

## 2007 Report: Homeless and At Risk Callers

Reporting Period: 01/01/07–12/31/07

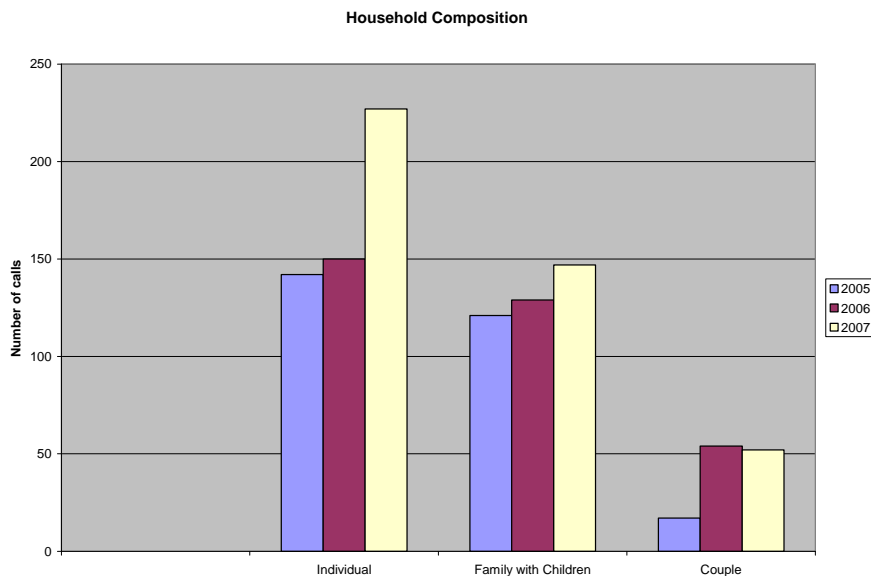
	2005	2006	2007
Total Vermont 2-1-1 calls	4974	8346	16532
Total Homelessness related calls:	288	337	438
Currently homeless:	213	258	346
At immediate risk of becoming homeless:	75	78	87
Status Data not available			5
First-time callers:	245	277	337

From January 1 to December 31, 2007, Vermont 2-1-1 received 438 calls regarding individuals and families who were homeless or at immediate risk (within three days) of being homeless. 2-1-1 Information & referral specialists provided needs assessment, problem solving support, information, and referrals to a wide range of services – including homeless shelters, housing organizations, rent and security deposit assistance, food, clothing, transportation, health and mental health services, and domestic violence services.

### Household Composition

	2005	%	2006	%	2007	%
Individual	142	50.7%	150	45%	227	53.3%
Family with Children	121	43.2%	129	38.7%	74*	17.4%
Single Female with child(ren)	Did not collect		Did not collect		66*	15.5%
Single Male with child(ren)	Did not collect		Did not collect		7*	1.6%
Couple	17	6.1%	54	16.2%	52	12.2%

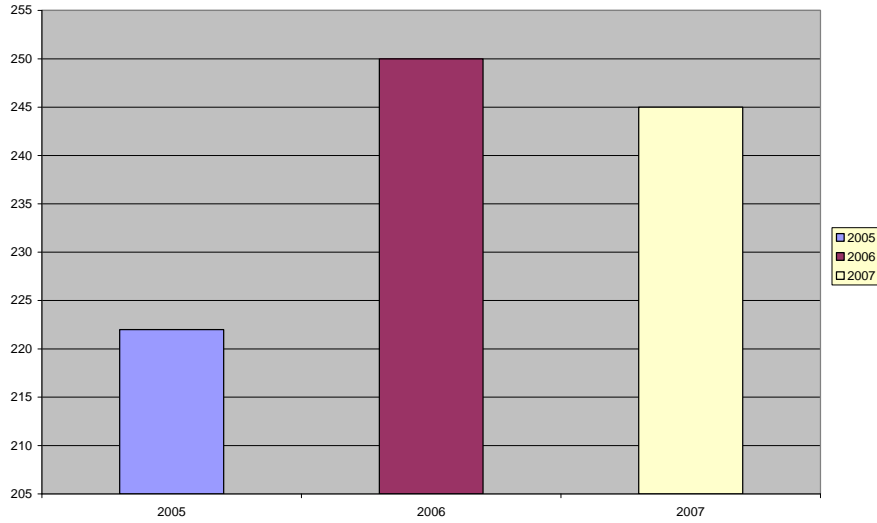
\* totaled under Family w/ Children



### Numbers of Children Homeless

	2005	2006	2007
Number of children homeless	222	250	245
Percent of homeless or at risk callers, with children	43%	39%	35%

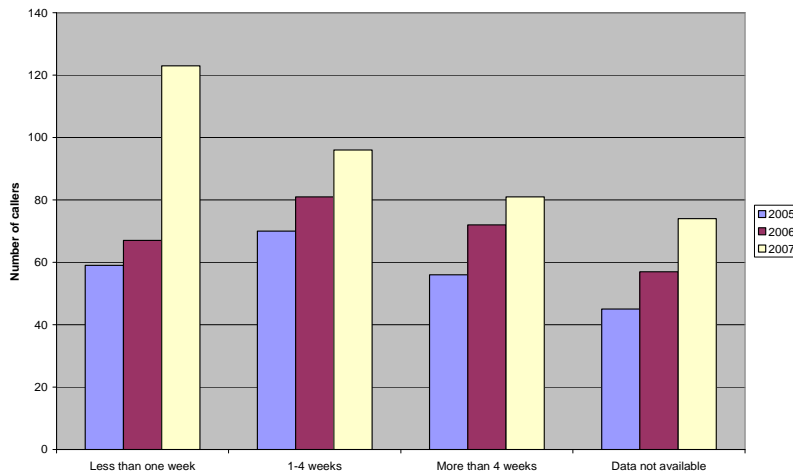
Numbers of Children Homeless



### Length of Time Homeless

	2005	2006	2007
Less than one week	59	67	123
1-4 weeks	70	81	96
More than 4 weeks	56	72	81
Data not available	45	57	74

Length of Time Homeless





**Did you know...**

*The average Fair Market Rent for a modest, two-bedroom apartment in Vermont reached \$797 in 2006, a 10 percent increase since the year before and a 42 percent increase since 1996.*

Source: Vermont Housing Awareness Campaign

**Homeless Related Calls by County**

	2005		2006		2007		<u>% of State</u>
	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>	
Addison	8	2.9%	11	3.3%	12	2.7%	6%
Bennington	4	1.4%	19	5.7%	17	3.8%	6%
Caledonia	4	1.4%	10	3.0%	11	2.5%	5%
Chittenden	88	31.5%	106	31.9%	169	37.8%	24%
Essex	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	1	0.2%	1%
Franklin	10	3.6%	13	3.9%	26	5.8%	8%
Grand Isle	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1%
Lamoille	3	1.1%	6	1.8%	15	3.4%	4%
Orange	5	1.8%	12	3.6%	15	3.4%	5%
Orleans	5	1.8%	9	2.7%	6	1.3%	4%
Rutland	27	9.7%	29	8.7%	60	13.4%	10%
Washington	28	10.0%	29	8.7%	26	5.8%	10%
Windham	79	28.3%	49	14.8%	45	10.1%	7%
Windsor	18	6.5%	24	7.2%	42	9.4%	9%
VT unspecified			14	4.2%	2	0.4%	

**Did you know...**

*In the annual one-night count of homeless Vermonters conducted in November, 2006, 35 percent of the people staying in homeless shelters that night were under 17, and a majority of that group was under the age of 5. The time people spend in homeless shelters in Vermont is increasing. In 2000, the average stay was 11 days. In 2006, it was 25 days.*

Source: Vermont Housing Awareness Campaign

*Vermont 2-1-1 participates in the annual Point In Time Count.*

### Cause of Homelessness or Being At Risk for Homelessness

Cause	No.	%
Income decrease	127	31.9%
Kicked out by family/friend/spouse/significant other	48	12.1%
Not safe in home	37	9.3%
Evicted	25	6.3%
Moved from another state	17	4.3%
Substandard housing	16	4.0%
Substance Abuse	7	1.8%
Fire	7	1.8%
Medical illness/injury	7	1.8%
Post incarceration	6	1.5%
Mental illness	5	1.3%
Transient	5	1.3%
Rent increase	5	1.3%
Kicked out of motel/hotel	3	0.8%
Other (reasons repeated less than 3 times)	69	17.3%
Data not available	14	3.5%

### Living Situation If Homeless

Situation	No.	%
Doubled up	124	31.6%
Motel	66	16.8%
On Street	44	11.2%
Living in car	43	11.0%
Shelter	36	9.2%
Camping	27	6.9%
Living in rental/home	25	6.4%
Discharged from hospital	4	1.0%
Living in camper/RV	3	0.8%
Asked to leave shelter	3	0.8%
Other: Unknown	10	2.6%
No data available	7	1.8%

### Did you know...

*Estimates of Vermont's homeless population have hovered around 4,000 people for the last several years, based on the number of individuals served by the state's homeless shelters. Between July, 2005 and June, 2006, more than 3,800 people sought help from one of those shelters. One-third of those were in families.*

Source: Vermont Housing Awareness Campaign



<b>Homeless Related calls by Town/Village</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Andover	0	1	0
Arlington	0	1	0
Ascutney	0	0	2
Barre	20	18	15
Barton	1	1	0
Bellows Falls	6	9	4
Belvidere Center	0	0	1
Benson	0	0	1
Bennington	4	11	13
Berlin	0	1	0
Bethel	0	0	1
Bolton	0	1	0
Bradford	2	1	3
Brandon	4	2	2
Brattleboro	63	31	31
Bridgewater	0	1	0
Bristol	1	1	0
Brookfield	0	1	0
Brookline	0	0	1
Brownsville	1	0	0
Burlington	55	67	107
Cabot	1	1	1
Calais	1	0	1
Cambridge	10	0	0
Castleton	0	0	1
Cavendish	0	1	0
Chester	1	0	3
Concord	1	0	0
Colchester	4	12	7
Danby	0	0	1
East Dorset	0	2	1
East Haven	0	1	0
East Rygate	0	0	1
East Montpelier	0	1	0
East Wallingford	1	0	0
Enosburg Falls	1	0	0
Essex	2	7	6
Essex Junction	2	2	5
Fair Haven	0	1	2
Fairfax	1	1	1
Fairfield	0	0	1
Fairlee	1	0	1
Ferrisburg	1	1	1
Forest Dale	0	0	1
Franklin	0	1	0
Georgia	1	0	2

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Grafton	1	0	0
Greensboro	0	0	1
Groton	0	0	1
Guildford	0	0	1
Hancock	0	0	1
Hardwick	2	0	2
Hartford	1	0	2
Hartland	0	0	1
Highgate	0	1	1
Hinesburg	2	0	3
Huntington	0	1	3
Hydeville	0	1	0
Irasburg	0	1	0
Jamaica	1	1	0
Jericho	1	0	0
Johnson	1	1	3
Lincoln	0	0	1
Londonderry	0	1	0
Lunenburg	1	0	1
Lyndonville	0	3	3
Manchester	0	3	2
Marshfield	1	0	0
Middlebury	1	7	5
Middletown	1	0	0
Montgomery	1	0	0
Milton	12	4	4
Montpelier	1	5	5
Morristown	0	0	1
Morrisville	2	3	5
Mount Holly	0	1	0
Newbury	0	0	1
Newfane	0	2	0
Newark	0	0	1
Newport	1	5	3
Newport Center	0	2	0
North Bennington	0	1	0
North Ferrisburg	0	1	0
North Troy	1	0	0
Northfield	0	1	1
Post Mills	0	0	1
Poultney	0	0	1
Pownal	1	1	0
Putney	0	0	1
Randolph	1	1	4
Reading	0	1	1



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Readsboro	0	0	1
Richford	1	0	0
Ripton	1	0	0
Rockingham	0	1	0
Rutland	0	22	46
Saint Albans	0	10	8
Saint Johnsbury	1	6	2
Saxtons River	1	0	0
Sharon	0	1	0
Shelburne	1	4	9
South Barre	0	1	0
South Burlington	0	5	9
South Royalton	1	0	0
Springfield	1	7	5
St. George	0	1	0
Stamford	0	0	1
Stowe	0	2	0
Sudbury	0	0	1
Swanton	0	1	2
Thetford	0	0	1
Townshend	1	0	0
Troy	0	1	0
Tunbridge	0	2	1
Vergennes	1	3	4
Vershire	1	0	0
Vernon	0	0	1
Waitsfield	1	0	0
Wallingford	0	1	0
Waterbury	0	1	0
Waterville	0	0	1
Weathersfield	0	0	1
Wells River	1	6	0
West Barnet	0	0	1
West Danville	0	0	1
West Halifax	0	1	0
West Rupert	0	1	0
West Rutland	1	1	0
West Topsham	0	1	0
Westminster	0	1	2
White River Jct	0	11	23
Whitingham	1	1	0
Wilder	0	1	1
Wilmington	1	2	2
Windham	1	0	0
Winooski	0	7	9
Wolcott	0	0	1
Woodstock	0	1	0

**Referrals made to Homeless Related Services – all Homeless calls**

69	Community Shelters	3	Legal Counseling
62	Undesignated Temporary Financial Assistance	3	Local Bus Services
47	Rent Payment Assistance	3	Mutual Support Groups
45	Homeless Motel Vouchers	3	State Health Insurance
45	Homeless Shelter	3	TANF
32	Transitional Housing/Shelter	2	Automobiles
26	Rental Deposit Assistance	2	Community Clinics
19	Address / Phone Request	2	Disability Insurance
17	Information or Explanation Only	2	Discrimination Assistance
15	Subsidized Housing Administrative Organizations	2	Household Goods
12	Food Pantries	2	Housing Advocacy Groups
12	Housing Search Assistance	2	Housing Counseling
12	Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	2	Life Skills Education
11	Case/Care Management	2	Psychiatric Case Management
11	Food Stamps	2	Roommate/Housemate Matching Assistance
11	General Relief	2	Substance Abuse Counseling
11	Phone Number Request	2	Unemployment Insurance
10	Single Room Occupancy Housing	1	Adult High School Diploma Programs
9	Comprehensive Job Assistance Centers	1	Adult Protective Services
9	Internet Information Resources	1	Advocacy
8	Crisis Shelter	1	Assessment for Substance Abuse
7	Housing Authorities	1	Bus Fare
7	Low Income/Subsidized Private Rental Housing	1	Child Care Subsidies
7	Public Housing	1	College/University Entrance Support
6	Tenant Rights Counseling	1	Comprehensive Information and Referral
6	Transportation Expense Assistance	1	Comprehensive Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment
6	Utility Assistance	1	Crime Victim Support
5	Domestic Violence Hotlines	1	Dental Care
5	Maternity Homes	1	Diapers
5	Specialized Information and Referral	1	Disability Related Transportation
4	Bad Weather Shelters	1	Drop In Centers
4	Community Mental Health Agencies	1	Food Vouchers
4	Homeless Drop In Centers	1	Gas Money
4	Mental Health Hotlines	1	GED Instruction
4	Senior Housing Information and Referral	1	Helplines/Warmlines
4	Verified agency / program information	1	Holiday Gifts/Toys
4	Vocational Rehabilitation	1	Home Nursing
3	Benefits Assistance	1	Home Rehabilitation/Repair
3	Children's Protective Services	1	Home Rental Listings
3	Food Cooperatives	1	Indigent Transportation
3	In Person Crisis Intervention	1	Landlord Associations
3	Job Corps	1	Local Automobile Transportation
			Medicaid/Medi-Cal
			Mental Health Drop In Centers



## **Referrals - continued**

- 1 Older Adult/Disability Related Supportive Housing
- 1 Parental Visitation Monitoring
- 1 Personal Finances/Budget Counseling
- 1 Personal Loans
- 1 Personal/Grooming Supplies
- 1 Post Disaster Food Services
- 1 Pro-Life Counseling
- 1 Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- 1 Records/Licenses/Permits
- 1 Senior Centers
- 1 Small Business Development
- 1 Soup Kitchens
- 1 Spinal Cord Rehabilitation
- 1 Tax Preparation Assistance
- 1 Teen Parent/Pregnant Teen Education Programs
- 1 Thrift Shops
- 1 WIC
- 1 Wildlife Conservation