

Homeless Task Force Data Sheet

*Data from the 2005-2009 American Survey Data and 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan

Vouchers in Evanston

Public Housing in Evanston is owned and managed by the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) which also administers the Housing Choice Voucher program. HACC manages 45 scattered site apartments and two senior/disabled buildings with 100 units each in Evanston.

As of September 1, 2011, there were 590 Housing Choice Voucher holders residing in Evanston, a significant increase from previous years. The increase marks a change in the seven year decline in the number of Voucher holders residing in Evanston. However, as of September 2011, HACC is not taking any additions to its waiting list for Cook County Housing Choice Vouchers.

The geographic distribution of voucher holders in Evanston remains concentrated in tracts 8092 in west Evanston and 8102 in south Evanston.

- Waiting List numbers for Evanston senior buildings:
 - Ebenezer Primm: 60 on wait list, 107 total units
 - Jacob Blake: 35 people on list, 75 total units
 - Jane Pearlman and Victor Walchirk: Each has 100 units and each have wait lists. Exact numbers not known.
- Waiting list numbers for all of HACC
 - **10,000** people on the wait list
- How many total vouchers are issues in a year compared to how many Evanston gets
 - A total of **14,000 vouchers** are issued for Cook County, **590** are in Evanston.

Rental Units and Housing Burdened

There are **11,607** rental units in Evanston. **10,681** are units that pay rent. The following table breaks out the rent compared to income.

GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)		
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)		
Less than 15.0 percent	1,167	10.9%
15.0 to 19.9 percent	1,396	13.1%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,729	16.2%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,019	9.5%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	787	7.4%
35.0 percent or more	4,583	42.9%

Affordable rent snapshot for a typical family of four:

	<u>Affordable Rent</u>	<u># of units</u>
80% AMI	\$1,500	2,405 units or 21% of units
60% AMI	\$1,122	3,735 units or 33.5% (overestimate because the range goes from \$1,000-\$1,499)
30% AMI	\$561	874 units or 7.4% of units (range goes from \$500-\$749)

Poverty Levels in Evanston

FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL	
All families	4.8%
With related children under 18 years	7.3%
With related children under 5 years only	6.9%
Married couple families	2.3%
With related children under 18 years	3.1%
With related children under 5 years only	2.9%
Families with female householder, no husband present	14.5%
With related children under 18 years	20.1%
With related children under 5 years only	24.0%
All people	9.7%
Under 18 years	8.1%
Related children under 18 years	7.6%
Related children under 5 years	6.1%
Related children 5 to 17 years	8.5%
18 years and over	10.2%
18 to 64 years	10.8%
65 years and over	6.4%
People in families	4.9%
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	23.8%

City controlled funding

- **HOME**-Federal Funds-Approximately \$500,000/year. Used for the development of units. Only to be used for Households at or below 80% AMI.
- **Emergency Shelter/Solutions Grant (ESG)**-Federal Funds-Approximately \$80,000 for essential services, operational support and eventually prevention services. Can only be used for homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- **Affordable Housing Funds**-Local Funds-Approximately \$200,000. Can be used for any program/project benefiting households at or below 100% AMI
- **NSP2**-\$18 Million to buy foreclosed and vacant homes in two census tracts on the west and south sides of Evanston. Households at or below 120% AMI. Will have 50 units of rental and 50 units of for sale housing.
- **CDBG**- the City receives approximately \$2,000,000 each year. Funds are expected to be reduced going forward. 70 percent of CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. In addition, each activity must meet one of the following national objectives for the program: benefit low- and moderate-income persons, prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available. The City has historically used CDBG funds for rehab of owner-occupied homes, public services, public facilities, and economic development goals.
- **Mental Health Board**-Approximately \$885,000. Funding comes from the City's General Fund, Evanston Township High School, and Evanston Township. Funds can be used for mental health services.

Foreclosures

From Jan. 1, 2011-Sept. 1, 2011, there were approximately 311 foreclosure listings. Wards 2, 8, and 9 experienced the highest numbers.

2010: Evanston saw 399 Foreclosure filings

2009: Evanston saw 336 filings.

Prevention data for at least last five years

- Prevention 2006: 363 households (216 in Evanston, 147 outside of Evanston)
- Prevention 2011: 107 ytd (we anticipate approximately 5 more in calendar year) (56 in Evanston; 54 outside of Evanston)

- Re-housing 2006: 0 households
- Re-housing 2011: 102 households ytd (we anticipate approximately 8 more in calendar year)(31 in Evanston, 71 outside of Evanston)

Number of beds by type

- Emergency:
 - YWCA: 10 beds for singles, 22 beds for families, DV only
 - YOU: 1 emergency bed (not in Evanston)
 - Township: motel voucher: 1

- Transitional:
 - Connections: Hilda's Place: 20 beds, single men and women
 - Family Promise: 20 beds, for 4 families

- Permanent Supportive:
 - HODC: 7 @ 319 Dempster
 - Housing Options: Claire-Ganey 10; Pathways 8; Pathways+ 8=26
 - YMCA/Trilogy: 2 beds
 - Connections: PSH: 19 beds (single adults)
 - Connections: New Beginnings: 50 beds (15 units for families)
 - City of Evanston: FIT: 3 beds (1 family)

Updated Funnel

	Previous Funnel	Updated Numbers
Persistently on the street	50-100	500-600 (Entry Point worked with 584 in FY11)
In shelter/temporary housing	350-400	300-350 (YWCA 100, Connections 108, Family Housing 60)
Unstably housed/doubled up	350-500	400-600 (District 65 200 children; District 202 100 children; parents 150)
At risk due to NON-financial	500-1000	200-1000 (no change) no change—this covers DV, MISA, etc. We have increased our tracking of chronically homeless from 87 to 240 in the last five years. That may mean that this number is too low.)
At risk due to FINANCIAL	2000-2500	4500-5000 (See table above on housing burdened)