

# Franklin County

## facts on homelessness



### 2008 Data • ServiceNet Emergency Shelters • Greenfield and Turners Falls

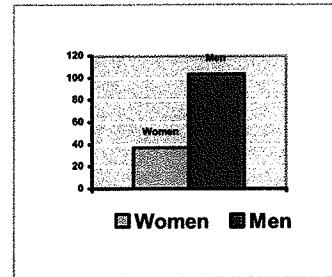
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The numbers

How many persons are homeless in Franklin County during the year?

**140 individuals**  
**24 families\*** including  
**39 children**



\*not including families who were sheltered at Greenfield motels/notes

Where were our guests immediately before entering shelter?

**Individuals:** 35% discharged to homelessness; 32% doubled up; 19% outside/ streets; 14% other

**Families:** 48% doubled up; 35% rental housing; 17% other

Average Shelter Stay (median)

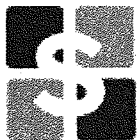
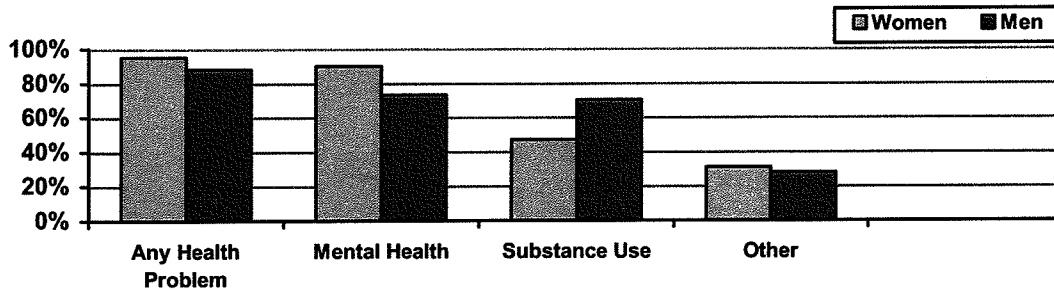
Individuals  
**37**  
 nights

Families  
**98**  
 nights



### Homelessness and Health

The interplay of poverty and health problems can lead to, or extend, homelessness.



Cost of emergency shelter services in Franklin County for rent, heat, utilities, food, staff, advocacy, transportation, etc.

Individuals  
**\$40**  
 per bed per night

Families  
**\$125**  
 per room per night

Cuts to Franklin County Shelters as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010!

↓ **\$90,000** Individuals Shelter

↓ **\$70,000** Family Shelter