



St. Patrick Center
Building Permanent, Positive, Change.

OUR mission

St. Patrick Center provides opportunities for self-sufficiency and dignity to persons who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Individuals achieve permanent, positive changes in their lives through affordable housing, sound mental health, employment and financial stability.

THOSE WE SERVE

Since 1983, St. Patrick Center has helped lead more than 141,000 homeless and poor men, women and their families to lives of self-sufficiency and dignity. We are Missouri's largest provider of homeless services, with 28 housing, employment and mental health programs and 10 partners in our Partnership Center, assisting more than 9,000 individuals and their families annually. St. Patrick Center is a national model for best practices and has been recognized for its innovation and successful outcomes.

Of the 8,907 clients assisted by St. Patrick Center in Fiscal Year 2010:

- 85% are from St. Louis City
- 15% are from St. Louis County

EMPLOYMENT

In Fiscal Year 2010, 645 St. Patrick Center clients found employment; nearly 500 of those jobs were full-time. More than 65% of these clients were still employed after six months and nearly 40% were still employed after one year.

Unemployment rate (2010)

United States: 9.6%

St. Louis City: 12.4%

St. Louis County: 9.4%

Missouri: 9.4%

Source: <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.t10.htm>

St. Patrick Center clients

Employed full-time: 8.5%

Employed part-time: 4.4%

Retired: 0.1%

Employed temporarily: 0.2%

Unemployed or unknown: 85%

POVERTY & INCOME

Approximately 85% of clients assisted by St. Patrick Center are below the national poverty threshold. In Fiscal Year 2010, the average income of clients assisted by St. Patrick Center was \$7,550.

Persons living below poverty

St. Louis City: 24.7%

St. Louis County: 8.9%

Missouri: 13.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2008 estimates)

Poverty thresholds for 2009 by size of family

1 person \$10,830 4 people \$22,050 7 people \$33,270

2 people \$14,570 5 people \$25,790 8 people \$37,010

3 people \$18,310 6 people \$29,530 9+ people \$40,750

Source: Federal Register, Vol. 74, No. 14, January 23, 2009, pp. 4199-4201

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Poverty in St. Louis

Nearly one in four people in St. Louis live below the poverty level, making it the 13th poorest city in America.

1. Detroit, 33.3% in poverty
2. Cleveland, 30.5% in poverty
3. Buffalo, 30.3% in poverty
4. Newark, 26.1% in poverty
5. Miami, 25.6% in poverty
6. Fresno, 25.5% in poverty
7. Cincinnati, 25.1% in poverty
8. Toledo, 24.7% in poverty
9. El Paso, 24.3% in poverty
10. Philadelphia, 24.1% in poverty
11. Milwaukee, 23.4% in poverty
12. Memphis, 23.1% in poverty
- 13. St. Louis, 22.9% in poverty**
14. Dallas, 22.6% in poverty
15. New Orleans, 22.6% in poverty

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey

Median household income (2009)

St. Louis City: \$34,065

St. Louis County: \$56,939

Missouri: \$45,149

United States: \$50,221

Source: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data/unemployment/>

HOMELESSNESS

In Fiscal Year 2010, more than half of the clients we assist were homeless, with more than 3,000 households assisted by St. Patrick Center meeting the strict HUD definition of homeless. An additional 3,100 were living in substandard housing.

Homeless Children

- Total number of children in households assisted by St. Patrick Center in Fiscal Year 2010: 5,845
- The number of homeless (or at-risk of becoming homeless) children directly assisted by St. Patrick Center in Fiscal Year 2010: 688

Homeless children enrolled in St. Louis schools:

St. Louis City (2008-2009): 1,755

Missouri (2009-2010): 15,564

Source: Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

Chronic homelessness & mental health disorders for Fiscal Year 2010

Out of 3631 new clients, the number of chronically homeless* St. Patrick Center clients: 170 (5%)

Number of St. Patrick Center clients with a mental health diagnosis: 658 (8.4%)

Number of clients with a substance use disorder: 1,697 (21.8%) commas w/4-digit numbers

Number of clients with both a mental health and substance use disorder: 1,070 (13.7%)

**Based upon the definition of multiple, lengthy episodes of homelessness in the past 3 years.*

EDUCATION

For more than 2,700 new St. Patrick Center clients, approximately 51% had less than a high-school diploma.

Adults over age 25 with a high school diploma or equivalent

St. Louis City: 78.9%

St. Louis County: 90.3%

Missouri: 85.6%

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce Bureau of the Census 2009

HOUSING

For Fiscal Year 2010, St. Patrick Center placed 422 individuals into permanent housing; nearly 73% remained housed for six-months and nearly 55% remained housed after one year.

2009 Fair Market Rent (FMR) by number of bedrooms

Location	0BR	1BR	2BR	3BR	4BR
St. Louis MO/IL	\$547	\$593	\$737	\$949	\$993

Source: St. Louis, MO-IL HUD Metro FMR Area FY 2000 FMR Documentation system

2007-08 Housing wage (hourly wage needed at 40 hours per week to afford Fair Market Rent)

Location	0BR	1BR	2BR	3BR	4BR
St. Louis MO/IL	\$10.15	\$11.00	\$13.67	\$17.62	\$18.42
Missouri	\$9.03	\$10.17	\$12.43	\$16.46	\$17.78

Source: National Low-Income Housing Coalition

2007-08 Housing wage (as a percentage of minimum wage)

Location	0BR	1BR	2BR	3BR	4BR
St. Louis MO/IL	153%	165%	206%	265%	277%
Missouri	136%	153%	187%	248%	267%

Source: National Low-Income Housing Coalition

VETERANS

Approximately 13% of clients assisted in Fiscal Year 2010 were veterans.

For more information on St. Patrick Center and its 28 housing, employment and mental health programs, visit www.stpatrickcenter.org.