

APPENDIX ONE: HOMELESSNESS IN LARGE METRO AREAS

Most homelessness people live in metropolitan areas. Table A.1 show the rate of homelessness in the 100 largest Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

- The two most populated metro areas, New York and Los Angeles, also have the highest homeless populations. However, they are not in the top five metro areas in terms of the *rate* of homelessness.
- Two states, California and Florida, account for 13 of the 24 total metro areas where the rates of homelessness are higher than the national rate.
- The four metro areas with the highest rates of homelessness (at 50 or more per 10,000 in the general population) are (from first to fourth): Tampa FL, New Orleans LA, Fresno CA, and Las Vegas NV.
- Homelessness is more prevalent in the 100 largest metropolitan areas. Sixty-nine percent of homeless people are located in these areas, while only 65 percent of the general population is. The rate of homelessness is slightly higher in the most populated metro areas (22 per 10,000 people) than it is nationally (21 per 10,000 people).
- Homeless populations and rates are highest in three of the four U.S. Census geographic regions — Northeast, South, and West regions. The Midwest region has only one metro area (Chicago) among the top 20 metro area homeless populations and zero metro areas among the 20 highest *rates* of homelessness.

These metropolitan areas are consistent with the definition for a Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) as defined by the Office of Budget and Management (OMB) in *Update of Statistical Area Definitions and Guidance on Their Uses*, OMB Bulletin No. 10-02, issued December 1, 2009 (available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/bulletins/b10-02.pdf>). Each of the one hundred most populated metro areas included in this report contains one or more counties including a core urban area and any adjacent counties that have a high degree of social and economic integration (measured by commuting to work patterns) with the core urban area. Homeless data used in this report are collected at the geographic level of a Continuum of Care (CoC), the local or regional bodies that coordinate services and funding for homeless people and families. CoC and MSA boundaries may align, but this is usually not the case as MSA boundaries are often larger than CoC boundaries. Geographic information system (GIS) software was used to arrive at a homeless population estimate in each MSA. GIS shapefiles for each MSA, urban area (which depict urban population density patterns), and CoC boundary were layered to observe spatial relationships. CoC boundaries contained wholly or partially (if the urban areas of a particular CoC were within the MSA boundary in question) within a specific MSA were matched to the MSA boundary and the homeless populations of the matched CoCs were aggregated for MSA homeless population estimates. Each MSA contained at least one CoC. Approximately half of the MSA's were matched with a single CoC and nearly 75 percent were matched with two or fewer CoCs. In four instances an MSA was matched with 10 or more CoCs (13 CoCs in Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH MSA, 17 CoCs in New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA MSA, 11 CoCs in Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD MSA, and 10 CoCs in Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, and DC-VA-MD-WV MSA). In two instances there were MSA's that only matched with Balance of State CoCs, where boundaries encompassed a much larger population area, and, therefore, homeless populations were not calculated (McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX MSA and Ogden-Clearfield, UT MSA).

The MSA and urban areas GIS shapefiles used for the analysis come from ESRI ArcGIS Data and Maps (2006). The CoC shapefiles used for this analysis were obtained from HUD (available at <http://www.hudhre.info/index.cfm?do=viewCocMaps>).

Table A.1 Homelessness in 100 Highest Populated Metro Areas, 2011

Metropolitan Areas (MSAs)	Overall Population Estimates	MSA Population Rank	Homeless Population Estimates	Homeless Rate (x Homeless People/10,000 in Gen. Pop.)	Homeless Population Rank	Rate of Homelessness Rank
Akron, OH	699,935	72	857	12	81	65
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	857,592	58	1,586	18	53	33
Albuquerque, NM	857,903	57	1,639	19	49	28
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ	816,012	62	1,231	15	64	53
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA	5,475,213	9	7,175	13	15	61
Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC	539,154	95	497	9	94	85
Austin-Round Rock, TX	1,705,075	35	2,362	14	37	57
Bakersfield, CA	807,407	63	1,439	18	56	36
Baltimore-Towson, MD	2,690,886	20	5,968	22	20	23
Baton Rouge, LA	786,947	66	501	6	93	95
Birmingham-Hoover, AL	1,131,070	47	1,950	17	43	40
Boise City-Nampa, ID	606,376	85	838	14	84	58
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH	4,588,680	10	11,248	25	8	20
Bradenton-Sarasota-Venice, FL	688,126	75	1,152	17	66	42
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	901,208	56	1,005	11	73	72
Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	1,123,804	50	1,114	10	68	80
Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	586,908	86	969	17	77	43
Charleston-North Charleston-Summerville, SC	659,191	80	527	8	92	91
Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC	1,745,524	33	3,225	18	32	34
Chattanooga, TN-GA	524,303	98	561	11	91	74
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI	9,580,567	3	10,171	11	9	75
Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN	2,171,896	24	1,275	6	63	96
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH	2,091,286	26	2,262	11	38	73
Colorado Springs, CO	626,227	83	1,024	16	71	45
Columbia, SC	744,730	69	1,621	22	51	26
Columbus, OH	1,801,848	32	1,418	8	58	92
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	6,447,615	4	5,865	9	21	87
Dayton, OH	835,063	61	986	12	75	70
Denver-Aurora-Broomfield, CO /1	2,552,195	21	4,809	19	26	30
Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	562,906	90	986	18	76	39
Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI	4,403,437	11	5,124	12	25	71
El Paso, TX	751,296	68	1,331	18	60	37
Fresno, CA	915,267	54	5,135	56	24	3
Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI	778,009	67	627	8	89	90
Greensboro-High Point, NC	714,765	71	1,024	14	72	55
Greenville-Mauldin-Easley, SC	639,617	82	1,401	22	59	24
Harrisburg-Carlisle, PA	536,919	96	394	7	96	94
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT	1,195,998	45	881	7	79	93
Honolulu, HI	907,574	55	4,234	47	28	5
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX	5,867,489	6	9,217	16	13	50
Indianapolis-Carmel, IN	1,743,658	34	1,587	9	52	86
Jackson, MS	540,866	94	826	15	85	52
Jacksonville, FL	1,328,144	40	4,416	33	27	14
Kansas City, MO-KS	2,067,585	29	3,307	16	31	49
Knoxville, TN	699,247	73	998	14	74	56
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL	583,403	87	1,100	19	69	29
Las Vegas-Paradise, NV	1,902,834	30	9,432	50	12	4
Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR	685,488	76	1,276	19	62	31
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	12,874,797	2	57,153	44	2	6
Louisville/Jefferson County, KY-IN	1,258,577	42	1,628	13	50	63

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Madison, WI	570,025	88	676	12	87	69
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX	741,152	70	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Memphis, TN-MS-AR	1,304,926	41	1,942	15	44	54
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL	5,547,051	7	9,766	18	10	38
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI	1,559,667	39	1,466	9	55	83
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	3,269,814	16	5,235	16	23	48
Modesto, CA	510,385	100	1,434	28	57	18
Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN	1,582,264	38	2,163	14	40	59
New Haven-Milford, CT	848,006	60	844	10	83	79
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA	1,189,981	46	6,687	56	18	2
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA	19,069,796	1	66,269	35	1	13
Ogden-Clearfield, UT	541,569	93	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oklahoma City, OK	1,227,278	44	1,967	16	42	47
Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	849,517	59	1,580	19	54	32
Orlando-Kissimmee, FL	2,082,421	27	6,230	30	19	17
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, CA	802,983	65	1,810	23	47	22
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL	536,357	97	1,907	36	46	11
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	5,968,252	5	11,757	20	7	27
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	4,364,094	12	5,831	13	22	60
Pittsburgh, PA	2,354,957	22	2,225	9	39	82
Portland-South Portland-Biddeford, ME	516,826	99	615	12	90	68
Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, OR-WA	2,241,841	23	7,104	32	16	15
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown, NY	677,094	77	883	13	78	62
Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA	1,600,642	37	1,933	12	45	67
Provo-Orem, UT	555,551	91	199	4	98	98
Raleigh-Cary, NC	1,125,827	49	1,150	10	67	78
Richmond, VA	1,238,187	43	1,153	9	65	84
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	4,143,113	14	9,028	22	14	25
Rochester, NY	1,035,566	51	847	8	82	89
Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville, CA	2,127,355	25	3,665	17	29	41
Salt Lake City, UT	1,130,293	48	2,033	18	41	35
San Antonio, TX	2,072,128	28	3,222	16	33	51
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA	3,053,793	17	9,436	31	11	16
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	4,317,853	13	15,050	35	4	12
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	1,839,700	31	7,067	38	17	7
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre, PA	549,454	92	456	8	95	88
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	3,407,848	15	12,921	38	6	8
Springfield, MA	698,903	74	2,566	37	35	10
St. Louis, MO-IL	2,828,990	18	3,630	13	30	64
Stockton, CA	674,860	78	2,540	38	36	9
Syracuse, NY	646,084	81	786	12	86	66
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	2,747,272	19	15,728	57	3	1
Toledo, OH	672,220	79	1,096	16	70	46
Tucson, AZ	1,020,200	52	2,626	26	34	19
Tulsa, OK	929,015	53	879	9	80	81
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC	1,674,498	36	1,772	11	48	76
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	5,476,241	8	13,205	24	5	21
Wichita, KS	612,683	84	634	10	88	77
Worcester, MA	803,701	64	1,315	16	61	44
Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, OH-PA	562,963	89	223	4	97	97