

Homelessness Fact Sheet

- A 2007 study by the U.S. Conference of Mayors “found that 12 of the 23 cities surveyed had to turn people in need of shelter away due to a lack of capacity,” and a 2004 “study of homelessness in 50 cities found that in virtually every city, the city's official estimated number of homeless people greatly exceeded the number of emergency shelter and transitional housing spaces.”¹
- “...a study done by the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty which states that approximately 3.5 million people, 1.35 million of them children, are likely to experience homelessness in a given year.”²
- “Families with children are among the fastest growing segments of the homeless population. In its 2007 survey of 23 American cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors found that families with children comprised 23% of the homeless population.”³
- “Nationally, approximately half of all women and children experiencing homelessness are fleeing domestic violence.”⁴
- “The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans estimates that on any given night, 271,000 veterans are homeless.”⁵
- “The major cause of homelessness in the US is the lack of affordable housing.”⁶
- “Within 2-4 years of exiting foster care, 25 percent of foster children experience homelessness.”⁷
- “Homeless children go hungry twice as often as other children.”⁸

¹ National Coalition for the Homeless. “How Many People Experience Homelessness?” July 2009. http://www.nationalhomeless.org/factsheets/How_Many.html

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³ National Coalition for the Homeless. “Who is Homeless?” July 2009. <http://www.nationalhomeless.org/factsheets/who.html>

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⁶ National Alliance to End Homelessness. “Homelessness Fact Sheet for High School Students.” 10 Jan. 2010. <http://www.endhomelessness.org/content/article/detail/1154>

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