

Maricopa Association of Governments  
 Social Services Block Grant  
**Adults, Families and Children Fact Sheet**  
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**1. Purpose Statement**

Protect vulnerable adults, families and youth who are homeless or have encountered domestic violence and help them stabilize.

**2. Demographics**

The following data represent a compilation from sources that focus on homelessness, domestic violence and unaccompanied youth.

^ Arizona Department of Education FY 2007

~ Arizona Department of Education point in time count 2008

\* Homeless Management Information System FY 2008

# Arizona Department of Economic Security and calls to CONTACTS FY 2008

+ MAG Annual Homeless Street Count FY 2008

<b>Demographic</b>	<b>Homeless</b>	<b>Domestic Violence</b>	<b>Youth</b>
<b>Population</b>	2,426 on streets+ 14,095 in shelter* <u>6,096 doubled up</u> ~ 22,617 total	6,052 served in 11 domestic violence shelters within Maricopa County for FY08#	3,664 in shelters with family* 111 in shelters without family* 4,572 doubled up~ <u>58 on streets</u> + 8,405 total
<b>Age</b>			
0-5 years	1,576 or 11%*	26%#	Please refer to homeless data
6-8 years	626 or 5%	16.6%	
9-12 years	674 or 5%		
13-15 years	393 or 3%	5%	
16-17 years	458 or 2%		
18-24 years	1,120 or 8%	(18-29 yrs) 18.5%	
25-34 years	2,168 or 15%	(30-44 yrs) 22.6%	
35-44 years	2,721 or 20%		
45-61 years	3,880 or 28%	(45-61 yrs) 11%	
61+ years	431 or 3%	4.05%	
Unknown	48 or 0%	N/A	
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>			
American Indian/Alaskan Native	659 or 5%*	5%#	172 or 5%*
American Indian/Alaskan/Black	87 or 1%		32 or 1%
American	140 or 1%		35 or 1%

Indian/Alaskan Native/White			
Asian	55 or 0%	.6%	10 or 0%
Asian/Black	473 or 3%		99 or 3%
Asian/White	14 or 0%		4 or 0%
Black/African American	3,008 or 21%	17.8%	831 or 22%
Black/White	212 or 2%		117 or 3%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	67 or 0%	N/A	19 or 1%
White	8,701 or 63%	35%	1,787 or 47%
Other Multi-Racial	629 or 4%	5%	246 or 7%
Unknown	50 or 0%	N/A	375 or 10%
Hispanic	2,909 or 21%	37%	N/A
<b>Gender</b>			
Female	6,003 or 43%*	Adults – 52%# Children – 21.8%	1,650 or 44%*
Male	8,041 or 57%	Adults - .2% Children – 26%	1,702 or 46%
Unknown	N/A	N/A	375 or 10%
<b>Income (Monthly)</b>			
\$0	191 or 1%*	(0-500) 72%#	5 or 0%*
1-49	68 or 0%		0 or 0%
50-99	90 or 1%		1 or 0%
100-149	127 or 1%		3 or 0%
150-199	123 or 1%		1 or 0%
200-249	125 or 1%		2 or 0%
250-299	134 or 1%		1 or 0%
300-499	359 or 3%		7 or 0%
500-749	1,036 or 7%	(501-833) 14%	17 or 0%
750-999	453 or 3%		5 or 0%
1,000-1499	648 or 5%	(834-1500) 10%	9 or 0%
1,500-1,999	375 or 3%		3 or 0%
2,000+	771 or 5%		2 or 0%
<b>Employment</b>			
Employed	2,007 or 19% of people in shelter *	N/A#	N/A
Unemployed	5,687 or 55%	N/A	
Unknown	2,626 or 26%	N/A	
<b>Assistance levels</b>			
Shelter	14,095 in shelter*	6,052 #	3,775*
<b>Disability rates</b>			
None	1,723 or 12%*	N/A#	116 or 3%*
Alcohol Abuse	805 or 6%	169	3 or 0%

Alzhiemers/Dementia	8 or 0%	N/A	0
Developmental	88 or 1%	N/A	27 or 1%
Drug Abuse	1,163 or 8%	307	7 or 0%
Dual Diagnosis	99 or 1%	N/A	0
Hearing Impaired	82 or 1%	N/A	4 or 0%
HIV/AIDS	136 or 1%	N/A	0
Mental Handicap/Injury	104 or 1%	N/A	1 or 0%
Mental Illness	3,111 or 22%	N/A	59 or 2%
Physical/Medical	1,129 or 8%	N/A	40 or 1%
Physical/Mobility Limits	417 or 3%	N/A	8 or 0%
Vision Impaired	57 or 0%	N/A	2 or 0%
Other	134 or 1%	N/A	9 or 0%
Other: Cognitive	11 or 0%	N/A	0
Other: Hepatitis C	184 or 1%	N/A	2 or 0%
Other: Learning	130 or 1%	N/A	9 or 0%
Other: Speech	18 or 0%	N/A	4 or 0%
<b>Family status</b>			
Two parents & kids	484*	N/A	Households are not tracked because unaccompanied youth are counted with the rest of youth in the homeless count.
Single parent & kids	1,516	22%*	
Non custodial	3	N/A	
Grandparent & kids	14	N/A	
Couple, no kids	30	N/A	
Parent, partner, kids	125	N/A	
Extended family	25	N/A	
Other	139	N/A	

### 3. Gaps and Impact

#### a. Wait list data:

Domestic Violence: CONTACS reports that an average of 85 percent of calls for domestic violence shelter resulted in victims obtaining shelter for FY 2008. This leaves an estimated 15 percent who went without shelter. Since 2006, a total of 329 new beds have been opened for a total of 648 beds in the region. In this same time period, requests for shelter have decreased by 8.9 percent to 10,218.

Homeless: CONTACS reported that for FY 2008, an average of 60 percent of calls was connected with shelter. This leaves a gap of 14,160 calls or 40 percent. When the duplicate calls are removed, the number drops to 3,115. As of January 2008, there were 8,522 homeless people living on the streets and in doubled up conditions throughout this region. It is anticipated that these people would be eligible for services.

Youth: In January 2008, there were 4,630 youth living on the streets and doubled up with and without their families. It is anticipated that these youth would be eligible for services.

**b. Number of people estimated to be eligible for services:**

Homeless: There are a total of 22,617 homeless people in shelters, on the streets and doubled up in this region. CONTACTS reports that 35,400 calls were connected to shelters in FY 2008.

Youth: Cumulatively, there are 8,405 homeless youth in this region living in shelters, on the streets and doubled up.

Domestic Violence: While the U.S. Department of Justice noted a decline since the 1990's, many continue to report rates of domestic violence to be high. In 2005, MAG commissioned a survey that indicated 40 percent of residents personally knew someone or had experienced domestic violence themselves. MAG conducted focus groups in 2006 that reported 51 percent of teens personally knew someone or had experienced dating violence themselves.

Research indicates that one in five women will experience domestic violence. The 2006 American Community Survey reports a population of 1,369,579 of women age 18 and over in this region. If the research holds true, then 273,915 women would experience domestic violence and be eligible for services.

**c. Global impact of services**

Youth: Homeless youth service providers indicate the numbers are increasing and homeless youth report being victims of domestic violence and abuse. They also report poor physical health, substance abuse issues, and are pregnant or parenting. They struggle with education, and 19 percent report attempted suicide. The services rendered by locally planned SSBG assist youth by placing them in safe, constructive settings with services to help them stabilize. Research also indicates that at-risk teens are more likely to miss school, have lower grades and higher drop out rates.

Homelessness: With rising mortgage foreclosures, increasing numbers of unsold homes, and the median sale price of a home decreasing significantly, it is likely that more people will be experiencing homelessness for the first time. This will increase the burden on the region. Research indicates that homeless people utilize expensive emergency services like jails and hospitals much more than the average housed person. Even when factoring in the cost of supportive services, it is still less expensive than having a person living on the streets. The services funded by locally planned SSBG assist homeless people in moving more quickly and effectively from the streets to self-sufficiency.

Domestic Violence: This issue has broad ramifications because domestic violence carries over into the workplace and has regularly been cited as a top business concern. Businesses forfeit \$100 million in lost wages, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity. Nationally, medical expenses from domestic violence total at least \$5 to \$10 billion annually. A MAG study in 2006 reported that the average cost to arrest, book and prosecute batterers, across the region would at a minimum likely range between \$18 and \$26 million per year. The services supported by this funding source helps to reduce these costs by offering survivors the tools they need to be safe, stabilize and break the cycle of domestic violence.