

Appendix II

By The Numbers: Recession on the Vineyard

1,005 Vineyarders (11.1% of the workforce) were unemployed this winter, up 67% from last winter.

500% increase in the use of food stamps at Cronigs last winter.

486 families representing 860 people (including 170 children) visited the food pantry this winter. Total visits increased 22%.

216 people received services at CONNECT to End Violence in May 2009, up from 90 last October.

175 families were on the waiting list for rental assistance in June. This number has grown as incomes drop and more qualify. 77 families are in the program.

142 applications for fuel assistance for people under 60. That's over twice last winter's number and includes a lot of construction workers and real estate agents..

100% increase in the number of students eligible for free lunch at one island K-8 school from April 2008 to April 2009.

56% of Vineyard non-profits had contributions decrease this winter.

50% drop in Edgartown building permits this winter (no wonder so many construction people are out of work).

48% drop in the real estate market (value of real estate sold, based on Land Bank fees between 2007 and expected fiscal 2010).

33% of Vineyard Non-profits expect to incur a deficit this year.

10 people were homeless this winter, up from 2-3 historically.

1 out of 2 Vineyard Health and Human Service Agencies expects to run a deficit this year.

? the number of people that had to leave the island for financial reasons.