

Maricopa Association of Governments
 Social Services Block Grant
Adults, Families and Children Fact Sheet
 October 13, 2010

1. Purpose Statement

Help adults, families, and youth in crisis stabilize and attain self-sufficiency.

2. Demographics

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

~ Arizona Department of Education point in time count 2010

* Homeless Management Information System FY 2010

Arizona Department of Economic Security DV Shelter Fund Report 2010

+ MAG Annual Homeless Street Count FY 2010

Demographic	Homeless	Domestic Violence	Youth on Own
Population	2,548 on streets+ 12,221 in shelter* 7,272 doubled up or <u>in hotel</u> ~ 22,041 total	5,656 people served in 11 domestic violence shelters within Maricopa County #	40 in shelters* <u>181 on streets</u> + 221 total
Age			
0-17 years (shelter)	3,811*	2,871#	40*
18+ years (shelter)	10,786*	2,785#	N/A
0-17 years (streets)	236+	N/A	181+
18+ years (streets)	2,493+	N/A	N/A

3. Gaps and Impact

a. Wait list data:

Domestic Violence: For FY 2010, CONTACTS reports an average of 19 percent of callers seeking domestic violence shelter were turned away. This is a slight increase from 15 percent for the last two fiscal years.

Homeless: For FY 2010, CONTACTS reports that an average of 61.5 percent of callers seeking emergency homeless shelter were turned away. This number reduces to 11.5 percent of callers for transitional housing. This is an increase from 52 percent in FY 2009.

Youth: The vast majority, nearly 82 percent of youth on their own experiencing homelessness, are living on the streets instead of being able to access shelter.

b. 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: More than forty percent of the people in shelter report being homeless for the first time, according to data in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The primary reason for being homeless, given by those in HMIS, is due to loss of job at fifteen percent, lack of financial resources at fourteen percent and being evicted at eleven percent. These three reasons account for more than 5,500 people in HMIS. It is expected that these numbers will continue to increase as the economy has not recovered and people continue to lose their jobs and the eviction rate continues to climb. 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: The Arizona State budget deficit has led to significant decreases in state funding for domestic violence shelters. Programs throughout the region have reduced their staff, benefits, and minimized the program offerings to balance their budgets. These programs await the approval of a FY2010 budget to know the financial impact to their programs this year.

4. Update from Community Action Programs

SITE CODE	COMMUNITY SERVICES AREA	Contracting Entity	first timer %
MSN	Central West	City of Avondale	Over 50%
MCB	Buckeye	Town of Buckeye	35%
MCP	South East	CSA	40%
MCS	Gila Bend	Town of Gila Bend	15%
MCL	Guadalupe	Town of Guadalupe	10%
MCY	North West	FSL-Peoria	15%
MCE	Central East	Tempe CAA	58%

