Homelessness in the Florida Keys

Florida Realtors Fact Sheet
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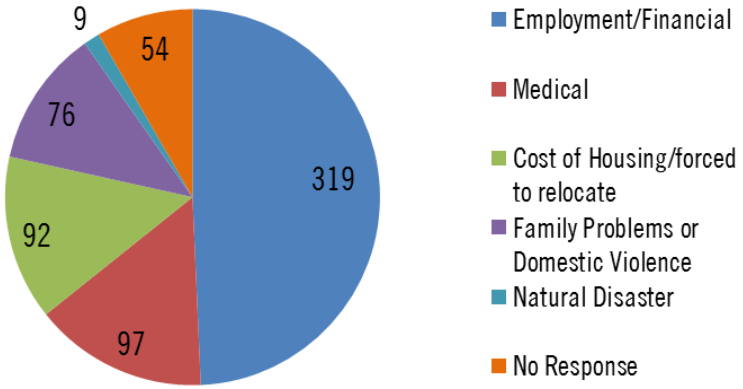
> ***"REALTORS® Believe: We believe in working together for Florida's future. Not only does homeownership matter, but housing matters.***

Total Homeless in Monroe County	652
- Emergency Shelter	225
- Transitional Housing	122
- Unsheltered	305

	Sheltered	Unsheltered
Families	305	303
Veterans	57	51
Chronically Homeless	63	110

Homeless Populations Survey. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development 2013 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs. *Data reflects 10-week survey sample to give providers a view of the current need for housing and funded social services.*

Need for Shelter



> ***...Since 2007, Florida has had the largest increases in the rate of homelessness in the nation. Having a place to stay—a place to call home– is the first step to building the strong, vibrant communities we all envision. Together we can make a difference!"***
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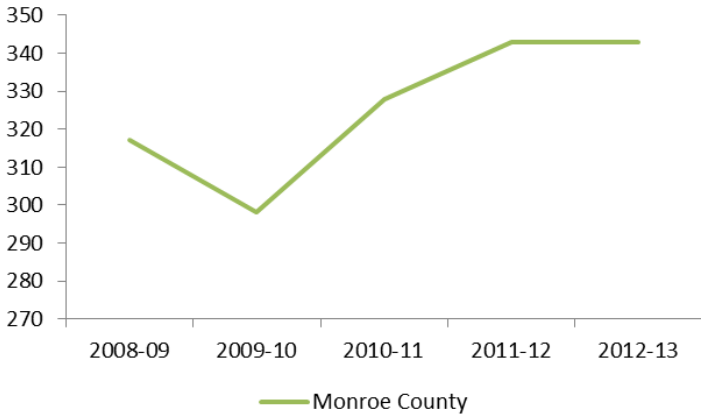
> *- Sherri Meadows, Florida Realtors President*

58.7 Percent of Florida's homeless population were living in homes just one year prior to survey.

Homeless Students by School District



School District	Homeless Students 2012-13	Total Enrollment	Ratio of Homeless to All students
Monroe	343	9,057	1 in 26 students

Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Federal Educational Programs. 2012-2013 Final Homeless Counts. *Annual census of all enrolled students.* Federal definition of homeless students includes those who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, based on specific criteria.

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Get Involved!

Helping our neighbors in need strengthens the community for us all.

Keys Area Interdenominational Resources is a non-profit organization seeking to serve those individuals and families in Marathon and the Florida Keys who have found themselves in crisis. Working in partnership with other agencies and faith-based organizations, every effort is made to return people to self-supporting, productive lives. KAIR oversees Independence Cay, a shelter in Marathon and transitional home for 8-10 men who are committed to making the changes necessary to get their lives on track. KAIR invites you to "come on down" and share your ideas and support. A wish list is available at their website **www.KAIRonline.net**, as well as information about volunteer and donation opportunities.

Heron-Peacock Supported Living provides housing and supportive services for individuals with chronic mental illness. Many are unable to find employment due to their illness, and most live on a limited income from Social Security or Veterans' benefits. The Heron provides housing for 16 adults, who are assisted by international volunteers that live alongside them and run an active support program. The Peacock Apartments house 28 people in suite-style apartments. Both facilities have access to medication management, transportation to doctor' appointments and the Guidance Clinic of the Middle Keys, as well as group outings. Volunteers come from all over the world to lend their support to the residents with mental illness. You can join them, or give a tax-deductible donation through **www.Heron-Peacock.org.**

Samuel's House, Inc.
A safe haven in a sober setting for women and intact families that have no home

Samuel's House is a non-judgmental place for individuals and families who, for various reasons such as loss of employment, substance abuse, domestic violence, incarceration, mental or physical illness or other traumatic life events, have found themselves homeless. The shelter hosts a variety of fundraising events throughout the year, such as the Women of Integrity and Men of Valor Honors Dinner, Yappy Hour, and the Men in Paradise Fashion Show and Luncheon. Samuel's House also accepts donations of your time and talents, and a wish list is available online. Find out how you can make a difference in your community at **www.SamuelsHouse.org.**

DOMESTIC ABUSE SHELTER of The Florida Keys

The Domestic Abuse Shelter is a non-profit organization, working to reduce the incidence and reduce the impact of domestic and sexual abuse in Monroe County by directing victims to appropriate, effective programs and services. They offer shelter, counseling, advocacy, and case management to survivors and their children, available through a 24-hour hotline. DAS also trains community officials to serve as points of contact for victims. Join the cause and create awareness by running the annual No Name Race each January, attend the Cocktail Fashion Show Fundraiser in Key Largo, or simply lend your time as a volunteer. Learn more about DAS's mission, and read some success stories at www. **DomesticAbuseShelter.org.**

Each organization listed has multiple ways for you and your fellow Realtors to get involved. We encourage you to inquire how your group can donate your time, household items, monetary gifts, or participate in exciting fundraising events to benefit our neighbors in need!

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