

2009 Survey Results Volusia/Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless

2009 Survey included 830 unduplicated written surveys completed by street homeless and those receiving services from service providers during the 24-hour period from noon 1/28/09 through 11:59 a.m. 1/29/09.

2007 Survey included 721 unduplicated written surveys, completed noon 1/21/07 through 11:59 a.m. 1/22/07; data analysis assistance provided by Dr. Naim Kapucu and students at University of Central Florida.

2006 Survey included 599 unduplicated written surveys, completed noon 1/23/06 through 11:59 a.m. 1/24/06

2005 Survey included 589 unduplicated written surveys – 381 used short forms, and 208 used long forms, completed between noon 1/25/05 and 11:59 a.m. 1/26/05. Data was compiled using a State of Florida excel spreadsheet.

2004 Data available upon request.

Question	Detail	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
1. Do you have a regular place to stay right now?	Yes	38%	14%	32%	32%	36%
	No	62%	86%	68%	68%	64%
2. Where did you stay last night?	Shelter	19%	8%	15%	7%	7%
	Transitional Housing	5%	11%	17%	17%	15%
	Jail	12%	9%	4%	2%	1%
	Friend/Relative's Place	13%	15%	7%	12%	17%
	Street	21%	36%	30%	22%	31%
	Hospital	0.3%	4%	3%	7%	3%
	Own Home		1%	3%	4%	2%
	Treatment Facility	5%	15%	20%	20%	6%
	Motel	5%	14%	4%	6%	2%
Car, Boat, Other Vehicle		36%	4%	10%	9%	
3. Will you be forced to leave the place you stayed within the next week	Yes	42%	39%	33%	42%	35%
	No	58%	61%	67%	58%	65%
3a. If yes, will you have a place to stay or money to get a place to stay?	Yes	15%	17%	12%	18%	19%
	No	86%	83%	88%	82%	81%
4. Gender	Male	67%	64%	64%	65%	72%
	Female	33%	36%	36%	35%	28%
5. Age Group	Under 18	3%	19%	16%	18%	10%
	18-30	12%	13%	12%	12%	14%
	30-40	21%	21%	19%	15%	15%
	40-50	37%	32%	34%	27%	31%
	50-60	20%	13%	16%	23%	25%
	60+	7%	3%	4%	5%	5%
6. Mean Age		44		42	38	40
7. Race	White	73%	73%	72%	73%	75%
	American Indian	2%	3%	2%	7%	3%
	Black	19%	23%	25%	24%	21%
	Hispanic	5%	7%	7%	8%	10%
	Asian	0%	0%	0%	1%	.13%
8. Military Service	Yes	22%	20%	23%	18%	22%
	No	78%	80%	77%	82%	77%
9. Education – Highest Level Completed	Grade School <8 th Grade	4%	7%	12%	14%	10%
	Some High School	19%	24%	22%	20%	18%
	High School Diploma or GED	39%	39%	35%	39%	38%
	Some College	25%	19%	20%	16%	19%
	College Degree	12%	7%	7%	9%	9%
	Vocational/Trade School	1%	3%	4%	1%	6%

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10. How many times have you been without a regular place to stay, including right now?	1 time	37%	49%	49%	48%	58%
	2-3 times	27%	27%	35%	35%	20%
	4 or more times	36%	25%	16%	17%	21%
11. How long since you last had a regular place to stay?	1 week or less	19%	7%	6%	13%	7%
	1 month or less	9%	8%	11%	12%	9%
	1-3 months	23%	19%	19%	18%	17%
	3 months to 1 year	19%	23%	27%	22%	26%
	more than a year	30%	43%	37%	35%	40%
12. How long have you been staying in Volusia/Flagler County?	less than 1 week	9%	2%	5%	4%	4%
	1 week – 1 month	6%	5%	4%	4%	4%
	1 – 6 months	19%	7%	5%	6%	9%
	6 months – 1 year	15%	12%	12%	8%	13%
	More than a year	52%	74%	74%	78%	70%
13. Reason for coming to Volusia/Flagler County?	Born here	7%	16%	17%	12%	18%
	Family/Friends here	27%	26%	31%	31%	26%
	Thought/heard jobs here	34%	15%	14%	18%	14%
	Good weather	20%	12%	8%	13%	10%
	Thought/heard good services	4%	2%	4%	1%	4%
	Visited, decided to stay	9%	10%	8%	7%	8%
	Stranded		8%	14%	18%	6%
14. Number of children under 18 staying with you now?	1 child		40%	44%	53%	51%
	2 children		36%	42%	26%	26%
	3 children		13%	6%	9%	13%
	4 children		9%	8%	7%	10%
	Grand total of children	112	108	113	149	156
15. Are you single or married?	Single, never married	42%	41%	37%	39%	45%
	Divorced/Separated	44%	49%	53%	53%	48%
	Married or have partner	14%	11%	10%	8%	7%
16. What caused you to become homeless? a) Employment or financial reasons	Unemployed/lost job	Question not on Survey	37%	34%	29%	43%
	Not enough income for basic needs		28%	30%	30%	19%
	Welfare benefits ended/needed		1%	1%	0%	1%
	Lack of job training or educ			6%	5%	6%
	Money Mgmt. problems		11%	7%	4%	3%
b) Housing	No jobs		12%	10%	23%	23%
	Evicted for not paying rent	Question not on Survey	18%	23%	12%	22%
	Temp. arrangement ended		16%	21%	16%	10%
	Unsafe housing		10%	11%	13%	8%
	Released from jail hospital or treatment facility		13%	14%	10%	16%
c) Medical/Disability	Left shelter or other program		5%	4%	5%	6%
	Physical/medical problems	23%	29%	28%	28%	22%
	Mental health/emotional probs	25%	13%	15%	19%	19%
	Alcohol/drug problems	11%	52%	61%	48%	56%
d) Family	HIV/AIDS	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	Break-up, divorce, separation	Question not on Survey	25%	24%	53%	52%
	Moved out to escape abuse		11%	10%	23%	17%
	Police/Court ordered to leave		4%	9%	9%	12%
Left/ran away form home		8%	8%	15%	18%	

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e) Other Factors	lack of child care	Question not on Survey	4%	1%	6%	2%
17. Are you employed now?	No Yes, full time (not day labor) Yes, part time (not day labor) Yes, day labor	68% 4% 7% 21%	65% 35% 14% 51%	61% 43% 20% 36%	73% 42% 23% 35%	80% 30% 36% 34%
18. Do you have a Disabling Condition?	Yes No	47% 53%	72% 28%	70% 30%	77% 23%	85% 15%
19. What type of disabling condition do you have?	Physical/Medical Mental/emotional Alcohol/Drug HIV/AIDS	36% 39% 17% 4%	42% 33% 64% 3%	33% 25% 69% 1%	26% 17% 60% 1%	24% 20% 55% .08%
20. Do you or anyone staying with you have income?	SSI/SDI Food stamps Child Support Unemployment Income from work Welfare Relatives/friends not with you None Veterans	Question not on Survey	15% 11% 2% 37% 3% 31% 2%	14% 7% 2% 1% 41% 3% 3% 31% 2%	11% 9% 1% 3% 35% 3% 3% 34% 2%	9% 23% 1% 3% 18% 3 37% 3%
21. Total of income you and everyone in your family received last month?	Less than \$1 \$1-\$250 \$251-\$500 \$500-\$1000 \$1000-\$2000 \$2001 +	23% 17% 19% 30% 6% 5%	28% 22% 14% 26% 9% 2%	28% 22% 14% 24% 11% 2%	31% 16% 14% 24% 12% 2%	44% 20% 11% 17% 6% 2%
22. Have you stayed in public housing in the past year?	Yes No	22% 78%	11% 89%	7% 93%	2% 98%	5% 95%
23. Have you had a child/children taken away in past year?	Yes No	8% 92%	6% 94%	8% 92%	3% 97%	3% 97%
24. Gone to hospital emergency room for basic medical care in past year?	Yes No	68% 32%	37% 63%	30% 70%	22% 78%	28% 72%
25. Had Medicaid or other health insurance coverage in past year?	Yes No	Question not on Survey	24% 76%	16% 84%	16% 84%	13% 87%
26. Been arrested because you had nowhere to stay in past year?	Yes No	32% 68%	24% 76%	17% 83%	12% 88%	17% 83%
27. Been in jail or prison in past year?	Yes No	68% 32%	37% 63%	34% 66%	23% 77%	28% 72%
28. Been in Detox or Crisis Unit in past year?	Yes No	31% 69%	24% 63%	24% 76%	7% 93%	19% 81%
29. Used Emergency Shelter in Volusia/Flagler in past year?	Yes Really need this right now	Question not on Survey	46% 37%	26% 37%	22% 18%	31% 24%
30. Used Transitional Housing in Volusia Volusia/Flagler in past year?	Yes Really need this right now	Question not on Survey	27% 32%	17% 36%	10% 22%	16% 26%
31. Used Permanent Housing in Volusia/Flagler in past year?	Yes Really need this right now	Question not on Survey	29% 31%	19% 36%	14% 18%	13% 22%
32. Used Education or training in Volusia/Flagler in past year?	Yes Really need this right now	Question not on Survey	17% 19%	10% 17%	7% 8%	11% 16%

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33. Used Medical Care in Volusia/Flagler in past year?	Yes Really need this right now	Question not on Survey	40% 20%	33% 16%	25% 9%	25% 12%
34. Used Drop-in Center (Showers, rest rooms, mailing address, storage, phone) in Volusia/Flagler in past year?	Yes Really need this right now	Question not on Survey	49% 47%	24% 28%	21% 31%	27% 27%
35. Used Welfare or Financial Assistance in Volusia/Flagler in past year?	Yes Really need this right now	Question not on Survey	28% 31%	20% 25%	12% 23%	17% 25%
36. Used Food or Meals in Volusia/Flagler in past year?	Yes Really need this right now	Question not on Survey	55% 53%	34% 42%	28% 39%	39% 41%
37. City you mainly stay	Daytona Beach Deland Deltona Edgewater Hollyhill New Smyrna Beach Ormond Beach Palm Coast Daytona Beach Shores Debary Lake Helen Orange City Port Orange South Daytona	Question not on Survey	Question not on Survey	Question not on Survey	Question not on Survey	68% 17% 1% 1% 6% 2% 1% 2% .5% .2% .3% .3% .5% .3%