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Macomb County homeless population rises

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – The number of homeless people in Macomb County rose 3 percent in the last year, including more children unaccompanied by an adult, according to the 2009 Point-in-Time survey.

“The dismal economy is playing a role in creating more homeless,” said Carrie Fortune, Continuum of Care coordinator. “This data will help us develop strategies in our mission to help end the problem of homelessness in Macomb County.”

Macomb County has an estimated 1,176 homeless in 2009, an increase from 1,142 people last year, according to the survey.

The 2009 number includes:

- 117 homeless veterans, down from 182 last year
- 47 unaccompanied children – four times more than 2008
- 188 victims of domestic violence, about the same as 2008.
- 353 chronically homeless people
- 470 chronic substance abusers
- 318 with a mental illness.

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The communities with the highest number of homeless are Roseville (118), Mount Clemens (132), Clinton Township (136), and Warren (154).

About 53 percent of Macomb County's homeless are between the ages of 35 and 54 years old.

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