

Mason County Homeless Census for October 2006
Summary Report

Total Count Number by Individual					
Individuals	515 (589)		Children 5 & under	71	
Households	202 (276)		Children 6-12	102	
Children under 18 years	233		Children 13-17	60	
Males	261		Adult 18-20	32	
Females	254		Adult 21-25	47	
Households/ individuals with self-reported disability	107		Adult 26-35	72	
Veterans	10		Adult 36-45	67	
Veterans w/VA assistance	2		Adult 46-55	39	
			Adult 56-64	16	
			Adult 65+	9	
Subpopulations of Homeless Households					
Mental Health	36		Chronically Homeless	22	
Substance Abuse	22		Veterans	10	
Persons w/ HIV/AIDS	7		Victims of D.V.	42	
In jail: intake as homeless	6		Youth	60	
Disabilities as Indicated by Individuals					
Physical/medical	31		Substance abuse	26	
Mental health	38		Vision	20	
Developmental	11		Untreated Dental	49	
HIV/AIDS	7		Temporary physical	7	
Literacy	17				
Current Living Status by Household/Individuals					
	House hold	Individ .		House hold	Individ .
Emergency Shelter	12	28	Abandon building	3	12
Transitional Housing	10	41	Holiday trailer/limited utilities	11	35
Permanent Supportive	0	0	Substandard house/limited util.	38	61
Outdoors (streets/camping)	13	28	Temporary w/ family or friends	101	273
Vehicle	14	36	MC Jail	6	6
Situations that cause Homelessness for the Household*					
Domestic violence	42		Failed job drug screening	1	
Family break-up	54		Job Lost	51	
Unable to pay rent-mortgage	92		Mental health	31	
Evicted for non-payment	17		Medical problems	38	
Evicted for other reasons	18		Medical costs	20	
Discharge from institution or jail	4		Drug or alcohol use	26	
Convicted of a felony	9		Temporary living ended	33	

Convicted of a misdemeanor	3		Lack of child care	3	
Poor credit rating	28		Lack of job skills	34	
Language barrier	8		Other	15	
All sources of Income* (answered by 69% of respondents)					
None	15		Employed at low wage job	29	
Social Security	24		Relative, partners, friends	28	
Unemployment Insurance	1		Day labor	6	
Part-time work	23		L & I payments	0	
Public assistance	51		Migrant agriculture/other	6	
Where Household Last Resided for 6 Consecutive months or more (answered by 61% of respondents)					
Shelton	87	70%	Other Washington State	15	12%
Unincorporated Mason County	16	13%	Outside Washington State	7	6%
Length of Time Homeless (answered by 49% of respondents)					
One month or less	10	10%	4-12 months	35	34%
2-3 months	19	19%	More than one year	38	37%
Frequency of Homelessness over past three years (answered by 43% of respondents)					
First Time	24	27%	More than 3 times	22	25%
2-3 Times	42	48%			

* including individuals who were headed counted only, but other descriptive data were not collected to eliminate possibilities of duplicate count (although probability of duplicate count is VERY low) and individuals who came into Mason County jail as homeless,