

**Lincoln Homeless Coalition**

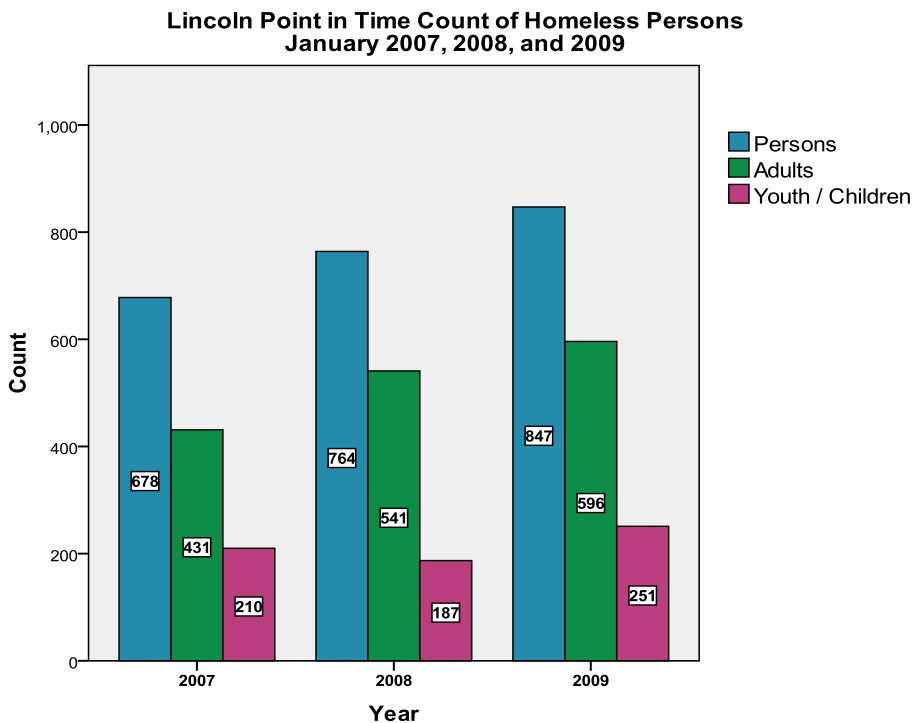
**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Homeless Point in Time Count Summary Report**

The Lincoln Homeless Coalition Point in Time Count was conducted on January 28<sup>th</sup> 2009. This Point in Time Count is the first to rely exclusively upon the Community Management Information System (CS-MIS) using the Service Point software to count homeless persons that were receiving services in the community on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Additional street count and survey data were collected by the Lincoln Police Department and at Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach which were also incorporated into the CS-MIS system to check for duplication. Counts of persons were also provided for the Point in Time Count by the domestic violence shelter which are not available in or able to be unduplicated through CS-MIS.

During this Point in Time an unduplicated count of 847 homeless persons were identified in the Lincoln community. These persons were in 672 unique households. Five hundred and ninety-six persons (596, 69.4%) were adults 19 years or older and 251 (29.6%) were children and youth 18 and younger. Ninety-six (96, 11%) of the identified homeless were children five years of age or younger.

**Chart 1**

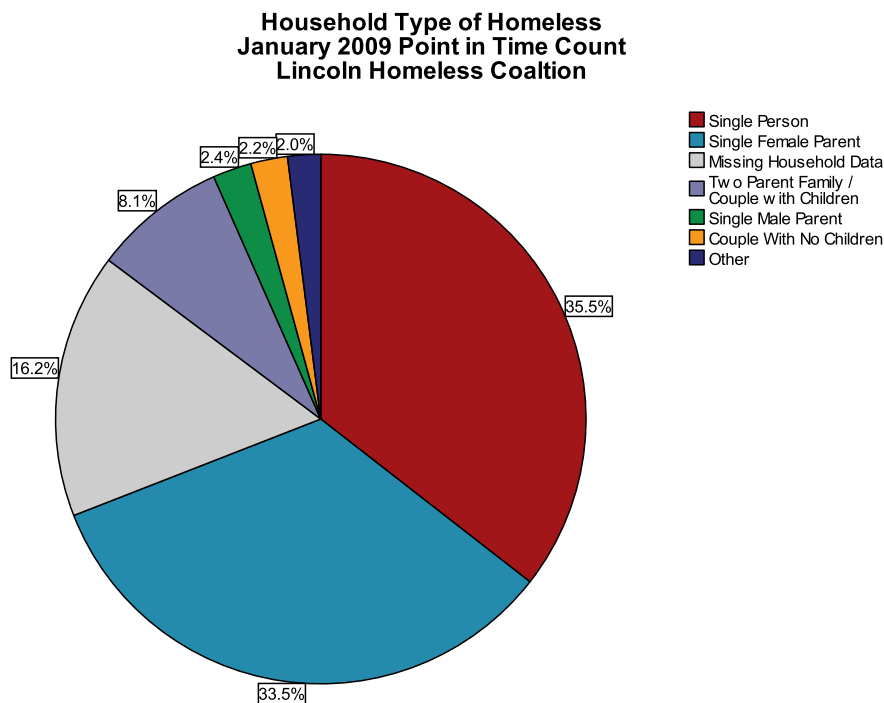


An additional 45 persons were homeless and receiving services through the domestic violence. The Point in Time count is not able to unduplicate these persons with the persons reported above in the CS-MIS system.

Chart 1 above, displays the overall homeless person counts for the previous two January PIT counts and the January 2009 PIT count. Over the previous two years there has been a steady increase in the number of persons identified as homeless during the point in time count, one-hundred sixty-nine (169) more persons were identified as homeless during the January 2009 point in time count than were identified in January of 2007.

Single person household types compose the single largest category of household types among the homeless, *with available information*, at 35.5%. Single female parent households make up the next largest household of known type at 33.5%. Two parent families and couples with children compose nearly 8.1% of the known household types among the homeless. A large portion of the homeless population identified during this point in time count did not have household type information available and these percentages should be used with caution because of the missing data. In previous PIT counts using survey methods only, the single person household types made up nearly 60% of all household types.

**Chart 2**



The average age of all homeless persons in the January 2009 PIT count was 30.3 years. The average age of youth under age 19 was 8.9 years with a range from 18 to 0. Adult's average age was 39.8 years of age with a range from 19 to 77.

Fifty-three percent (53.1%, 450 persons) of the identified homeless were male. Table 1 on the following page displays the distribution of gender by youth/children and adults. This distribution indicates a significant gender / age difference, with significantly more females under the age of 19 homeless and significantly more adult homeless males, ( $\chi^2 = 12.06$ ,  $df = 1$ ,  $p = .01$ ) than would be expected. This does not necessarily indicate that there are more young female homeless than young men homeless (or more adult male homeless) but may be an artifact of the differential availability of services for each group or differential use and access to available homeless services by group.

**Table 1**

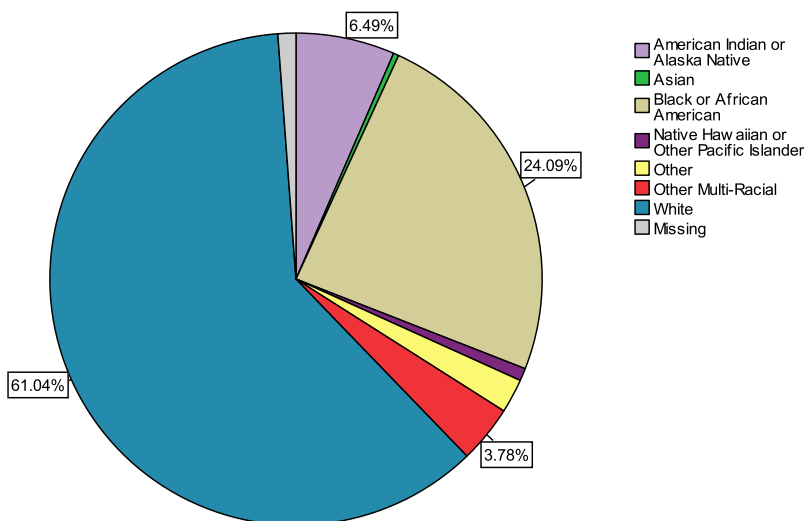
**Gender of Homeless by Adult and Youth/Child  
January 2009 Point in Time Count  
Lincoln Homeless Coalition**

	Gender					
	Female		Male		Total	
	Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %
<b>Youth / Child</b>	<i>143</i>	<i>36.5%</i>	<i>104</i>	<i>23.1%</i>	<i>247</i>	<i>29.3%</i>
<b>Adult</b>	<i>249</i>	<i>63.5%</i>	<i>346</i>	<i>76.9%</i>	<i>595</i>	<i>70.7%</i>
<b>Total</b>	<i>392</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>450</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>842</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

Racial distribution of the homeless in Lincoln for the January 2009 PIT count again point out the disproportionate representation of racial minorities in the homeless population in comparison to the racial distribution of the entire population. Black and African Americans represented 24% of the homeless and American Indians 6.5% of the homeless for the January 2009 PIT.. The racial distribution of homeless persons in Lincoln is displayed in Chart 3 below.

**Chart 3**

**Primary Race of Homeless Persons  
January 2009 Point in Time Count  
Lincoln Homeless Coalition**



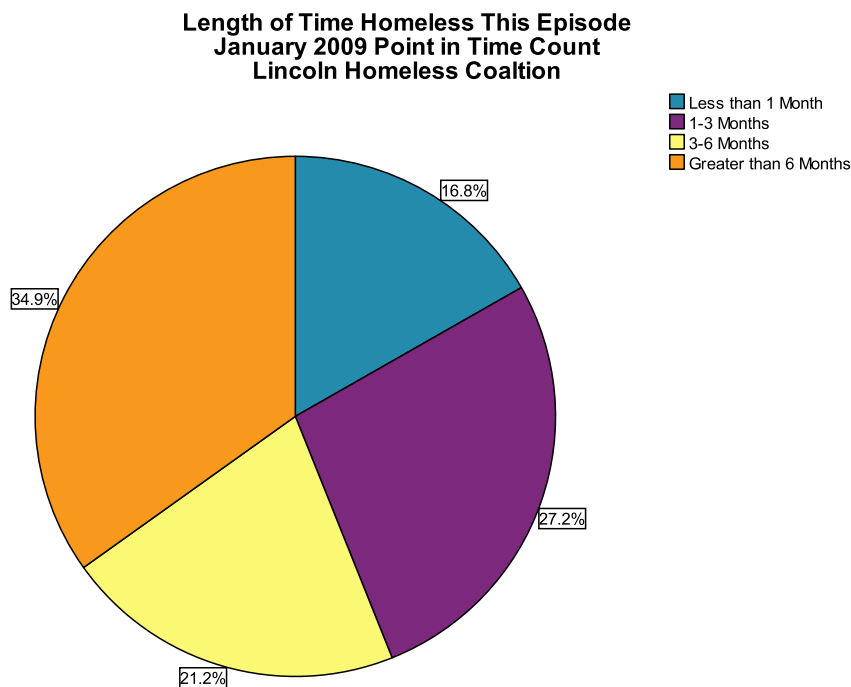
One hundred fifty-nine persons (159, 19% of homeless) self-identified as victims of domestic violence, these persons may or may not be duplicated in the 45 persons reported from the domestic violence shelter.

Fifty-one persons (51, 8.3% of homeless over 17 years of age) identified themselves as U.S. Military Veterans.

Twenty-four percent (23.6%) of the homeless 18 years of age or older were employed at least part time.

For persons homeless during the January 2009 PIT count thirty-five percent (35%) indicated they had been homeless during this episode for 6 months or more. Chart 4 below shows the distribution of length of time homeless for the current homeless episode. The number of homeless for a period of 6 months or longer is slightly higher than in previous Point in Time Counts, (for example the January 2007 PIT count found 32% homeless for more than 6 months) and is a number that should be tracked closely in upcoming counts to determine if this is a trend in length of time persons are remaining homeless or a result of change in count methodology.

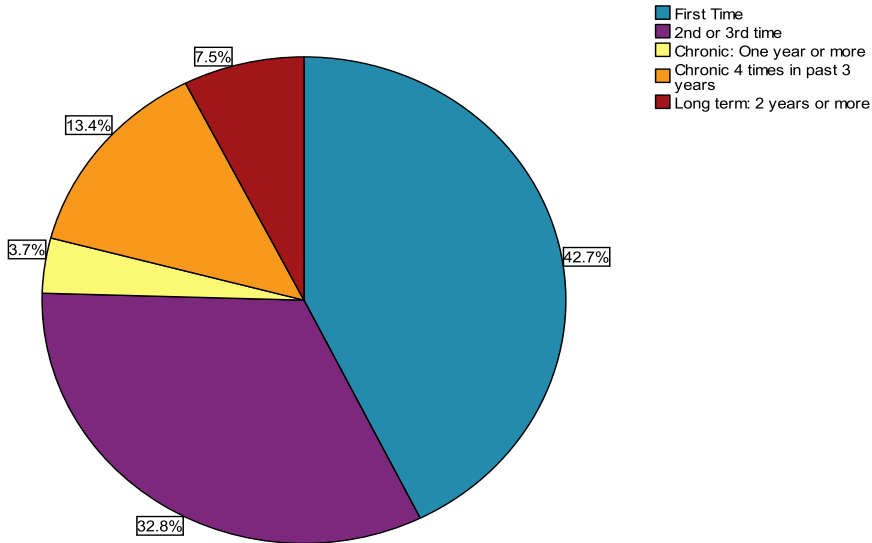
**Chart 4**



Forty-three percent (42.7%, 280 persons) of the homeless indicated that this was their first episode of homelessness and an additional thirty-three percent (32.8%, 215 persons) were homeless for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> time. The chronic and long term homeless combined represented twenty-five percent (24.6%, 161 persons) of the homeless population. The long term, homeless for two years or more were 7.5% of the homeless population. Chart 5 on following page shows this distribution.

**Chart 5**

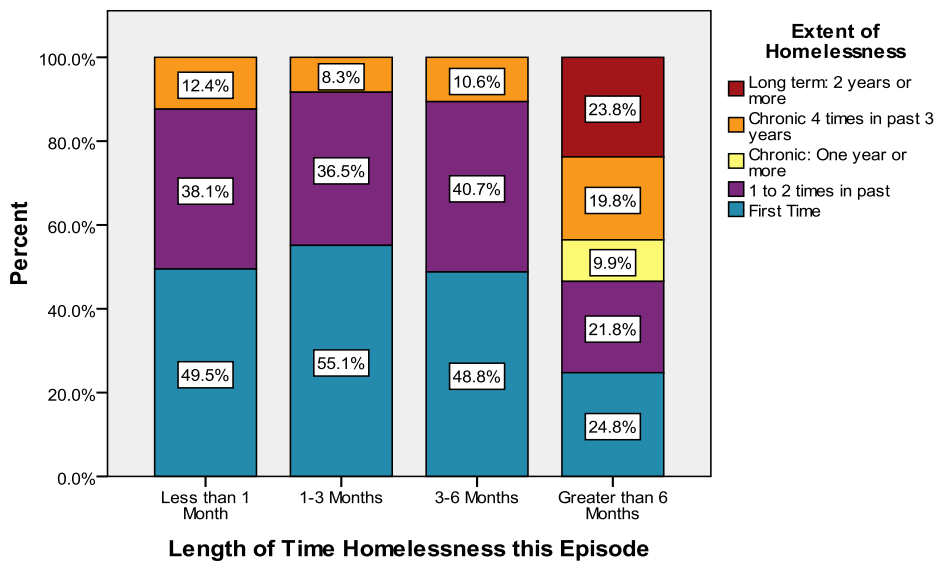
**Extent of Homelessness  
January 2009 Point in Time Count  
Lincoln Homeless Coalition**



The relation between the extent or recurrence homelessness and the length of time a person remains homeless is examined in Chart 6 below.

**Chart 6**

**Length of Time Homeless this Episode by Extent of Homelessness  
January 2009 Point in Time Count  
Lincoln Homeless Coalition**



The chronic homeless, an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years, are relatively

evenly distributed through the length of time homeless for this PIT count with the largest percentage (19.8%) having been homeless during this episode for more than six months.

The percentage of first time homeless that have been homeless for 3 to 6 months or greater than six months, 48.8% and 24.8% respectively, are numbers the Coalition should continue to watch closely in subsequent PIT counts. While reducing homelessness at every stage is the goal, to see increases in the first time homeless that continue in a homeless state for longer periods of time is not a positive trend. The length of time in a homeless condition that a first time homeless household or person stays would appear to be a valid, first level, indicator in determining the effectiveness of homeless reduction and should be a priority of the coalition in the overall plan to reduce the number of homeless persons in Lincoln.

The primary reasons (self-reported) for adults 19 years and older and for youth under 19 years are presented in Tables 2 and 3 on the following pages. The reasons for youth include both accompanied (in a family) and unaccompanied youth. The reasons identified for both adults and youth/children are consistent with previous Point in Time counts.

Table 2

**Primary Reason for Homelessness  
Adults (19 and older)  
January 2009 Point in Time Count Lincoln Homeless  
Coalition**

	<b>Count</b>	<b>Column N %</b>
<b>Addiction / Substance Abuse</b>	<i>121</i>	<i>21.3%</i>
<b>Unemployment</b>	<i>97</i>	<i>17.1%</i>
<b>Dual Diagnosis</b>	<i>54</i>	<i>9.5%</i>
<b>Asked or Told to Leave</b>	<i>42</i>	<i>7.4%</i>
<b>Eviction</b>	<i>34</i>	<i>6.0%</i>
<b>Domestic Violence Victim</b>	<i>30</i>	<i>5.3%</i>
<b>Moved to Seek Work</b>	<i>27</i>	<i>4.8%</i>
<b>Other</b>	<i>24</i>	<i>4.2%</i>
<b>Release From Institution</b>	<i>18</i>	<i>3.2%</i>
<b>Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage</b>	<i>17</i>	<i>3.0%</i>
<b>Mental Health</b>	<i>14</i>	<i>2.5%</i>
<b>Stranded in Area</b>	<i>11</i>	<i>1.9%</i>
<b>No Affordable Housing</b>	<i>11</i>	<i>1.9%</i>
<b>Family/Personal Illness</b>	<i>11</i>	<i>1.9%</i>
<b>Divorce</b>	<i>11</i>	<i>1.9%</i>
<b>Underemployment/low income</b>	<i>10</i>	<i>1.8%</i>
<b>Criminal Activity</b>	<i>10</i>	<i>1.8%</i>
<b>Moved to be close to Family/Friends</b>	<i>6</i>	<i>1.1%</i>
<b>Removed from House/Home</b>	<i>4</i>	<i>.7%</i>
<b>Medical Condition</b>	<i>4</i>	<i>.7%</i>
<b>Loss of Public Assistance</b>	<i>3</i>	<i>.5%</i>
<b>Utility Shutoff</b>	<i>2</i>	<i>.4%</i>
<b>Loss of Transportation</b>	<i>2</i>	<i>.4%</i>
<b>Health/Safety</b>	<i>2</i>	<i>.4%</i>
<b>Substandard Housing</b>	<i>1</i>	<i>.2%</i>
<b>Leaving State/VA Hospital</b>	<i>1</i>	<i>.2%</i>
<b>Disaster (fire or natural)</b>	<i>1</i>	<i>.2%</i>
<b>Total</b>	<i>568</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

Table 3

**Primary Reason for Homelessness  
Youth (Under 19)  
January 2009 Point in Time Count Lincoln Homeless  
Coalition**

	<b>Count</b>	<b>Column N %</b>
<b>Domestic Violence Victim</b>	<i>26</i>	<i>12.1%</i>
<b>Addiction / Substance Abuse</b>	<i>24</i>	<i>11.2%</i>
<b>Unemployment</b>	<i>23</i>	<i>10.7%</i>
<b>Eviction</b>	<i>22</i>	<i>10.3%</i>
<b>Other</b>	<i>21</i>	<i>9.8%</i>
<b>Asked or Told to Leave</b>	<i>21</i>	<i>9.8%</i>
<b>Removed from House/Home</b>	<i>12</i>	<i>5.6%</i>
<b>Criminal Activity</b>	<i>11</i>	<i>5.1%</i>
<b>No Affordable Housing</b>	<i>10</i>	<i>4.7%</i>
<b>Underemployment/low income</b>	<i>8</i>	<i>3.7%</i>
<b>Divorce</b>	<i>6</i>	<i>2.8%</i>
<b>Utility Shutoff</b>	<i>5</i>	<i>2.3%</i>
<b>Moved to Seek Work</b>	<i>5</i>	<i>2.3%</i>
<b>Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage</b>	<i>4</i>	<i>1.9%</i>
<b>Moved to be close to Family/Friends</b>	<i>4</i>	<i>1.9%</i>
<b>Family/Personal Illness</b>	<i>4</i>	<i>1.9%</i>
<b>Release From Institution</b>	<i>2</i>	<i>.9%</i>
<b>Medical Condition</b>	<i>2</i>	<i>.9%</i>
<b>Substandard Housing</b>	<i>1</i>	<i>.5%</i>
<b>Stranded in Area</b>	<i>1</i>	<i>.5%</i>
<b>Mental Health</b>	<i>1</i>	<i>.5%</i>
<b>Health/Safety</b>	<i>1</i>	<i>.5%</i>
<b>Total</b>	<i>214</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

Two hundred and sixty-seven homeless persons (31.5%) in this Point in Time indicated they had a disability. The disability types are listed in Table 4 below.

**Table 4**

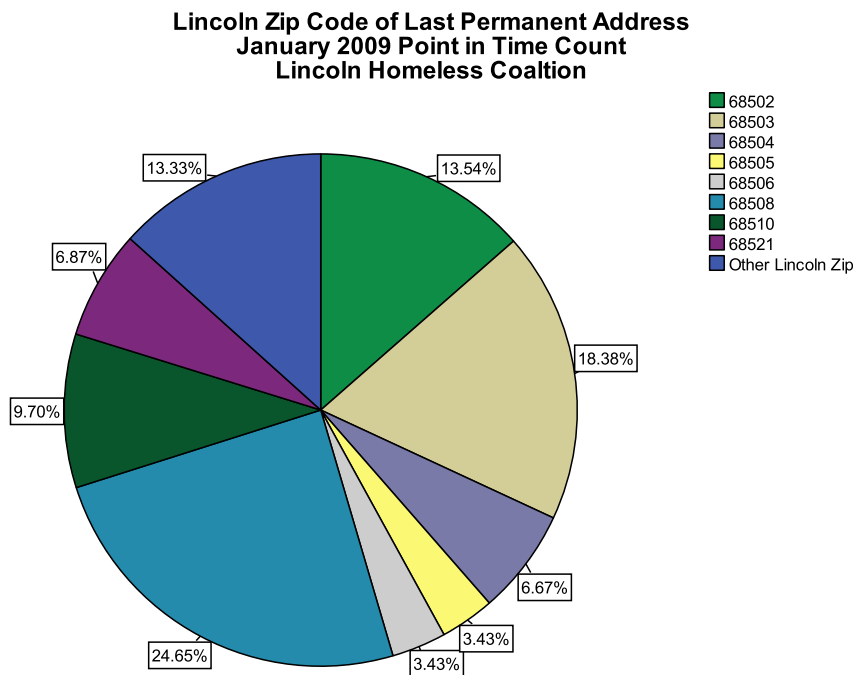
**Disabilities  
January 2009 Point in Time Count Lincoln Homeless  
Coalition**

		<b>Count</b>	<b>Column N %</b>
<b>Disability Type</b>	<b>Mental Illness (HUD 40118)</b>	<i>76</i>	<i>28.5%</i>
	<b>Physical/Medical (HUD 40118)</b>	<i>41</i>	<i>15.4%</i>
	<b>Alcohol Abuse (HUD 40118)</b>	<i>32</i>	<i>12.0%</i>
	<b>Not Specified</b>	<i>26</i>	<i>9.7%</i>
	<b>Drug Abuse (HUD 40118)</b>	<i>24</i>	<i>9.0%</i>
	<b>Physical/Mobility Limits (HUD 40118)</b>	<i>21</i>	<i>7.9%</i>
	<b>Dual Diagnosis</b>	<i>14</i>	<i>5.2%</i>
	<b>Vision Impaired</b>	<i>8</i>	<i>3.0%</i>
	<b>Other: Learning</b>	<i>8</i>	<i>3.0%</i>
	<b>Other</b>	<i>7</i>	<i>2.6%</i>
	<b>SED (Serious Emotional Disorder)</b>	<i>3</i>	<i>1.1%</i>
	<b>Other: Speech</b>	<i>2</i>	<i>.7%</i>
	<b>Developmental (HUD 40118)</b>	<i>2</i>	<i>.7%</i>
	<b>Other: Mental Handicap/Injury</b>	<i>1</i>	<i>.4%</i>
	<b>Hearing Impaired</b>	<i>1</i>	<i>.4%</i>
<b>Autism</b>	<i>1</i>	<i>.4%</i>	

Fifty-eight percent (58%) of the homeless population identified during the January 2009 PIT last held a permanent residence within the City of Lincoln. Forty-two percent (42%) last held a permanent residence in a zip code outside of the City of Lincoln. Eighty-six percent (86%) of homeless in Lincoln during this PIT last held permanent residence within the State of Nebraska.

Three and one half percent (3.5%) of homeless persons in Lincoln last held a permanent residence in Omaha, Nebraska.

Chart 7



The January 2009 Lincoln Homeless Coalition Point in Time Count using the new methodology of increased reliance upon the Community Services Management Information System and Service Point as primary data collection and gathering tool proved effective. In addition to better quality data available for the PIT count, this method greatly improved the ability to generate HUD required data reporting elements related to the type of service programs where the homeless in Lincoln were currently receiving services on the PIT date.

The process also assisted in the identification of areas in the CS-MIS community where renewed emphasis in training and data collection procedures should be focused in order to continue to improve the quality of the data the Lincoln Homeless Coalition is able to generate and report. Table 4 on the following page displays the homeless persons by the service provider creating the record for the Point in Time count in CS-MIS.

Table 4

**Provider Creating Record  
January 2009 Point in Time Count  
Lincoln Homeless Coalition**

	Frequency	Percent
Catholic Social Services, Lincoln(1247)	21	2.5
Catholic Social Services, Transitions Project, Lincoln(1385)	3	.4
Cedars - Street Outreach	9	1.1
Cedars Emergency Shelter, Lincoln(2608)	15	1.8
Cedars Youth Services, TLC, Lincoln(1186)	31	3.7
Cedars Youth Services, TLP	15	1.8
CenterPointe 2323 F, Lincoln(2672)	28	3.3
CenterPointe, Glide, Lincoln(1178)	26	3.1
CenterPointe, Permanent Housing, Lincoln(2385)	30	3.5
CenterPointe, Residential, Lincoln (2384)	40	4.7
Community Mental Health Center	7	.8
Cornhusker Place	9	1.1
FreshStart - Lincoln (1185)	15	1.8
Houses of Hope of Nebraska, Inc., Lincoln (1249)	32	3.8
Lincoln Action Program Supportive Housing Program	122	14.4
Lincoln Action Program, Homeless Voucher Program	28	3.3
Lincoln Action Program (1180)	2	.2
Lincoln Police Department	20	2.4
Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach	28	3.3
People's City Mission	2	.2
People's City Mission Curtis Center	56	6.6
People's City Mission Family Shelter, Lincoln (2562)	130	15.3
People's City Mission, Men's Shelter, Lincoln (2412)	132	15.6
People's City Mission, Women's Transitional Housing, Lincoln(2386)	5	.6
St. Monica's, Lincoln (1256)	40	4.7
Touchstone	1	.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>100.0</b>