

Homelessness in Monroe County, Florida

2014 Homeless Point-in-Time Report



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The Monroe County Point-in-Time Homeless Survey could not have been completed without the support and dedication of the many homeless service providers who comprise the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care and the dozens of volunteers who participated in the county-wide effort.

A special note of thanks goes to the hard working individuals who strive to provide a decent and safe place for homeless individuals and families to live and recover from the underlying causes of their homelessness.

Finally, this report would not have been possible without the cooperation of the survey respondents who completed surveys and provided us with confidential information about their experiences and reasons for homelessness.

Collectively, these survey responses provide all of us with a better understanding of the magnitude of homelessness in the Florida Keys and the work that lies ahead of us to ensure that all people in our community have a safe and decent place to call home.

Gratefully,

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Chairman
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The mission of the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care is to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness by facilitating the Continuum-of-Care process in Monroe County, Florida.

On Tuesday, January 28th, 2014, there were 680 homeless men, women and children counted in the annual Point-in-Time survey in Monroe County, Florida.

I. INTRODUCTION

With the help of volunteers, homeless service providers, Key West Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Monroe County Social Services, churches, hospitals, staff and outreach workers, the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care, Inc., hereafter referred to as MC-CoC, conducted a point-in-time (PIT) study of homeless persons in the Florida Keys who were both sheltered and unsheltered.

A point-in-time count provides a "snapshot" of homelessness by counting those who are homeless at a particular time; however, surveyors can easily "miss" homeless individuals and families.

The MC-CoC is a coalition working with homeless assistance agencies in the Florida Keys to coordinate the delivery of housing and services to homeless families, individuals, youth and persons with disabilities.

MC-CoC seeks to provide the leadership, support and structure necessary to develop and sustain a comprehensive system of housing and services for those experiencing homelessness.

Referred to as the Continuum of Care, this system is formally designated by the State of Florida as the local homeless coalition for the jurisdiction that encompasses all of Monroe County. The MC-CoC is one of twenty-eight (28) state-wide coalitions.

The MC-CoC works to unite housing and service providers, funders, business and non-profit organizations, government agencies, law enforcement, faith communities, health care providers and other groups and individuals throughout Monroe County in an ongoing effort to break the cycle of homelessness and help homeless persons achieve and maintain maximum self-sufficiency.

Designing, implementing and maintaining a Continuum of Care homeless service delivery system requires the on-going collection and analysis of data on the number, location and demographic characteristics of homeless persons who need access to emergency shelter, supportive transitional housing, permanent housing and specialized services.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the primary source of federal funding for housing support for homeless people, requires that each Continuum of Care across the country conduct a "point-in-time" survey every two years during the last week of the month of January.

However, the MC-CoC is committed to conducting the survey on an annual basis in order to have the most accurate and current data possible upon which to plan local services and evaluate outcomes.

MC-CoC, HUD, the State of Florida Department of Children and Families, local governments and service providers will use the information collected by the point-in-time survey to assess, project and plan strategies and services to eliminate homelessness.

MC-CoC defines homelessness as:

- Sleeping in places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, or abandoned or condemned buildings;
- Sleeping in an emergency shelter;
- Spending a short time (30 consecutive days or less) in a hospital or other institution, but ordinarily sleeping in the types of places mentioned above;
- Living in transitional/supportive housing but having come from streets or emergency shelters;
- Staying temporarily (doubled up) with family or friends while looking for a permanent place to live;
- Staying temporarily in a hotel/motel while looking for shelter or housing;
- Facing imminent eviction from a private dwelling unit and having no subsequent residence identified and lacking the resources and support networks needed to obtain access to housing; or,
- Being discharged from an institution within seven days and having no subsequent residence identified and lacking the resources and support networks needed to obtain access to housing.

Although homeless persons who are incarcerated on the date of the Point-in-Time Survey are not by HUD's definition homeless, the MC-CoC is including this data as an addendum to this report because of the significant number of homeless individuals who cycle in and out of the Monroe County Detention Center.

Also included as an addendum, but not in the official PIT Count, is information on homeless individuals living in Permanent Supportive Housing, and homeless children who are living doubled up.

II. UNDERSTANDING THE DATA

There is no disagreement that it is difficult to count homeless people. The one consistent finding in all the research on homelessness is that surveys undercount homeless populations. No PIT can achieve 100% accuracy. It is easy to “miss” homeless individuals and families -- they might not receive services at the agencies where homeless persons are counted on the night of the PIT, or if they do frequent a particular agency, they might not be there during the 24-hour day of the count. People enter and leave homelessness frequently and may become homeless shortly after the point-in-time study.

The comprehensiveness of a sheltered homeless count is entirely dependent upon the level of participation of agencies and organizations that serve homeless individuals and families. 100% of Monroe County shelter and homeless housing providers participated in this effort.

Unsheltered homeless people are particularly difficult to count. By definition, they are not in places where they can easily be counted, such as transitional housing and homeless shelters.

Some homeless people are not counted because they are not in locations where they can be readily found, much less where they have the opportunity to complete a survey, such as those living on the street, in automobiles, on derelict boats, in mangroves, and other kinds of crude and temporary housing.

Youth on their own (including the so-called Rainbow Children and Grunge Kids), recently homeless persons and individuals and families who are doubled up with friends and relatives are often underrepresented among those who access homeless services.

Other homeless people are likely afraid of being counted, such as undocumented persons and families who fear losing custody of their children.

MC-CoC recruited 75 service providers, volunteers and outreach workers for the 2014 count.

MC-CoC conducted seven trainings in the lower, middle and upper keys to prepare service provider staff and volunteers to collect the survey data in order to keep the cost of the Point-in-Time count affordable. Where possible, volunteers and agency staff assisted homeless (or assumed homeless) individuals to complete the two-sided survey.

The Key West Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff’s Office, and private citizens, provided boats to reach homeless individuals living on derelict vessels or outer islands.

Dozens of businesses, not-for-profits, and individuals donated items for “goody bags” to offer survey respondents as both an incentive to participate in the PIT and as a gesture of gratitude for doing so. The bags contained personal hygiene items, first aid supplies, baked goods, socks, etc.

Survey questions included information on:

- Age
- Chronic homelessness
- Area in county
- Gender
- Disabling conditions
- Duration of homelessness
- Time Homeless in Monroe County
- Episodes of homelessness
- Ethnicity
- History of foster care
- Family composition
- Government benefits received
- Households with and without children
- Last permanent place
- Military service
- Where slept previous night
- Newly homeless
- Reasons for homelessness
- Unsheltered/Sheltered
- Sources of income
- Services needed

Definitions of Terms:

Homeless

Only people who are literally homeless according to HUD's definition can be reported to HUD and the Florida State Office on Homelessness. This means that on the night of the January 28th, 2014 count, they were living in emergency shelter, including domestic violence shelters, in transitional housing for homeless persons who originally came from the streets or emergency shelters, or in places not meant for human habitation (cars, parks, derelict boats, mangroves, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, the street, etc.)

Sheltered/Unsheltered

Sheltered homeless persons are those residing in emergency shelter (including domestic violence shelters) or in transitional housing on the night of the count.

Unsheltered homeless persons are those residing in places not meant for human habitation on the night of the count, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, derelict boats, mangroves, on the street, etc.

Permanent Supportive Housing

People living in Permanent Supportive Housing are **not** considered homeless and are not included in the PIT count report submitted to HUD. However, because the numbers of people and beds in Permanent Supportive Housing must be reported to HUD, and because it is important for local planning and service coordination in Monroe County, this information was collected during the PIT count and included in this report.

Chronically Homeless

In 2011, the definition of chronically homeless was expanded to include both individuals and families.

Definition: an unaccompanied homeless individual (18 or older) with a disabling condition **OR** a family with at least one adult member (18 or older) who has a disabling condition and has either been continuously homeless for a year or more **OR** has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years. The disabling condition can include mental illness, chronic substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, physical disability, or developmental disability.

Doubled Up

Doubled up is defined as “Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, or economic hardship.”

Continuum-of-Care (CoC)

A CoC is a community plan to organize and deliver housing and services to meet the needs of people who are homeless as they move to stable housing and maximize self-sufficiency. It includes action steps to end homelessness and prevent a return to homelessness.

Essentially, a CoC is a group of service providers and stakeholders that collaborate together to address homelessness through housing and support services.

What are the components of a CoC?

- Outreach, intake, and assessment
- Emergency Shelter (ES)
- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Prevention and Rapid Re-housing

What are the primary roles of a CoC?

1. Develop, implement, and monitor the CoC Plan
2. Apply for HUD and State CoC funding
3. Conduct the annual Point-In-Time Count

What does our CoC look like?

Geographical Area:

- Monroe County, FL

Participants from the following sectors are involved with the Monroe County Homeless Services CoC:

- Service providers
- Local government agencies
- Faith-based community
- Department of Children and Families
- Law enforcement agencies
- Housing Authority
- School District
- Business Community
- Homeless/Formerly Homeless
- Health Care
- Concerned citizens

III. FINDINGS

Some survey respondents did not answer every question. As a result, the percentages reported in each sub-section of the report, in tables and in graphs represent only those people who answered the particular question and not the total number of respondents. In other words, unless otherwise noted, the percentages do not include “missing” responses. Additionally, when adding up numbers in various categories, the number will not always equal the number of “respondents” or “all homeless” due to survey questions that were not answered.

Total Persons Documented in Monroe County who met the federal definition of homelessness on January 28th, 2014 =680

Sheltered= 385 Unsheltered=295

Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Reported County-Wide by Year:

2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
1092	1018	981	1122	1121	1020	1040	926	926*	658	680

(Note: Years 2004-2012 as reported by the Southernmost Homeless Assistance League) (*Estimated-unsheltered not counted. Not actual)

Unsheltered on January 28th, 2014 by Region

Lower Keys	Middle Keys	Upper Keys
64%	15%	21%

Unsheltered Homeless

On January 28th, 2014 there were two hundred ninety-five (295) people living on the streets, under bridges, in a car, on a derelict vessel, in the mangroves, or other place not suitable for human habitation. This number represents 43% of all homeless persons in Monroe County, FL. Six (6) homeless families comprised of 7 adults with 18 children were unsheltered.

Chronically Homeless Unsheltered

Out two hundred ninety-five (295) unsheltered homeless individuals, ninety-one (91) or 31% met the federal definition of chronically homeless (as self reported). A chronically homeless person is defined as an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more, or has had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three years. A chronically homeless family is a household with at least one adult member who has a disabling condition and who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had a least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years. To be considered chronically homeless, persons must have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., living on the streets) and/or in an emergency shelter/safe haven

during that time. Disabling condition is defined as "a diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability, or chronic physical illness or disability, including the co-occurrence of two or more of these conditions."

Sheltered Homeless

On January 28th, 2014 there were three hundred eighty-five (385) individuals in Monroe County Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing Facilities. This number represents 57% of all homeless persons in Monroe County, FL. Nineteen (19) homeless families with children were sheltered.

The above referenced homeless individuals were sheltered by the following organizations:

- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami, Inc.
- City of Key West- Keys Overnight Temporary Shelter (KOTS)
- Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc. (DAS)
- Florida Keys Children’s Shelter, Inc.
- Florida Keys Outreach Coalition, Inc. (FKOC)
- Heron/Peacock Supportive Living
- Independence Cay
- Samuel’s House
- Volunteers of America (VOA)

Gender

Sheltered		Unsheltered	
Male	71%	Male	78%
Female	29%	Female	22%

Race/Ethnicity

Sheltered		Unsheltered	
Hispanic or Latino	14%	Hispanic or Latino	10%
Non-Hispanic or Latino	86%	Non-Hispanic or Latino	75%
		Did not respond	15%

American Indian/Alaskan Native	.5%	American Indian/Alaskan Native	1.5%
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Asian	.5%	Asian	.5%
Black/African American	11%	Black/African American	7%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	.5%	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
White	84%	White	86%
Other	3.5%	Other	5%

Are you single or married?

Sheltered		Unsheltered	
Single	91%	Single	95%
Married	9%	Married	5%

Age

Sheltered		Unsheltered	
Under 18	14%	Under 18	2%
18-24	5%	18-24	8%
25-60	70%	25-60	71%
Over 60	11%	Over 60	19%

Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Military?

Sheltered				Unsheltered					
Yes	10%	No	90%	Yes	19%	No	62%	Refused	19%

Where Did You Stay Last Night?

Place not meant for habitation (car, streets, mangroves, etc.)	55%	Apartment or house owned	0%
Emergency Shelter	35%	With family member	4 %
Transitional Housing	21%	With friend(s)	12%
Psychiatric facility	.2%	Hotel/Motel paid by self	0%
Substance abuse treatment facility	0%	Foster care home	0%
Hospital	.3%	Other (Boat)	18%
Jail/Detention	0%		
Don't Know	0%		
Refused to answer	6%		
Room, apartment, house rented	0%		

How many separate periods of time in the past three years have you been without a regular place to stay (including right now)?

Sheltered		Unsheltered	
1 time	49%	1 time	21%
2-3 times	29%	2-3 times	18%
4 or more times	22%	4 or more times	28%
		Did not respond	33%

What caused you to become homeless?

Sheltered		Unsheltered	
Employment/financial reasons	18%	Employment/financial reasons	32%
Housing issues	16%	Housing issues	15%
Substance Abuse/Mental Illness	57%	Substance Abuse/Mental Illness	0%

Fam. Problems/Domestic Violence	20%	Fam. Problems/Domestic Violence	18%
Medical/disability problems	25%	Medical/disability problems	11%
Natural/other disasters	0%	Natural/other disasters	2%
Recent immigration	0%	Recent immigration	1%
Forced to relocate from home	21%	Forced to relocate from home	6%
No Reason Given	0%	No Reason Given	15%

Do you have a disabling condition?

Sheltered		Unsheltered	
Yes	30%	Yes	36%
No	70%	No	46%
		Did not answer	18%

What type of disabling condition do you have?

Sheltered		Unsheltered	
Physical	16%	Physical	29%
Developmental	.5%	Developmental	0%
Mental Health	28%	Mental Health	14%
Drug or Alcohol Addiction	32%	Drug or Alcohol Addiction	12%
HIV/AIDS	1.5%	HIV/AIDS	0%
		Did not respond	18%

If unsheltered, how long since you last has a regular place to stay?

1 week or less	More than 1 week, but less than a month	1 to 3 months	More than 3 months, but less than a year	One year or longer
2%	7%	10%	7%	34%

* 39% did not answer this question

Do you receive any of the following forms of income?

Sheltered		Unsheltered	
Earned income	35%	Earned income	14%
Unemployment	1%	Unemployment	4%
SSI	9%	SSI	7%
SSDI	8%	SSDI	6%
Veterans disability	.5%	Veterans disability	4%
Workers' Comp	0%	Workers' Comp	0%
TANF	3%	TANF	3%
General Assistance .2%		General Assistance	1%
SSA retirement	2%	SSA retirement	4%
Veteran's pension	0%	Veteran's pension	4%
Job pension	2%	Job pension	4%
Child support	.8%	Child support	0%
Alimony	0%	Alimony	0%

Private disability insurance	0%	Private disability insurance	0%
No financial	38.5%	No financial	59%
Other	0%	Other	2%

How long have you been staying in Monroe County?

Unsheltered

One week or less	More than 1 week, less than 1 month	One to three months	More than 3 months, less than one year	One year or longer
11%	2%	9%	9%	58% *

*2% were born in Monroe County ** 13% did not answer

Sheltered

One week or less	More than 1 week, less than 1 month	One to three months	More than 3 months, less than one year	One year or longer
3%	5%	12%	16%	64% *

*6% were born in Monroe County

Were you ever in foster care?

Sheltered		Unsheltered	
Yes 8%	No 92%	Yes 4%	No 62%
		34%	did not respond

Supplemental Data

Homeless persons incarcerated during the Point-in-Time

On January 28th, 2014 there were one hundred forty-four (144) homeless individuals incarcerated at the Monroe County Detention Center (MCDC). They represent 21% of the total inmate population on this date. Of those One hundred forty-four (144), eighty-nine (89) individuals completed a Point in Time survey. Seventy-five percent (75%) were between the ages of 25 and 60. Thirteen (13) were veterans (15%). Forty (40) reported having a disabling condition (50%). Fifty-nine (59) reported having no place to go upon release (66%). Sixty-two (62) felt the lack of a permanent shelter contributes to be arrested (70%). Twelve (12) reported using jail as shelter or 13% and fourteen (14) use jail for medical treatment or 16%.

Males	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	Total
17 & under	0	0	0	0	0
18-35	26	8	0	0	34
36-65	85	15	0	0	100
	111	23	0	0	134

Females	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	Total
17& under	0	0	0	0	0
18-35	3	0	0	0	3
36-55	7	0	0	0	7
	10	0	0	0	10

TOTAL	121	23	0	0	144
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Fifteen (15) out of the one hundred forty-four (144) homeless inmates reported above have been booked into the MCDC twenty-five (25) or more times over the past ten (10) years, for an average of forty-two (42) incarcerations each. The highest number of bookings for one of these homeless offenders was seventy-nine (79) times. These fifteen (15) individuals have spent a combined 22,925 days in the MCDC. At \$80.40 per day, per inmate, the cost to Monroe County was \$1,842,366 with an average cost per inmate of \$122,824. over the 10 years.

Of these one hundred forty-four (144) homeless individuals incarcerated on January 28th, 2014, one hundred forty-one (141) have been booked into the MCDC two (2) or more times over the past ten (10) years and spent a combined 83,001 days in jail. At \$80.40 per day, per inmate, the total cost thus far is a staggering \$6,673,002.00. Repeat inmates represent 85% of the total booked in this period.

Homeless individuals in custody on the 28th day of January for last ten years

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
135	161	166	182	181	138	103	111	99	144

Those who are homeless and have behavioral health disorders are overrepresented in the criminal justice system. State prisoners and local jail inmates who had a mental health problem were twice as likely as inmates without a mental health problem to have experienced homelessness in the year before their incarceration, yet few have access to adequate medical or behavioral health care in the community or during incarceration. Lack of adequate treatment only exacerbates those behaviors that lead to arrest. ¹

Behavioral health programs available to inmates detained in the Monroe County Detention Center include:

- JIP(Jail In-House Program)– Men and Women- Court Ordered six-month program for inmates with Drug and Substance abuse issues.
- Forensic Case Manager & Diversion Case Manager – Facilitates and assist inmates who have mental illness/substance abuse issues, needs related to referral for state hospital/forensic services and/or residential long or short term treatment in or out of Monroe County.
- Jail AA/NA Meetings.
- Behavior Modification and Life Skills Program, provided by contractor through MCDC Programs for inmates, related to Anger Management, Battery, Parenting, and Life Skills.

For Re-entry from the Monroe County Detention Center into the community, two of the community treatment programs that are targeted for inmates referrals from jail for re-entry are 1)- CARE4U Program, a minimum 4 month outpatient entry level substance abuse treatment program, for adult women and men, coordinated by MCSO, funded through the Reinvestment Grant and 2)- Offender Reentry Program (ORP) Grant, a 6 month intensive outpatient treatment program, for adult women, coordinated by the Guidance Care Center, funded by a SAMSHA Grant. Both JIP and the Case Manager services are coordinated by the Guidance Care Center.

¹ James, D. and Glaze, L. Bureau of Justice Statistics. Mental Health Problems in Prison and Jail Inmates.

Additional Supplemental Data

Monroe County Detention Center Surveys for Point in Time 2014

January 28th, 2014

89 surveyed out of 144 = 62%

Where were you staying right before you went to jail?	
• Friends/family	18
• Homeless shelter	19
• Boat	6
• Streets/beach	37
• Car	1
• Apartment	1
• Refused	1
Will you be forced to leave the place you stay within the next week?	
• Yes	20
• No	60
• Refused	9
If yes, will you have a place to stay or money that you will use to get a place to stay once you leave?	
• Yes	6
• No	13
• Refused	1
How long have you been in Monroe County?	
• Less than 1 year	19
• 1 to 5 years	19
• 5 to 10 years	15
• 11-20 years	12
• 20 to 34 years	8
• 35+ years	2
• Born in Monroe County	8
• Refused	8
Have you ever been housed in Monroe County?	
• Yes	35
• No	46
• Refused	8
Why did you move to Monroe County?	
• Born/raised here	7
• Weather	14
• Legal issues	3
• Personal Choice	17
• Work	15
• Vacation stayed	8

• Semi-retired	1
• Family/friends	11
• Refused	13
Would you stay at a 24 hr. day shelter?	
• Yes	66
• No	11
• Refused	20
• If it was clean	2
What homeless services have you used?	
• KOTS	27
• Other emergency or transitional housing	19
• Soup Kitchens in Marathon and Key West	17
• Salvation Army	10
• Food Pantries	15
• Mental Health services from DePoo and Guidance Care Center	4
• Mobile Outreach Program	11
• Medical Services	2
• Food Stamps	10
• Workforce	1
• None	18
• Refused	7
Were you homeless prior to moving here?	
• Yes	33
• No	48
• Refused	8
Have you seen a doctor in last 6 months?	
• Yes	64
Wellness	23
Emergency	31
Jail clinic	9
VA	1
• No	15
• Refused	10
Are Hispanic or Latino?	
• Yes	10
• No	57
• Refused	22
What is your race? * may consider two races as self reported	
• Caucasian/White	70
• African American/Black	10
• American Indian/Native Alaskan	2
• Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0

• Asian	0
• Other	1
• Refused	8
What is your Gender?	
• Male	75
• Female	6
• Refused	8
What is your age?	
• 18-24	4
• 25-60	67
• 60+	10
• Refused	8
How you ever served on active duty in the US Military?	
• Yes	13
• No	69
• Refused	7
If yes, do you receive veteran benefits?	
• Yes	2
• No	11
Marital Status?	
• Single	54
• Married	6
• Domestic partnership	1
• Divorced	12
• Separated	4
• Widowed	4
• Refused	8
How many separate periods of time in the last 3 years have you NOT had a regular place to stay(including right now)?	
• 1 time	23
• 2-3 times	23
• 4 or more times	36
• Refused	8
What caused you to become homeless?	
• Employment/financial	40
• Housing issues	14
• Medical/disability problems	16
• Forced to relocate from home	14
• Family problems	13
• Natural disaster	1
• Recent immigration	1
• By choice	1

• Jail/incarceration	2	
• Substance Abuse	1	
• Other	2	
• Refused	8	
Do you have a disabling condition?		
• Yes	40	
• No	42	
• Refused	7	
If yes, type of disabling condition? More than one may apply per person		
• Physical	20	
• Developmental	1	
• Mental Health	20	
• Drug/Alcohol abuse	8	
• HIV/Aids	1	
Form(s) of income reported		
• Earned income/unemployment	0	
• SSI	6	
• SSDI	2	
• TANF	8	
• General Assistance	3	
• Food Stamps	5	
• No financial resources	55	
• Refused	10	
How long since you had a regular place to stay?		
• 1 week or less	1	
• More than 1 week but less than a month	3	
• 1-3 months	12	
• More than 3 months but less than 1 year	15	
• 1 year or longer	5	
• Refused	8	
What services do you or your family need right now?		
• Housing placement	65	
• Food	59	
• Employment	53	
• Material goods	48	
• Transportation	43	
• Health Care/HIV/Aids services	45	42/3
• Case management/outreach	39	23/16
• Temporary Housing	31	
• Mental Health care	27	
• Substance abuse services	20	
• Criminal justice/legal assistance	17	

• Consumer assistance	16
• Other: child care, ID assistance	5
• Refused	13

Additional Supplemental Data

Keys Overnight Temporary Shelter (KOTS) Surveys for Point in Time 2014

January 28th, 2014

142 surveyed

Have you been involved with law enforcement in the last 6 months?	
• Yes	34
• No	106
• Unknown	2
Have you seen a doctor in the last 6 months?	
• Yes 42 emergency care/23 wellness/10 yes non specified	85
• No	46
• Unknown	12
Have you ever been in Foster care?	
• Yes	12
• No	124
• Unknown	6
How long have you been in Monroe County?	
• Less than 1 month	10
• 1-3 months	9
• 3-6 months	11
• 6-9 months	7
• 9-12 months	4
• 1-2 years	9
• 2-3 years	4
• 3-4 years	5
• 5-10 years	14
• More than 10 years	25
• Born in MC	1
Have you ever been housed in Monroe County?	
• Yes	65
• No	74
• Unknown	1
Why did you move to Monroe County?	
• Lived here and moved back	5
• Weather	50
• Family	7
• Relocated because of addiction issues	1
• Work	44
• Vacation stayed	11

• Visited here and moved	4
• Moved with a friend	16
• Unknown	4
Would you use a 24 hr. day shelter if one was opened?	
• Yes ONLY if w/in 2 miles	124
• No	15
• Unknown	2
If more, shelter beds were opened, would you stay?	
• Yes	74
• No	64
• Unknown	4
Would you seek services in another area of the Keys?	
• Yes	24
• No	112
• Unknown	6
Have you lived in another area of the Keys?	
• Yes 6 non specified 11 MK	17
• No	122
• Unknown	3
Have you sought housing or services in the Lower Keys?	
• Yes	46
• No	91
• Unknown	5
What homeless services have you used?	
• Other emergency or transitional housing	6
• Soup Kitchen	72
• Salvation Army	30
• SOS	67
• LKMC/hospital	53
• Mobile Outreach Program	43
Were you homeless prior to moving here?	
• Yes	55
• No	85
• Unknown	2
Are Hispanic or Latino?	
• Yes	12
• No	129
• Unknown	1
What is your race?	
• Caucasian/White	124
• African American/Black	11
• American Indian/Native Alaskan	2

• Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2
• Asian	1
• Unknown	2
What is your Gender?	
• Male	121
• Female	21
What is your age?	
• 18-24	1
• 25-60	116
• 60+	24
• Did not answer	1
How you ever served on active duty in the US Military?	
• Yes	15
• Veteran with services	4
• Veteran without benefits	11
• No	125
Marital Status?	
• Single	90
• Married	5
• Divorced	32
• Separated	4
• Widowed	4
• Refused	8
How many separate periods of time in the last 3 years have you NOT had a regular place to stay (including right now)?	
• 1 time (majority more than 1 year)	61
• 2-3 times	37
• 4 or more times	41
• Unknown	3
What caused you to become homeless?	
• Employment/financial	68
• Housing issues	30
• Medical/disability problems	18
• Forced to relocate from home	14
• Family problems	19
• Jail/Incarceration	2
• Recent immigration	1
• Substance Abuse	1
Do you have a disabling condition?	
• Yes	64
• No	75
• Did not answer	3

If yes, type of disabling condition? More than one may apply per person		
• Physical	44	
• Developmental	2	
• Mental Health	40	
• Drug/Alcohol abuse	32	
• HIV/Aids	3	
• Domestic Violence	5	
Form(s) of income reported		
• Earned income/unemployment	28	
• Unemployment	3	
• SSI	21	
• SSDI	15	
• SSA	5	
• VA	1	
• No financial resources	69	
• Did not answer	1	
How long since you had a regular place to stay?		
• 1 week or less	0	
• More than 1 week but less than a month	12	
• 1-3 months	14	
• More than 3 months but less than 1 year	33	
• 1 year or longer	82	
• Unknown	1	
What services do you or your family need right now?		
• Housing placement	75	
• Food	52	
• Employment	34	
• Material goods	15	
• Transportation	22	
• Health Care/HIV/Aids services	59	58/1
• Case management	27	
• Temporary Housing	46	
• Mental Health care	14	
• Substance abuse services	4	
• Criminal justice/legal assistance	2	
• Consumer assistance	1	
• Education	6	
• Did not answer	4	

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189 surveyed

Where did you stay last night?	
• Psychiatric Facility	6
• With a Friend	6
• Place not meant for habilitation	126
• Boat	43
• Hospital	7
• Did not answer	1
Will you have to leave within a week?	
• Yes	25
• No	91
• Did not answer	73
What is your Gender?	
• Male	142
• Female	32
• Did not answer	15
Are Hispanic or Latino?	
• Yes	21
• No	136
• Did not answer	32
What is your race?	
• Caucasian/White	157
• African American/Black	13
• American Indian/Native Alaskan	2
• Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0
• Asian	0
• Did not answer	17
How you ever served on active duty in the US Military?	
• Veteran with services	5
• Veteran without benefits	24
• No	101
• Did not answer	59
Marital Status?	
• Single	81
• Married	15
• Domestic partnership	5

• Divorced	33
• Separated	9
• Widowed	6
• Unknown	40
Have you ever been in Foster care?	
• Yes	6
• No	114
• Unknown	69
What is your age?	
• 18-24	10
• 25-60	126
• 60+	37
• Unknown	16
How long have you been in Monroe County?	
• Less than 1 month	16
• 1-3 months	11
• 3-6 months	9
• 6-9 months	3
• 9-12 months	4
• 1-2 years	10
• 2-3 years	10
• 3-4 years	6
• 5-10 years	11
• More than 10 years	63
• Born in MC	4
• Did not respond	38
How many separate periods of time in the last 3 years have you NOT had a regular place to stay (including right now)?	
• 1 time	36
• 2-3 times	20
• 4 or more times	46
• Did not answer	87
Were you homeless prior to moving here?	
• Yes	33
• No	82
• Did not answer	64
Have you ever been housed in Monroe County?	
• Yes	35
• No	61
• Did not answer	93
Have you been involved with law enforcement in the last 6 months?	
• Yes	66

• No	43
• Did not answer	80
Have you seen a doctor in the last 6 months?	
• Yes	68
• No	47
• Did not respond	74
Why did you move to Monroe County? Can have more than 1 answer	
• Lived here and moved back	5
• To be with Partner	2
• Weather/fun/sailing/learn tolerance/Lord lead/peaceful	55
• Incarceration/jail/prison	2
• Family/friends	9
• Traveling	2
• Work	10
• Vacation stayed	4
• Visited here and moved	1
• College	1
• Family problems	1
• To be a bum	1
• Relocated Cuba 2 Out of State 8 Florida 2	12
• Born here	2
• Unknown	31
Would you use a 24 hr. day shelter if one was opened?	
• Yes	64
• No	39
• Did not answer	86
If more, shelter beds were opened, would you stay?	
• Yes	46
• No	63
• Unknown	80
Would you seek services in another area of the Keys?	
• Yes	19
• No	91
• Did not answer	70
Have you lived in another area of the Keys?	
• Yes, non specified	15
• Yes Upper Keys	11
• Yes Middle Keys	8
• No	61
• Did not answer	94
Have you sought housing or services in the Lower Keys?	
• Yes	35

• No	52
• Did not respond	102
What homeless services have you used?	
• KOTS	36
• Other emergency or transitional housing	4
• Soup Kitchen	26
• Salvation Army	18
• SOS	35
• LKMC/hospital	12
• Mobile Outreach Program	11
• Project Lighthouse	0
How many separate periods of time in the last 3 years have you NOT had a regular place to stay (including right now)?	
• 1 time (majority more than 1 year)	36
• 2-3 times	20
• 4 or more times	41
• Unknown	92
What caused you to become homeless?	
• Employment/financial	46
• Housing issues	24
• Medical/disability problems	16
• Forced to relocate from home	10
• Family problems	19
• Natural/other disaster	3
• Drugs/Alcohol	2
• Recent immigration	3
• Other (government, no ID jail)	3
• Choice	13
• Did not answer	46
Do you have a disabling condition?	
• Yes	65
• Yes (non specified)	11
• No	70
• Did not answer	43
If yes, type of disabling condition? More than one may apply per person	
• Physical	50
• Developmental	0
• Mental Health	17
• Drug/Alcohol abuse	14
• HIV/Aids	0
• Domestic Violence	0
Form(s) of income reported	

• Earned income/unemployment	21
• Unemployment	0
• SSI	12
• SSDI	14
• General Assistance	3
• SSA	8
• VA pension/disability	4
• No financial resources	62
• Other (family, odd jobs, panhandling, job pension)	8
• Did not answer	39
How long since you had a regular place to stay?	
• 1 week or less	5
• More than 1 week but less than a month	8
• 1-3 months	13
• More than 3 months but less than 1 year	11
• 1 year or longer	56
• Did not answer	96
What services do you or your family need right now?	
• Housing placement	57
• Food	52
• Employment	33
• Material goods	34
• Transportation	24
• Health Care/HIV/Aids services	45
• Case management	16
• Temporary Housing	23
• Mental Health care	17
• Substance abuse services	13
• Criminal justice/legal assistance	10
• Consumer assistance	9
• Education	7
• None	10
• Did not answer	39

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Middle Keys Surveys for Point in Time 2014

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44 surveyed

Have you been involved with law enforcement in the last 6 months?	
• Yes	19
• No	18
• Unknown	7
Have you seen a doctor in the last 6 months?	
• Yes 11 emergency care/7wellness/11 yes non specified	26
• No	12
• Unknown	6
Have you ever been in Foster care?	
• Yes	2
• No	37
• Unknown	5
How long have you been in Monroe County?	
• Less than 1 month	6
• 1-3 months	7
• 3-6 months	3
• 6-9 months	0
• 9-12 months	1
• 1-2 years	3
• 2-3 years	3
• 3-4 years	3
• 5-10 years	7
• More than 10 years	8
• Born in MC	1
• No Response	2
Have you ever been housed in Monroe County?	
• Yes	14
• No	23
• Unknown	7
Why did you move to Monroe County?	
• Lived here and moved back	0
• Weather	11
• Family	3
• Relocated because of addiction issues	0

• Work	7
• Vacation stayed	0
• Visited here and moved	1
• Moved with a friend	0
• Unknown	13
• Born here	3
• From Cuba	3
• Lost home foreclosure	1
• Friendly People	2
• Health	1
Would you use a 24 hr. day shelter if one was opened?	
• Yes	22
• No	18
• Unknown	4
If more, shelter beds were opened, would you stay?	
• Yes	17
• No	22
• Unknown	5
Would you seek services in another area of the Keys?	
• Yes	8
• No	31
• Unknown	5
Have you lived in another area of the Keys?	
• Yes 3 upper keys, 11 lower keys, 2 unspecified	15
• No	22
• Unknown	7
Have you sought housing or services in the Middle Keys?	
• Yes	29
• No	8
• Unknown	7
What homeless services have you used?	
• KAIR	23
• KOTS	4
• Independence Cay	15
• Food pantry	4
• None	4
• No answer	8
Were you homeless prior to moving here?	
• Yes	14
• No	23
• Unknown	7
Are Hispanic or Latino?	

• Yes	4
• No	34
• Unknown	6
What is your race?	
• Caucasian/White	36
• African American/Black	4
• American Indian/Native Alaskan	2
• Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0
• Asian	0
• Unknown	2
What is your Gender?	
• Male	34
• Female	10
What is your age?	
• 18-24	4
• 25-60	28
• 60+	10
• Did not answer	2
How you ever served on active duty in the US Military?	
• Yes	10
• Veteran with services	3
• Veteran without benefits	7
• No	32
• Unknown	2
Marital Status?	
• Single	19
• Married	1
• Divorced	8
• Separated	1
• Widowed	4
• Refused	6
• Domestic Partnership	5
How many separate periods of time in the last 3 years have you NOT had a regular place to stay (including right now)?	
• 1 time	13
• 2-3 times	11
• 4 or more times	14
• Unknown	6
What caused you to become homeless?	
• Employment/financial	23
• Housing issues	7
• Medical/disability problems	3

• Forced to relocate from home	3
• Family problems	2
• Jail/Incarceration	0
• Recent immigration	0
• Substance Abuse	0
• Natural/other disaster	1
• By choice	4
• No Answer	6
Do you have a disabling condition?	
• Yes	20
• No	21
• Did not answer	3
If yes, type of disabling condition? More than one may apply per person	
• Physical	12
• Developmental	0
• Mental Health	6
• Drug/Alcohol abuse	3
• HIV/Aids	1
• Domestic Violence	0
• No Answer (said Yes)	1
Form(s) of income reported	
• Earned income/unemployment	2
• Unemployment	2
• SSI	8
• SSDI	1
• SSA	1
• VA	0
• No financial resources	21
• Did not answer	4
• Veterans Disability	2
• EBT	1
• General Assistance	1
• Veterans Pension	1
How long since you had a regular place to stay?	
• 1 week or less	1
• More than 1 week but less than a month	5
• 1-3 months	7
• More than 3 months but less than 1 year	5
• 1 year or longer	19
• Unknown	7
What services do you or your family need right now?	
• Housing placement	21

• Food	33
• Employment	17
• Material goods	19
• Transportation	18
• Health Care	16
• HIV/AIDS	0
• Case management	7
• Daycare/childcare	1
• Outreach	1
• Temporary Housing	11
• Mental Health care	3
• Substance abuse services	1
• Criminal justice/legal assistance	2
• Consumer assistance	7
• Education	5
• Outreach	1
• Did not answer	4

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Upper Keys Surveys for Point in Time 2014

January 28th, 2014

71 surveyed

Have you been involved with law enforcement in the last 6 months?	
• Yes	17
• No	21
• Unknown	33
Have you seen a doctor in the last 6 months?	
• Yes 6 emergency care/7 wellness/16 yes non specified	26
• No	20
• Unknown	25
Have you ever been in Foster care?	
• Yes	8
• No	59
• Unknown	37
How long have you been in Monroe County?	
• Less than 1 month	8
• 1-3 months	3
• 3-6 months	1
• 6-9 months	3
• 9-12 months	0
• 1-2 years	8
• 2-3 years	3
• 3-4 years	6
• 5-10 years	9
• More than 10 years	20
• Born in MC	10
Have you ever been housed in Monroe County?	
• Yes	17
• No	28
• Unknown	26
Why did you move to Monroe County?	
• Lived here and moved back	0
• Weather	10
• Family	9
• Relocated because of addiction issues	0
• Work	6
• Vacation stayed	0

• Visited here and moved	0
• Moved with a friend	0
• Unknown	40
• Immigrated from Cuba	3
• Accident	1
• Personal Reasons	1
Would you use a 24 hr. day shelter if one was opened?	
• Yes	26
• No	12
• Unknown	33
If more, shelter beds were opened, would you stay?	
• Yes	26
• No	12
• Unknown	33
Would you seek services in another area of the Keys?	
• Yes	21
• No	35
• Unknown	15
Have you lived in another area of the Keys?	
• Yes 3 LK, 1 MK, 10 unspecified	14
• No	41
• Unknown	16
Have you sought housing or services in the Upper Keys?	
• Yes	19
• No	36
• Unknown	16
What homeless services have you used?	
• Church	2
• Food Bank	5
• Food Stamps	6
• Shelter	2
Were you homeless prior to moving here?	
• Yes	18
• No	20
• Unknown	33
Are Hispanic or Latino?	
• Yes	19
• No	46
• Unknown	6
What is your race?	
• Caucasian/White	52
• African American/Black	5