

Homeless Count and Characteristics Survey Results

Hidalgo County Homeless Coalition

January 22, 2015

Number of surveys recorded	439
Number of adults in households	453
Number of children in households	59
Total number of people	512
Total number of homeless people*	318

1. Age

	Age
Median	39.0

2. Gender

	Frequency	Percent
Male	280	78.7
Female	72	20.2
Transgender Male to Female	0	0.0
Transgender Female to Male	4	1.1
Total	356	100.0

3. Race

	Frequency	Percent
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	0.0
Asian	1	0.3
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Black or African American	6	1.7
White	352	97.8
Two or More	1	0.3
Total	360	100.0

4. Hispanic or Latino

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	333	91.0
No	33	9.0
Total	366	100.0

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

	Frequency	Percent
Substance Abuse Disorder	21	5.5
Chronic Physical Illness	18	4.7
Traumatic Brain Injury	3	0.8
HIV/AIDS	0	0.0
Serious Mental Illness	34	8.9
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	10	2.6
Developmental Disability	15	3.9
None of the Above	280	73.5
Total	381	100.0

*359 Confirmed Cases

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

	Frequency	Percent
Emergency Shelter	41	11.1
Transitional Shelter	0	0.0
Permanent Supportive Housing	0	0.0
Place Not Meant For Habitation	221	60.1
Sharing Housing Of Others	86	23.4
VA Domiciliary	0	0.0
Mental Health Facility	0	0.0
Substance Abuse Treatment Center	0	0.0
Hospital	0	0.0
Corrections Facility/Jail	0	0.0
Hotel/Motel (with voucher)	1	0.3
Hotel/Motel (with own funds)	2	0.5
Subsidized Housing	0	0.0
In Own Home	15	4.1
Own Place With Imminent Eviction	1	0.3
Substandard Housing	1	0.3
Foster Care Or Group Home	0	0.0
Total	368	100.0

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7. Family/Household Makeup

	Frequency	Percent
Single Individual	310	84.7
Single Unaccompanied Minor	0	0.0
Two Parent Family With Children	6	1.6
Couple Without Children	7	1.9
One Parent Family With Children	39	10.7
Household With Only Children	2	0.5
Other Type Of Family	2	0.5
Total	366	100.0

8. Age of Children

Median	8.0 years
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9. Gender of Children

	Frequency	Percent
Male	35	66.0
Female	18	34.0
Total	53	100.0

10. Resources Needed By Children

	Frequency	Percent
Health Care	35	41.2
Child Care	9	10.6
TANF	11	12.9
WIC	9	10.6
SNAP	21	24.7
Total	85	100.0

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11. US Armed Forces Service

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	35	9.6
No	330	90.4
Total	365	100.0

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

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	2	0.7
No	301	99.3
Total	303	100.0

13. Length of Service

	Years
Median	4.0

14. Tour of Duty

	Frequency	Percent
Korea	0	0.0
Vietnam	2	5.1
Kuwait	6	15.4
Iraq	2	5.1
Afghanistan	24	61.5
Other	5	12.8
Total Responses	39	100.0

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15. Health Care or Other Benefits from VA medical Center

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	29	80.6
No	7	19.4
Total	36	100.0

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

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	342	94.0
No	22	6.0
Total	364	100.0

17. Respondent's Situation

	Frequency	Percent
1st time homeless in the past 3 years	202	59.2
2-3 episodes in the past 3 years	79	23.2
At least 4 episodes in the past 3 years	28	8.2
Continuously homeless for a year or more	32	9.4
Total	341	100.0

18. Length of Current Episode of Homelessness

Median	7 months
Range	1 day – 30 years

19. Location Where Respondent Became Homeless This Time

Alamo	1	Pharr	8
Harlingen	1	Weslaco	4
Hidalgo	2	Texas	11
La Joya	1	Central America	34
McAllen	221	Mexico	3
Mission	31		
Penitas	1		

20. Homeless another time in past 12 months?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	136	41.1
No	195	58.9
Total	331	100.0

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21. Reasons for Homelessness

	Frequency	Percent
Unable to pay rent/mortgage	186	24.9
Unemployment	201	26.9
Divorce/separation	130	17.4
Domestic violence	40	5.3
Incarceration	22	2.9
Family/personal illness	34	4.5
Physical/mental disabilities	32	4.3
Addiction	6	0.8
Evicted	37	4.9
Moved to seek work	19	2.5
Sexual orientation	0	0.0
Aged out of foster care	1	0.1
Other	40	5.3
Total	748	100.0

*357 Confirmed Cases

22. Education

	Frequency	Percent
Never attended	9	2.5
1 st – 8 th Grade	65	18.3
Some high school	115	32.4
High school diploma/GED	98	27.6
Some college	47	13.2
Technical school/job training program	6	1.7
College graduate	14	3.9
Master's degree or higher	1	0.3
Total	355	100.0

23. Able to work

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	307	86.0
No	50	14.0
Total	357	100.0

All responses are based on the respondent unless otherwise noted.

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24. Job Status

	Frequency	Percent
Regular Full Time	12	3.9
Regular Part Time	9	2.9
Day Labor	136	43.7
Temporary Job	20	6.4
Unemployed	134	43.1
Retired	0	0.0
Total	311	100.0

25. Length of Unemployment

	Years
Median	2.0

26. Needed Medical Care in the Past Year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	254	70.2
No	108	29.8
Total	362	100.0

27. Received Medical Care

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	159	62.8
No	94	37.2
Total	253	100.0

28. Medical Care Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	28	13.9
Private Doctor	102	50.7
VA	21	10.4
Community Clinic	34	16.9
MHMR	3	1.5
Social Service Agency	6	3.0
Other	7	3.5
Total	201	100.0

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29. Needed Dental Care in the Past Year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	182	50.7
No	177	49.3
Total	359	100.0

30. Received Dental Care

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	80	43.7
No	103	56.3
Total	183	100.0

31. Dental Care Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	1	1.2
Private Doctor	63	76.8
VA	5	6.1
Community Clinic	8	9.8
MHMR	0	0.0
Social Service Agency	3	3.7
Other	2	2.4
Total	82	100.0

*76 Confirmed Cases

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32. Needed Mental Health Care in the Past Year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	39	10.9
No	318	89.1
Total	357	100.0

33. Received Mental Health Care

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	28	71.8
No	11	28.2
Total	39	100.0

34. Mental Health Care Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	2	6.3
Private Doctor	5	15.6
VA	10	31.3
Community Clinic	2	6.3
MHMR	13	40.6
Social Service Agency	0	0.0
Other	0	0.0
Total	32	100.0

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35. Needed Substance Abuse Treatment in the Past year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	11	3.1
No	344	96.9
Total	355	100.0

36. Received Substance Abuse Treatment

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	6	54.5
No	5	45.5
Total	11	100.0

37. Substance Abuse Treatment Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	1	16.7
Private Doctor	0	0.0
VA	0	0.0
Community Clinic	3	50.0
MHMR	1	16.7
Social Service Agency	0	0.0
Other	1	16.7
Total	6	100.0

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38. Needed HIV/AIDS Treatment in the Past year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	1	0.3
No	356	99.7
Total	357	100.0

39. Received HIV/AIDS Treatment

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	0	0.0
No	1	100.0
Total	1	100.0

40. HIV/AIDS Treatment Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	0	0.0
Private Doctor	0	0.0
VA	0	0.0
Community Clinic	0	0.0
MHMR	0	0.0
Social Service Agency	0	0.0
Other	0	0.0
Total	0	0.0

*0 Confirmed Cases

41. Services Needed

	Frequency	Percent
Basic Needs (clothing/food)	343	29.5
Job Training/Placement	218	18.8
Food Stamps	250	21.5
Transportation Assistance	206	17.7
Case Management	123	10.6
Veteran Benefits	21	1.8
Total	1161	100.0

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*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.