

Point-In-Time Survey Results

West Texas Homeless Network/Abilene, TX

January 27, 2017

Number of surveys recorded	129
Number of adults in households	151
Number of children in households	21
Total number of people	172
Chronically Homeless People*	34

Age Category

	Frequency	Percent
17 & Under	0	0.0
18 – 24	12	10.8
25 – 64	97	87.8
65 & Older	2	1.8
Total	111	100.0

Gender Identity

	Frequency	Percent
Male	63	49.2
Female	63	49.2
Transgender	1	0.8
Does Not Identify as M, F, or T	1	0.8
Total	128	100.0

Sexual Orientation

	Frequency	Percent
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual	5	4.4
Straight	101	89.4
Questioning	2	1.8
Prefer not to answer	5	4.4
Total	113	100.0

*Per section 401(2) of the McKinney-Act, 42 U.S.C. 11360, Chronically homeless means: as an individual or family that is homeless and resides in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter, and has been homeless and residing in such a place for at least 1 year or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years. The statutory definition also requires that the individual or family has a head of household with a diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability, posttraumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from a brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability.

A shorter way to put it: A person living in emergency shelter, safe haven, or a place not meant for habitation who has a disability, and who has been homeless for at least one year or at least four times in the past three years (total time would equal 12 months or more).



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Race

	Frequency	Percent
White	75	63.6
Asian	3	2.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	9	7.6
Black or African American	23	19.5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0.8
Two or More	7	5.9
Total	118	100.0

Hispanic or Latino

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	23	22.3
No	80	77.7
Total	103	100.0

Nighttime Residence of Households on 1/26/17

	Frequency	Percent
Emergency Shelter (DV shelter included)	53	41.1
Transitional Shelter	5	3.9
Hotel/Motel (paid by voucher)	7	5.4
Place Not Meant For Habitation	64	49.6
Total	129	100.0

Household Makeup

	Frequency	Percent
Households Without Children	75	74.3
Unaccompanied <i>Youth</i> (age 18 – 24)	6	5.9
Unaccompanied <i>Minor</i> (under age 18)	0	0.0
Parenting <i>Youth</i> (age 18 – 24)	0	0.0
Parenting <i>Minor</i> (under age 18)	1	1.0
Household With Children (at least one adult & one child)	12	11.9
Other Type Of Family	7	6.9
Total	101	100.0



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Current Situation

	Frequency	Percent
1st time homeless in the past 3 years	49	40.2
2-3 episodes in the past 3 years	31	25.4
At least 4 episodes in the past 3 years	15	12.3
Continuously homeless for a year or more	27	22.1
Total	122	100.0

Length of Current Episode of Homelessness

Median	5 Months
Range	1 Day – 20 Years

Location Where Respondent Became Homeless This Time

	Frequency
Abilene	75
Dallas	5
Austin	3
Other TX Cities	25
Out of State	12
Total	120

Homeless another time in past 12 months

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	54	46.2
No	63	53.8
Total	117	100.0



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Reasons for Homelessness

	Frequency	Percent
Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage	48	11.6
Loss of Public Aid	12	2.9
Natural Disaster	2	0.5
Unemployment	70	16.9
Moved to Seek Work	14	3.4
Evicted	20	4.8
Physical Health Reasons	21	5.1
Family Illness	10	2.4
Divorce or Separation	20	4.8
Pregnant or Parenting	5	1.2
Mental Illness	22	5.3
Substance Abuse	32	7.7
Left Jail/Prison/Detention	23	5.6
Domestic Violence	29	7.0
Criminal Record	24	5.8
Ran Away From Home	10	2.4
Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity	1	0.2
Aged Out or Ran Away From Foster Care	2	0.5
Kicked Out by Family/Friends	32	7.7
Other	17	4.1
Total	414	99.9

125 people answered this question. Those 125 people were able to pick more than one reason for becoming homeless.

Physical/Mental Disability (self-reported)

	Frequency	Percent
HIV/AIDS	1	0.6
Domestic Violence	33	21.3
Physical Disability	35	22.6
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	24	15.5
Serious Mental Illness	28	18.1
Substance Abuse Disorder	24	15.5
Developmental Disability	7	4.5
Traumatic Brain Injury	3	1.9
Total	155	100.0

79 answered this question. Those 79 people were able to pick more than one disability.



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Experienced Physical or Sexual Violence While Homeless

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	33	30.0
No	77	70.0
Total	110	100.0

Pregnant or an Expected Parent

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	3	2.9
No	100	97.1
Total	103	100.0

Able to work

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	87	73.1
No	32	26.9
Total	119	100.0

Job Status

	Frequency	Percent
Unemployed	61	70.1
Regular full-time job	20	23.0
Regular part-time job	0	0.0
Temporary job	2	2.3
Day labor/Odd jobs	3	3.4
Retired	1	1.1
Total	87	100

Length of Unemployment

	Months
Median	5.9



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US Armed Forces Service

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	13	11.0
No	105	89.0
Total	118	100.0

Activated Into Active Duty As A Member of the National Guard or as a Reservist

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	0	0.0
No	94	100.0
Total	94	100.0

Length of Service

	Years
Median	4

Tour of Duty

	Frequency	Percent
Korea	1	16.7
Vietnam	1	16.7
Kuwait	1	16.7
Afghanistan	0	.0.0
Iraq	1	16.7
Other	2	33.3
Total Responses	6	100

5 people answered this question. Those 5 people were able to pick more than one tour of duty.

Health Care or Other Benefits from VA medical Center

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	1	16.7
No	5	83.3
Total	6	100.0



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Services Needed

	Frequency	Percent
Basic Needs (clothing/food)	69	25.3
Job Training/Placement	41	15.0
Food Stamps	44	16.1
Transportation Assistance	58	21.2
Case Management	37	13.6
Veteran Benefits	3	1.1
Other	21	7.7
Total	273	100.0

103 people answered this question. Those 103 people were able to pick more than one needed service.



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