

Homeless Count and Characteristics Survey Results

Gulf Coast Homeless Coalition

January 22, 2015

Number of surveys recorded	437
Number of adults in households	464
Number of children in households	110
Total number of people	574
Total number of homeless people*	312

1. Age

	Age
Median	46.0

2. Gender

	Frequency	Percent
Male	247	61.9
Female	150	37.6
Transgender Male to Female	2	0.5
Transgender Female to Male	0	0.0
Total	399	100.0

3. Race

	Frequency	Percent
American Indian or Alaskan Native	13	3.4
Asian	1	0.3
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	2	0.5
Black or African American	108	28.4
White	252	66.3
Two or More	4	1.1
Total	380	100.0

4. Hispanic or Latino

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	62	15.9
No	328	84.1
Total	390	100.0

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5. Physical/Mental Disability of Respondent (self-reported)

	Frequency	Percent
Substance Abuse Disorder	122	24.2
Chronic Physical Illness	58	11.5
Traumatic Brain Injury	6	1.2
HIV/AIDS	6	1.2
Serious Mental Illness	131	26.0
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	30	6.0
Developmental Disability	14	2.8
None of the Above	137	27.2
Total	504	100.0

*387 Confirmed Cases

6. Nighttime Residence of Households on 1/22/15

	Frequency	Percent
Emergency Shelter	123	30.7
Transitional Shelter	64	16.0
Permanent Supportive Housing	65	16.2
Place Not Meant For Habitation	61	15.2
Sharing Housing Of Others	22	5.5
VA Domiciliary	0	0.0
Mental Health Facility	0	0.0
Substance Abuse Treatment Center	42	10.5
Hospital	1	0.2
Corrections Facility/Jail	3	0.7
Hotel/Motel (with voucher)	2	0.5
Hotel/Motel (with own funds)	1	0.2
Subsidized Housing	0	0.0
In Own Home	11	2.7
Own Place With Imminent Eviction	6	1.5
Substandard Housing	0	0.0
Foster Care Or Group Home	0	0.0
Total	401	100.0

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7. Family/Household Makeup

	Frequency	Percent
Single Individual	338	83.3
Single Unaccompanied Minor	1	0.2
Two Parent Family With Children	9	2.2
Couple Without Children	8	2.0
One Parent Family With Children	38	9.4
Household With Only Children	2	0.5
Other Type Of Family	10	2.5
Total	406	100.0

8. Age of Children

Median	7.0
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9. Gender of Children

	Frequency	Percent
Male	44	48.9
Female	46	51.1
Total	90	100.0

10. Resources Needed By Children

	Frequency	Percent
Health Care	12	24.5
Child Care	8	16.3
TANF	7	14.3
WIC	10	20.4
SNAP	12	24.5
Total	49	100.0

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11. US Armed Forces Service

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	42	11.9
No	311	88.1
Total	356	100.0

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

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	0	0.0
No	279	100.0
Total	279	100.0

13. Length of Service

	Years
Median	4.0

14. Tour of Duty

	Frequency	Percent
Korea	2	7.4
Vietnam	7	25.9
Kuwait	2	7.4
Iraq	8	29.6
Afghanistan	0	0.0
Other	8	29.6
Total Responses	27	100.0

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15. Health Care or Other Benefits from VA medical Center

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	15	39.5
No	23	60.5
Total	38	100.0

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16. Currently Homeless (self-reported by the respondent)?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	296	73.8
No	105	26.2
Total	401	100.0

17. Respondent's Situation

	Frequency	Percent
1st time homeless in the past 3 years	108	39.4
2-3 episodes in the past 3 years	77	28.1
At least 4 episodes in the past 3 years	17	6.2
Continuously homeless for a year or more	72	26.3
Total	274	100.0

18. Length of Current Episode of Homelessness

Median	9.8 months
Range	1 day – 20 years

19. Location Where Respondent Became Homeless This Time

Alvin	2
Bacliff	2
Brazoria	1
Clear Lake	1
Dickinson	3
Freeport	8
Galveston	109
Hitchcock	2
Kemah	1
La Marque	2
San Leon	1
Santa Fe	1
Texas City	10
Texas	92
Out of state	26

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20. Homeless another time in past 12 months?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	116	43.3
No	152	56.7
Total	268	100.0

21. Reasons for Homelessness

	Frequency	Percent
Unable to pay rent/mortgage	75	13.6
Unemployment	111	20.1
Divorce/separation	23	4.2
Domestic violence	35	6.3
Incarceration	32	5.8
Family/personal illness	32	5.8
Physical/mental disabilities	86	15.6
Addiction	81	14.6
Evicted	23	4.2
Moved to seek work	6	1.1
Sexual orientation	4	0.7
Aged out of foster care	2	0.4
Other	43	7.8
Total	553	100.0

*332 Confirmed Cases

22. Education

	Frequency	Percent
Never attended	2	0.6
1 st – 8 th Grade	19	5.7
Some high school	56	16.7
High school diploma/GED	151	45.1
Some college	68	20.3
Technical school/job training program	18	5.4
College graduate	19	5.7
Master's degree or higher	2	0.6
Total	335	100.0

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23. Able to work

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	224	66.3
No	114	33.7
Total	338	100.0

24. Job Status

	Frequency	Percent
Regular Full Time	18	7.8
Regular Part Time	25	10.9
Day Labor	3	1.3
Temporary Job	11	4.8
Unemployed	172	74.8
Retired	1	0.4
Total	230	100.0

25. Length of Unemployment

	Months
Median	7.4

26. Needed Medical Care in the Past Year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	243	71.1
No	99	28.9
Total	342	100.0

27. Received Medical Care

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	174	75.0
No	58	25.0
Total	232	100.0

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28. Medical Care Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	75	37.3
Private Doctor	43	21.4
VA	7	3.5
Community Clinic	51	25.4
MHMR	10	5.0
Social Service Agency	9	4.5
Other	6	3.0
Total	201	100.0

*157 Confirmed Cases

29. Needed Dental Care in the Past Year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	152	48.3
No	163	51.7
Total	315	100.0

30. Received Dental Care

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	39	26.9
No	106	73.1
Total	145	100.0

31. Dental Care Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	2	5.7
Private Doctor	9	25.7
VA	0	0.0
Community Clinic	20	57.1
MHMR	0	0.0
Social Service Agency	0	0.0
Other	4	11.4
Total	35	100.0

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32. Needed Mental Health Care in the Past Year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	172	54.6
No	143	45.4
Total	315	100.0

33. Received Mental Health Care

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	119	73.0
No	44	27.0
Total	163	100.0

34. Mental Health Care Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	2	1.8
Private Doctor	6	5.4
VA	3	2.7
Community Clinic	15	13.5
MHMR	78	70.3
Social Service Agency	5	4.5
Other	2	1.8
Total	111	100.0

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35. Needed Substance Abuse Treatment in the Past year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	114	37.3
No	192	62.7
Total	306	100.0

36. Received Substance Abuse Treatment

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	83	74.8
No	28	25.2
Total	111	100.0

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37. Substance Abuse Treatment Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	0	0.0
Private Doctor	0	0.0
VA	1	1.3
Community Clinic	12	16.0
MHMR	29	38.7
Social Service Agency	13	17.3
Other	20	26.7
Total	75	100.0

*69 Confirmed Cases

38. Needed HIV/AIDS Treatment in the Past year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	5	1.9
No	255	98.1
Total	260	100.0

39. Received HIV/AIDS Treatment

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	4	80.0
No	1	20.0
Total	5	100.0

40. HIV/AIDS Treatment Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	0	0.0
Private Doctor	2	66.7
VA	0	0.0
Community Clinic	1	33.3
MHMR	0	0.0
Social Service Agency	0	0.0
Other	0	0.0
Total	3	100.0

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41. Services Needed

	Frequency	Percent
Basic Needs (clothing/food)	212	24.1
Job Training/Placement	153	17.4
Food Stamps	162	18.4
Transportation Assistance	168	19.1
Case Management	174	19.8
Veteran Benefits	11	1.3
Total	880	100.0

*301 Confirmed Cases

*CoCs should include all individuals or families who meet the criteria in paragraph (1)(ii) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3. This includes individuals and families "living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangement (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals)" on the night designated for the count. This includes, emergency shelter, transitional shelter, VA domiciliary, place not meant for habitation, and hotel/motel paid by voucher.