Homelessness in the Panama City Metropolitan Area

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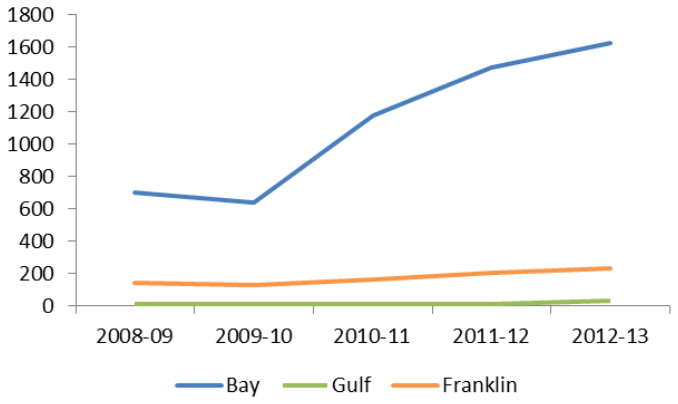
Total Homeless in Bay, Gulf, and Franklin Counties	301
- Emergency Shelter	39
- Transitional Housing	162
- Unsheltered	100

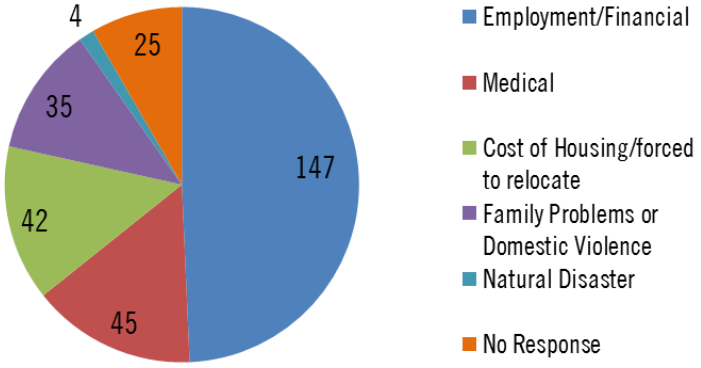
	Sheltered	Unsheltered
Families	174	89
Veterans	11	16
Chronically Homeless	0	38

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.*

Homeless Students by School District



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!"

- Sherri Meadows, Florida Realtors President

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

School District	Homeless Students 2012-13	Total Enrollment	Ratio of Homeless to All students
Bay	1626	27,471	1 in 17 students
Gulf	35	2,080	1 in 59 students
Franklin	230	1,169	1 in 5 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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Helping our neighbors in need strengthens the community for us all.

Anchorage Children's Home is a safe haven for abused, abandoned, and runaway youth. They serve Jackson, Washington, and Holmes counties, in addition to the Panama City area. Services include housing for homeless youth, pregnant mothers ages 16-22, and their infants. They provide foster care case management, intensive family intervention, life skills training, education, and employment opportunities. Groups can sponsor a gift, in-kind donations, attend the Champions for Children Golf Tournament at Camp Creek, or the Anchors Away 6K. More information available at **www.AnchorageChildrensHome.org**

The Gulf Coast Veterans Healthcare System covers coastal Mississippi, Alabama, and seven counties in Northwest Florida, operating out of Eglin Air Force Base. Services offered to homeless Veterans include: rental assistance, case management, clinical services, the Veteran Justice Outreach program to help veterans avoid unnecessary criminalization, supported employment program, emergency shelter, and the Homeless Hotline **(877)-424-3838**, which will connect vets to the programs listed here.

Panama City Rescue Mission is a faith-based nonprofit organization that provides a continuum of care for homeless and needy individuals that begins with food, shelter, clothing, and continues with a personal development program of rehabilitation, vocational training, education and job placement while providing ongoing living in a recovery-oriented environment through transitional housing. Groups can sponsor a Rescue Mission fundraising project, donate items to and shop at the thrift store, and donate food through the Postal Carriers' annual food drive. More information available at **www.pcrmission.org**.

The Panama City Salvation Army 's Family Assistance Program connects people to social services and housing assistance. They operate 10 two-bedroom apartments for families that are homeless or in transitional crisis. The program provides a training ground for self-sufficiency, budget management and home economic skills. Donations of household items go both directly to needy individuals, and to the thrift stores where proceeds fund homeless assistance programs. Visit **www.uss.salvationarmy.org/panamacity** for details.

Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida operates the St. Barnabas House, an eight-bedroom transitional shelter for families with children. Families can stay for up to six months, where they can save their resources, and receive help with budgeting and parenting skills, while developing other needed tools to become self-sufficient. Volunteer opportunities include: foster families for temporary care of infants, food distribution, furniture and large donation pick-up, tutoring, babysitting for children, holiday shelter assistance, and service as a Regional and Advisory Board member. Visit **www.ccnwfl.org** to get involved.

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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