

# 885 People Homeless in Maine on January 27, 2010

## Annual Point in Time Survey

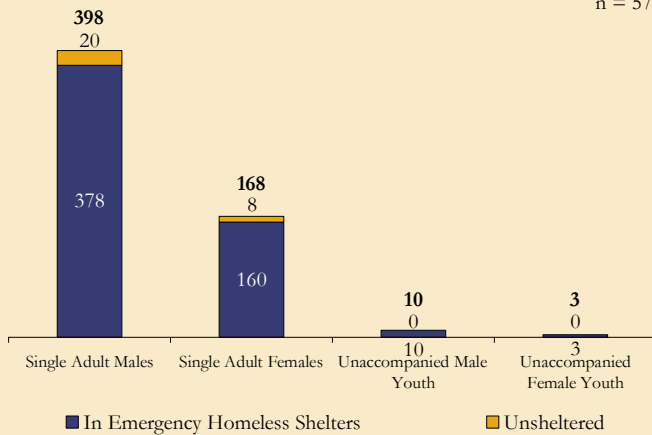
Where People Stayed	People Identified as Homeless	Survey Respondents	Survey Response Rate
In Emergency Homeless Shelters	857	802	93.6%
Unsheltered*	28	12	42.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>92.0%</b>

\*Unsheltered includes people who were staying in cars, tents, abandoned buildings, outside or in other places not suitable for human habitation.

### People Identified as Homeless:

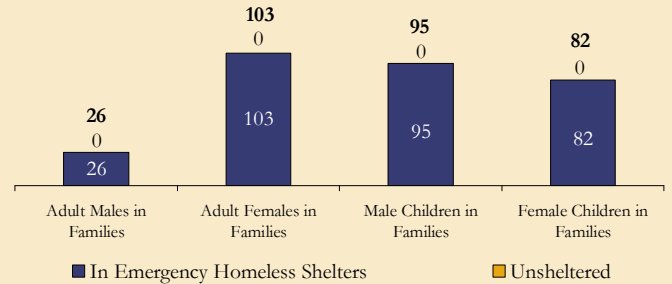
#### Individuals

n = 579



#### Families

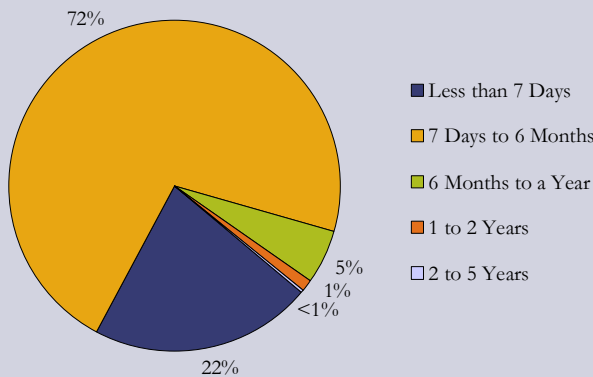
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### Survey Results:

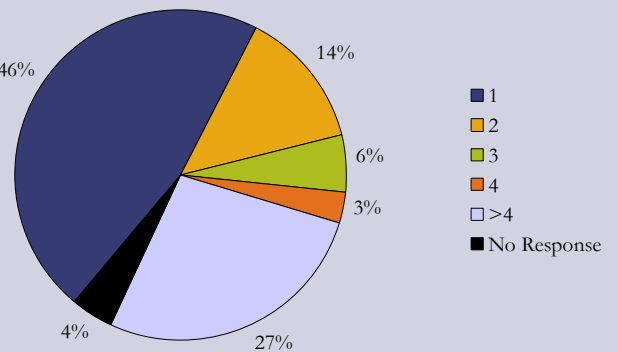
#### Length of Time Homeless

n = 814



#### Times Homeless in the Past Three Years

n = 814



#### Services Most Frequently Used

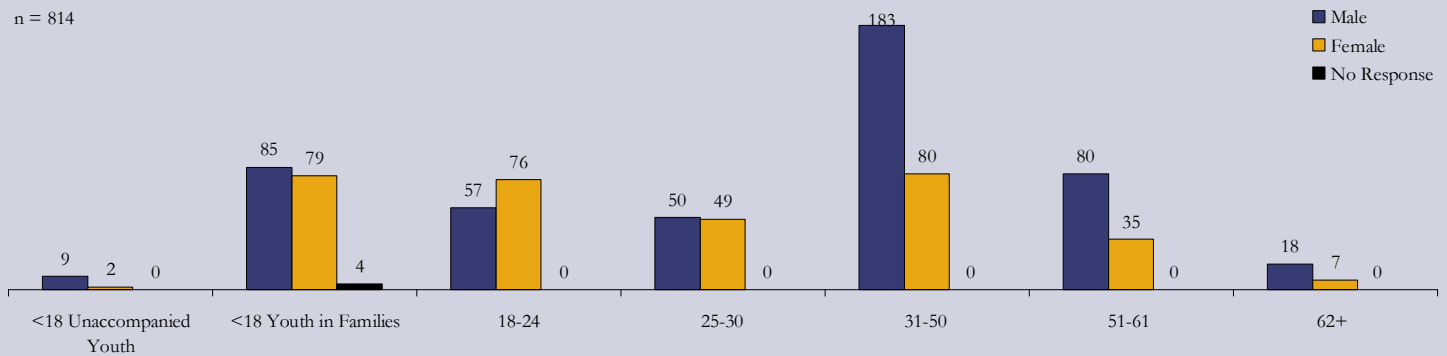
365 (45%) Food Stamps  
303 (37%) Housing Search Help  
280 (34%) Case Management

#### Services Most Frequently Needed but Not Accessed

205 (25%) Rent Payment Assistance  
142 (17%) Mental Health Care and Counseling  
139 (17%) Housing Search Help

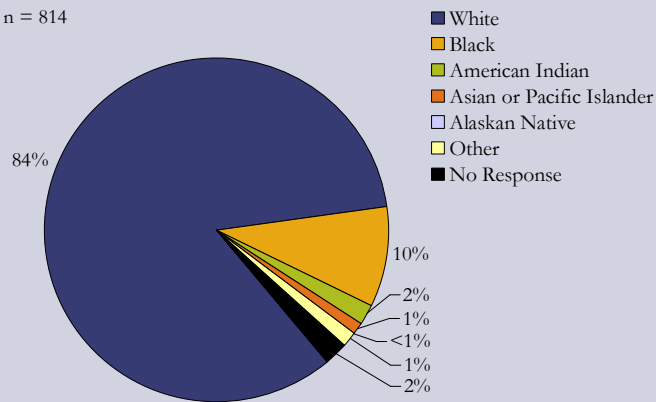
## Gender and Age

n = 814



## Racial Make-Up

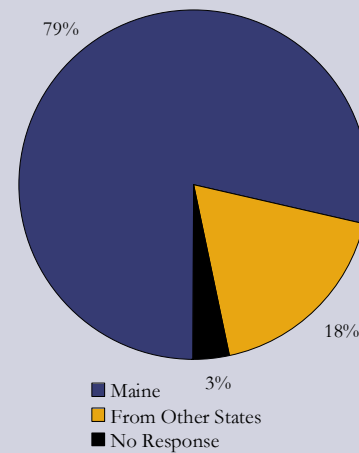
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114 (14%) people identified through the survey were minorities. Minorities are 4% of Maine's population.

## Last Residence

n = 814



County	People	Percent
Androscoggin	50	6%
Aroostook	24	3%
Cumberland	227	28%
Franklin	1	<1%
Hancock	22	3%
Kennebec	49	6%
Knox	15	2%
Lincoln	1	<1%
Oxford	37	5%
Penobscot	112	14%
Piscataquis	2	<1%
Sagadahoc	12	1%
Somerset	9	1%
Waldo	2	<1%
Washington	10	1%
York	67	8%
Out of State	146	18%
No Response	28	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>814</b>	

## Adult Education Levels

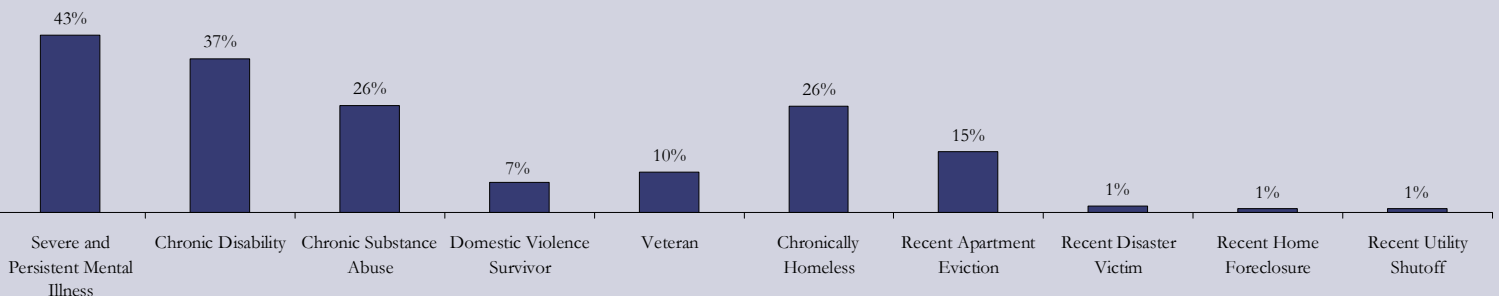
223 (35%) Less than High School Education  
 301 (48%) High School Education  
 96 (15%) More than High School Education  
 15 (2%) No Response

## Adult Employment Status

33 (5%) Employed  
 290 (46%) Unemployed  
 312 (49%) No Response to Employment Question  
 208 (33%) Using Job Training Services

## Additional Information on Adults

n = 635



164 (26%) adult survey respondents met the definition of chronically homeless: an unaccompanied homeless adult individual with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more or has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years. Please go to <http://www.ich.gov/> for more information.

**About the Survey:** The Annual Point in Time Survey provides a snapshot of people experiencing homelessness on a particular night of the year. The survey is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Continuums of Care to receive McKinney-Vento funds for Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing. On January 27, 2010, service providers, homeless advocates and municipal officials from the three Continuums in Maine (The City of Portland, Greater Penobscot County and Maine Balance of State) conducted a statewide census of people staying in Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing for people who are homeless, and those living on the streets or in places considered unfit for habitation (Unsheltered). The person's demographic information, homeless situation and service needs were recorded, whenever possible, in addition to counting people who were homeless. This handout includes information and survey responses from people who were staying in Emergency Shelters or were Unsheltered on January 27, 2010. Visit [www.mainehousing.org](http://www.mainehousing.org) for additional Point in Time handouts with Continuum of Care data.