

Local Fact Sheet on Homelessness & Poverty

As part of Durham's 10-year plan to end homelessness, volunteers across the county completed a point-in-time count in 2008 to gain information on the demographics of Durham's homeless population. Some of their findings follow.

More than 2,500 different people per year are homeless in Durham.

In January 2008, there were a total of 590 homeless people in Durham.

116 of the 590, or 20% were homeless people in households with dependent children including 43 adults and 73 children.

13 percent of all homeless families have a chronic substance abuser as part of the family.

11 percent of those who are homeless in families are homeless because of domestic violence.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, 37.9 percent of renters in Durham County pay 30 percent or more of household income towards rent, which qualifies as at-risk of homelessness. (Out of Reach Report,2005)

Sources

Council to End Homelessness

Durham Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness

<http://www.durhamtenyearplan.com/minutes.shtml>