

DID YOU KNOW...

**In January 2007,
the One Night Count of the Homeless
found 128 people on the Eastside sleeping
unsheltered, a 30% increase from 2006.
Even here, in our prosperous communities,
people are in need.**



The Face of Homelessness in East King County
Eastside Human Services Forum, Summer 2007

DID YOU KNOW...

Since 2005, the estimated homeless population has decreased slightly for King County as a whole, but has increased on the Eastside.



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Over 8,300 people in King County are homeless on a typical night.

Approximately 17% of homeless single adults are from the Eastside.



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In January 2007, 223 households living in emergency shelter or transitional housing reported that their last address was in East King County.



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Between 2000 and 2004, the estimated homeless population in King County increased by nearly 30%, ten times the rate of population growth experience by the county as a whole.



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Nearly one-fifth of East King County households pay more than 30% of their monthly income for housing expenses. The percentage of households who pay too much of their income for housing is higher on the Eastside than anywhere else in King County.



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DID YOU KNOW...

The gap between wages and housing prices is the primary reason families on the Eastside become homeless: more than half of all families who are homeless (52%) lost their home because of high housing prices; another third (34%) became homeless because of lack of a living wage.



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DID YOU KNOW...

In a poll conducted by the United Way of King County, a full 49% of respondents said they knew someone outside their family who was homeless at one point in his or her life.



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The “living wage” in Washington for a family of three is \$23.39 an hour, more than three times the minimum wage.



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Domestic violence is the primary cause of homelessness for nearly one quarter (24%) of homeless families on the Eastside.



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The Committee to End Homelessness in King County has identified 46,000 extremely low income families countywide who are at risk of homelessness because of a combination of low wages and high housing costs.



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DID YOU KNOW...

Eastside communities are home to some of the world's wealthiest people and most successful businesses. Our neighborhoods are attractive and well-maintained, our crime rates are low, our schools are good. But not everyone has shared this success. In fact, even many people who look successful may be struggling with problems that aren't easily seen.



Eastside Story: The Changing Face of Need in East King County
Eastside Human Services Forum, Summer 2005

DID YOU KNOW...

**Between 2000 and 2004,
7.2% of Eastside residents aged 18-64
said they had no medical insurance.
In Bellevue in 2003, 19% of residents
reported that they were unable to get or pay
for health insurance, and 15% said they could
not pay for doctor's appointments,
prescriptions or dental bills.**



Eastside Story: The Changing Face of Need in East King County
Eastside Human Services Forum, Summer 2005

DID YOU KNOW...

Dropping out of school can hurt for life. At graduation time some Eastside districts will be missing 20% or more of their senior class. High school dropouts earn only about half as much as graduates do, are more likely to be unemployed, and are three times more likely to rely upon public assistance.



Eastside Story: The Changing Face of Need in East King County
Eastside Human Services Forum, Summer 2005

DID YOU KNOW...

Life on the Eastside looks good from a distance. But far too many people here are struggling with job loss, poverty, mental illness, and even homelessness.

Their problems affect all of us, changing how our neighborhoods, schools, hospitals, and even local businesses function.



Eastside Story: The Changing Face of Need in East King County
Eastside Human Services Forum, Summer 2005

DID YOU KNOW...

More people looking for work combined with steadily rising prices means more crises with emergency needs for food, shelter, and heat. Hopelink, which serves people in North and East King County, reported a 63% increase in utility disconnections during the first few months of 2005 compared to all of 2004, and noted that food banks (on the Eastside as well as throughout the state) experienced their highest number of visits ever in 2004.



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Eastside Human Services Forum, Summer 2007

DID YOU KNOW...

Data from the Gates Foundation Sound Families programs indicated that the primary cause of homelessness for most families on the Eastside (52%) is lack of affordable housing. This is higher than average for King County, as is the percentage of families who become homeless due to medical or health issues (11%). The second most common cause of homelessness for Eastside families is the lack of living wage (34%), indicating a significant gap between housing prices and wages for many families.



DID YOU KNOW...

Within East King County's homeless single adult population are substantial numbers of homeless veterans living outdoors in Eastside woods and unsheltered homeless people living in their cars.



East King County Plan to End Homelessness
Eastside Human Services Forum, September 2007

DID YOU KNOW...

**The Bellevue School District
has an enrollment of
approximately 15,000 students.**

**About 19% of those kids
— nearly 1 in 5 students —
qualify for free or reduced lunches.**



DID YOU KNOW...

Hopelink serves over 50,000 homeless, low income, disabled and elderly people each year in North and East King County. Over half of those served (51%) were working but still needed assistance.



DID YOU KNOW...

In Bellevue, over one-third of renters and one-quarter of homeowners pay more than 30% of their income on housing. This indicates a cost of housing that is not in proportion with what people earn, significantly impacting people's ability to maintain a stable housing situation.



DID YOU KNOW...

Federal funding cuts to the Section 8 low-income housing program forced King County Housing Authority to remove 4,000 people from their waiting list of 5,000.



2005-2006 Human Services Needs Update
City of Bellevue

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Seven percent of East King County residents lack health insurance. Those without insurance or who rely on Medicaid or Basic Health are more likely to earn less than \$25,000 per year. Non-white racial and ethnic groups are proportionally more impacted by a lack of access to health care.



DID YOU KNOW...

Childcare availability, affordability and quality is a concern, especially for lower-wage workers. Childcare is very expensive in Bellevue, costing up to a quarter of a family's income. Not all childcare centers accept the subsidies that the state provides to parents participating in the Work First program.



DID YOU KNOW...

Although poverty levels are lower in Bellevue than in other parts of King County, it is also a more expensive place to live. So poverty rates underestimate the actual number of individuals and families facing economic hardship.



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City of Bellevue

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Those who work but still cannot make ends meet have been called an “invisible population” or the “working poor.” They are people who do not earn a “living wage” which is defined as a wage that allows families to meet their basic needs without resorting to public assistance and provides them some ability to deal with emergencies and plan for the future. This reality has a profound effect on people living and working in Bellevue, as well as the Eastside and King County.



*2005-2006 Human Services Needs Update
City of Bellevue*

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Families with children make up the largest (51%) portion of homeless households in shelters and transitional housing outside of Seattle.



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Bellevue School District nurses expressed concerns that many parents were not able to spend time with their children because they worked at 2 or 3 jobs to support their families.



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Many of the homeless men in a shelter program on the Eastside were working full-time, but still could not afford a place to live, even with a roommate.



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Forty eight percent of Hopelink's food bank participants work full or part-time. Included in this group are those who participate in Work First, the welfare to work program; undocumented or legal immigrants who are not eligible for many federal and state services; and people on fixed incomes, such as seniors whose main income is Social Security and who have few additional assets.



2005-2006 Human Services Needs Update
City of Bellevue

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Between 2004 and 2007, the Kids Care Coat Drive has distributed more than 1,500 pieces of new and gently used outerwear of all styles and sizes to our neighbors in need.



DID YOU KNOW...

Since 2004, schools that have participated in the Kids Care Coat Drive include Woodridge Elementary, Enatai Elementary, Cherry Crest Elementary, Chinook Middle School, Tyee Middle School, International School, Bellevue High School, Eastside Catholic High School, Mount Si High School, Newport High School, and Sammamish High School.



DID YOU KNOW...

The Kids Care Coat Drive has distributed outerwear to our neighbors in need through many social service agencies.



Wrap Around Services Project
at Lake Hills Elementary School
A collaborative project of the City of
Bellevue, Bellevue School District,
and the United Way of King County.



Crossroads Community Center
Annual Holiday Meal for Needy Families

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS
Men's Shelter at First Presbyterian Church Bellevue



Transitional Housing for Women
Women of Worth Holiday Party for Homeless Women



Transitional Housing for Teen
Mothers & Homeless Youth &
Young Adults

Tent City 4
St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Kirkland
(November 2006 - February 2007)



The Wearhouse "Store" for Foster Children

Homeless Youth Drop-In Center
Seattle



STREET YOUTH MINISTRIES
GIVING SHELTER AND HOPE TO SEATTLE'S YOUTH
Homeless Youth Drop-In Center
University District

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The Kids Care Coat Drive is generously supported by the City of Bellevue - Youth Link.