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2011 Homeless Point In Time Count for Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender Counties

The Tri-County Homeless Interagency Council launched its annual Point -In-Time (PIT) Count with a kick off ceremony held at the Salvation Army facility. The count began at 5:30 pm on January 26th 2011 and concluded at 5:30 pm on January 27th 2011. There were over 40 volunteers that assisted with the count. Volunteers were divided in teams with different teams counting at soup lines, encampments (15) and various types of shelters.

The total number of people who are homeless that are counted in the tri-county area this year was 483 (330 adults, 153 children).

The breakdown of homeless people per county was as follows:

<u>New Hanover</u>	<u>Brunswick</u>	<u>Pender</u>
383	21	79

Each year the council conducts a count, trying to make the count more accurate each year. This year our count in Brunswick County was 21 (19 adults and 2 children) a drop from last year. This drop could indicate that the efforts or the Homeless Prevention and Re-housing (HPRP) grant received are impacting the communities it serves. HPRP serves the tri-county area of Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender County.

The total number of homeless in Pender County, this year has increased to 79 (36 adults, 43 children). Although there were more agencies participating in the count this year, some agencies did not report any encounters with homeless residents during the 24 hour time frame. The reporting agencies this year was Pender County Schools (School Social Workers) and the Domestic Violence Shelter.





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The City of Wilmington and New Hanover County continues to be a challenge with numerous reports of people receiving services at feeding sites, who did not want to complete the survey and even stated they were "not" homeless. People encountered stated that they were temporarily living with a relative or a friend or simply did not want to admit to being homeless. Unfortunately, these families are at imminent risk and only one incident away from becoming homeless. Due to PIT regulations these people not eligible to be counted.

Perhaps some of the people that are "housed" are eating at soup kitchens to reduce their food budget. The volunteers reporting back also stated that there seems to be an atmosphere of hopelessness, anger, and resolve to their faith among the people that were encountered and engaged in the interviewing process.

The total homeless count for New Hanover County is 383 (270 adults, 113 children). The decrease in homeless people may be contributed to the efforts of the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing partners in Brunswick, Pender and New Hanover County. The 10 Year Plan To End Chronic Homelessness under the Cape Fear United Way received a 1.2 million dollar grant to provide rental and utility assistance to low income families that were homeless or at "imminent risk" of becoming homeless in the tri-county area. To date, they have served 413 people in 145 households in the prevention of homeless and re-housed 71 people in 35 households.

In addition, this fiscal year the Wilmington Housing Authority received 40 VASH vouchers to serve the homeless veterans, 50 NED (non elderly disabled) vouchers and 5 MFP (Money Follows the Person) vouchers and this may have impacted the number of homeless.

Unfortunately, due to the economic climate, there will likely be a need and demand for future housing dollars.



January 26, 2011 – NC Point-in-Time Count Reporting Form

This form should be used to report your CoC's total count to NCCEH

Community:	NC 506 Continuum of Care (New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender Counties)				
Counties covered in this report:	New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender				
Contact:	Angela Keith	Date Reporting:	2/9/11		
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		A	B	C	D	E
		Sheltered		Unsheltered	TOTAL (Columns A+B+C)	Permanent Supportive Housing
		Emergency/ Seasonal	Transitional			
Households with Dependent Children (includes adults and children who are together on the night of the count)						
1	# of Men	4	2	4	10	2
2	# of Women	58	12	4	74	2
3	# of Children	110	27	10	147	3
4	Total <i>Persons</i> in Households with Dependent Children (Rows 1+2+3)	172	41	18	231	7
5	# of <i>Persons in Chronically Homeless Families</i> (at least one adult member has a disability AND has been homeless for at least 1 year, or has had 4 episodes in 3 years)	1	*8	1	Columns A+C **2	*1
6	Total <i>Number of Households</i> with Dependent Children	62	14	8	84	2
7	# of <i>Households that are Chronically Homeless</i> (at least one adult member has a disability AND has been homeless for at least 1 year, or has had 4 episodes in 3 years)	1	*3	1	Columns A+C **2	*1
* Report the number of people who were chronically homeless before entering the transitional housing or PSH program (if known).						
** Do not include the number of chronically homeless people from transitional housing programs (Column B) in this total.						
Households without Dependent Children (includes single adults, couples without children)						
8	# of Men	74	49	60	183	40
9	# of Women	29	16	13	58	31
10	Total <i>Persons</i> in Households without Dependent Children (Rows 8 +9)	103	65	73	241	70
11	# of <i>Persons who are Chronically Homeless</i> (have a disability AND have been homeless for at least 1 year, or have had 4 episodes in 3 years)	42	*0	26	Columns A+C **68	*0
12	Total <i>Number of Households</i> without Dependent Children	103	65	73	241	0
Households with Only Children (unaccompanied children under 18, adolescent parents and their children, adolescent siblings)						
13	# of Boys	0	4	0	4	0
14	# of Girls	0	7	0	7	0
15	Total <i>Persons</i> in Households with Only Children (Rows 13 + 14)	0	11	0	11	0
16	Total <i>Number of Households</i> with Only Children	0	11	0	11	0

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TOTALS						
17	TOTAL HOMELESS PEOPLE (Rows 4 + 10 + 15)	275	117	91	483	77
18	TOTAL HOMELESS ADULTS (Rows 1 + 2 + 10)	165	79	81	325	74
Subpopulations: Of the people recorded in Row 17, how many are:						
19	Seriously Mentally Ill (diagnosable by a mental health professional, adults only)	28	16	6	50	35
20	Diagnosable Substance Use Disorder (adults only)	26	31	12	69	5
21	Veterans (adults only)	14	17	11	42	8
22	Persons with HIV/AIDS (adults only)	1	0	1	2	0
23	Victims of Domestic Violence (adults only)	20	18	4	42	6
24	Unaccompanied children (under 18 w/o parent present)	7	0	0	7	0
How many ADULTS do you know were discharged from the following systems within 30 days prior to becoming homeless?						
25	Criminal Justice System (jails, prisons)	8	14	9	31	1
26	Behavioral Health System (mental health hospitals or substance abuse treatment programs)	9	13	0	22	1
27	Health Care System (hospitals)	8	0	0	8	0

Definitions of Terms

Homeless

- Only people who are literally homeless according to HUD's definition should be counted in the Point-in-Time Count. This means that on the night of the count, they are living:
 - In emergency shelter, including domestic violence shelters,
 - In transitional housing for homeless persons who originally came from the streets or emergency shelters, or
 - In places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, or on the street.

Sheltered/Unsheltered

- **Sheltered** homeless persons are residing in emergency shelter (including domestic violence shelters) or in transitional housing on the night of the count.
- **Unsheltered** homeless persons are residing in places not meant for human habitation on the night of the count, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, or on the street.

Permanent Supportive Housing

- People living in Permanent Supportive Housing are **not** considered homeless and should not be included in the TOTAL column (Column D). However, because the numbers of people and beds in Permanent Supportive Housing must be reported to HUD, this information is collected during the Point-in-Time Count.

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