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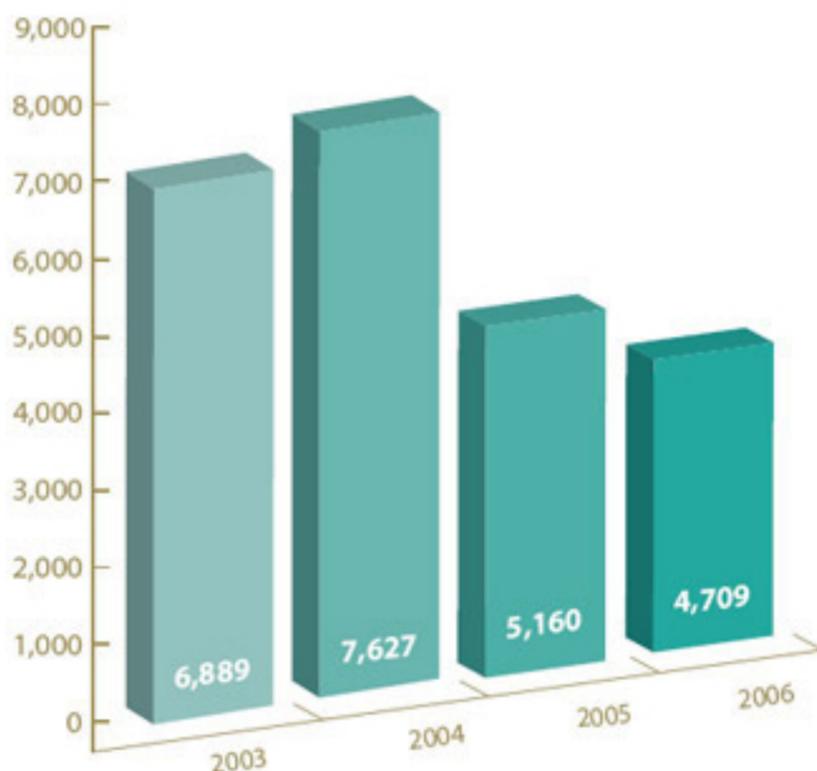
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Miami-Dade County supports social safety nets to assist underprivileged children, adults and elderly residents with vital health care, education, affordable housing and other social service programs.

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Total Homeless



The homeless population has significantly decreased over the last three years.

Highlights

- The [Homeless Trust](#) helped **13,597** people find permanent, transitional, and emergency housing. As a result, the number of homeless residents decreased by almost **9 percent** from the previous year.
- Meals provided to needy seniors increased through [Meals on Wheels](#), [Adult Day Care](#), [Senior Centers](#), and [Elderly Congregate and Mealsites programs](#) providing **526,843** meals -- surpassing the goal by **43 percent**.
- The [Miami-Dade Housing Agency](#) began a reorganization including replacement of senior management. While the agency continues to face numerous operational challenges, the occupancy rate for the more than **9,000** public housing units increased slightly from **92.9 percent** in 2005 to **93.9 percent** in 2006. In addition, funds administered by the Housing Agency subsidized the construction or rehabilitation of **984** units of privately-owned affordable housing that came on-line in 2006.
- Early childhood development and education services provided by the [Community Action Agency](#) and [Human Services](#) served an average of **35,877** children each month.



Head Start and Early Head Start programs provide disadvantaged children with educational, health, nutritional, and social services that may not be available to them otherwise.

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