

Study: 27,000 Homeless in Georgia

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Georgia has the fifth highest number of homeless people in the country -- with more than 27,000 -- according to an advocacy group.

The National Alliance to end Homlessness said today in Washington that there were 744-thousand homeless people in the United States in 2005. The alliance report says a little more than half were living in shelters, and nearly a quarter were chronically homeless.

The report says a majority of the homeless are single adults, but about 41 percent are in families. California was the state with most homeless people in 2005 -- about 170-thousand. It was followed by New York, Florida, Texas and Georgia.

The group compiled data collected by the Department of Housing and Urban Development from service providers throughout the country. It is the first national study on the number of homeless people since 1996. That study came up with a wide range for America's homeless population: between 444- and 842-thousand.

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