

Point-In-Time Survey Results
South Plains Homeless Consortium
January 21, 2016

Number of surveys recorded	315
Number of adults in households	324
Number of children in households	101
Total number of people	425
Chronically Homeless Households*	49

Age Category

	Frequency	Percent
17 & Under	0	0.0
18 – 24	33	10.5
25 – 64	274	87.0
65 & Older	8	2.5
Total	315	100.0

Gender Identity

	Frequency	Percent
Male	188	61.4
Female	117	38.2
Transgender	1	0.3
Total	306	100.0

Sexual Orientation

	Frequency	Percent
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual	9	3.0
Straight	287	94.7
Questioning	2	0.7
Prefer not to answer	5	1.7
Total	303	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	215	71.4
Asian	2	0.7
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	0.7
Black or African American	72	23.9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3	1.0
Two or More	7	2.3
Total	301	100.0

Hispanic or Latino

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	98	34.3
No	188	65.7
Total	286	100.0

Nighttime Residence of Households on 1/21/16

	Frequency	Percent
Emergency Shelter (DV shelter included)	131	41.6
Transitional Shelter	85	27.0
Hotel/Motel (paid by voucher)	3	1.0
Place Not Meant For Habitation	96	30.5
Total	315	100.0

Household Makeup

	Frequency	Percent
Households Without Children	243	77.1
Unaccompanied <i>Young Adults</i> (age 18 – 24)	25	7.9
Unaccompanied Youth (under age 18)	0	0.0
Parenting <i>Young Adults</i> (age 18 – 24)	8	2.5
Parenting Youth (under age 18)	0	0.0
Household With Children (at least one adult & one child)	39	12.4
Minor Respondent Living With Parent(s)	0	0.0
Other Type Of Family	0	0.0
Total	315	100.0

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Current Situation

	Frequency	Percent
1st time homeless in the past 3 years	139	46.6
2-3 episodes in the past 3 years	68	22.8
At least 4 episodes in the past 3 years	28	9.4
Continuously homeless for a year or more	63	21.1
Total	298	100.0

Length of Current Episode of Homelessness

Median	6 months
Range	1 day – 25 years

Location Where Respondent Became Homeless This Time

Abilene	3	Amarillo	3
Levelland	6	Lubbock	227
Texas	21	Out of State	15

Homeless another time in past 12 months

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	107	39.3
No	165	60.7
Total	272	100.0

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Reasons for Homelessness

	Frequency	Percent
Financial Reasons	177	59.0
Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage	118	39.3
Loss of Public Aid	9	3.0
Natural Disaster	3	1.0
Unemployment	107	35.7
Moved to Seek Work	15	5.0
Evicted	22	7.3
Physical Health	63	21.0
Domestic Violence	61	20.3
Family Illness	9	3.0
Divorce or Separation	48	16.0
Hospital Discharge	11	3.7
Pregnant or Parenting	6	2.0
Mental Illness	36	12.0
Substance Abuse	48	16.0
Left Jail/Prison/Detention	32	10.7
Criminal Record	32	10.7
Ran Away From Home	11	3.7
Lifestyle Choice	17	5.7
Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity	1	0.3
To Protect Self or Family Member(s)	26	8.7
Abandonment by Parent or Guardian	9	3.0
Too Crowded/Doubled Up	13	4.3
Aged Out or Ran Away From Foster Care	7	2.3
Kicked Out by Family	40	13.3
Kicked Out by Friends	14	4.7
Other	38	12.7
Total	973	324.3

300 people answered this question. Those 300 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)	85	28.4
Serious Mental Illness	80	26.8
Physical Disability	86	28.8
Developmental Disability	25	8.4
HIV/AIDS	3	1.0
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	44	14.7
Traumatic Brain Injury	10	3.3
None of the Above	107	35.8
Total	440	147.2

299 people answered this question. Those 299 people were able to pick more than one disability.

Previous Experiences

	Frequency	Percent
Domestic Violence	109	40.4
Child Abuse/Neglect	68	25.2
Foster Care	25	9.3
Legal Problems/Prior Conviction	89	33.0
Sexual Assault	44	16.3
Gang Involvement	10	3.7
None of the Above	94	34.8
Total	439	162.6

270 people answered this question. Those 270 people were able to pick more than one previous experience.

Experienced Physical or Sexual Violence While Homeless

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	47	18.0
No	214	82.0
Total	261	100.0

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Education

	Frequency	Percent
Less than 9th grade	22	7.6
Some high school	68	23.4
High school diploma/GED	120	41.2
Some college	53	18.2
College graduate	10	3.4
Technical school/Training program	14	4.8
Master's degree or higher	4	1.4
Total	291	100.0

Able to work

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	231	78.0
No	65	22.0
Total	296	100.0

Job Status

	Frequency	Percent
Unemployed but looking for work	90	40.2
Unemployed but <i>not</i> looking for work	26	11.6
Regular full-time job	50	22.3
Regular part-time job	33	14.7
Temporary job	5	2.2
Day labor/Odd jobs	19	8.5
Retired	1	0.4
Total	224	100.0

Length of Unemployment

	Months
Median	4.0

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US Armed Forces Service

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	20	7.3
No	254	92.7
Total	274	100.0

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

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	1	0.6
No	179	99.4
Total	180	0.0

Length of Service

	Years
Median	5.0

Tour of Duty

	Frequency	Percent
Korea	0	0.0
Vietnam	2	40.0
Kuwait	2	40.0
Afghanistan	1	20.0
Iraq	1	20.0
Other	0	0.0
Total Responses	6	120.0

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	8	44.4
No	10	55.6
Total	18	100.0

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Services Needed

	Frequency	Percent
Basic Needs (clothing/food)	216	80.0
Job Training/Placement	115	42.6
Food Stamps	140	51.9
Transportation Assistance	155	57.4
Case Management	83	30.7
Veteran Benefits	6	2.2
Other	24	8.9
Total	739	273.7

270 people answered this question. Those 270 people were able to pick more than one needed service.