



Statistics on Homelessness in DuPage County and Nationally

Statistics on Homelessness and the Working Poor in DuPage County

8	Average age of a homeless person in DuPage County
13,143	Number of children under the age of 5 who live in poverty in DuPage county ¹
45,000	DuPage County residents who live in poverty; 30% are under age 5 ²
121,000	DuPage County residents that qualify as working poor ²
\$901	Fair market monthly rent for a 2 bedroom apartment in DuPage County ³
107	Number of hours needed to work, per week, at minimum age to afford rent ⁴
\$8,000	Annual salary for a family of 3 living in extreme poverty; more than 17,000 people in DuPage County live in extreme poverty ¹
114.98%	Increase in number of people receiving homeless prevention services from 2001 to 2005, from 22,266 to 47,868 ⁵

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<sup>1</sup> Illinois Poverty Summit, A Snapshot of DuPage County Poverty 2005, [www.heartlandalliance.org](http://www.heartlandalliance.org)

<sup>2</sup> 2005 American Community Services Survey, [www.dupagehomeless.org](http://www.dupagehomeless.org)

<sup>3</sup> Fair market rent set by HUD, 2005, [www.huduser.org/dataset/fmr.html](http://www.huduser.org/dataset/fmr.html)

<sup>4</sup> National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach 2005, [www.hlihc.org/oor2005/](http://www.hlihc.org/oor2005/)

<sup>5</sup> United Way of the DuPage Area Community Needs Assessment Report,

Key Points from *A Profile on Homelessness in DuPage County 2006*, a DuPage Federation on Human Services Update, [www.dupagehomeless.org](http://www.dupagehomeless.org):

- ✓ Transitional housing capacity is 563 beds – 424 family beds and 139 individual beds.
- ✓ Permanent supportive housing capacity is 216 beds – 154 family beds and 62 individual beds.
- ✓ Emergency shelter capacity is 220 beds – 55 family beds and 165 individual beds.
- ✓ Over 1200 persons received emergency shelter in 2006
- ✓ Over 1300 received emergency assistance (including food, clothing and rent) to prevent homelessness

Annie E. Casey Foundation's Annual Report, selected national statistics, more at:  
<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/index.jsp>

- ✓ 13,000,000 million children live in depressed conditions
- ✓ 500,000 more children in America were living in poverty in 2003 than in 2000
- ✓ 4,000,000 children living with a parent who hadn't held a full-time job in a previous year, an increase of 1,000,000 since the start of the decade.

2009 One Night Survey of homeless in DuPage County  
[www.dupagehomeless.org/](http://www.dupagehomeless.org/)

**Homelessness is an increasingly reality for a significant number of residents in DuPage County.**

A One Night survey conducted on January 22, 2009 indicated that 695 persons in DuPage County were homeless on that night. This is a reduction from 766 in 2007

- 184 persons in emergency shelter including 13 family units.
- 403 persons in transitional housing including 105 family units.
- 108 unsheltered persons on the street including 3 unsheltered family units.

202 of these persons were chronically homeless. – 103 in shelters and 99 on the streets. There were 26 youth between the ages of 18-21 in shelter or transitional housing on that night and 145 for the entire year.

For more complete information please see the 2009 Homeless Populations Chart under Homeless Demographics. The next Homeless Count is scheduled for January 2011.

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