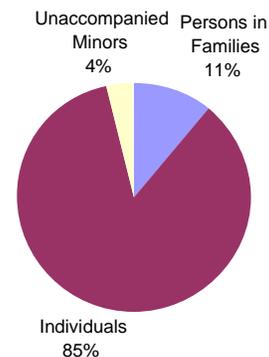
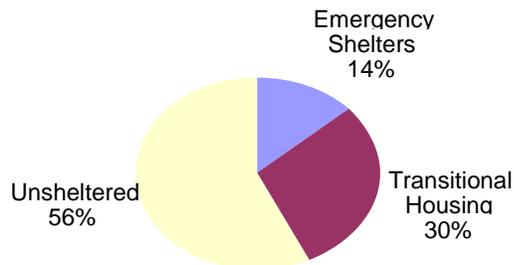


## State of Homelessness in Nevada



**The Current State:** the biennial homeless census as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has shown a decrease in overall homeless figures from 2009 to 2011. The census includes a point-in-time count conducted on the same day throughout the state of the number of those in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and living in places not intended for human habitation.

2009 and 2011 Nevada Homeless Census Comparisons			
Category of Homelessness	2009	2011	% change
Sheltered	8,062	4,574	-43.0%
Unsheltered	6,616	6,034	-8.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,678</b>	<b>10,608</b>	<b>-27.7%</b>



**Continuum of Care (CoC)** is a set of three competitively - awarded programs created to address the problems of homelessness in a comprehensive manner with other federal agencies. Since the first Continuum of Care (CoC) competition in 1995, Nevada has been successfully awarded funds to combat homelessness by providing funding for transitional and permanent housing with supportive services.

Nevada has three CoC's: Reno/Sparks/Washoe County (Northern Nevada), Las Vegas/Clark County (Southern Nevada) and the Balance of State (Rural Nevada). CoC's are most commonly organized around two main goals – planning for a homeless housing and service system in a community and applying for funding from HUD's competitive McKinney - Vento Act programs.

2010 McKinney-Vento Continuum of Care Funding	
Clark County	\$6,545,590
Reno/Sparks/Washoe County	\$1,630,614
Balance of State	\$ 576,134
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,752,338</b>

The three CoC's work to end homelessness in their respective regions, and collaborate to address statewide issues, such as:

- ✓ **Discharge Planning** — from correctional facilities, foster care placements, and long-term hospitalizations;
- ✓ **SOAR** (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery) — a process to expedite access to Social Security disability benefits for the homeless;
- ✓ **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)** — a statewide data collection system initially mandated by HUD but now used widely by all homeless service providers;
- ✓ **Homeless Census**
- ✓ **Monthly Statewide CoC Meetings** —to discuss progress on these fronts and develop unified plans to address these issues