).*Understanding homeless youth: Numbers, characteristics, multisystem involvement, and intervention options.* Testimony submitted to the U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support. June 19, 2007.   [6]United States Conference of Mayors. (2009). *Hunger and Homelessness Survey: A status report on hunger and homelessness in America's cities.*

## Permanent Supportive Housing

Permanent Supportive Housing is **not** included in the official Point-in-Time Count, but noteworthy; are an additional one hundred ninety-eight (198) persons in long term supportive housing for homeless individuals and families with disabilities operated by: AHI, Inc., Catholic Charities, Florida Keys Outreach Coalition, Key West Housing Authority, Westcare, Monroe Association for ReMARCable Citizens, and Samuel's House.

| Housing Provider | # Persons Housed on 01/27/15 |
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| AHI, Inc. | 38 |
| Catholic Charities | 8 |
| Florida Keys Outreach Coalition | 45 |
| Key West Housing Authority | 11 |
| MARC House | 33 |
| Samuel's House | 48 |
| Westcare/The Heron | 15 |
| **Total** | **198** |

*This represents 95% occupancy

On January 27, 2015, these service providers participated in the Point In Time utilizing the Homeless Management Information System as well as a completing paper surveys. Some the questions on survey do not apply to the long term stayers of 5 years or more which represents 30%. 36% have remained in permanent supportive housing 1 to 5 years and 40% are 1 year and less. The average length of stay is 4.25 years.

## Additional Supplemental Data

### Permanent Housing Surveys for Point in Time 2015
January 27th, 2015
198 Surveys (168 Adults)
*not all respondents answered every question

| How long have you been in Monroe County? | |
|---|---|
| • Less than 6 months | 1 |
| • 6 mos. to 1 year | 6 |
| • 1 to 5 years | 46 |
| • 6 to 10 years | 36 |
| • 11 to 15 years | 22 |
| • 16 to 20 years | 8 |
| • 21 to 25 years | 7 |

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| • 25 + years | 24 |
| Have you owned/rented in Monroe County? | |
| • Yes | 60 |
| Why did you move to Monroe County? | |
| • Employment | 5 |
| • Family | 15 |
| • Boyfriend/Girlfriend/Spouse | 2 |
| • Weather | 15 |
| • Born Here | 7 |
| • Medical/Health | 10 |
| • Other includes: better life, change, choice, easy to get around, housing, likes it | 27 |
| Were you homeless prior to moving here? | |
| • Yes | 45 |
| Where were you homeless? | |
| • Other area of Florida | 4 |
| • Outside of the State of Florida | 4 |
| Have you been involved with law enforcement in the last 6 months? | |
| • Yes | 8 |
| • No | |
| What was the result of contact with law enforcement? | |
| • Arrest/citation | 3 |
| • Deemed Incompetent | 2 |
| • No charges | 3 |
| • Probation | 1 |
| Have you seen a doctor in the last 6 months? | |
| • Yes | 146 |
| • If yes, Emergency room | 7 |
| Are you Hispanic or Latino? | |
| • Yes | 42 |
| • No | 156 |
| What is your race? | |
| • American Indian/Native Alaskan | 1 |
| • Asian | 1 |
| • Black /African American | 17 |
| • Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 0 |
| • White | 148 |
| • Multi racial | 1 |
| What is your Gender? Includes 30 children | |
| • Male | 103 |
| • Female | 94 |
| • Transgender male to female | 1 |
| What is your age? Includes children | |

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| • Under 18 | 30 |
| • 18-24 | 4 |
| • 25-60 | 124 |
| • 61 and over | 45 |
| How you ever served on active duty in the US Military? | |
| • Yes | 10 |
| • Veteran with services | 5 |
| Marital Status? | |
| • Single | 114 |
| • Married | 13 |
| • Domestic Partner | 2 |
| • Divorced | 31 |
| • Widowed | 6 |
| • Separated | 2 |
| Is this your first time homeless | |
| • Yes | 73 |
| How many separate periods of time in the last 3 years have you **NOT** had a regular place to stay (including right now)? | |
| • 1 time | 79 |
| • 2-3 times | 17 |
| • 4 or more times | 5 |
| What caused you to become homeless most recently? | |
| • Employment/financial | 45 |
| • Substandard Housing | 5 |
| • Foreclosure | 4 |
| • Eviction | 8 |
| • Recent Immigration | 2 |
| • Family Problems | 12 |
| • Natural/other disasters | 3 |
| • Medical/disability problems | 49 |
| • Substance Abuse or use | 7 |
| • Domestic Violence | 5 |
| How long since you had a regular place to stay? | |
| • 1 week or less | 47 |
| • More than 1 week but less than a month | 1 |
| • 1-3 months | 3 |
| • More than 3 months but less than 1 year | 5 |
| • 1 year or longer | 44 |
| How long were you housed in Monroe County prior to becoming homeless? | |
| • 1 week or less | 47 |
| • More than 1 week but less than a month | 1 |

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| • 1-3 months | 3 |
| • More than 3 months but less than 1 year | 5 |
| • 1 year or longer | 44 |
| Do you have a disabling condition? | |
| • Yes | 134 |
| • No | 32 |
| What type of disabling condition do you have? | |
| • Physical | 29 |
| • Developmental | 37 |
| • Mental Health | 69 |
| • Drug or Alcohol Addition | 26 |
| • HIVS / AIDS | 28 |
| Do you receive any of the following forms of income? | |
| • Earned Income | 57 |
| • SSI | 42 |
| • SSDI | 68 |
| • Veterans disability | 1 |
| • SSA | 1 |
| • Veteran's pension | 1 |
| • Food Stamps | 42 |
| • Other source | 1 |
| • No financial resources | 8 |
| What services that you or your family need right now? | |
| • Food | 12 |
| • Housing | 52 |
| • Material goods | 7 |
| • Local bus passes | 5 |
| • Education | 5 |
| • Health Care | 35 |
| • HIV / AIDS services | 25 |
| • Mental Health care | 12 |
| • Food Stamps | 8 |
| • Substance abuse services | 3 |
| • Employment | 4 |
| • Case Management | 34 |
| • Day care/child care | 4 |
| • Rental Assistance | 44 |
| • Prescription assistance | 1 |
| • Other: cleaning services | 1 |
| Were you ever a foster child? | |
| • Yes | 3 |
| If more shelter beds were open in the Lower Keys would you stay there? | |

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| • Yes | 24 |
| Have you considered going to another area of the Florida Keys for services? | |
| • Yes | 52 |
| • No | |
| Have you ever lived in another area of the Florida Keys? | |
| • Yes | 20 |
| If yes, where | |
| • Middle Keys | 4 |
| • Upper Keys | 2 |
| Have you sought housing or services in the Lower Keys? | |
| • Yes | 88 |
| If a 24 hour shelter were offered in the Lower Keys, would you use it? | |
| • Yes | 24 |

**In Conclusion**

Measuring the extent and characteristics of homelessness in Monroe County on an annual basis is essential to combating it. A combination of the CoC's Homeless Management Information System, Point-in-Time Counts, and Housing Inventory Counts will inform policy makers and advocates on demographics, trends, and the availability and usage of services among the homeless population in the Florida Keys. Improved accuracy and detail of homeless data have influenced all aspects of Federal and State funding sources and should be the basis for any local strategic planning and service development.

Since homelessness emerged as an issue in the Florida Keys over 25-years ago, a broad group of dedicated individuals and organizations including: advocacy groups, shelter and housing providers, churches, local governments, law enforcement agencies and others, have fought to help homeless persons find housing and remain stably housed. Data has become a critical component of these efforts.

Documenting the number, characteristics, and needs of homeless persons in our community, as well as the number of people receiving services and the capacity of these services, is essential to identifying the proper strategies to tackle the problem; it's very difficult to manage what you can't measure.

Because counting the homeless population is difficult and resource intensive, the Monroe County CoC will continue to improve systems for data collection so that they are flexible enough to accommodate differing circumstances throughout the Keys, yet also consistent enough to aggregate the data and get a holistic picture for the entire County of Monroe.

Even so, The Point-in-Time Homeless Count can provide only a snapshot of the scope of homelessness in Monroe County, FL.

Each year moving forward, the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care will conduct the PIT count and work hard to cast a wider net and make improvements in how the count is conducted. The next PIT Count will be during the last week of January 2015.

Two factors have clearly had a positive impact on the homeless count: improvements to the methodology and strong collaboration.

The Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care will be analyzing the data collected and considering both immediate and longer term responses, including:

- Supporting the continuation/development of Homeless Prevention programs for the precariously housed.
- Continuing to improve discharge planning protocols to ensure homeless individuals are not discharged to the streets when exiting hospitals, mental health programs, foster care, and the detention center.
- Evaluating and implementing strategies to reduce lengths of homelessness in emergency shelter and transitional housing for families and individuals.

- Increasing outreach initiatives throughout the County.
- Strengthening collaborations among providers to maximize resources and avoid duplication of services.
- Increasing our partnerships with our community partners to advance evidence-based strategies to increase housing opportunities for homeless individuals and families.
- Advocacy to restore and/or increase State & Federal funding for homeless prevention, shelter, rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, outreach, mental health & substance abuse services, and coalition support.
- Implementing a Coordinated Assessment System as a uniform intake process to be used by a Monroe County Homeless Service Providers.

## How YOU Can Help End Homelessness in the Florida Keys

**You can help end homelessness by simply CAREing!**
C - Contribute (food drives, money, etc.,)
A - Advocate (speak for those who have no voice)
R - Reach Out (volunteering)
E - Educate(learn and inform others)

# CONTRIBUTE
While the concern and support demonstrated by volunteer work and advocacy are essential, material assistance is also a necessity. Donate today to a Monroe County based homeless service provider and keep our limited resources local.

Call the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care at 305-998-4663 for a list of homeless housing and service providers in the Florida Keys or visit our website at www.monoroehomelesscoc.org

**Needed items and services might include:**
- **Clothing**. The lack of clean, well-fitting clothes and shoes causes great hardship beyond exposure to the elements—it hurts one's self-image and one's chance to get ahead.  With few opportunities to safely store or adequately clean what they can't carry, people experiencing homelessness must travel light. On job interviews, a poorly dressed person has little chance for success. Give your clean clothes to those who could use them. Before you give your own clothes or start a clothing drive, talk to your local shelter and find out what items they really need. Most have limited storage space and can't use winter clothes in summer or vice versa. Please clean the clothes before you donate them.
- **In-kind services and materials**. Homeless service providers may be able to use copying, printing, food, transportation, marketing assistance, computer equipment and assistance, electrical work, building materials, plumbing, etc.
- **Household goods or other items**. Service providers may need items such as kitchen utensils, furniture, books, toys, games, stuffed animals, dolls, diapers, etc.
- **Books**. People experiencing homelessness may have limited access to a library and find that there is little for them to do when spending a night at a shelter. Find out if a local shelter or housing provider would appreciate donations of books. Consider organizing a

book drive to create a small library at the shelter if there is not already one there.

- **Computers**. Many non-profit organizations have a very difficult time purchasing expensive but essential equipment such as computers. If you have a machine you no longer need, a local shelter or service provider might greatly appreciate the donation. Shelter guests might also appreciate the donation of machines for their use, although you should check if a shelter would have space to set up public computers.
- **Homeless "survival kits."** Create and distribute kits that include items such as cups, pots, pans, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, band-aids, bug spray, non perishable food items and cosmetics. During cold weather, organize drives for blankets, coats, hats, scarves, mittens, socks, etc.
- **Phone calls**. Help people experiencing homelessness contact loved ones by offering the opportunity to make free long distance calls.
- **Job opportunities**. Encourage your company, school, or place of worship to hire people experiencing homelessness (if they are not already working). Most unemployed homeless adults desperately want to work, but need an employer to give them a chance.
- **Support for a homeless person or family**. As people move out of a shelter or transitional housing program, consider raising money to contribute for a security deposit, or assist by contributing household goods, babysitting, or moral support. See if your local shelter has a partnering program.

**Other things you might do to contribute include**:
- **Have a fundraiser.** Donate the proceeds to a shelter, food pantry or soup kitchen. Organize a yard sale and donate the proceeds.
- **Smile.** Please don't look away from homeless people as if they do not exist. Making eye contact, saying a few words, or smiling can reaffirm the humanity of a person at a time when homelessness seems to have stripped it away.

## ADVOCATE
Advocacy is critical to creating the systemic changes needed to end homelessness. Advocacy means working with people experiencing homelessness to bring about positive changes in policies and programs on the local, state, and federal levels. It means working with various sectors of the community (e.g. city/county officials, members of Congress, direct service providers, and the business community) to develop workable strategies for responding to homelessness. It also means changing your language and behaviors in small ways that may contribute to larger changes in the way people experiencing homelessness are seen and treated in our society.

## REACH OUT
Reaching out by volunteering your time to work directly with people experiencing homelessness is one of the best ways to learn about homelessness and help to meet immediate needs at the same time. There is a lot of "behind the scenes" work (filing, sorting clothes, cutting vegetables, etc.) to be done at shelters and other direct service agencies. Think about what you do best and the kind of setting in which you work most effectively—with individuals or groups, with men, women, or children, and so on. Then, call a few places, ask what help they need, and arrange for a visit.

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## EDUCATE

Learn about the root causes of homelessness and teach others.
Contact the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care at 305-998-4663 to arrange a public education event or request additional information.
Go to www.nationalhomeless.org for online resources.

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