

Safe Harbors 2009 Preliminary Data Briefing

For the Committee to End Homelessness Governing Board

At least **14,414 unique identifiable clients** were served in **11,268 households** by programs that participated in Safe Harbors in 2009. In addition, 7,100 records represented clients who were duplicated in the system because they had received services from more than one program. The report includes data collected by 226 programs representing 81% of the King County housing inventory and is a reflection of the services provided to both people who are homeless, and those who are at risk of homelessness.

Individual Demographics:

- **Race:** 42% self-identified as White, 36% as Black/African American, 4% as US Indian/Alaska Native, 4% as Multiracial, 2% as Asian and 2% as Native Hawaiian/Pacific.
- **Gender:** 59% identified as male, 41% identified as female.
- **Age:** 20% were less than 18, 22% between 18 and 30, 35% between 31 and 50, 18% between 51 and 61, and 5% 62 or over.
- **Veteran:** 13% of single adults reported veterans.
- **Disability:** Over one third of single adults reported some disability.

Source of identifiable records in Safe Harbors:

	Total Number	%
Total Identifiable Records Submitted	21,514	
Program Type		
Emergency Shelters	13,892	65%
Transitional Housing	2,948	14%
Permanent Housing	1,607	8%
Safe Haven	23	0%
Services Only	1,752	8%
Homelessness Prevention Services	1,288	6%

Partners Meeting

Don't forget our next Partners Meeting will be held on Tuesday October 12th, 2010.
Douglass Truth Library located at: 2300 E Yesler Way, Seattle, WA 98122

We look forward to seeing you there!

SAFE HARBORS Newsletter

A monthly newsletter for users of the Safe Harbors Homeless Management Information System

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As part of Safe Harbors' ongoing effort to inform and educate users about HMIS the following is an excerpt from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-sponsored HMIS.info Web site:

A Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a locally administered, electronic data collection system that stores longitudinal person-level information about persons who access a community's homeless service system. HMIS is HUD's response to a Congressional Directive to capture better data on the extent and nature of homelessness.

Every Continuum of Care (CoC) is required to implement an HMIS, and it is a scoring element in HUD's annual CoC funding competition. Local HMIS data is critical for the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR), an annual report from HUD to Congress that provides basic information on homelessness throughout the country. Implementation of HMIS at the local level can also support coordinated case management and other communitywide homeless planning efforts.

To date, the majority of CoCs throughout the country have a functioning HMIS that captures client-level data on persons served throughout the CoC from prevention to outreach to shelter to housing. Many CoCs are able to generate program level reports, including the HUD Annual Performance Report (APR) and contribute aggregate unduplicated data to the Annual Homeless Assessment Report.

Current federally funded programs requiring HMIS use are:

*Shelter Plus Care
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
Supportive Housing Programs
Safe Havens
Single Room Occupancy programs
Emergency Shelter Grant programs
Outreach programs*

Support Services

In-House Training – Your Implementation Specialist can schedule site visits anytime to do one-on-one or group trainings specific to your programs.

Contact us to set up a WebEx or an In-House Training.

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Also, please refer to the Safe Harbors Web site regularly for updates and information:
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