

Attachments to

Testimony of
Coalition for the Homeless
and
The Legal Aid Society

on

**How the City of New York Reports Data About Homelessness
and Rental Assistance Programs, and
the City's Evaluation Study of the Homebase Program**

Presented before

The New York City Council,
Committee on General Welfare

December 9, 2010



DAILY REPORT

11/3/2010

(Data from Monday, November 1, 2010)

SINGLE ADULT	
Drop-in Center Clients Served	477
Drop-in Center Overnight Census	106
Faith Bed Census	279
Outreach Contacts	215
Outreach Placements	14
Safe Haven Utilization	484
Veterans In Short-term Housing	371

FAMILIES	
Families Requesting Temporary Housing at PATH	158
Adult Families Requesting Temporary Housing at AFIC	18
Families Placed in Overnight Accommodations	0
Families w/children at PATH Overnight (pre 10PM)	0

TOTAL SHELTER CENSUS	
Adults	21,677
Children	14,540
TOTAL	36,217

SINGLE ADULT SHELTER CENSUS	
Men	5,794
Women	2,592
TOTAL	8,386

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN CENSUS	
Families	8,161
Adults	10,609
Children	14,540
Individuals	25,149

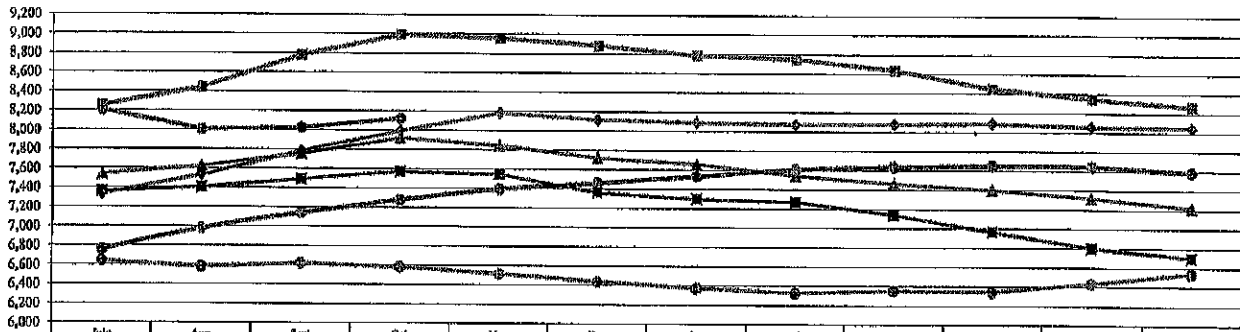
FAMILIES WITHOUT CHILDREN CENSUS	
Families	1,291
Individuals (Adults)	1,291

* As HPD families have been reported separately of the DHS census since October 2005, the Daily Report will no longer include updates as to HPD specific data.

* Beginning with the 11/5/08 report, DFHS is distinguishing Safe Haven capacity from single adult shelter capacity. Safe Havens are a new "Housing First" model targeted to chronically street homeless individuals who have chosen not to enter traditional shelter.

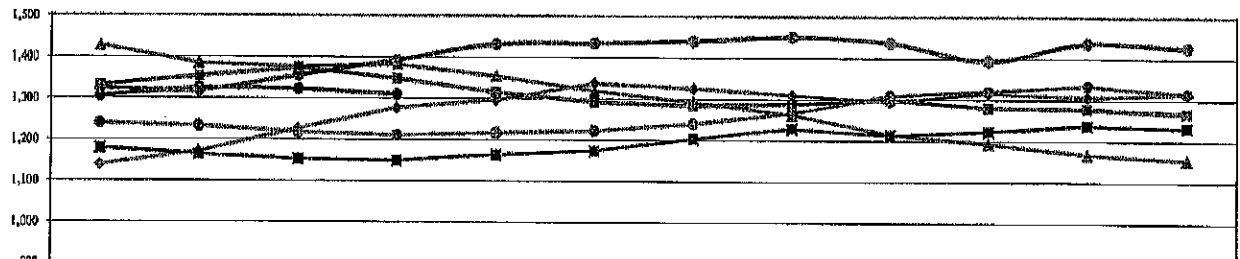
* Beginning with the 11/5/08 report, DHS is distinguishing the capacity of short-term housing programs for homeless veterans from single adult shelter capacity.

DHS Families with Children Census



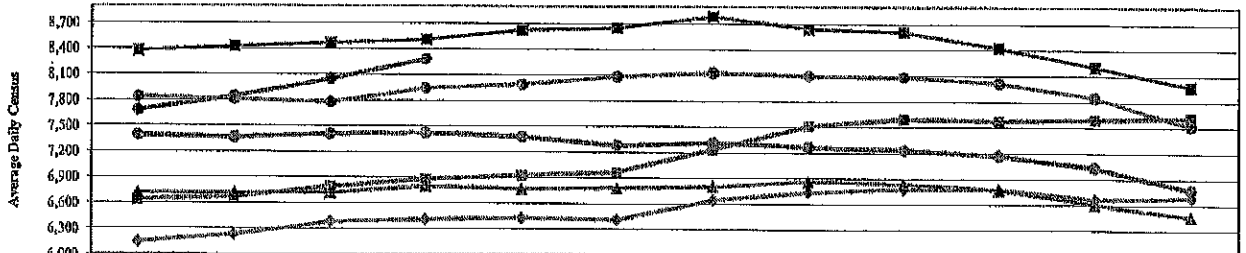
	July	Avg	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
FY 11	8,204	8,006	8,024	8,117								
FY 10	8,255	8,141	8,176	8,091	8,057	8,884	8,765	8,748	8,519	8,419	8,348	8,268
FY 09	7,334	7,511	7,784	7,893	8,189	8,115	8,090	8,073	8,081	8,087	8,055	8,049
FY 08	7,541	7,624	7,735	7,919	7,843	7,719	7,638	7,543	7,462	7,400	7,319	7,219
FY 07	6,761	6,981	7,142	7,278	7,395	7,458	7,533	7,606	7,637	7,655	7,646	7,587
FY 06	6,642	6,582	6,619	6,584	6,516	6,437	6,377	6,329	6,353	6,345	6,434	6,541
FY 05	7,365	7,405	7,492	7,592	7,548	7,365	7,298	7,270	7,143	6,968	6,802	6,704

DHS Adult Family Census



	July	Avg	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
FY 11	1,308	1,328	1,323	1,309								
FY 10	1,382	1,383	1,374	1,348	1,315	1,299	1,284	1,289	1,209	1,280	1,278	1,280
FY 09	1,189	1,171	1,227	1,277	1,297	1,337	1,326	1,310	1,285	1,315	1,307	1,316
FY 08	1,428	1,395	1,378	1,382	1,384	1,819	1,282	1,202	1,215	1,193	1,187	1,184
FY 07	1,024	1,010	1,005	1,002	1,102	1,185	1,140	1,161	1,137	1,184	1,187	1,126
FY 06	1,230	1,233	1,216	1,211	1,217	1,229	1,240	1,207	1,809	1,820	1,384	1,316
FY 05	1,170	1,184	1,183	1,149	1,104	1,174	1,204	1,229	1,214	1,228	1,238	1,232

DHS Single Adult Shelter Census



	Jul	Avg	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
FY 11	7,679	7,841	8,046	8,278								
FY 10	6,633	6,874	6,793	6,880	6,925	6,967	7,234	7,510	7,597	7,574	7,392	7,519
FY 09	6,150	6,235	6,381	6,414	6,432	6,412	6,648	6,737	6,789	6,780	6,665	6,684
FY 08	6,719	6,719	6,718	6,801	6,771	6,781	6,804	6,863	6,839	6,771	6,602	6,460
FY 07	7,392	7,365	7,484	7,422	7,379	7,282	7,313	7,263	7,235	7,171	7,035	6,775
FY 06	7,839	7,812	7,775	7,842	7,988	8,084	8,133	8,095	8,085	8,016	7,849	7,520
FY 05	8,372	8,426	8,464	8,511	8,618	8,650	8,783	8,646	8,642	8,422	8,204	7,976

EMERGENCY
HOUSING SERVICES
FOR
HOMELESS FAMILIES

**MONTHLY
REPORT**
October, 2010

NYC
Department of
Homeless Services

HOMELESS FAMILY CENSUS INCREASED BY 153 DHS FAMILIES**

At the end of October, there were 9489 DHS families living in emergency housing in New York City. This represents an increase of 153 lodged DHS families from the end of September. There were 2521 DHS families residing in 61 hotels, 1090 DHS adult families residing in 13 adult residences and 1462 DHS families residing in 11 cluster site facilities.

On October 31, 2010 there were 4416 DHS families housed in 72 Tier II facilities. This represents 46.54% of the total number of DHS families in temporary housing.

A total of 1556*** DHS families were lodged in the system, who were either newly homeless (582) or had returned after an absence of more than 30 days (974).

LENGTH-OF-STAY of DHS FAMILIES*** (Excludes conditional placements)

The average length-of-stay (system-wide) for the period ending October 31, 2010 was 251.25 days. The figure decreased by 2.56 days from the end of September (253.81 days).

* This is a snapshot of the last day of the month.

** Does not include HPD families in HPD facilities. Does include DHS families in DHS facilities.

*** Families are counted once even though they have applied and been placed multiple times within the month.

II. THE BASIC FAMILY STATISTICS (October)

	DHS Only		DHS & HPD	
TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES	9489		9696	
TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS	27888		28725	
TOTAL NUMBER OF ADULTS	13325		13743	
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN	14563		14982	
AVERAGE FAMILY SIZE	2.94		2.96	
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FAMILIES IN HOTELS	2521	26.57%	2521	26.00%
FAMILIES IN CLUSTER SITE FACILITIES	1482	15.41%	1462	15.08%
FAMILIES IN ADULT RESIDENCES	1090	11.49%	1090	11.24%
FAMILIES (DHS) IN TIER IIa & FAMILY CENTERS	4416	46.54%	4416	45.54%
FAMILIES (DHS) IN HPD FACILITIES	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
FAMILIES (HPD) IN HPD FACILITIES			207	2.13%
Total:	9489	100.00%	9696	100.00%
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FAMILIES IN MANHATTAN	2030	21.39%	2094	21.60%
FAMILIES IN BROOKLYN	2796	29.47%	2866	29.56%
FAMILIES IN QUEENS	1153	12.15%	1153	11.89%
FAMILIES IN THE BRONX	3465	36.52%	3536	36.49%
FAMILIES IN STATEN ISLAND	45	0.47%	45	0.46%
Total:	9489	100.00%	9696	100.00%

THE BASIC FAMILY STATISTICS (September)

	Change		Change	
ALL FAMILIES	9336	153	9544	152
FAMILIES IN ADULT RESIDENCES	1146	-66	1146	-56
FAMILIES IN HOTELS	2506	15	2506	15
FAMILIES IN CLUSTER SITE FACILITIES	1423	39	1423	39
FAMILIES (DHS) IN TIER IIa & FAMILY CENTERS	4281	155	4281	165
FAMILIES (HPD) IN HPD FACILITIES			202	5

	CHANGE of CENSUS 06/30/2010	HOMES CENSUS 10/31/2010	CHANGE of CENSUS 10/31/2010	HOMES CENSUS 10/31/2010	HOMES CENSUS 06/30/2010	HOMES CENSUS 06/15/2010	HOMES CENSUS 08/31/2010	HOMES CENSUS 08/31/2010	HOMES CENSUS 07/31/2010	HOMES CENSUS 07/15/2010	HOMES CENSUS 06/30/2010	HOMES CENSUS 06/15/2010	HOMES CENSUS 06/31/2010	HOMES CENSUS 05/15/2010
TOTAL-DHS FAM LODGED	163	9489	82	9427	9336	9389	9328	9269	9346	9366	9509	9641	9577	9693
TOTAL-DHS FAM LODGED & INTAKE CNTF	124	9564	40	9514	9430	9458	9469	9326	9480	9062	9591	9046	9633	9763
TOTAL-DHS & HPD FAM LODGED	192	9890	82	9834	9644	9587	9630	9471	9647	9760	9711	9743	9779	9965

TIER II SHELTERS & FAMILY CENTERS

CHILDREN RESCUE FUND HOUSE EAST	MAN	90	0	96	96	95	97	93	88	86	93	89	97	97
CLINTON FAM INN	MAN	79	-1	80	78	79	79	72	78	80	77	79	77	80
HAMILTON FAMILY RESID	MAN	161	6	148	140	144	142	131	133	143	142	134	138	146
HELEN HOUSE	MAN	19	2	14	14	14	16	12	18	16	15	19	13	14
HUNTINGTON HOUSE	MAN	19	1	18	18	18	18	16	14	15	15	15	14	17
JENNIE CLARKE RESIDENCE	MAN	70	-1	71	71	69	66	60	67	69	70	67	68	72
LIFE	MAN	75	12	69	68	42	26	27	35	29	33	43	50	60
MILBANK HOUSE	MAN	29	1	28	27	26	27	20	27	30	32	33	32	32
NAZARETH HOMES	MAN	11	-1	12	12	9	12	13	13	13	10	11	11	11
REGENT FAMILY RESIDENCE	MAN	93	4	89	93	88	82	79	79	84	97	116	137	137
ROBERT FOX	MAN	17	0	17	16	16	13	14	16	14	16	17	17	17
SAMUEL PROCTOR	MAN	26	0	26	26	23	23	22	21	24	22	24	24	26
SINERGIA	MAN	3	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0
URBAN FAM CENTER	MAN	79	2	77	77	81	78	78	78	78	74	81	81	78
WEST END INTERG	MAN	63	0	63	62	49	62	45	62	49	62	54	51	60
MANHATTAN TOTAL		818	24	794	777	759	731	688	719	743	748	779	810	825

ARBOR INN	BKLN	43	1	42	42	44	44	41	43	43	43	40	43	43
AUBURN FAMILY RESIDENCE	BKLN	100	-1	101	98	95	74	78	86	86	79	80	80	79
BRIDGE FAMILY RESID II	BKLN	109	2	107	108	104	104	103	100	104	100	108	105	108
BUSHWICK FAM RES	BKLN	86	3	82	81	83	82	79	79	88	83	87	85	84
DEAN STREET	BKLN	12	0	12	12	12	12	12	8	10	8	9	8	9
DUMONT FAM RESID (Rose McConry)	BKLN	34	1	33	38	34	34	31	27	33	33	34	33	38
FLAGSTONE FAMILY RESIDENCE	BKLN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	58	59	68	69
FLATLANDS FAM RES	BKLN	91	12	88	88	85	25	31	76	20	29	32	35	41
FLUSHING AVENUE	BKLN	93	3	80	87	89	89	95	80	86	84	95	97	95
HELP I	BKLN	182	3	179	176	180	178	180	176	178	176	170	184	180
JUNIUS ST. FAM RES	BKLN	212	4	208	207	204	202	197	200	208	203	208	208	206
KIANGA HOUSE	BKLN	16	-1	17	16	17	16	13	13	14	14	15	16	17
LIBERTY AVENUE RESID.	BKLN	190	-2	192	187	184	184	195	190	198	196	193	190	193
LINDEN FAMILY RES	BKLN	13	-1	14	11	13	10	9	10	15	12	11	16	14
MCDONOUGH FAM RES	BKLN	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	11	13	13	11	11	14
MONICA HOUSE II-WIN	BKLN	37	-5	42	43	40	41	42	39	40	39	41	41	40
PARK AVENUE MANOR	BKLN	87	0	87	85	87	81	84	68	66	65	65	67	66
PROV. HOUSE 1	BKLN	4	0	4	4	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	4
PROV. HOUSE 2	BKLN	4	-1	5	3	4	2	3	2	4	3	6	6	6
PROV. HOUSE 7	BKLN	16	0	16	14	13	16	15	13	14	14	15	13	12
ROSE F KENNEDY	BKLN	14	0	14	14	9	9	9	11	11	12	13	13	14
ST JOHNS FAM RES	BKLN	95	1	94	93	91	90	88	90	91	87	89	94	92
STOCKHOLM FAM CEN	BKLN	24	-1	25	26	25	26	23	23	23	24	24	25	26
TILDEN HALL FAMILY RESID.	BKLN	111	-3	114	113	112	110	110	105	114	115	112	115	109
URBAN TRANS(FANNIE BARNES)	BKLN	81	1	30	30	32	29	27	28	32	30	28	31	33
URBAN STRAT(MATERNITY)	BKLN	7	-4	11	12	17	18	14	18	16	19	19	18	18
BROOKLYN TOTAL		1689	12	1667	1634	1627	1457	1403	1497	1570	1639	1686	1683	1684

CONCOURSE HOUSE	BX	42	1	41	41	42	41	40	41	40	40	40	41	40
CROTONA INN	BX	81	2	79	80	89	82	89	58	68	57	68	87	86
FREEMAN FAM RES	BX	22	0	22	21	21	21	21	18	22	21	21	22	21
HELP - BRONX CROTONA	BX	96	0	96	91	92	95	95	94	96	96	96	96	96
HELP BRONX MORRIS	BX	208	-1	207	206	204	208	205	207	202	202	204	198	207
HELP CYPRESS FAMILY CENTER	BX	19	-1	20	19	18	20	18	20	20	20	20	20	20
ICAHN HOUSE	BX	61	-2	63	65	62	64	62	62	63	62	63	65	62
JACKSON FAM RES	BX	93	-2	95	94	92	89	88	89	90	91	94	91	95
LEE GOODWIN RES	BX	31	-1	32	31	30	26	28	31	29	32	31	29	28
MONTEFIORE RES	BX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NELSON FAM RES	BX	73	1	72	68	69	68	66	68	68	68	72	71	70
PROSPECT IN-FTH	BX	84	-2	86	85	87	83	83	81	81	84	78	85	85
SAMMON B.U.I.L.D	BX	40	0	40	43	43	43	38	44	40	42	42	43	44
SENECA	BX	72	1	71	72	74	73	71	69	73	73	72	72	73
SETON HOUSE	BX	17	0	17	17	18	16	17	18	18	16	17	17	17
SHEARSON-WIN	BX	24	-2	26	23	24	24	21	23	26	24	28	26	24
SIENA HOUSE	BX	26	1	26	26	28	21	24	24	26	24	27	24	23
SOJOURNER TR.HSES	BX	32	0	32	30	31	32	30	31	33	31	32	32	28
ST. PETERS AVENUE BASICS RESID	BX	38	6	33	37	38	37	37	37	36	38	38	38	38
THERESA'S HAVEN	BX	38	0	38	36	35	35	30	35	37	38	37	30	34
THORPE RESIDENCE	BX	18	1	16	16	15	12	13	14	15	16	15	15	14
TOWN & COUNTRY*	BX	56	15	40	29	28	37	42	43	68	73	76	96	94
UNIVERSITY RES	BX	87	3	84	83	81	94	81	65	62	63	67	69	66
VALENTINE HSE, CHD	BX	7	-1	8	8	7	5	5	7	5	6	7	7	7
VOA FAMILY RESID	BX	33	1	32	33	31	28	25	32	32	31	32	34	33
WILLIAM BRIDGE	BX	88	3	85	87	89	88	86	88	88	88	88	84	85
WILLOW AVENUE FAM RESID	BX	101	0	101	101	99	102	101	100	101	98	100	102	101
BRONX TOTAL		1480	22	1430	1425	1401	1393	1370	1397	1425	1392	1424	1459	1481

* Town & Country was formerly a Hotel - 11/1/16

BRIARWOOD FAM RES	QNS	64	-2	66	63	65	67	65	80	88	86	85	89	87
HILLSIDE HOUSE	QNS	59	1	58	53	55	55	47	67	69	67	63	67	63
JAMAICA RESIDENCE	QNS	47	7	40	32	38	23	24	23	23	21	22	29	34
PROV. HOUSE 3	QNS	6	1	4	3	1	0	3	2	3	2	3	3	3
SARATOGA IN-FTH	QNS	262	6	246	234	248	243	236	262	239	248	234	261	248
SPRINGFIELD QDN	QNS	77	0	77	76	78	76	74	67	73	79	71	74	76
QUEENS TOTAL		624	13	611	480	602	484	469	491	485	493	468	503	601

		CHANGE of CENSUS since 09/30/2010	HOMES CENSUS 10/31/2010	CHANGE of CENSUS since 10/31/2010	HOMES CENSUS 10/31/2010	HOMES CENSUS 09/30/2010	HOMES CENSUS 09/16/2010	HOMES CENSUS 09/16/2010	HOMES CENSUS 09/16/2010	HOMES CENSUS 07/31/2010	HOMES CENSUS 07/16/2010	HOMES CENSUS 08/30/2010	HOMES CENSUS 08/16/2010	HOMES CENSUS 05/31/2010	HOMES CENSUS 05/15/2010
TOTAL-DHS FAM LODGED		153	9489	62	9427	9336	9369	9328	9269	9345	9563	9509	9541	9877	9663
TOTAL-DHS FAM LODGED & INTAKE CNTF		124	9884	40	9514	9430	9459	9469	9325	9400	9862	9691	9645	9633	9753
TOTAL-DHS & HPD FAM LODGED		162	9696	62	9634	9644	9567	9530	9471	9547	9793	9711	9743	9779	9805
SH-RESPIRE CTR	S.I.	46	0	46	46	46	43	46	43	43	42	43	44	42	44
STATEN IS. TOTAL		46	0	46	46	46	43	46	43	43	42	43	44	42	44
TOTAL - TIER IIS			4418	71	4345	4281	4232	4100	4035	4137	4285	4215	4270	4397	4405
HPD SITES - HPD FAMILIES															
AMBOY I	BKLN	70	0	70	70	70	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69
CONVENT AVE	MAN	64	0	64	65	65	65	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66
FOX STREET (RUTH FERNANDEZ)	BX	73	0	73	73	73	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69
TOTAL - HPD		207	0	207	208	208	202	202	202	202	202	202	202	202	202
ADULT RESIDENCES															
ALADDIN	MAN	140	-2	142	146	146	140	139	132	129	136	129	139	131	131
ED HARRIS RES	BKLN	0	0	0	0	0	16	37	33	46	46	45	43	50	50
ELCAMINO	QNS	121	-0	127	131	135	132	134	136	135	130	140	129	141	141
GRACEY INN	MAN	36	0	36	36	39	34	35	35	35	36	36	33	29	29
GRAND CONCOURSE RESIDENCE	BX	106	-2	108	111	111	102	100	97	103	111	104	105	101	101
HCE FAMILY RESIDENCE	BX	48	0	48	48	49	49	50	47	48	40	34	31	32	32
INFINITI FAMILY RESIDENCE	BKLN	34	0	34	34	31	34	32	34	32	30	30	31	31	31
LEX HOTEL	MAN	18	1	14	19	10	14								
MILLENNIUM CARE	BX	60	-6	66	66	60	62	60	67	80	85	88	80	78	78
PARK OVERLOOK	BX	68	-4	82	83	61	62	61	57	58	60	60	61	61	61
PARKVIEW HOTEL	MAN	189	-2	191	193	185	185	182	178	188	173	178	182	189	189
STAR BRIGHT RESIDENCE	BKLN	170	0	170	172	171	170	171	172	170	170	165	170	166	166
STEBBINS HOTEL	BX	35	-1	34	35	35	32	32	29	29	31	31	31	35	35
WASHINGTON HOTEL	MAN	61	-3	64	66	66	67	67	67	67	69	62	67	61	61
TOTAL - ADULT RESIDENCES		1060	-24	1114	1146	1137	1131	1130	1104	1121	1114	1091	1085	1093	1093
HOTELS															
ALAN'S HOUSE	MAN	59	-3	58	57	57	58	51	56	63	59	58	59	54	54
APOLLO HOTEL	MAN	47	0	39	43	46	42	46	51	42	43	43	45	46	46
EAST RIVER FAM RES	MAN	136	2	134	138	137	139	141	140	141	144	130	132	141	141
ELLINGTON	MAN	89	-8	76	71	66	61	70	66	70	82	82	66	70	70
FRANT HOTEL	MAN	90	0	81	72	83	80	83	93	91	88	89	89	80	80
JULIO HOUSE-MANH	MAN	19	2	17	19	16	16	17	16	17	18	18	19	16	16
LENOX	MAN	64	1	53	61	67	64	65	63	66	67	67	65	57	57
NAZARETH HOUSE HARLEM	MAN	33	1	32	32	30	33	32	31	33	33	33	31	32	32
NEW BROADWAY	MAN	48	-1	49	50	51	48	50	49	49	49	49	49	49	49
NEW DAWN HOTEL	MAN	64	-7	61	61	63	60	60	59	61	63	62	63	62	62
PARNOSA HOTEL	MAN	12	-4	16	19	22	19	19	21	22	21	21	20	19	19
PING HOTEL	MAN	25	2	23	28	30	31	30	30	33	26	30	32	30	30
TOWER HOTEL	MAN	38	0	36	37	36	35	36	32	35	31	31	32	33	33
WEST HARLEM RESIDENCE	MAN	52	-6	38	36	30	37	37	37	30	38	37	35	33	33
MANHATTAN TOTAL		709	-2	711	714	718	719	726	738	767	769	763	726	738	738
BAYCHESTER	BX	34	-1	35	32	30	31	29	31	34	31	33	34	34	34
BRONX BRIDGE 1	BX	22	2	20	22	21	22	20	22	22	23	23	21	23	23
BRONX BRIDGE 2	BX	21	-3	24	24	24	25	24	24	24	25	25	24	23	23
CALLAWAY FAMILY RESIDENCE	BX	30	-1	31	31	33	28	29	30	30	31	30	29	30	30
CAULDWELL HOTEL	BX	60	-2	52	62	64	49	50	47	63	61	62	64	62	62
CLEVELAND FAMILY RESIDENCE	BX	29	1	28	26	25	26	28	29	30	29	29	29	28	28
CONCOURSE RESID	BX	68	4	49	52	61	49	50	51	62	61	61	63	61	61
CROSS BRONX	BX	98	-2	95	94	95	96	96	95	96	97	99	93	97	97
EDEN HOTEL	BX	22	0	22	23	19	24	27	26	26	22	19	22	21	21
FORDHAM FAMILY RESIDENCE	BX	19	-1	20	19	21	20	19	18	21	20	21	16	17	17
HALL FAMILY RESIDENCE	BX	42	-1	43	41	41	42	40	44	43	44	43	39	40	40
HENWOOD HOTEL	BX	40	1	39	39	30	41	41	40	39	41	40	39	40	40
JULIO FAM RESID	BX	20	-3	23	24	24	23	22	20	23	24	22	23	23	23
LEX BRONX RESID	BX	28	2	26	24	22	22	26	26	29	31	31	30	28	28
MIKE'S HOUSE	BX	16	0	15	16	15	13	15	14	13	14	14	15	16	16
MIKE'S HOUSE ANNEX	BX	16	0	10	16	16	14	10	15	16	13	14	14	16	16
PARK OVERLOOK	BX	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	1	1	1
RAMSEY'S PLACE	BX	34	0	34	34	34	34	20	20	23	22	21	23	21	21
RAINBOW FAMILY RESIDENCE	BX	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	33	34	34	34	34	34	34
SOUTH BRONX RESIDENCE	BX	53	-1	64	63	66	65	63	55	58	66	65	61	64	64
ST. PETER'S AVE. BASICS RESID	BX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	32	37	37	37
STADIUM MOTEL*	BX	0	-1	1	1	09	70	67	72	71	71	72	71	71	71
TELLER FAMILY RESIDENCE	BX	14	1	13	15	16	16	16	15	16	16	16	16	16	16
TREMONT PLAZA FAMILY RESIDENCE	BX	17	0	17	18	19	17	18	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
WALTON HOTEL	BX	21	0	21	18	20	20	19	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
WEBSTER FAMILY RESIDENCE	BX	59	3	66	68	66	62	68	66	68	64	66	66	68	68
BRONX TOTAL		733	-2	735	731	733	730	818	824	840	875	875	862	884	884
ALICE BRANCH PLAZA	BKLN	66	1	64	62	63	65	63	60	63	63	63	63	65	65
BAY FAMILY CENTER*	BKLN	93	-6	90	85	82	97	97	96	96	97	96	97	98	98
BEDCO MANOR	BKLN	17	-1	18	14	16	16	17	15	17	10	10	16	18	18
BEDCOURT FAMILY RESIDENCE	BKLN	69	1	67	64	63	64	66	65	66	63	66	66	69	69

		CHANGE of CENSUS since 09/30/2010	HOMES CENSUS 10/31/2010	CHANGE of CENSUS since 10/31/2010	HOMES CENSUS 10/31/2010	HOMES CENSUS 09/30/2010	HOMES CENSUS 09/30/2010	HOMES CENSUS 09/30/2010	HOMES CENSUS 09/30/2010	HOMES CENSUS 07/31/2010	HOMES CENSUS 07/31/2010	HOMES CENSUS 06/30/2010	HOMES CENSUS 05/15/2010	HOMES CENSUS 03/31/2010	HOMES CENSUS 05/15/2010
TOTAL-DHS FAM LODGED		163	9489	62	9427	9336	9359	9326	9269	9345	9309	9509	9541	9577	9563
TOTAL-DHS FAM LODGED & INTAKE CNTF		124	9554	40	9514	9430	9456	9469	9326	9480	9522	9591	9545	9533	9753
TOTAL-DHS & HPD FAM LODGED		162	9596	62	9534	9544	9567	9530	9471	9547	9768	9711	9743	9779	9866
CLERMONT	BKLN	19	-3	22	23	23	19	18	20	21	19	20	21	21	21
ELDERT FAMILY RESID	BKLN	9	0	9	8	8	8	8	6	9	9	9	8	8	0
FLAGSTONE FAMILY CENTER (FORMERLY FREN)	BKLN	59	0	59	59	67	56	59	55	56	56	56	56	56	56
FLATBUSH FAM RESID	BKLN	11	-1	12	10	12	12	12	12	12	11	12	12	12	12
HOUSING BRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD RES	BKLN	58	15	41	39	40	46	50	61	49	62	49	48	48	50
JOHN'S FAMILY CTR	BKLN	9	1	7	7	8	8	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8
KINGSTON FAMILY RESID	BKLN	40	1	39	43	38	39	41	46	44	46	46	46	46	46
LEX BKLYN RESIDENCE	BKLN	18	2	14	16	10	12	11	14	18	16	19	10	18	18
PACIFIC PLACE	BKLN	39	1	38	38	38	37	36	38	39	39	39	37	40	40
PULASKI FAMILY RESIDENCE	BKLN	19	1	18	18	18	19	19	18	20	19	19	19	20	20
VAN SICKLEN FAM RES	BKLN	20	1	19	20	19	19	20	19	20	18	20	20	20	20
WOODRUFF FAM RES	BKLN	42	-5	47	60	46	47	42	49	49	60	49	48	51	51
BROOKLYN TOTAL*		571	8	683	586	540	557	555	585	521	516	521	515	535	535
* Brooklyn 6th Cluster moved to Hotel location															
BELT FAMILY CENTER	QNS	73	3	70	73	73	71	73	71	73	70	75	65	73	73
COLONIAL	QNS	38	-3	39	38	38	40	48	48	52	49	48	42	48	48
KINGS INN MOTOR LODGE	QNS	81	-5	86	78	78	37	92	97	96	99	96	96	96	96
LAGUARDIA FAM	QNS	42	0	42	42	46	43	46	45	43	45	44	43	48	48
LINCOLN ATLANTIC	QNS	52	5	47	48	54	53	50	50	56	54	61	52	54	54
METRO FAMILY RESIDENCE	QNS	70	11	56	66	69	73	69	74	72	72	66	71	71	71
PARK FAMILY RESIDENCE	QNS	81	5	76	74	80	82	78	75	79	80	81	79	81	81
SKYWAY	QNS	73	-9	82	86	89	90	90	88	97	90	91	90	88	88
QUEENS TOTAL		508	7	501	506	527	546	648	640	559	559	561	541	560	560
TOTAL - HOTELS		2521	11	2510	2506	2583	2511	2642	2676	2685	2708	2700	2644	2697	2697

CLUSTER SITE FACILITIES

HALE HOUSE	MAN	18	2	16	19	16	17	16	18	17	17	18	18	17	17
MANHATTAN - Basics Cluster	MAN	55	2	53	48	46	51	57	48	56	49	49	54	58	58
MANHATTAN TOTAL		73	4	69	67	62	68	72	64	73	66	67	72	73	73
BRONX ICANN Cluster Annex	BX	62	-4	56	49	57	54	46	45	53	50	53	60	61	61
BRONX - Basics Cluster	BX	81	4	77	74	69	58	61	58	63	66	62	61	62	62
BRONX - Basics Cluster II	BX	241	-9	247	219	214	248	253	247	264	250	257	266	264	264
BRONX NEIGHBORHOOD - Agulla Cluster	BX	210	-2	212	200	196	208	211	196	211	203	202	187	187	187
BRONX NEIGHBORHOOD - Annex Cluster	BX	138	1	137	147	161	157	133	137	143	136	140	149	153	153
CHILDREN RESCUE FUND CL MODEL PRG	BX	215	-1	216	225	225	233	236	232	247	204	246	239	246	246
BRONX TOTAL		937	-8	945	914	912	968	939	913	971	969	962	959	973	973
BEDOO CLUSTER	BKLN	5	-1	6	7	7	9	9	10	10	12	13	14	15	15
BROOKLYN BASICS CLUSTER	BKLN	109	4	105	105	89	111	112	109	104	97	100	102	102	102
BROOKLYN GAMBA CLUSTER	BKLN	338	5	333	330	327	334	330	332	337	328	338	303	306	306
BROOKLYN TOTAL*		462	8	444	442	433	454	461	461	461	437	461	419	422	422
* Brooklyn 8th Cluster moved to Hotel location															
TOTAL - CLUSTER SITES		1462	4	1459	1423	1407	1473	1482	1428	1495	1472	1480	1460	1460	1460
INTAKE CENTER FAM (Includ. overnight)		65	-22	87	94	87	151	66	115	96	82	104	86	90	90
TOTAL-DHS FAM LODGED		153	9489	62	9427	9336	9359	9326	9269	9345	9309	9509	9541	9577	9563
TOTAL-DHS FAM LODGED & INTAKE CNTF		124	9554	40	9514	9430	9456	9469	9326	9480	9522	9591	9545	9533	9753
TOTAL-DHS & HPD FAM LODGED		162	9596	62	9534	9544	9567	9530	9471	9547	9768	9711	9743	9779	9866
TOTAL-ADLT FAM from all DHS LODGED FAM**		1283	-22	1315	1318	1318	1333	1334	1291	1307	1265	1270	1280	1280	1280
(Adults include children >=18 yrs old. Excluded from DHS FAM LODGED**)															

FAMILIES (DHS Only)

		PERCENT OF TOTAL	BORO	HPD TIER I	ADULT FAM.	TIER II	HOTELS	CLUSTER	TOTAL
MANHATTAN	2030	21.30%	MANHATTAN	0	5	16	14	2	38
BRONX	3465	36.62%	BRONX	0	5	28	23	6	60
BROOKLYN	2796	29.47%	BROOKLYN	0	2	24	16	3	45
QUEENS	1163	12.15%	QUEENS	0	1	0	8	0	15
STATEN ISLAND	46	0.47%	STATEN ISLAND	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL-DHS FAM LODGED	9489	100.00%		0	13	72	61	11	160

FAMILIES HOUSED IN

	FAMILIES	ADULTS	CHILDREN	INDIVID. FAMILIES	ADULT FAMILIES**	INDIVID.
RES/ADULT FAMILIES	1090	2202	0	2202	1034	2190
HOTELS	2521	3058	3476	6574	30	77
CLUSTER SITES	1462	2223	3711	5934	32	82
TIER II	4416	5902	7376	13176	147	338
TOTAL-DHS FAM LODGED	9489	13326	14563	27888	1263	2687
INTAKE CNTF FAMILIES (Includ. overnight)	65	86	96	181	6	10
TOTAL-DHS FAM LODGED & INTAKE CNTF	9554	13410	14659	28069	1269	2697
HPD TIER I	207	419	419	837	13	38
TOTAL-DHS & HPD FAM LODGED	9866	13743	14982	28726	1306	2725
(Adults include children >=18 yrs old. Excluded from DHS FAM LODGED**)						

IV. LENGTH OF STAY

	<u>NUMBER OF FAMILIES</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL</u>
7 YEARS OR MORE	3	0.04%
6 to 7 years	4	0.05%
5 to 6 years	7	0.08%
4 to 5 years	24	0.29%
3 to 4 years	77	0.93%
2 to 3 years	298	3.58%
1 1/2 to 2 years	429	5.16%
1 to 1 1/2 years	1098	13.20%
11 months to 1 year	236	2.84%
10 to 11 months	266	3.20%
9 to 10 months	383	4.61%
8 to 9 months	343	4.12%
7 to 8 months	415	4.99%
6 to 7 months	455	5.47%
5 to 6 months	525	6.31%
4 to 5 months	758	9.11%
3 to 4 months	766	9.21%
2 to 3 months	943	11.34%
1 to 2 months	833	10.02%
0 to 1 month	453	5.45%
Total*	8316	100.00%

Average Length of Stay at All Facilities (Days)* 251.25

*Does not include conditional placements. As of 01/31/2004, does not include HPD families in HPD facilities. Does include DHS families in HPD facilities.

V. LODGED THIS MONTH

	MONTH	DAILY AVERAGE
Number of families lodged (new or returning after 30 days)	1556 **	50.19

** Families are counted once even though they have applied and been placed multiple times within the month. As of 01/31/2004, does not include HPD families in HPD facilities. Does include DHS families in HPD facilities.

**AS Shelter Statistics for the
Evening of: 10/31/2010**

	Bed Type	Capacity	Beds Reserv	Beds Off Line	Actual Capacity	Census	Vac	% of ActCap	Surge Use/Cap
MEN									
126TH STREET									
General	G	95	0	0	95	95	0	100.0%	
30TH STREET									
83rd Street Annex	G	50	0	0	50	48	2	96.0%	
95th Street Annex	G	130	0	0	130	127	3	97.7%	
Assessment	A	230	0	2	228	228	0	100.0%	
Davidson Annex	G	51	0	0	51	51	0	100.0%	
General	G	533	0	0	533	533	0	100.0%	
Special Population	SP	87	0	3	84	43	41	51.2%	
ATLANTIC									
Assessment	A	364	14	0	350	348	2	99.4%	
BARBARA KLEIMAN RESIDENCE									
Employment/Security Academy	B	58	0	0	58	58	0	100.0%	
Employment/Support Program	E	28	0	0	28	28	0	100.0%	
Employment/SWP	SA	51	0	0	51	51	0	100.0%	
Substance Abuse/Clean & Sober	SA	63	0	0	63	63	0	100.0%	
BARRIER FREE									
Medical	MD	24	0	0	24	23	1	95.8%	
BOWERY MISSION									
Substance Abuse	SA	77	0	0	77	77	0	100.0%	
BRC RECEPTION									
Mental Health	MH	20	0	0	20	20	0	100.0%	
Reception Center	R	42	0	0	42	42	0	100.0%	
BRC-PALACE									
Annex	G	8	0	0	8	8	0	100.0%	
Special Population	SP	72	0	0	72	72	0	100.0%	
CAMBA/ATLANTIC HOUSE									
Mental Health/MICA	MH	200	0	0	200	199	1	99.5%	
CLARKE THOMAS									
Next Step	NS	234	0	0	234	234	0	100.0%	/40
CREATE YOUNG ADULT									
Special Population/Young Adult	SP	50	0	0	50	50	0	100.0%	
FORBELL									
Substance Abuse/MMP	SA	20	0	0	20	20	0	100.0%	
Substance Abuse/SWP	SA	174	0	0	174	174	0	100.0%	
FT. WASHINGTON									
Mental Health/CSS	MH	75	0	0	75	75	0	100.0%	
Mental Health/MICA	MH	125	0	0	125	125	0	100.0%	
GATES AVE									
Employment	E	40	0	0	40	40	0	100.0%	
GEORGE DALY									
Special Population	SP	55	0	0	55	55	0	100.0%	
HARLEM									
Employment	E	198	0	0	198	198	0	100.0%	/85
HELP SEC									
Substance Abuse/Employment	SA	200	0	0	200	200	0	100.0%	/60
KEENER									
Assessment	A	246	0	0	246	246	0	100.0%	
Mental Health/CSS	MH	46	0	0	46	46	0	100.0%	
KINGSBORO MICA									
Mental Health/MICA	MH	126	0	0	126	125	1	99.2%	
KINGSBORO STAR HOUSE									
Substance Abuse/TC	SA	221	0	0	221	218	3	98.6%	
LINDEN									
General	G	72	0	0	72	72	0	100.0%	
OPPORTUNITY HOUSE									
General	G	62	0	0	62	62	0	100.0%	
PAMOJA									
Next Step	NS	200	0	2	198	198	0	100.0%	
PETER J. SHARP CTR/ PORTER AVE									
Criminal Justice	G	45	0	0	45	45	0	100.0%	
R. W. A. Employment	E	217	0	0	217	217	0	100.0%	

Evening of: 10/31/2010

	Bed Type	Capacity	Beds Reserv	Beds Off Line	Actual Capacity	Census	Vac	% of ActCap	Surge Use/Cap
Next Step	NS	65	5	0	60	60	0	100.0%	
NEW PROVIDENCE		130	0	0	130	129	1	99.2%	
Mental Health/MICA/TLC	MH	65	0	0	65	65	0	100.0%	
Substance Abuse/TC	SA	65	0	0	65	64	1	98.5%	
PARK AVENUE ARMORY		100	0	0	100	100	0	100.0%	
Mental Health/45+	MH	100	0	0	100	100	0	100.0%	
PARKSLOPE		70	0	0	70	70	0	100.0%	
Mental Health/MICA	MH	70	0	0	70	70	0	100.0%	
RENAISSANCE		200	0	0	200	197	3	98.5%	
Mental Health/MICA	MH	200	0	0	200	197	3	98.5%	
SARATOGA		106	0	0	106	106	0	100.0%	
Annex	G	40	0	0	40	40	0	100.0%	
Employment/Rapid Housing	E	66	0	0	66	66	0	100.0%	
SCCW TLC (350 LAF)		43	0	0	43	43	0	100.0%	
Mental Health/TLC	MH	43	0	0	43	43	0	100.0%	
SUSAN'S PLACE		200	0	0	200	199	1	99.5%	
Medical	MD	60	0	0	60	60	0	100.0%	
Mental Health/MICA	MH	140	0	0	140	139	1	99.3%	
THE FANE		66	0	0	66	64	2	97.0%	
General	G	66	0	0	66	64	2	97.0%	
TILLARY STREET		200	0	0	200	199	1	99.5%	
Mental Health	MH	200	0	0	200	199	1	99.5%	
TURNING POINT		37	0	0	37	36	1	97.3%	
Young Adult Special Population	SP	37	0	0	37	36	1	97.3%	
VALLEY LODGE		42	0	0	42	42	0	100.0%	
Special Population	SP	42	0	0	42	42	0	100.0%	
WESTON		20	0	0	20	20	0	100.0%	
Mental Health/TLC	MH	20	0	0	20	20	0	100.0%	

Totals for the Evening of:		10/31/2010		Capacity	Beds Reserv	Beds Off Line	Actual Capacity	Census	Vac	% of ActCap	Surge Use/Cap
MEN											
Assessment	A	840	14	2	824	822	2	99.8%			
Employment	E	541	0	0	541	541	0	100.0%		/85	
General	G	1235	0	0	1235	1229	6	99.5%			
Medical	MD	104	0	0	104	103	1	99.0%			
Mental Health	MH	899	0	4	895	890	5	99.4%			
Next Step	NS	822	0	2	820	820	0	100.0%		/40	
Reception	R	42	0	0	42	42	0	100.0%			
Substance Abuse	SA	1076	0	0	1076	1073	3	99.7%		/60	
Special Population	SP	326	0	3	323	282	41	87.3%			
Total MEN		5885	14	11	5860	5802	58	99.0%		/185	
WOMEN											
Assessment	A	389	0	0	389	374	15	96.1%		/51	
Employment	E	164	0	0	164	163	1	99.4%			
General	G	709	0	3	706	687	19	97.3%			
Medical	MD	93	0	0	93	93	0	100.0%			
Mental Health	MH	975	0	0	975	960	15	98.5%			
Next Step	NS	65	5	0	60	60	0	100.0%			
Reception	R	15	0	0	15	14	1	93.3%			
Substance Abuse	SA	113	0	0	113	111	2	98.2%			
Special Population	SP	149	0	0	149	147	2	98.7%			
Total WOMEN		2672	5	3	2664	2609	55	97.9%		/51	
Grand Total		8557	19	14	8524	8411	113	98.7%		/236	
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SAFE HAVEN DAILY STATISTICS

Date	52	0	0	77	0	31	0	29	8	45	12	26	4	79	0	48	5	39	11	426	40	466
10/1/2010	52	0	0	77	0	31	0	29	8	45	12	26	4	79	0	48	5	39	11	426	40	466
10/2/2010	52	0	0	78	0	31	0	29	8	45	12	26	4	79	0	48	5	39	11	427	40	467
10/3/2010	52	0	0	78	0	31	0	29	8	45	12	26	4	79	0	47	5	39	11	426	40	466
10/4/2010	52	0	0	78	0	30	0	30	8	45	12	26	4	78	0	48	5	39	11	426	40	466
10/5/2010	52	0	0	79	0	30	0	30	8	45	12	26	4	79	0	49	5	39	11	429	40	469
10/6/2010	52	0	0	79	0	30	0	31	9	45	12	26	4	79	0	49	5	39	11	430	41	471
10/7/2010	52	0	0	79	0	30	0	31	9	45	12	26	4	79	0	49	5	39	11	430	41	471
10/8/2010	52	0	0	79	0	30	0	31	9	46	12	26	4	79	0	49	5	39	11	431	41	472
10/9/2010	52	0	0	79	0	30	0	31	9	46	12	26	4	79	0	49	5	39	11	431	41	472
10/10/2010	52	0	0	79	0	30	0	31	9	46	12	26	4	79	0	49	5	39	11	431	41	472
10/11/2010	52	0	0	79	0	30	0	31	9	46	12	26	4	79	0	49	5	39	11	431	41	472
10/12/2010	52	0	0	80	0	30	0	31	9	47	12	26	4	77	0	48	5	38	11	429	41	470
10/13/2010	52	0	0	77	0	30	0	31	9	47	12	26	4	76	0	49	5	38	11	426	41	467
10/14/2010	52	0	0	77	0	30	0	31	9	47	12	26	4	79	0	49	4	39	11	430	40	470
10/15/2010	52	0	0	78	0	30	0	31	9	46	12	26	4	79	0	49	4	39	11	431	40	471
10/16/2010	52	0	0	78	0	30	0	31	9	46	12	26	4	79	0	49	4	39	11	431	40	471
10/17/2010	52	0	0	78	0	30	0	31	9	46	12	26	4	79	0	49	4	39	11	431	40	471
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10/26/2010	52	0	0	79	0	31	0	31	9	48	12	26	4	78	0	50	5	38	12	432	42	474
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10/30/2010	52	0	0	77	0	32	0	31	10	48	12	26	4	80	0	55	5	38	12	439	43	482
10/31/2010	52	0	0	77	0	32	0	32	10	48	12	26	4	80	0	50	5	38	12	435	43	478
10/31/2010	52	0	0	77	0	32	0	32	10	48	12	26	4	80	0	50	5	38	12	435	43	478

VETERAN'S SHORT TERM HOUSING

Date (CAPACITY)	BORDEN		PORTER		TOTALS		GRAND TOTALS
	(216)	(28)	(168)	(0)	(353)	(28)	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	
10/1/2010	211	28	137	0	348	28	376
10/2/2010	203	26	138	0	341	26	367
10/3/2010	209	28	138	0	347	28	375
10/4/2010	209	27	138	0	347	27	374
10/5/2010	215	27	138	0	353	27	380
10/6/2010	215	27	138	0	353	27	380
10/7/2010	215	27	138	0	353	27	380
10/8/2010	215	27	138	0	353	27	380
10/9/2010	214	26	138	0	352	26	378
10/10/2010	215	25	137	0	352	25	377
10/11/2010	213	25	138	0	351	25	376
10/12/2010	215	24	138	0	353	24	377
10/13/2010	215	25	138	0	353	25	378
10/14/2010	215	25	138	0	353	25	378
10/15/2010	215	26	128	0	343	26	369
10/16/2010	213	26	136	0	349	26	375
10/17/2010	214	26	138	0	352	26	378
10/18/2010	211	27	138	0	349	27	376
10/19/2010	215	27	135	0	350	27	377
10/20/2010	215	27	136	0	351	27	378
10/21/2010	215	27	138	0	353	27	380
10/22/2010	215	27	131	0	346	27	373
10/23/2010	215	27	137	0	352	27	379
10/24/2010	214	27	136	0	350	27	377
10/25/2010	214	27	133	0	347	27	374
10/26/2010	214	27	138	0	352	27	379
10/27/2010	214	26	133	0	347	26	373
10/28/2010	215	27	132	0	347	27	374
10/29/2010	215	26	134	0	349	26	375
10/30/2010	215	26	136	0	351	26	377
10/31/2010	213	26	134	0	347	26	373

200 denied aid are being treated like 'rats in a lab experiment'



Angie Almodovar, wife of daughters Emerald, 9, and Izzy, 7, at home in Bronx, says Homebase program was her "only chance." Photo by Ken Goldfield

City's cruel test for poor families

THE CITY has told 200 families on the brink of homelessness to fend for themselves in an experiment that has cruelly turned them into virtual lab rats.

In an attempt to test how well a one-stop assistance program is working, the Department of Homeless Services split 400 struggling families into haves and have-nots.

The "haves" get rental assistance, job training and other services through a program called Homebase.

The other half wasn't so lucky.

Those people — chosen at random — were dubbed the "control group" and shut out of Homebase for two years. Instead they were handed a list of 11 agencies and told to hunt for help on their own.

The city will still be watching them, but for a whole different reason.

EXCLUSIVE

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For two years, researchers will track the separate groups by their Social Security numbers to see how each "uses city services . . . such as shelter, public assistance, foster care," city documents state.

Some advocates for the homeless called the \$568,000 taxpayer-funded analysis a study in callousness.

"These are real parents and children, not rats in a lab experiment," said Patrick Markee, a senior analyst with the Coalition for the Homeless.

City Councilwoman Annabel Palma, who heads the General Welfare Committee, said vulnerable New Yorkers "should never be steered away from the services and benefits for which they are eligible."

Starting in August, letters went out to 400 families and individuals applying to join Homebase, telling them they would be part of the study. Those picked make up about 5% of the 7,700 families that used the program last year.

The city defended the plan.

"We serve thousands of people through this program, and this study is only looking at 400 people," Deputy Homeless Services Commissioner Ellen Howard-Cooper said.

Researchers will watch both groups to see if the "control group" families find help through other agencies or wind up in shelters, officials said.

Homeless Services Commissioner Seth Diamond said the study could reveal flaws in the Homebase program, which costs \$25 million a year. Improved homeless-prevention programs would, in the end, keep families or individuals out of shelters, he said.

"Not doing it would risk putting the city in a position where it's building shelters and condemning communities to building shelter when there's a better way to serve people," he said.

Single mother Angie Almodovar wasn't too pleased when she got the one-page form letter in August.

"It was like playing Russian roulette," said Almodovar, 27, who is pregnant and lives in a one-bedroom apartment in Mount Hope in the Bronx with her 8- and 1-year-old daughters.

She said she has called the agencies listed in the letter, and none could help.

Almodovar lost her job at an alarm company in 2008 and ran out of unemployment benefits over the summer. She went to Homebase in August while facing eviction because she owes \$3,400 in back rent, she said. "Homebase was my only chance," she said.

Researcher John Mollenkopf, director of CUNY's Center for Urban Research, is managing the study. He said for the test to work properly, it had to be random.

"By doing the research, we learn something that's going to be extremely valuable for a much larger population," he said. tmooore@nydailynews.com