District 8 Homeless Report

Florida Realtors Fact Sheet

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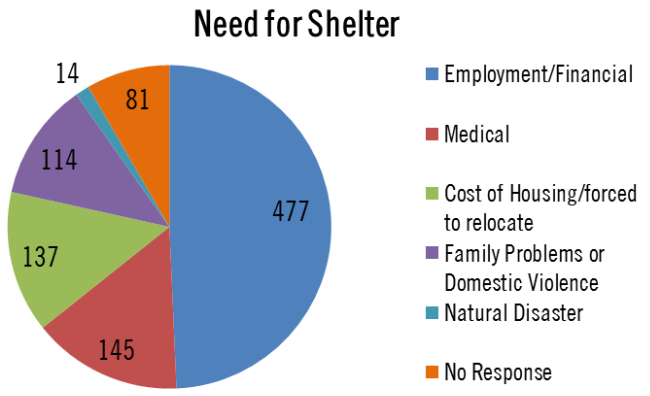
"REALTORS® Believe: We believe in working together for Florida's future. Not only does homeownership matter, but housing matters.

Total Homeless in Leon County	974
- Emergency Shelter	367
- Transitional Housing	382
- Unsheltered	225

	Sheltered	Unsheltered
Families	651	225
Veterans	114	46
Chronically Homeless	130	129

School District	Homeless Students 2012-13	Total Enrollment	Ratio of Homeless to All students
Leon	470	36453	1 in 78 students
Gadsden	586	6269	1 in 11 students
Wakulla	56	5319	1 in 95 students
Jefferson	11	1151	1 in 105 students
Holmes	96	3570	1 in 37 students
Washington	121	3638	1 in 30 students
Jackson	152	7467	1 in 49 students
Calhoun	57	2399	1 in 42 students
Liberty	52	1708	1 in 33 students
Madison	263	2836	1 in 11 students
Lafayette	217	1110	1 in 5 students
Dixie	29	2320	1 in 80 students
Gilchrist	11	2922	1 in 266 students
Levy	217	5898	1 in 27 students
Taylor	88	3180	1 in 36 students

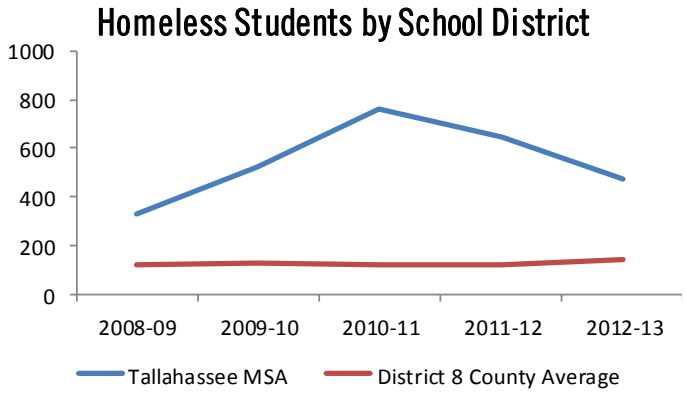


Homeless Populations Survey. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development 2013 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs. *Data reflects 10-week survey sample to give providers a view of the current need for housing and funded social services.*

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

...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



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.

Big Bend Homeless Coalition is the lead agency for Leon County's Continuum of Care. They operate three Permanent Housing programs; serving Veteran, disabled, and long-term homeless populations, Transitional Housing, Rapid Re-Housing services, and Advocates for Veteran Housing, a program dedicated to reaching homeless Veterans and their families in rural areas. In the last seven years, Big Bend has helped 1,300 people (including 500 children) regain stability and access housing of their very own. Volunteers make an impact by presenting informational workshops, assisting with food preparation, conducting activities with children, and fundraising through special events. More information and a list of needed donation items are available at **www.BigBendHC.org.**

Capital City Youth Services offers emergency shelter, counseling, and outreach services to youth and families who have found themselves in situations beyond their control. They serve the Big Bend area of North Florida, including Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla, Franklin, Liberty, Jefferson, Madison, and Taylor Counties. CCYS has launched a capital campaign to raise the financial support necessary to build a Transitional Living Center for teenagers in need. It will be the first of its kind in the area, and will close a critical gap in services for youth who have no place to "transition" into adulthood—no one to encourage them and no guidance to show them how to be a successful, responsible citizen. Please visit **www.Build.CCYS.org** to find out how you can be a part of building up lives.

Brehon Institute for Family Services provides security for homeless pregnant women and their infants in the Tallahassee area. These women and their newborns are provided the stable, nurturing, safe, warm and loving environment they so desperately need. They are provided: Pre and postnatal education, career counseling, assistance in finding permanent housing, individual case management, conflict resolution, infant care training, in-home visits, self-esteem building, and an opportunity to bond with their newborn in a loving environment. Visit **www.BrehonInstitute.org** to learn how you can help mothers give their babies a healthy start.

Emergency Care Help Organization is a faith-based human service agency providing essential goods and services to Leon county residents and homeless in need. They are a central location for individuals and families to access emergency resources, such as food and hygiene products, and get connected to social programs like Medicaid, SNAP, and HUD rental assistance vouchers. There are many ways to get involved with ECHO. Share your warmth each autumn by donating to the One Warm Coat Drive, serve food at the Souper Bowl of Caring or Empty Bowl Supper, or send children off to a good start for the Back to School Drive. Find out more at **www.EchoTLH.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!