

**Table 556. Number of Emergency and Transitional Beds in Homeless Assistance Systems Nationwide: 2006**

[Data include beds located in Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. Data are based on a nationally representative sample of 80 jurisdictions that collect data from emergency shelters and transitional providers. The data estimate homeless persons who used emergency shelters or transitional housing from January 1 through June 30, 2006. As a compliment to the survey, a "Continuum of Care" community was derived from each jurisdiction in order to estimate the number of unsheltered homeless persons and the number of emergency shelter and transitional housing beds available on a single night in January 2006. The data do not include homeless individuals living outside a sampled jurisdiction or homeless individuals not using an emergency shelter or a transitional housing program. For more information on data collection and methodology, see Appendix B of source]

Homeless programs	Year-round units/beds <sup>1</sup>			Total year-round beds	Other beds	
	Family units	Family beds	Individual beds		Seasonal beds <sup>2</sup>	Overflow/voucher <sup>3</sup>
Emergency Shelters . . . . .	28,745	95,301	111,576	206,877	21,769	55,047
Transitional Housing . . . . .	32,802	103,743	95,966	199,709	(NA)	(NA)
Total Inventory . . . . .	61,547	199,044	207,542	406,586	21,769	55,047
Permanent Supportive Housing . . . . .	29,935	87,275	109,351	196,626	(NA)	(NA)

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> Year-round beds are available for use throughout the year and are considered part of the stable inventory of beds for homeless persons. <sup>2</sup> Seasonal beds are typically available during particularly high-demand seasons of the year (e.g. winter months in the North or summer months in the South) to accommodate increased need for emergency shelters to prevent illness or death due to the weather. <sup>3</sup> Overflow beds are typically used during unanticipated emergencies (e.g., precipitous temperature drops or a natural disaster that displaces residents). Voucher beds are made available in a hotel or motel, and often function like overflow beds.

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, *The Second Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress* (released March 2008). See also <<http://www.hudhre.info/documents/2ndHomelessAssessmentReport.pdf>>.