

# El Dorado Homeless Count

## **Winter Count 2008**

*January 29<sup>th</sup>*

- Point in time count of people who were homeless and unsheltered.
- Point in time count of people staying at emergency shelters and transitional housing.

*January 28<sup>th</sup>- February 1<sup>st</sup>*

- Survey of homeless people conducted at 21 housing and services sited throughout the county.

## **Summer Count 2008**

*June 16<sup>th</sup>*

- Point in time count of people who were homeless and unsheltered.
- Point in time count of people staying at emergency shelters and transitional housing programs.

*June 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>*

- Survey of homeless people conducted at 23 housing and services sited throughout the County.

## **Definition of Homelessness**

*HUD Definition*

- Homeless, staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs or living unsheltered in places not meant for human habitation, including cars, parks, abandoned buildings and the streets.

*El Dorado Definition*

- Includes HUD definition and additionally people in jail, substance abuse treatment programs and other residential or custodial facilities who have no home to go to upon release; people staying in a motel/hotel paid for by themselves, but who self-declare as homeless; and people who are doubled up, temporarily living with friends or family.

## **Chronic Homelessness**

*HUD Definition*

- An unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has been continuously homeless for a year or more, OR an unaccompanied individual with a disabling condition who has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years.

*El Dorado Definition*

- Includes HUD definition and additionally those who were experiencing extended or repeated homelessness but were staying in jail, transitional housing, or temporarily staying with friends; did not self-declare a disability; and/or were living as part of a couple with or without children.

## **Shelter Definitions**

### *Unsheltered*

- Unsheltered, living on the street, under a bridge, in an abandoned or public building, in a car, in an encampment, etc.

### *Sheltered*

- Homeless persons living in emergency shelter or transitional housing.

## **Combined Results**

### *HUD definition*

- On any given night, between **108** and **164** people are homeless
- Each year, an estimated **301** to **344** people experience homelessness
- Between **17%** and **27%** of those surveyed were chronically homeless

### *El Dorado Definition*

- On any given night, between **186** and **231** people are homeless
- Each year, an estimated **451** to **724** people experience homelessness or are without stable housing
- Between **37%** and **39%** of those surveyed were chronically homeless

\*Most people who are homeless are not newcomers; they have been living in El Dorado County for extended time periods. A significant percentage have been living here for more than 10 years.

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