

Homeless to Homes – Statistical Report
Homeless Single Individuals (Men and Women)
Identified through HMIS/VESTA matched with Hamilton County Arrest Record Database
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Methodology: Data was provided to The Partnership Center, Ltd. (PCL) by the Hamilton County Justice System which included all persons arrested and incarcerated from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2008. PCL unduplicated the jail data and then matched it to VESTA database (the Homeless Management Information System of the Cincinnati / Hamilton County Continuum of Care for the Homeless) records for each of the three years. PCL identified the total number of people who spent time in an emergency shelter, jail, and both emergency shelters and jail during the same year as seen in the chart below. It's important to note that that the reported number of nights individuals spent in shelter are not necessarily sequential.

Findings: The findings in this report represent the data as it was pulled. No attempt has been made to interpret the data or make recommendations for future plans of action.

FINDING #1: Total number of individuals in Emergency Shelter (ES) and Jail in the same year:
Time Period: Three Years - October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2008

	ES* & Jail	05-06 Jailed	05-06 Homeless	ES* & Jail	06-07 Jailed	06-07 Homeless	ES* & Jail	07-08 Jailed	07-08 Homeless
Women	171	4,120	826	152	3,913	720	137	4,333	566
Men	1,081	18,553	3,224	1,085	20,055	3,121	910	17,808	2,746
% of ES & Jail to All women Jailed or Homeless		4%	21%		4%	21%		3%	24%
% of ES & Jail to All men Jailed or Homeless		6%	33%		5%	35%		5%	33%

* ES = Emergency Shelter

Special needs (SNEED) are based on HMIS data only and are defined as an identified issue that an individual must overcome in order to exit homelessness. Special needs do not constitute a diagnosis. It is important to note one individual can be identified as having multiple special needs including drug abuse, mental illness, dual diagnoses, alcohol abuse, and chronic homelessness. Therefore some individuals have been counted under more than one need category as experiencing multiple special needs in the chart below. Individuals without mental health or substance abuse special needs have been recorded in HMIS and are also indicated in the chart below.

FINDING #2: Number of individuals both jailed and homeless with identified special needs:
Time Period: 1 Year - October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008

WOMEN Number of Nights Sheltered	1-7	8-30	31-60	61-90	91-180	181-366	TOTAL	% SNEED of Total Jailed
Unduplicated WOMEN jailed	14	24	18	6	6	69	137	
Dual (MH & SA)	3	8	13	5	5	46	80	58%
Mental health	4	15	16	5	5	52	97	71%
Drug abuse	3	9	13	5	5	49	84	61%
Alcohol abuse	2	11	12	5	5	35	70	51%
Chronically Homeless	1	12	12	5	5	42	77	56%
NO - MH, SA in HMIS	10	5	0	1	0	9	25	18%

MEN Number of Nights Sheltered	1-7	8-30	31-60	61-90	91-180	181-366	TOTAL	% SNEED of Total Jailed
Unduplicated MEN jailed	38	87	69	36	42	638	910	
Dual (MH & SA)	17	35	35	16	24	247	374	41%
Mental health	19	41	38	16	25	284	423	46%
Drug abuse	27	69	58	32	39	400	625	69%
Alcohol abuse	20	63	51	30	38	425	627	69%
Chronically Homeless	15	48	43	28	34	346	514	56%
NO - MH, SA in HMIS	7	6	4	2	0	123	142	16%

*MH = Mental Health, SA = Substance Abuse

FINDING #3: Most frequent charges for jailed homeless individuals:

Most frequent charges for jailed homeless individuals (men and women)			
Time Period: October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008			
Male		Female	
THEFT	342	POSS ILLEG DRUG PARAPHENALIA	78
POSS ILLEG DRUG PARAPHENALIA	308	SOLICITING	65
POSSESSION OF OPEN FLASK	283	THEFT	30
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	209	POSSESSION OF OPEN FLASK	30
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	145	CRIMINAL TRESPASS	24
DC-INTOX,ANNOY OR ALARM	112	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	23
ASSAULT	106	OBSTRUCT OFFICIAL BUSINESS	22
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA	93	POSSESSION OF DRUGS	18
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	88	ASSAULT	16
TRESPASS-KNOWINGLY	84	RESISTING ARREST	12
OBSTRUCT OFFICIAL BUSINESS	79	FALSIFICATION	12
POSS COCAINE	72	DC-INTOX,ANNOY OR ALARM	10
PEDESTRIAN VIOLATION	62	DRIVING UNDER FR SUSPENSION	10
AGGRAVATED MENACING	60	POSS COCAINE	9
RESISTING ARREST	59	PEDESTRIAN VIOLATION	8
THEFT-WITHOUT CONSENT	56	DRIVING W/O VALID LICENSE	8
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	56	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	8
ASSLT-KNOWINGLY,VICTIM HRMD	51	TRESPASS-KNOWINGLY	7
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGS IN PARK-R11	45	ASSLT-KNOWINGLY,VICTIM HRMD	7
DRIVING UNDER FR SUSPENSION	45	RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	6
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	43	UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEHCLE	6
MENACING	41	CRIM DAMAGING OR ENDANGRNG	6
ATTEMPT	40	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGS IN PARK-R11	5
SOLICITING	34	BURGLARY	5
SAFETY RESTRAINT VIOL-DRIV	34	DC-FIGHTING OR THREATENING	4

FINDING #4: The length of stay is greater in jail than in shelters:

Between October 1, 2007 and September 30, 2008, a total of 1,042 homeless individuals entered jail 1,954 times. The same 1,042 homeless individuals spent 42,903 nights in jail during the same year. The same 1,042 homeless individuals also spent 37,236 nights in emergency shelters during the same year.

- Jailed homeless individuals spent an average of 41 nights in jail and 35 nights in shelter during the same year.
- Homeless individuals who were in jail over the same year entered jail an average of 1.9 times. Details about the number of times these individuals spent in jail can be seen in the table below.
- The total count of charges related to these jail stays was 4,326 or an average of 2.2 charges per person per jail stay.
- Of the 1,042 homeless people with jail stays during the same year, 524 or 50.3% are identified as mentally ill in HMIS.
- Among homeless individuals with more than one jail stay in the same year, 53.9% were identified as mentally ill. For those with more than 3 jail stays, 61% were identified as mentally ill.
- There were 145 homeless individuals who have been in contact with outreach workers but have not spent any time in emergency shelters who were jailed 245 times during the same year. These individuals entered jail an average of 1.7 times.
- The same 145 homeless individuals in outreach but not shelter spent a total of 6,104 nights in jail during the same year. Their average length of stay in jail was 42 nights. They received 593 charges with an average of 2.4 charges per person per jail stay.

10/1/2007 - 9/30/2008	All Homeless	Mentally Ill	% Mentally Ill
Jail Stays			
1	608	290	47.7%
2	238	120	50.4%
3	96	53	55.2%
4	42	26	61.9%
5	23	14	60.9%
6	11	6	54.5%
7	8	6	75.0%
8	4	2	50.0%
9	3	1	33.3%
10	3	3	100.0%
11	2	1	50.0%
12	1	1	100.0%
15	2	1	50.0%
18	1	0	0.0%
Total	1042	524	50.3%
Recidivists	434	234	53.9%
> 3 jail stays	100	61	61.0%

FINDING #5: Cost of jailing and sheltering:

Between October 1, 2007 and September 30th 2008, a total of 1,042 homeless individuals entered jail 1,954 times. These same 1,042 homeless individuals spent 42,903 nights in jail during the same year. The cost to house an individual within the Hamilton County Justice System is \$65.00 per night. The total cost of jailing those who were homeless and sheltered individuals equals \$2,788,695.00. When added to the cost of jailing those homeless who were not sheltered (145 additional individuals for 6,104 nights, totaling \$396,760) the total cost of jailing homeless individuals during this period was \$3,185,455.

These same 1,042 homeless individuals spent 37,236 nights in emergency shelters during the same year. The cost to provide the very basic emergency shelter (bed, limited services, food) is approximately \$25.00 per night. The total cost of sheltering those persons who were also jailed equals \$930,900.00