

Point-In-Time Survey Results

West Texas Homeless Network

January 21, 2016

Number of surveys recorded	75
Number of adults in households	79
Number of children in households	18
Total number of people	97
Chronically Homeless Households*	12

Age Category

	Frequency	Percent
17 & Under	0	0.0
18 – 24	14	18.7
25 – 64	59	78.7
65 & Older	2	2.7
Total	75	100.0

Gender Identity

	Frequency	Percent
Male	35	46.7
Female	40	53.3
Transgender	0	0.0
Total	75	100.0

Sexual Orientation

	Frequency	Percent
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual	1	1.4
Straight	69	95.8
Questioning	0	0.0
Prefer not to answer	2	2.8
Total	72	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	58	82.9
Asian	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	2.9
Black or African American	6	8.6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Two or More	4	5.7
Total	70	100.0

Hispanic or Latino

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	9	14.5
No	53	85.5
Total	62	100.0

Nighttime Residence of Households on 1/21/16

	Frequency	Percent
Emergency Shelter (DV shelter included)	33	44.0
Transitional Shelter	13	17.3
Hotel/Motel (paid by voucher)	0	0.0
Place Not Meant For Habitation	29	38.7
Total	75	100.0

Household Makeup

	Frequency	Percent
Households Without Children	54	72.0
Unaccompanied <i>Young Adults</i> (age 18 – 24)	12	16.0
Unaccompanied Youth (under age 18)	0	0.0
Parenting <i>Young Adults</i> (age 18 – 24)	2	2.7
Parenting Youth (under age 18)	0	0.0
Household With Children (at least one adult & one child)	7	9.3
Minor Respondent Living With Parent(s)	0	0.0
Other Type Of Family	0	0.0
Total	75	100.0

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Current Situation

	Frequency	Percent
1st time homeless in the past 3 years	40	56.3
2-3 episodes in the past 3 years	16	22.5
At least 4 episodes in the past 3 years	8	11.3
Continuously homeless for a year or more	7	9.9
Total	71	100.0

Length of Current Episode of Homelessness

Median	4 months
Range	1 day – 10 years

Homeless another time in past 12 months

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	32	45.1
No	39	54.9
Total	71	100.0

First Experience with Homelessness

	Age
Median	28.5 Years

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Reasons for Homelessness

	Frequency	Percent
Financial Reasons	24	32.9
Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage	9	12.3
Loss of Public Aid	3	4.1
Natural Disaster	0	0.0
Unemployment	16	21.9
Moved to Seek Work	2	2.7
Evicted	0	0.0
Physical Health	3	4.1
Domestic Violence	25	34.2
Family Illness	2	2.7
Divorce or Separation	2	2.7
Pregnant or Parenting	1	1.4
Mental Illness	7	9.6
Substance Abuse	10	13.7
Left Jail/Prison/Detention	8	11.0
Criminal Record	5	6.8
Ran Away From Home	5	6.8
Lifestyle Choice	2	2.7
Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity	0	0.0
To Protect Self or Family Member(s)	4	5.5
Abandonment by Parent or Guardian	2	2.7
Too Crowded/Doubled Up	3	4.1
Aged Out or Ran Away From Foster Care	2	2.7
Kicked Out by Family	8	11.0
Kicked Out by Friends	3	4.1
Other	2	2.7
Total	148	202.7

73 people answered this question. Those 73 people were able to pick more than one reason for becoming homeless.

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Physical/Mental Disability (self-reported)

	Frequency	Percent of Cases
Alcohol/Substance Abuse (or addiction)	17	23.9
Serious Mental Illness	20	28.2
Physical Disability	21	29.6
Developmental Disability	9	12.7
HIV/AIDS	2	2.8
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	10	14.1
Traumatic Brain Injury	4	5.6
None of the Above	26	36.6
Total	109	153.5

71 people answered this question. Those 71 people were able to pick more than one disability.

Previous Experiences

	Frequency	Percent
Domestic Violence	37	54.4
Child Abuse/Neglect	33	48.5
Foster Care	13	19.1
Legal Problems/Prior Conviction	16	23.5
Sexual Assault	18	26.5
Gang Involvement	3	4.4
None of the Above	11	16.2
Total	131	192.6

68 people answered this question. Those 68 people were able to pick more than one previous experience.

Experienced Physical or Sexual Violence While Homeless

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	11	18.3
No	49	81.7
Total	60	100.0

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Education

	Frequency	Percent
Less than 9 th grade	7	9.6
Some high school	15	20.5
High school diploma/GED	32	43.8
Some college	17	23.3
College graduate	0	0.0
Technical school/Training program	2	2.7
Master's degree or higher	0	0.0
Total	73	100.0

Able to work

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	63	85.1
No	11	14.9
Total	74	100.0

Job Status

	Frequency	Percent
Unemployed but looking for work	26	42.6
Unemployed but <i>not</i> looking for work	8	13.1
Regular full-time job	12	19.7
Regular part-time job	9	14.8
Temporary job	2	3.3
Day labor/Odd jobs	4	6.6
Retired	0	0.0
Total	61	100.0

Length of Unemployment

	Years
Median	1.0

US Armed Forces Service

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	8	14.5
No	47	85.5
Total	55	100.0

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

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	0	0.0
No	30	100.0
Total	30	100.0

Length of Service

	Years
Median	2.0

Tour of Duty

	Frequency	Percent
Korea	0	0.0
Vietnam	2	33.3
Kuwait	0	0.0
Afghanistan	1	16.7
Iraq	1	16.7
Other	2	33.3
Total Responses	6	100.0

6 people answered this question. Those 6 people were able to pick more than one tour of duty.

Health Care or Other Benefits from VA medical Center

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	2	25.0
No	6	75.0
Total	8	100.0

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Services Needed

	Frequency	Percent
Basic Needs (clothing/food)	54	78.3
Job Training/Placement	38	55.1
Food Stamps	26	37.7
Transportation Assistance	40	58.0
Case Management	13	18.8
Veteran Benefits	5	7.2
Other	7	10.1
Total	183	265.2

69 people answered this question. Those 69 people were able to pick more than one needed service.