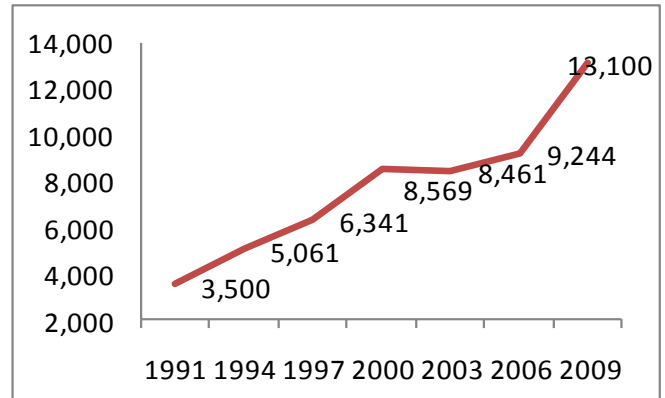


MINNESOTA: LAND OF 10,000 + HOMELESS



Wilder Research Center, 2009

The mission of the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless is to generate policies, community support, and local resources for housing and services to end homelessness in Minnesota



Contact:
Patrick Ness
612.804.5912

ness@mnhomelesscoalition.org

**Minnesota Coalition for
the Homeless**
2233 University Ave. W, #434
St. Paul, MN 55114

The Face of Homelessness

- An estimated 13,100 people are homeless each night in Minnesota
- Children & youth make up 50% of the homeless population
- 19% of homeless adult men are military veterans
- One-third of the homeless live in Greater Minnesota
- From 2006-2009, there was a 27% increase in homeless families with children
- An additional 10,000 Minnesotans are at-risk of homelessness due to job loss, serious health issues, foreclosure, and related challenges

Our national recession has resulted in a substantial increase in homelessness over the past three years in Minnesota. A tightening job market, widespread home foreclosures, and a reduction in private and public support have placed an incredible stress on housing security for thousands of Minnesotans.

Legislative Priorities

- I. Preserve programs that **prevent homelessness** and **rapidly re-house** Minnesotans who become homeless:
 - **Family Homeless Prevention & Assistance Program** provides direct homeless assistance and assistance to those at risk of losing their housing and to people who have recently become homeless
 - **Emergency Services Program** provides shelter funding and supportive services to help people in crisis
 - **Transitional Housing Program** provides time-limited housing assistance and supportive services
 - **Runaway & Homeless Youth Act** provides family reunification, shelter, and services to youth under age 21
 - **Long-term Homeless Support Services Fund** provides housing and services to the hardest to serve, long-term homeless
- II. **Preserve the basic safety net** programs for extremely low-income Minnesotans:
 - Safeguard General Assistance, Emergency General Assistance, Minnesota Family Investment Program, and Emergency Assistance
 - Reform health care coordination in state public health programs