



## Greater Battle Creek and Calhoun County Homeless Coalition The Results of the January 28, 2009 Point in Time Count

**Commentary on the Conditions/Changes for This Count:** A statewide-standardized survey and data collection process developed by the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness was used this year using HMIS for data entry and reporting. This process was designed to assure statewide consistency for HUD reporting by each Coalition. Readers are advised to avoid over-interpretation of the results of the PIT Count without supporting documentation and research. We also provide at the bottom of this page the 2008 aggregate and unduplicated numbers of homeless persons to add to the understanding of the extent of homelessness in the greater Battle Creek area. On the night of January 28<sup>th</sup> the weather was unseasonably cold in Battle Creek, which may account for the lower number of persons found unsheltered, in a vehicle or an abandoned building. The SHARE Center remained open all night, as well as community meals provided by the Salvation Army at noon and an evening meal by the Haven, planned this year to attract unsheltered homeless persons to come in for a meal and be counted. New this year was the cooperation of the VA Medical Center (Jesse Homes, VASH, and the Domiciliary), the Jail, and the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi. There is some reason to believe that lower unsheltered numbers reflect a significant impact made in the past 12 months securing apartments through the TBRA, HARP, and VASH processes for persons that were unsheltered the previous year. 06/05/09

Locations	Jan 07	Feb 08	Jan 09
<b>SHELTERED</b>			
Safe Place	17	39	<b>24</b>
Haven Men's Shelter	28	36	<b>45</b>
Haven LRP	24	34	<b>40</b>
Haven Inasmuch	12	22	<b>29</b>
Haven WIN	22	16	<b>10</b>
2nd Chance	1	1	<b>3</b>
Haven House	1	1	<b>2</b>
VA Jesse Homes	9	N/A	<b>14</b>
Gracious Homes	3	N/A	<b>6</b>
Summit Pointe TBRA	N/A	N/A	<b>24</b>
<b>Total in Shelters</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>196</b>
<b>UNSHELTERED</b>			
<b>Annual PIT Count Total</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>249</b>
<b>PERMANENTLY HOUSED</b>			
VA Medical V.A.S.H	N/A	N/A	<b>28</b>
Haven -HOPE House	N/A	N/A	<b>5</b>
VA Domiciliary	N/A	N/A	<b>40</b>
HARP Vouchers	N/A	NA/	<b>35</b>

	Jan 07	Feb 08	Jan 09
<b>Emergency Shelter</b>	58	102	98
<b>Transitional Housing</b>	59	53	99
<b>Unsheltered Location</b>			
In a Vehicle	12	43	0
On the Street	56	29	44
Abandoned Building	20	25	1
Bus Station	0	13	0
Motel Voucher	0	9	5
Jail	N/A	N/A	2
Reservation	N/A	N/A	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>249</b>

### Emergency Shelters

- Haven of Rest
  - Emergency Men's Shelter
  - INASMUCH House
- Safe Place, a domestic violence shelter

### Transitional Housing

- Haven of Rest
  - Life Recovery Program (LRP)
  - WIN Life
  - Haven House
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance
- Gracious Homes
- VA Medical Center-Jesse Homes
- Summit Pointe-TBRA Vouchers

### 2008 Unduplicated Count of Homeless Persons

Single Adults	953
Unaccompanied Youth	7
Adults in Families	274
Children in Families	276
Total	1,510
*Total includes 316 chronically homeless persons	

## Age Distribution of Homeless Persons

Ages	Jan 07	Feb 08	Jan 09
31 to 50	65	81	<b>114</b>
1 to 5	5	35	<b>24</b>
18 to 30	30	31	<b>37</b>
51 to 61	35	28	<b>46</b>
Not Given	45	19	<b>7</b>
6 to 12	7	13	<b>4</b>
60 & older	5	6	<b>10</b>
13 to 17	13	5	<b>6</b>
Total:	205	218	<b>249</b>
Adults		194	<b>208</b>
Children		61	<b>41</b>
Not Given		19	<b>0</b>

The total population of homeless persons may represent an increase in older adults.

## Chronically Homeless, HUD definition

Chronically Homeless	July 07	Feb 08	Jan 09
No	202	172	<b>159</b>
Yes	57	46	<b>83</b>
Not Answered	4	0	<b>7</b>
Total:	263	218	<b>249</b>

The number of chronically homeless persons has increased and may be due to services targeted for their identification and placement in recent years.

Chronic homelessness, as defined by HUD, is when an individual is all of the below:

- Unaccompanied
- Homeless 4 or more times in 3 years, or 1 year or longer
- Is Disabled

## Gender

Gender	Jan 07	Feb 08	Jan 09
Male	138	157	<b>161</b>
Female	65	71	<b>83</b>
Not Answered	2	46	<b>5</b>
Total:	205	274	<b>249</b>

## Families vs. Singles

Family/Single	July 07	Feb 08	Jan 09
Part of a Family	103	92	88
Single	150	123	161
Not Answered	10	3	0
Total	253	218	249

## Reported Disability

Disability	Jan 09
Alcohol Abuse (HUD 40118)	84
Developmental (HUD 40118)	5
Drug Abuse (HUD 40118)	60
Dual Diagnosis	23
Hearing Impaired	1
Mental Illness (HUD 40118)	102
Other	4
Physical/Mobility Limits (HUD 40118)	18
Other: Mental Handicap/Injury	1
Physical/Medical (HUD 40118)	23
Other: Alzheimer's/Dementia	1
Other: Cognitive	1
Vision Impaired	2
Not answered	105

A newly used HUD profile for identifying disabilities, not comparison is available.

## Special Populations

DV victim	July-07	Feb-08	Jan-09
No	170	115	184
Yes	50	61	53
Not answered	43	42	12
Total	220	218	249

Safe Place Shelter = 24

US Vet?	Jan 07	July 07	Feb 08	Jan 09
No (HUD)	71	185	199	199
Yes (HUD)	23	38	42	42
Not answered	2	40	8	5
Total	207	223	*249	249

VA Jesse Homes= 17

## Conditions of Homelessness

Prior living situation	Jan 09
Domestic Violence Situation	24
Don't Know	8
Emergency Shelter	53
Jail, Prison or Juvenile Facility	3
Living With Family	19
Living With Friends	19
Other	3
Permanent Housing for Formerly Homeless	3
Place not meant for habitation	62
Psychiatric Hospital or Facility	2
Rental House/Apartment	11
Substance Abuse Treatment Center	3
Transitional Housing	39
Total	249

New survey in 2009, no comparisons available

Length of stay at last address	Jan 07	Feb 08	Jan 09
Not Answered	16	5	84
More than one week, but less than one month (HUD)	24	25	36
More than three months, but less than one year (HUD)	67	45	14
One to three months (HUD)	72	61	37
One week or less (HUD)	12	31	29
One year or longer (HUD)	72	51	25
Don't Know (new in 09)			24
Total	263	218	249

Insufficient number of persons answered this question to permit comparison with previous years.