

Survey: Nearly 4,800 Homeless Last Year In Guilford County

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Guilford County, NC -- A study through the Partners Ending Homelessness found 4,770 individuals and families in Guilford County experienced homelessness in 2009.

Of the total, Guilford County Schools reported 1,585 children experienced homelessness during last school year and another 1,064 were counted during the 2010 Point in Time Count. In the count, 131 reported experiencing chronic homelessness.

Homelessness is defined by the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) as a person sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., living on the streets, or residing in an emergency shelter, or transitional housing).

Chronic homelessness is defined as an individual with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more, or has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years.

Unemployment and underemployment are the top reasons people in Guilford County experience homelessness, according to this data. Respondents state that jobs, affordable housing, shelter and healthcare are the most important community services needed in Guilford County.

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