

JUNEAU HOMELESS COALITION

Ending the hopelessness of homelessness

*Advisory Board on
Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
• Aiding Women in Abuse
and Rape Emergencies
(AWARE) • Alaska AIDS
Assistance Association
(4As) • Alaska Housing
Development Corporation •
Alaska Housing Finance
Corporation (AHFC) •
Alaska Legal Services
Corporation • Alaska Mental
Health Board • Alaska Office
of Faith-Based and
Community Initiatives •
Catholic Community Service
• Front Street Clinic •
Gastineau Human Services
Corporation • The Glory
Hole Shelter • Heartland
Alaska Juneau • Housing
First • Juneau Alliance for
Mental Health, Inc (JAMHI) •
Juneau Economic
Development Council •
Juneau FASD Diagnostic
Clinic • Juneau Youth
Services, Inc. • Polaris
House • St. Vincent de Paul
• Southeast Alaska
Independent Living (SAIL) •
SEARHC/Ethel Lund
Medical Center • Tlingit and
Haida Regional Housing
Authority • United Way of
Southeast Alaska • Zach
Gordon Youth Center*

Alaska Homeless Facts

- According to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC), nearly 4,623 individuals were reported homeless during a point in time count.¹
- Families with children make up 45% of the Alaska homeless population. 15% are survivors of domestic violence. 14% have a mentally illness. 9% are veterans. 24% suffer from chronic substance abuse problems. 16% are chronically homeless. (Some were counted in more than one category).²
- Nearly 70 Juneau families were reported living on the streets, sleep in cars or stay in shelters.³
- Homelessness results from a complex set of circumstances that require people to choose between food, shelter and other basic needs. Contributing factors include inadequate income, inadequate availability of affordable housing, insufficient support services, catastrophic events and destabilizing forces. A 2001 study found that 57% of Alaska households could not afford a median priced home, and 46% could not afford the average rent. An Alaskan needs to earn \$17.05 per hour to afford a modest two-bedroom apartment at an average fair market rate of \$1,100.⁴
- According to a 2009 report, housing in Alaska is least affordable in Juneau, where it takes 2.1 wage earners to afford the average home.⁵
- Some of the Juneau agencies who serve people experiencing homelessness are St. Vincent de Paul, The Glory Hole, Front Street Clinic, Salvation Army, Gastineau Human Services, AWARE (Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies), Bartlett Hospital, JAMHI (Juneau Alliance for Mental Health, Inc.), Juneau Youth Services, Polaris House, Love INC, and more.

¹ AHFC's Statewide Homeless Survey: Winter 2006.

² AHFC's Statewide Homeless Survey: Winter 2006.

³ 2009 Point-in-Time Count.

⁴ Center for Community Change, Home Sweet Home, 2001.

⁵ Alaska Economic Trends, August 2009.