



Homeless Service Providers Survey Summer 1997

Results Summary

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INTRODUCTION

The Homeless Service Providers Survey is a "one-day" snapshot of the homeless served by providers throughout the State of Alaska. The survey is conducted by asking homeless providers to collect demographic information, such as gender and marital status, from their homeless clients on a predetermined day. The information collected from participating agencies is then constructed into a report that describes characteristics of their homeless clients.

The Homeless Service Providers Survey is an attempt to study a population not easily accessed, nor understood. Homeless individuals do not have permanent residence. They change locations frequently throughout the day. They move across communities and service providers. It is extremely difficult to implement a survey that characterizes the *entire* homeless population.

This survey is not intended to be a definitive count or description of the homeless population in the State of Alaska. Because the survey is conducted through participating homeless service providers, it does not sample the homeless who do not seek services on the day of the survey, or in general. Furthermore, the survey does not sample the homeless who receive services from agencies who choose not to participate in the survey. The survey does, however, provide the community with a demographic profile of the homeless who receive services from Alaskan agencies. This information is useful for participating agencies that want to analyze, plan, and coordinate their response to the homeless problem.

1. Surveys Returned: 64%

2. Cases Reported By Participating Agencies 1347 (1405 Homeless reported by agencies includes duplicates)

3. Homeless Characteristics (Statewide):

Gender and Age Demographics Of The Homeless Reported By Agencies

- 59% are male
- 10% are 18 years old or younger
- 4% are 60 years old or older
- The average age is 34 years old

Marital and Veteran Status Demographics Of The Homeless Reported By Agencies

- Males and females tend to be single
- Less than 4% are separated
- Veterans comprise 11% of the survey

Disability Demographics Of The Homeless Reported By Agencies

- 23% report having a mental illness
- 33% report having an alcohol or substance abuse problem
- 32% report having at least one of the following disabilities: mental illness, developmental disability, physical disability
- Homeless with disabilities and substance abuse comprise 16% of the sample

Data Capture Demographics Of The Homeless Reported By Agencies

- 40% of homeless cases were reported by emergency shelters
- 27% of homeless cases were reported by transitional housing providers
- 34% of homeless cases were reported by day centers

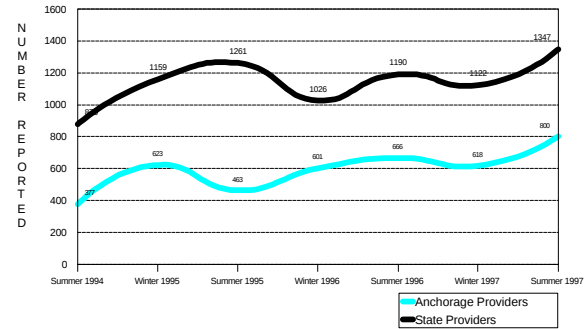
4. Characteristics of an Alaskan Homeless Person as Reported By Participating Agencies

- Native or Caucasian male
- Single
- 30-40 years old
- Likely to experience a disability or substance abuse problem
- Resides in Southcentral Alaska

5. Comparing Winter 97 And Summer 97 Homeless Provider Surveys:

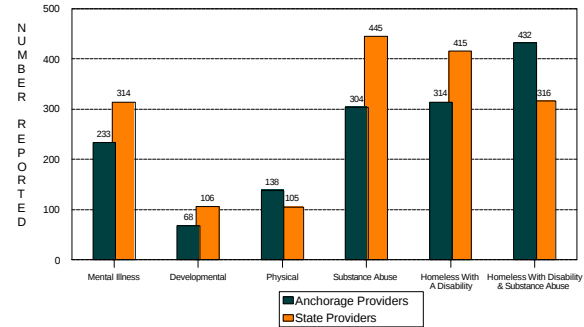
- Numbers reported in Anchorage and Ketchikan rose
- 6% decrease in number of males reported and a 4% increase in number of females
- Homeless veterans reported declined statewide by 6%
- A decrease in Caucasian homeless by 7%
- A increase in homeless with disabilities by 5%
- 9% increase in homeless with mental illness

Trend Of Homeless Cases Reported By Participating Agencies



Note: State Providers Includes Anchorage Providers

Homeless Reported That Experience A Disability



Note: State Numbers Include Anchorage Numbers

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1	Survey Participation	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total surveys sent	77	100.00%	24	100.00%	53	100.00%
	Total surveys received	49	63.64%	18	75.00%	31	58.49%

2	Homeless Count	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Homeless Cases Reported By Agencies	1405		855		550	
	Total Homeless Unduplicated Cases Reported	1347	100.00%	800	100.00%	547	100.00%
	Total Homeless That Did Not Provide SSN	444	32.96%	174	21.75%	270	49.36%
	Total Homeless That Did Not Provide Name	158	11.73%	42	5.25%	116	21.21%
	Total Homeless That Did Not Provide Name And SSN	90	6.68%	22	2.75%	68	12.43%
	Total Homeless Doubling up	234	17.37%	150	18.75%	84	15.36%
	Total Homeless Stating They Came With Family	372	27.62%	174	21.75%	198	36.20%

3	Homeless Gender and Age	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Male	797	59.17%	505	63.13%	292	53.38%
	Total Female	523	38.83%	278	34.75%	245	44.79%
	Total Homeless Unspecified Gender	27	2.00%	17	2.13%	0	0.00%
	Total Homeless Family Members 18 Years Or Younger	181	13.44%	69	8.63%	112	20.48%
	Total Male 18 years or younger	129	9.58%	74	9.25%	55	10.05%
	Total Female 18 years or younger	105	7.80%	41	5.13%	64	11.70%
	Total Homeless Unspecified Age	118	8.76%	88	11.00%	30	5.48%
	Total Homeless Unspecified Age and Gender	16	1.19%	16	2.00%	0	0.00%
	Total Homeless 60 years or older	50	3.71%	34	4.25%	16	2.93%
	Average Homeless Age	34		36		30	

4	Homeless Marital Status and Veteran Status *	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Homeless Single	879	65.26%	505	63.13%	374	68.37%
	Male	559	41.50%	342	42.75%	217	39.67%
	Female	314	23.31%	163	20.38%	151	27.61%
	Total Homeless Married	126	9.35%	58	7.25%	68	12.43%
	Male	51	3.79%	25	3.13%	26	4.75%
	Female	74	5.49%	33	4.13%	41	7.50%
	Total Homeless Divorced	169	12.55%	105	13.13%	64	11.70%
	Male	91	6.76%	62	7.75%	29	5.30%
	Female	76	5.64%	43	5.38%	33	6.03%
	Total Homeless Separated	45	3.34%	29	3.63%	16	2.93%
	Male	22	1.63%	14	1.75%	8	1.46%
	Female	23	1.71%	15	1.88%	8	1.46%
	Total Homeless Widower	11	0.82%	9	1.13%	2	0.37%
	Male	7	0.52%	6	0.75%	1	0.18%
	Female	3	0.22%	3	0.38%	0	0.00%
	Total Homeless Marital Status Unknown	117	8.69%	88	11.00%	29	5.30%
	Total Homeless Veteran	146	10.84%	101	12.63%	45	8.23%

5	Homeless Ethnicity Characteristics*	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Homeless Hispanic (all races)	43	3.19%	23	2.88%	20	3.66%
	Total Homeless White	472	35.04%	277	34.63%	195	35.65%
	Total Homeless African-American	103	7.65%	79	9.88%	24	4.39%
	Total Homeless Am. Indian/Ak. Native	530	39.35%	323	40.38%	207	37.84%
	Total Homeless Asian/P. Islander	20	1.48%	9	1.13%	11	2.01%
	Total Homeless Other Ethnicity Or Not Disclosed	179	13.29%	89	11.13%	90	16.45%

6	Other Characteristics*	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Homeless Mentally Ill	314	23.31%	233	29.13%	81	14.81%
	Male	189	14.03%	146	18.25%	43	7.86%
	Female	124	9.21%	86	10.75%	38	6.95%
	Total Homeless with Substance Abuse Problems	445	33.04%	304	38.00%	141	25.78%
	Male	283	21.01%	189	23.63%	94	17.18%
	Female	156	11.58%	114	14.25%	42	7.68%
	Total Homeless Victims of Violence	346	25.69%	187	23.38%	159	29.07%
	Male	126	9.35%	74	9.25%	52	9.51%
	Female	215	15.96%	112	14.00%	103	18.83%
	Total Homeless Developmental Disability	106	7.87%	68	8.50%	38	6.95%
	Male	69	5.12%	46	5.75%	23	4.20%
	Female	36	2.67%	22	2.75%	14	2.56%
	Total Homeless Physically Disability	138	10.24%	105	13.13%	33	6.03%
	Male	95	7.05%	71	8.88%	24	4.39%
	Female	43	3.19%	34	4.25%	9	1.65%
	Total Homeless with a Disability	432	32.07%	316	39.50%	116	21.21%
	Total Homeless with a Disability & Substance Abuse	208	15.44%	155	19.38%	53	9.69%

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7	Homeless by Type of Facility *	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Emergency Shelters	554	40.17%	253	29.98%	301	54.73%
	Transitional Housing	369	26.76%	262	31.04%	107	19.45%
	Day Centers	471	34.16%	329	38.98%	142	25.82%

8	Homeless by Community	Summer 94	Winter 95	Summer 95	Winter 96	Summer 96	Winter 97	Summer 97
	Anchorage	377	623	463	601	666	618	800
	Barrow	9	2	0	6	5	9	3
	Bethel	6	3	7	0	3	35	6
	Cordova	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Dillingham	1	0	2	2	3	0	6
	Emmonak	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
	Fairbanks	39	12	32	91	87	80	91
	Haines	8	3	6	0	0	1	0
	Homer	0	10	13	19	13	7	0
	Hoonah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Juneau	74	145	126	131	122	121	162
	Kake	2	1	2	0	0	0	0
	Ketchikan	33	28	38	21	25	49	121
	Kenai	0	12	23	17	16	16	17
	Kodiak	20	2	1	29	2	5	38
	Nome	6	0	0	9	14	3	12
	Palmer	0	5	0	9	20	9	7
	Petersburg	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
	Seward	0	0	0	0	0	11	12
	Sitka	5	9	129	6	11	5	15
	Skagway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Soldotna	0	15	23	11	15	7	4
	Unalaska	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Valdez	0	1	0	0	4	0	0
	Wasilla	64	44	41	66	61	62	46
	Wrangell	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Total	644	915	906	1026	1067	1038	1347

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1	Anchorage	Abbott Loop Community Church	No	
2	Anchorage	Abused Women's Aid in Crisis AWAIC	Yes	19
3	Anchorage	Alaska Baptist Family Services	Yes	11
4	Anchorage	Alaska Legal Services Corp.	No	
5	Anchorage	Alaska Native Alcoholism Recovery Center	No	
6	Anchorage	Alaska Women's Resource Center	Yes	23
7	Anchorage	Alaska Youth and Parents Foundation	Yes	16
8	Anchorage	Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association	Yes	2
9	Anchorage	Aleutian Housing Authority	No	
10	Anchorage	Anch. School Distr. Title I, Children in Transition	Yes	0
11	Anchorage	Beans Cafe	Yes	255
12	Anchorage	Brother Francis Shelter	Yes	145
13	Anchorage	Clare House	Yes	37
14	Anchorage	Covenant House Alaska	Yes	19
15	Anchorage	Genesis House	No	
16	Anchorage	Intermission Crisis Nursery	Yes	6
17	Anchorage	Lutheran Social Services of Alaska	Yes	4
18	Anchorage	MOA/Safe City Program	Yes	28
19	Anchorage	Southcentral Counseling Center	Yes	176
20	Anchorage	St. Francis House/Beyond Shelter Prgm	Yes	50
21	Anchorage	The Salvation Army - Clithroe Center	Yes	48
22	Anchorage	The Salvation Army - Eagle Crest	No	
23	Anchorage	The Salvation Army - McKinnell Shelter	Yes	15
24	Anchorage	U.S. VA Homeless Veterans Services	No	
25	Barrow	Arctic Women in Crisis	Yes	3
26	Barrow	Community Counseling Center	No	
27	Bethel	Bethel Community Services	No	
28	Bethel	Tundra Women's Coalition	Yes	6
29	Cordova	Cordova Family Resource Center	Yes	2
30	Cordova	The Salvation Army - Cordova	Yes	3
31	Dillingham	Safe and Fear Free Environment	Yes	6
32	Emmonak	Emmonak Women's Shelter	No	
33	Fairbanks	Alaska Legal Services Corporation	No	
34	Fairbanks	Breadline Inc.	No	
35	Fairbanks	Family Focus Emergency Shelter Program	No	
36	Fairbanks	Fairbanks Rescue Mission	Yes	34
37	Fairbanks	Fairbanks Native Association	Yes	20
38	Fairbanks	The Salvation Army - Fairbanks	Yes	8
39	Fairbanks	Women in Crisis (WICCA)	Yes	30
40	Haines	Haines Christian Coalition	No	
41	Haines	The Salvation Army - Haines	Yes	0
42	Homer	Homer Community Food Pantry	No	
43	Homer	South Peninsula Women's Services Inc.	Yes	0
44	Juneau	Alaska Legal Services Corporation	No	
45	Juneau	AWARE Aiding Women from Abused and Rape Emerg.	Yes	14
46	Juneau	Gastineau Human Services	Yes	13
47	Juneau	JCCM DBA "The Glory Hole"	Yes	60
48	Juneau	Saint Vincent De Paul	Yes	60
49	Juneau	Juneau Alliance for the Mentally Ill	Yes	15
50	Kenai	Love Inc.	Yes	3
51	Kenai	The Salvation Army - Kenai	Yes	2
52	Kenai	Women's Resource and Crisis Center	Yes	14
53	Ketchikan	Ketchikan Committee for the Homeless/Park Avenue Shelter	No	
54	Ketchikan	Ketchikan Seamens Ctr./St. Johns Episcopal Church	No	
55	Ketchikan	The Salvation Army - Ketchikan	Yes	121
56	Ketchikan	Women in Safe Homes	Yes	1
57	Kodiak	Brother Francis Shelter	Yes	16
58	Kodiak	Kodiak Island Mental Health Center	No	
59	Kodiak	The Salvation Army - Kodiak	No	
60	Kodiak	Kodiak Women's Resource & Crisis Ctr	Yes	22
61	Nome	Bering Sea Women Group	Yes	12
62	Palmer	Kids Are People/Dorothy Saxton Shelter	No	
63	Palmer	Valley Women's Resource Center	Yes	7
64	Petersburg	The Salvation Army - Petersburg	No	
65	Seward	Seward Life Action Council	Yes	12

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66	Sitka	The Salvation Army - Sitka	No	
67	Sitka	Sitka Prevention and Transition Services	Yes	9
68	Sitka	Sitkans Against Family Violence	Yes	6
69	Skagway	First Presbyterian Church	No	
70	Soldotna	Central Peninsula Counseling Services	Yes	4
71	Unalaska	Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault & F.V.	Yes	
72	Valdez	Advocates for Victims of Violence	No	
73	Valdez	Valdez Church of Nazarene	No	
74	Valdez	Valdez Counseling Center	No	
75	Valdez	Valdez Food Bank	No	
76	Wasilla	Life Quest Mental Health Center	Yes	46
77	Wrangell	The Salvation Army - Wrangell	Yes	2
Total			49	1405*

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TRENDS SUMMARY



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1	Survey Participation	State of Alaska							Anchorage Only							State w/o Anchorage						
		S94	W95	S95	W96	S96	W97	S97	S94	W95	S95	W96	S96	W97	S97	S94	W95	S95	W96	S96	W97	S97
	Percentage surveys received	60	55	46	63	53	68	64	60	79	64	67	71	75	75	60	49	42	61	47	65	58

2	Homeless Gender and Age*	State of Alaska							Anchorage Only							State w/o Anchorage						
		S94	W95	S95	W96	S96	W97	S97	S94	W95	S95	W96	S96	W97	S97	S94	W95	S95	W96	S96	W97	S97
	Percentage Male	63	68	66	65	59	65	59	72	74	68	65	70	70	63	63	60	58	60	50	57	53
	Percentage Female	37	32	34	35	41	35	39	28	26	32	35	30	30	35	37	40	42	40	50	43	45
	Percentage Male 18 years or younger	6	7	6	9	13	10	10	7	4	8	11	9	9	9	8	9	9	11	16	12	10
	Percentage Female 18 years or younger	3	6	9	8	12	8	8	5	5	6	8	6	6	5	3	9	13	11	17	11	12
	Percentage 60 years or older	5	4	4	4	3	4	4	5	6	4	3	5	5	4	3	3	2	1	2	3	3
	Average Age	35	35	34	33	32	34	34	36	38	35	34	36	36	36	31	37	31	28	25	25	30

3	Homeless Marital Status*	State of Alaska							Anchorage Only							State w/o Anchorage						
		S94	W95	S95	W96	S96	W97	S97	S94	W95	S95	W96	S96	W97	S97	S94	W95	S95	W96	S96	W97	S97
	Percentage Homeless Single	70	69	68	68	70	74	65	71	70	69	66	67	78	63	70	67	67	71	76	68	68
	Percentage Homeless Married	10	8	12	10	9	8	9	9	9	9	9	22	7	7	11	7	16	11	10	10	12
	Percentage Homeless Divorced	18	15	14	16	15	13	13	18	14	14	19	18	11	13	18	19	14	13	9	17	12
	Percentage Homeless Separated	1	7	6	5	2	4	3	2	6	8	5	2	5	4	2	7	3	4	3	4	3
	Percentage Homeless Widower	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	1	-	0	1	-	-	-	1	1	0	-
	Percentage Homeless Veteran	21	21	20	18	18	17	11	24	26	31	22	25	21	13	16	13	9	14	5	11	8

4	Homeless Ethnic/Race Characteristics*	State of Alaska							Anchorage Only							State w/o Anchorage						
		S94	W95	S95	W96	S96	W97	S97	S94	W95	S95	W96	S96	W97	S97	S94	W95	S95	W96	S96	W97	S97
	Percentage Homeless Hispanic (all races)	6	3	7	4	3	5	3	3	3	5	5	4	6	3	10	5	8	4	2	3	4
	Percentage Homeless White	45	41	35	45	45	42	35	41	35	31	40	40	36	35	51	55	39	51	53	50	36
	Percentage Homeless Black	7	9	8	11	12	11	8	10	11	14	13	15	13	10	3	3	2	8	7	8	4
	Percentage Homeless Am. Indian/Ak. Native	39	44	47	38	36	38	39	44	48	44	40	36	37	40	33	36	50	34	34	37	38
	Percentage Homeless Asian/P. Islander	2	1	1	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	3	1	1	1	2	1	2
	Percentage Homeless Other/Not Disclosed	0	1	0	1	0	1	13	1	1	0	1	0	1	11	0	-	-	1	1	0	17

5	Other Characteristics	State of Alaska							Anchorage Only							State w/o Anchorage						
		S94	W95	S95	W96	S96	W97	S97	S94	W95	S95	W96	S96	W97	S97	S94	W95	S95	W96	S96	W97	S97
	Percentage Homeless Mentally Ill	19	15	15	14	22	14	23	14	9	11	11	20	11	29	25	29	20	18	24	18	15
	Percentage Homeless with Alcohol/Drug Abuse Problem	44	47	34	36	40	32	33	46	49	41	41	47	38	38	41	43	28	29	29	24	26
	Percentage Homeless Victims of Violence	32	34	29	32	32	23	26	33	37	33	30	29	19	23	31	28	24	34	37	29	29
	Percentage Homeless Developmentally Disability	7	8	5	7	6	8	8	9	9	7	8	6	6	9	5	7	3	6	6	10	7
	Percentage Homeless Physical Disability	20	14	13	14	11	13	10	21	16	20	20	14	13	13	18	8	5	7	5	12	6
	Percentage Homeless with a Disability				29	31	27	32				30	32	25	40				27	30	31	21
	Percentage Homeless w/Disability & Substance Abuse				13	17	12	15				16	20	13	20				10	13	11	10

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