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2006

Cincinnati/Hamilton County  
Continuum of Care  
for the Homeless

DEMOGRAPHIC REPORT

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## 2006 Homeless Demographics, Unduplicated Count

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The Cincinnati/Hamilton County Continuum of Care for the Homeless (CoC) with the support of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has worked to create a local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). All street outreach, emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and specialized services programs within the City and County, both funded by HUD and funded privately, entered their client demographic information for 2006 utilizing locally developed software called VESTA™. Beyond data collection, VESTA™ is designed to provide information to the community for planning, support agencies in their record keeping and outcomes reporting, and increase the speed and efficiency for homeless persons to access housing and services.

This is the first report representing the full participation of all agencies on HMIS and is an UNDUPLICATED count of persons served over the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. No matter how many housing or service encounters a person may have had during 2006, this report counts that person only one time—thus providing the community the first aggregated, unduplicated data pull.

An important qualification to this report is the count includes only homeless persons as defined by the federal government under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as interpreted through HUD. Therefore, though the CoC recognizes that many other persons within Cincinnati and Hamilton County have severe housing issues, including those persons who are “doubled-up”, exiting long-term institutions or prisons, or are precariously housed, this report does not include them in the count.



### DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

**TOTAL COUNT OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED: 9,448**

<b>Gender:</b>	
Males	5,863
Females	3,585
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9,448</b>

<b>Age Groups:</b>	
0-5	903
6-12	652
13-17	1,169
18-30	1,507
31-45	2,726
46-59	2,159
60-74	252
75 and up	40
Unknown	40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,448</b>

<b>Income Levels</b>		
Extremely low income	97.77%	9,237
Very low income	1.66%	157
Low/moderate Income	.21%	20
Moderate Income	.08%	8
Unknown	.28%	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,448</b>

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<b>Race/Ethnicity:</b>	
American Indian/Alaskan Native	29
Asian	23
Black/African American	6,468
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	23
White	2,555
American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian	1
American Indian/Alaskan Native, Black/ African American	16
American Indian/Alaskan Native, White	14
Asian, Black/African American	2
Asian, White	1
Black/African American, Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	2
Black/African American, White	95
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, White	2
Unknown/client refused	217
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,448</b>
Plus reported Appalachian ethnicity	401
Plus reported Hispanic/Latino ethnicity	142

<b>Special Needs:</b>		
Alcohol dependency	30.17%	2,859
Battered spouses	17.72%	1,679
Chronic mental illness	30.91%	2,929
Developmental disability	5.62%	533
Drug dependency	31.55%	2,990
Elderly	2.03%	192
HIV/AIDS	2.98%	282
Physical disability	15.26%	1,446
Runaway/throwaway youth	10.46%	991
Veterans	8.19%	776

Note: An individual may have no special needs or multiple special needs and thus be counted in as many fields as they have needs.

<b>Household Composition (at first intake)</b>		
Unaccompanied Female 18 and over	19.86%	1,507
Unaccompanied Male 18 and over	56.54%	4,290
Unaccompanied Female under 18	6.00%	455
Unaccompanied Male under 18	7.06%	536
Unaccompanied Males/Females of unknown ages	.53%	40
Single Parent Females with children	8.69%	659
Single Parent Males with children	.20%	15
Two Parents with children	.76%	58
Couples with no children	.36%	27

*Of the 9,448 persons who used CoC housing and services in 2006, 960 persons began the year in Permanent Supportive Housing.*

*In 2006 - **8,488** unduplicated individual men, women or children were certified homeless by VESTA™.*

## Participating VESTA™ Agencies and Programs

AIDS Volunteers of Cincinnati – Homeless Outreach/ Case Management Services	Interfaith Hospitality Network - Family Shelter, Family Transportation Program
Bethany House Services - Emergency Shelter Program, Bethany Place, Bethany Transitions, Family Shelter Partnership Program	Joseph House - Joseph House, Moses House, Landing Zone Lounge
Block-by-Block Street Outreach*	Justice Watch - Garden Street Transitional Housing
Caracole House - Caracole House, Recovery Community, Shelter Plus Care	Lighthouse Youth Services - Lighthouse Youth Crises Center, Street Outreach/Anthony House Program, Transitional Housing Programs, Shelter Plus Care
Center for Respite Care - Respite Shelter	Mental Health/Alcohol Recovery Services Board - Homeless Housing Residential Treatment Program through the Recovery Health Access Center
Center for Independent Living Options - Outreach for Persons with Disabilities, Permanent Housing I and II	Mercy Franciscan at St. John - Temporary Housing Program and Expansion at Anna Louise Inn
City Ministries - City Gospel Mission, Exodus*	Mental Health Access Point - Quick Access Housing*
Cincinnati Health Network - All Health Care for the Homeless funded Programs**	Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries - Goodwill Veterans TH Dormitory, Transitional Housing Leasing Pool, Permanent Housing I and II, Reintegration Program
Drop Inn Center - Men's Shelter, Women's Shelter, Advocacy Program, HIP Program, Transitional/Recovery Program, Transitional Housing	Over-the-Rhine Community Housing - Buddy's Place, Recovery Hotel, and SHP Sharp Village units
Excel Development Corporation - Shelter Plus Care	Oral Health Council - McMicken Dental Center
FreeStore/FoodBank - HOBA Project, SSI Jobs, FSFB Scattered Site Permanent Housing I and II	Salvation Army of Greater Cincinnati - Family Shelter, Transitional Housing, Child Care Program
First Step Home—Permanent Housing	St Francis/St. Joseph Catholic Worker House
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services- PATH Outreach Program	Tom Geiger Guest House - Geiger House, Gertrude House Geiger/Talbert , Geiger Permanent Housing
Grace Place Catholic Worker House	Talbert House - Shelter Plus Care
Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services - Children's Services' Sycamore Arms Housing, Mt. Airy Shelter	Tender Mercies - Transitional and Permanent Housing
House of Hope - Permanent Housing Program	YWCA of Greater Cincinnati - Battered Women's Shelter, TLP 1, 2, and Women's Work Project ***

\*Year long programs that joined VESTA™ mid year, not all 2006 data were entered.

\*\*All funded Health Care for the Homeless Programs participate in VESTA™. Their demographic data were included in this report as they utilize a much broader definition of homeless persons. However, many of the people they serve are also participants of programs identified above and thus have been counted.

\*\*\* Does not participate in HMIS, per VAWA, participates only in VESTA™ a community based system designed to support clients access to housing and services and case management through maintenance of vigorous confidentiality protocols and procedures.