

**CHANGES IN CHARACTERISTICS OF HOMELESS FAMILIES
IN HENNEPIN COUNTY SHELTER
1993-2003**

	1993—START	2003
<p><u>“Short-Stayers”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Few housing barriers ➤ Shortest length of stay ➤ A primary target for prevention and diversion 	<p>40% of all sheltered families</p>	<p>0% of sheltered families (This group is no longer entering shelter)</p>
<p><u>“Moderate Shelter Users”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Significant housing barriers ➤ Medium length of stay ➤ A primary target for rapid re-housing 	<p>50% of all sheltered families</p>	<p>72% of sheltered families</p>
<p><u>“Long-Term/Chronic”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Multiple, serious barriers, plus disabilities that affect housing stability ➤ Longest lengths of stay ➤ Long-term services: permanent supportive housing 	<p>10% of all sheltered families</p>	<p>28% of sheltered families</p>

