

Region 5 Point in Time Survey January 25, 2006

The North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People (NDCHP) with the support of the North Dakota Department of Commerce's Division of Community Services (DCS) conducted a statewide point-in-time survey of homeless people on January 25, 2006. The survey collected information relating to demographics, education, employment, veteran status, common characteristics, and service utilization.

The following table shows the total count of homeless persons by region, age and status as "chronic".

Region	Adults	Children <18	Total persons	Chronic*	Long Term Homeless**
1	19	5	24	2	7
2	30	20	50	0	6
3	54	38	92	7	20
4	90	25	115	16	19
5	208	45	253	63	79
6	30	0	30	15	15
7	96	54	150	12	31
8	19	6	25	7	8
Total ND	546	193	739	122	185

* *Chronic status* is determined using the HUD definition, which is an individual with a disabling condition who has been homeless for at least one year or, four or more times in the last three years.

** *Long term homeless (LTH)* is the definition adopted by the ND Interagency Council on Homelessness, which is an individual or a family with a disabling condition who has been homeless continuously for at least one year or more than four times in the last three years. The ICH definition does not exclude people who are currently living "doubled up" with friends/family.

The 2005 and 2006 survey results for Region 5 and for the state of North Dakota are shown below. The results are listed by question.

1. Where was the survey taken?

2005		2006 Total		2006 Chronic		2006	
ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	LTH	
3%	3%	3%	1%	3%	0%	0%	Outdoors
45%	52%	34%	40%	43%	54%	49%	Emergency shelter
36%	35%	30%	29%	30%	11%	12%	Transitional housing
1%	1%	3%	0%	2%	0%	0%	Motel
14%	10%	21%	17%	13%	17%	23%	Other (abandoned building, auto, hospital, agency office)
		7%	14%	9%	17%	16%	No answer

n=479

n=192

n=516

N = 187

n=122

n=63

n=69

3. Where did you sleep last night?

2005		2006 Total		2006 Chronic		2006	
ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	LTH	
3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	5%	4%	Outdoors
46%	53%	35%	43%	48%	64%	58%	Emergency Shelter
35%	30%	31%	33%	43%	14%	15%	Transitional Housing
4%	3%	6%	2%	5%	3%	4%	Motel
3%	3%	4%	3%	7%	6%	7%	Abandoned building/Automobile
0%	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	Hospital
1%	2%	5%	8%	4%	6%	7%	Detox/Substance Abuse Treatment
1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	Prison/Jail
na	na	14%	5%	0%	0%	3%	Family/Friend
6%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Other
0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	No answer
<i>n=479</i>	<i>n=192</i>	<i>n=516</i>	<i>n=187</i>	<i>n=122</i>	<i>n=63</i>	<i>n=69</i>	

Summary - Type of Shelter (% of surveys completed)

2005		2006 Total		2006 Chronic		2006	
ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	LTH	
		6%	5%	10%	11%	12%	Unsheltered (includes outdoors and abandoned auto/bldg)
		46%	53%	57%	70%	67%	Emergency Shelter (includes emergency shelter, motel, hospital, detox, sub abuse treatment, jail)
		33%	37%	34%	19%	19%	Transitional Housing
		14%	5%	0%	0%	3%	"Doubled up"
		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	No answer
		<i>n=516</i>	<i>n=187</i>	<i>n=122</i>	<i>n=63</i>	<i>n=69</i>	

Summary - Type of Shelter (# of people counted in survey)

2005		2006 Total		2006 Chronic		2006	
ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	LTH	
		67	11	12	7	10	Unsheltered
		318	130	69	44	48	Emergency Shelter
		227	94	41	12	17	Transitional Housing
		124	18	0	0	4	"Doubled up"
		3	0	0	0	0	No answer
		<i>n=739</i>	<i>n=253</i>	<i>n=122</i>	<i>n=63</i>	<i>n=79</i>	

4. How long have you been homeless?

2005		2006 Total		2006 Chronic		2006	
ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	LTH	
9.6 days	8.2 days	13.2 days	15.1 days	9.3 days	6.8 days	12.1 dy	Average # days (if homeless less than 1 month)
4.6 mo	4.7 mo	4.9 mo	5.1 mo	4.8 mo	4.3 mo	4.7 mo	Average # months (if homeless less than 1 year)
4.0 yr	4.2 yr	3.7 yr	4.7 yr	4.6 yr	5.3 yr	5.1 yr	Average # years (if homeless 1 year or more)
1.4 yr	1.4 yr	1.5 yr	2.2 yr	4.1 yr	4.8 yr	4.5 yr	Average length of time homeless (for entire survey population)
		23		2			No answer
		10 days	10 days	8 days	5 days	9 dy	Median # days (if homeless less than 1 month)
		4.0 mo	3.0 mo	4.0 mo	3.5 mo	4 mo	Median # months (if homeless less than 1 year)
		2.0 yr	3.0 yr	3.0 yr	3.5 yr	3 yr	Median # years (if homeless 1 year or more)
		0.5 yrs	0.7 yrs	2.3 yrs	3.0 yrs	3 yr	Median length of time homeless (for entire survey population)
		23		2			No answer
		<i>n</i> =493	<i>n</i> =187	<i>n</i> =120	<i>n</i> =63	<i>n</i> =69	

*Table note: A "median" is the mid-point of the dataset, which means exactly 50% of the respondents are above that number and 50% are below. The median does a better job of accounting for "outliers" in the data (i.e., one respondent that is much higher or lower than all the others can skew the results when you use an average).

5. How many times have you been homeless in the past 3 years?

2005		2006 Total		2006 Chronic		2006	
ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	LTH	
60%	59%	51%	56%	54%	62%	59%	Once
21%	18%	19%	14%	6%	6%	6%	Twice
7%	6%	12%	10%	10%	10%	9%	Three times
13%	17%	13%	12%	28%	21%	25%	Four or more times
		5%	8%	3%	2%	1%	No answer
<i>n</i> =476	<i>n</i> =191	<i>n</i> =516	<i>n</i> =187	<i>n</i> =122	<i>n</i> =63	<i>n</i> =69	

6. Did you have family with you last night?

2005		2006 Total		2006 Chronic		2006	
ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	LTH	
19%	15%	18%	14%	0%	0%	7%	Yes
81%	85%	82%	86%	100%	100%	93%	No
							No answer
<i>More detail on "Yes, I had family with me"</i>							
		4%	3%	0%	0%	3%	Spouse or partner?
		2%	1%	0%	0%	5%	Children over age 18?
		15%	9%	0%	0%	3%	Children under age 18?
		1%	3%	0%	0%	1%	Other family?

n=480 n=192 n=516 N= 187 n=122 n=63 N=69

Summary – Household type (# of people counted in survey)

2005		2006 Total		2006 Chronic		2006	
ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	LTH	
419	162	426	159	122	63	64	Individuals
239	79	291	76	0	0	11	Persons in families with children <18
na	na	22	18	0	0	4	Persons in families with no children <18 *
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No answer

n=655 n=249 n=739 n=253 n=122 n=63 N=79

*In 2005 "persons in families with no children <18" were included in the "Individuals" category

Summary – Youth head of household

2005		2006 Total		2006 Chronic		2006	
ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	LTH	
		3%	0%	3%	0%	0%	Yes – under age 18
		11%	6%	7%	2%	3%	Yes – age 18-21
		85%	94%	90%	98%	97%	No – head of household older than 21
		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	No answer

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7. Basic Demographics of homeless persons counted in point in time survey

2005		2006 Total		2006 Chronic		2006	
ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	LTH	
655	249	739	253	122	63	79	Total persons in survey
500	202	546	208	119	63	72	Adults
155	47	193	45	3	0	7	Children under age 18
<i>n=655</i>	<i>n=249</i>	<i>n=739</i>	<i>n=253</i>	<i>n=122</i>	<i>n=63</i>	<i>n=79</i>	
227	50	299	116	91	51	54	Adult males *
179	59	189	60	22	8	11	Adult females *
37.4	37.1	38.8	42.7	45.2	48.6	48.3	Average age of males *
34.9	35.0	34.0	36.2	39.6	42.0	38.7	Average age of females *
7.8	7.6	na	na	na	na	na	Average age of children *
<i>n=406</i>	<i>n=109</i>	<i>n=492</i>	<i>N=177</i>	<i>n=113</i>	<i>n=59</i>	<i>n=65</i>	
61%	54%	55%	63%	68%	70%	59%	White
5%	12%	5%	8%	3%	5%	10%	Black
0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Asian
31%	31%	33%	22%	21%	19%	25%	American Indian
3%	3%	2%	4%	1%	2%	1%	Other
		4%	4%	7%	5%	4%	No answer
<i>n=549</i>	<i>n=154</i>	<i>n=739</i>	<i>n=253</i>	<i>n=122</i>	<i>n=63</i>	<i>n=79</i>	
1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	Some grade school
21%	18%	13%	8%	12%	10%	12%	Some high school
29%	22%	30%	33%	35%	44%	42%	Completed high school
19%	16%	16%	13%	16%	6%	6%	Completed GED
24%	34%	21%	26%	22%	27%	26%	Some college
7%	10%	5%	5%	3%	2%	1%	Completed college
		2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	Other
		12%	14%	12%	11%	12%	No answer
<i>n=339</i>	<i>n=92</i>	<i>n=516</i>	<i>n=187</i>	<i>n=122</i>	<i>n=63</i>	<i>n=69</i>	

* 2006 survey results are for survey respondents only (not for all people noted on survey forms)

8. Sources of Income

2005		2006 Total		2006 Chronic		2006	
ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	LTH	
		43%	48%	42%	41%	38%	Job
		20%	16%	16%	18%	20%	Family/Friends
		12%	10%	27%	19%	17%	SSI
		4%	9%	13%	19%	17%	Veteran's benefits
		18%	11%	13%	10%	13%	Food stamps
		11%	9%	10%	10%	10%	Other
		1%	2%	5%	5%	4%	Pension
		5%	4%	2%	2%	4%	TANF
		9%	6%	12%	3%	4%	Medicaid
		3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	Ask on the street
		6%	2%	9%	2%	1%	Social Security
		1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	Prostitution
		1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	Unemployment
		2%	2%	0%	0%	0%	Child support
		1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	SSDI
		0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	Blood/plasma donation
		13%	13%	14%	14%		No answer

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9. Characteristics of the survey respondents (Answers to the question: “x” affects me)

2005		2006 Total		2006 Chronic		2006	
ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	LTH	
52%	51%	62%	56%	59%	70%	71%	Can't afford rent
49%	56%	48%	57%	57%	67%	65%	History of substance abuse
25%	24%	31%	33%	54%	59%	57%	Medical problems
35%	34%	40%	38%	53%	54%	55%	Money management problems
41%	36%	52%	44%	48%	48%	52%	Unemployed
28%	31%	34%	39%	37%	52%	48%	Bad credit
33%	27%	35%	31%	50%	41%	41%	Mental illness
16%	21%	12%	18%	25%	32%	32%	Veteran
22%	34%	21%	28%	23%	30%	28%	Employed
24%	22%	32%	28%	25%	25%	28%	Family breakup
7%	7%	11%	15%	21%	24%	23%	Developmental disability
15%	14%	17%	18%	16%	18%	19%	Evicted from apartment
19%	18%	17%	16%	22%	18%	16%	Underemployed
13%	11%	18%	13%	16%	14%	16%	Can't locate an apartment
28%	25%	27%	23%	20%	13%	15%	Relocated/Moved to this area
na	na	28%	26%	20%	14%	15%	Criminal record
16%	11%	21%	16%	11%	10%	10%	Domestic violence
4%	6%	5%	7%	7%	10%	9%	Discharged—from a hospital
8%	3%	8%	5%	16%	8%	7%	Discharged—from a psych. hospital
18%	19%	18%	21%	12%	6%	6%	Parolee or probationer
5%	4%	10%	10%	5%	6%	6%	Other
4%	6%	8%	5%	4%	0%	4%	Welfare issues
1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	HIV/AIDS
5%	4%	3%	1%	3%	0%	0%	Homeless youth
1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	Sexual orientation

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10. Is “x” a Reason for my homelessness?

2005		2006 Total		2006 Chronic		2006	
ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	ND	Region 5	LTH	
31%	38%	35%	39%	48%	56%	54%	History of substance abuse
14%	14%	17%	11%	21%	19%	29%	Money management problems
35%	35%	37%	27%	27%	21%	26%	Can't afford rent
21%	17%	31%	24%	24%	19%	23%	Unemployed
19%	16%	21%	12%	34%	22%	20%	Mental illness
7%	6%	11%	10%	21%	21%	19%	Medical problems
11%	12%	13%	11%	10%	11%	13%	Evicted from apartment
15%	12%	21%	14%	12%	10%	12%	Family breakup
0%	0%	16%	11%	17%	11%	12%	Other—criminal background
5%	5%	10%	9%	8%	10%	10%	Can't locate an apartment
8%	6%	7%	6%	7%	8%	7%	Underemployed
10%	9%	8%	6%	9%	6%	6%	Parolee or probationer
10%	8%	14%	8%	11%	6%	6%	Bad Credit
3%	4%	4%	2%	9%	5%	4%	Developmental disability
15%	9%	14%	11%	6%	3%	4%	Domestic violence
10%	6%	6%	5%	3%	3%	4%	Relocated/Moved to this area
1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	Discharged—from hospital
2%	1%	4%	2%	9%	2%	1%	Discharged—from psych. hospital
1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	0%	1%	Welfare
2%	2%	5%	3%	3%	2%	1%	Other
0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	HIV/AIDS
1%	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	Employed
2%	3%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	Homeless youth
0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	Sexual orientation

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11a. Service utilization - Region 5 (2006 point in time)

	All survey respondents			Chronic homeless (HUD def)		
	Received	Waiting to Receive	Difficult to Access	Received	Waiting to Receive	Difficult to Access
Basic Needs						
Emergency Shelter	54%	1%	3%	75%	0%	5%
Food/Hot Meals	63%	1%	1%	78%	0%	2%
Clothing	64%	2%	4%	79%	2%	5%
Case Management	48%	8%	2%	52%	10%	5%
Health Care Needs						
Mental Health Care	21%	3%	2%	24%	0%	3%
Medical/Dental	24%	8%	6%	29%	5%	5%
Medication	38%	3%	4%	60%	2%	2%
Domestic Violence Services	7%	4%	1%	5%	3%	2%
Substance Abuse Services	13%	3%	1%	52%	6%	2%
Stabilizing Needs						
Transitional Housing	36%	9%	3%	16%	6%	8%
Permanent Housing	3%	25%	10%	0%	27%	13%
Housing Placement	10%	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%
Job Training/Placement	14%	11%	3%	13%	10%	3%
Life Skills training	9%	3%	2%	2%	5%	3%
Child Care	5%	1%	3%	0%	0%	1%
Legal Aid	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%
GED/English Classes	6%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Transportation	37%	14%	12%	32%	24%	22%
Storage	19%	1%	2%	32%	0%	5%
Relocation Assistance	4%	8%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Mainstream Resources						
Veterans Benefits	11%	2%	2%	24%	2%	3%
Food Stamps	17%	5%	3%	14%	2%	3%
SSI	7%	8%	4%	14%	10%	6%
SSDI	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%
TANF	4%	2%	3%	0%	0%	5%
Immigration Documentation	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%
Other	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	2%

n=185 (2 survey respondents did not complete this question)

11b. Service utilization – North Dakota (total from 2006 point in time)

	All survey respondents			Chronic homeless (HUD def)		
	Received	Waiting to Receive	Difficult to Access	Received	Waiting to Receive	Difficult to Access
Basic Needs						
Emergency Shelter	47%	3%	7%	57%	1%	6%
Food/Hot Meals	60%	1%	4%	78%	0%	2%
Clothing	51%	2%	6%	67%	2%	4%
Case Management	51%	4%	3%	60%	5%	3%
Health Care Needs						
Mental Health Care	30%	3%	2%	38%	1%	2%
Medical/Dental	30%	5%	6%	36%	4%	3%
Medication	37%	3%	4%	60%	2%	2%
Domestic Violence Services	11%	3%	1%	6%	2%	1%
Substance Abuse Services	29%	5%	2%	39%	4%	1%
Stabilizing Needs						
Transitional Housing	35%	9%	7%	30%	5%	7%
Permanent Housing	3%	25%	16%	2%	21%	12%
Housing Placement	11%	6%	5%	4%	5%	5%
Job Training/Placement	16%	11%	8%	22%	9%	6%
Life Skills training	20%	3%	4%	21%	3%	2%
Child Care	7%	1%	3%	1%	0%	1%
Legal Aid	6%	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%
GED/English Classes	7%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Transportation	34%	9%	14%	30%	15%	17%
Storage	15%	1%	5%	23%	1%	4%
Relocation Assistance	3%	7%	8%	3%	3%	4%
Mainstream Resources						
Veterans Benefits	6%	1%	2%	16%	1%	3%
Food Stamps	28%	6%	3%	18%	3%	3%
SSI	10%	5%	4%	23%	7%	3%
SSDI	6%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%
TANF	5%	3%	3%	0%	0%	3%
Immigration Documentation	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%
Other	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%

n=509 (7 survey respondents did not complete this question)

12. “What services would help you the most to find or obtain housing?” (% of people who responded to this question who indicated “yes” to each category below)

Region 5

2006 Total	2006 Chronic	2006 LTH	
35%	40%	38%	Job
32%	28%	34%	Affordable housing (willing landlord, lower rent)
8%	20%	17%	Medical/dental/mental health/domestic violence
9%	12%	14%	Receive benefits (TANF, SSI, SSDI, VA)
16%	16%	14%	Addiction services/Stay sober
6%	16%	14%	Life skills/credit counseling/money mgmt
11%	12%	14%	Car/Transportation
11%	16%	14%	Other
9%	12%	10%	Housing planning
8%	8%	7%	Job training/education/job placement
2%	4%	3%	Income
5%	4%	3%	Housing assistance (Sec 8, etc)
8%	4%	3%	Case management
2%	4%	3%	Housing for criminal background
7%	4%	3%	Shelter/Transitional housing
1%	0%	3%	Food/Clothing
6%	0%	0%	Rent deposit/1 st month rent
2%	0%	0%	Child Care
1%	0%	0%	Reunification with family
<i>n=85</i>	<i>n=25</i>	<i>n=29</i>	