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January 21, 2016

Number of surveys recorded	105
Number of adults in households	116
Number of children in households	25
Total number of people	141
Chronically Homeless Households*	3

Age Category

	Frequency	Percent
17 & Under	0	0.0
18 – 24	4	3.8
25 – 64	94	90.4
65 & Older	6	5.8
Total	104	100.0

Gender Identity

	Frequency	Percent
Male	73	72.3
Female	28	27.8
Transgender	0	0.0
Total	101	100.0

Sexual Orientation

	Frequency	Percent
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual	1	1.0
Straight	94	97.9
Questioning	0	0.0
Prefer not to answer	1	1.0
Total	96	100.0

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).

^{*}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, <u>and</u> has been homeless and residing in such a place for at least 1 year <u>or</u> 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.

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Race

	Frequency	Percent
White	69	68.3
Asian	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	3	3.0
Black or African American	27	26.7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Two or More	2	2.0
Total	101	100.0

Hispanic or Latino

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	4	4.1
No	93	95.9
Total	97	100.0

Nighttime Residence of Households on 1/21/16

	Frequency	Percent
Emergency Shelter (DV shelter included)	72	68.6
Transitional Shelter	1	1.0
Hotel/Motel (paid by voucher)	1	1.0
Place Not Meant For Habitation	31	29.5
Total	105	100.0

Household Makeup

·	Frequency	Percent
Households Without Children	90	85.7
Unaccompanied Young Adults (age 18 – 24)	0	0.0
Unaccompanied Youth (under age 18)	0	0.0
Parenting Young Adults (age 18 – 24)	2	1.9
Parenting Youth (under age 18)	0	0.0
Household With Children (at least one adult & one child)	13	12.4
Minor Respondent Living With Parent(s)	0	0.0
Other Type Of Family	0	0.0
Total	105	100.0

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Current Situation

	Frequency	Percent
1st time homeless in the past 3 years	13	44.8
2-3 episodes in the past 3 years	10	34.5
At least 4 episodes in the past 3 years	2	6.9
Continuously homeless for a year or more	4	13.8
Total	29	100.0

Length of Current Episode of Homelessness

Median	3.0 months
Range	7 days – 10 years

Location Where Respondent Became Homeless This Time

Texarkana	17	Oklahoma	1
Arkansas	2	Texas	1
Michigan	1		•

Homeless another time in past 12 months

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	12	44.4
No	15	55.6
Total	27	100.0

First Experience with Homelessness

	Age
Median	40 Years

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Reasons for Homelessness

	Frequency	Percent
Financial Reasons	76	78.4
Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage	38	39.2
Loss of Public Aid	7	7.2
Natural Disaster	16	16.5
Unemployment	51	52.6
Moved to Seek Work	12	12.4
Evicted	18	18.6
Physical Health	18	18.6
Domestic Violence	14	14.4
Family Illness	5	5.2
Divorce or Separation	12	12.4
Pregnant or Parenting	0	0.0
Mental Illness	11	11.3
Substance Abuse	10	10.3
Left Jail/Prison/Detention	5	5.2
Criminal Record	6	6.2
Ran Away From Home	2	2.1
Lifestyle Choice	6	6.2
Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity	0	0.0
To Protect Self or Family Member(s)	5	5.2
Abandonment by Parent or Guardian	2	2.1
Too Crowded/Doubled Up	2	2.1
Aged Out or Ran Away From Foster Care	1	1.0
Kicked Out by Family	7	7.2
Kicked Out by Friends	4	4.1
Other	3	3.1
Total	331	341.2

⁹⁷ people answered this question. Those 97 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)	12	12.8
Serious Mental Illness	17	18.1
Physical Disability	28	29.8
Developmental Disability	7	7.4
HIV/AIDS	2	2.1
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	7	7.4
Traumatic Brain Injury	2	2.1
None of the Above	42	44.7
Total	117	124.5

⁹⁴ people answered this question. Those 94 people were able to pick more than one disability.

Previous Experiences

	Frequency	Percent
Domestic Violence	27	28.4
Child Abuse/Neglect	14	14.7
Foster Care	11	11.6
Legal Problems/Prior Conviction	24	25.3
Sexual Assault	4	4.2
Gang Involvement	6	6.3
None of the Above	49	51.6
Total	135	142.1

⁹⁵ people answered this question. Those 95 people were able to pick more than one previous experience.

Experienced Physical or Sexual Violence While Homeless

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	15	15.5
No	82	84.5
Total	97	100.0

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Education

	Frequency	Percent
Less than 9 th grade	5	5.2
Some high school	15	15.6
High school diploma/GED	51	53.1
Some college	19	19.8
College graduate	1	1.0
Technical school/Training program	4	4.2
Master's degree or higher	1	1.0
Total	96	100.0

Able to work

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	71	73.2
No	26	26.8
Total	97	100.0

Job Status

	Frequency	Percent
Unemployed but looking for work	14	70.0
Unemployed but <i>not</i> looking for work	2	10.0
Regular full-time job	1	5.0
Regular part-time job	2	10.0
Temporary job	1	5.0
Day labor/Odd jobs	0	0.0
Retired	0	0.0
Total	85	100.0

Length of Unemployment

	Months
Median	4.4

US Armed Forces Service

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	13	13.4
No	84	86.6

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Total	97	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	22	100.0
Total	22	100.0

Length of Service

	Years
Median	No data reported

Tour of Duty

	Frequency	Percent
Korea	0	0.0
Vietnam	0	0.0
Kuwait	0	0.0
Afghanistan	0	0.0
Iraq	1	100.0
Other	1	100.0
Total Responses	2	200.0

¹ person answered this question. That 1 person was able to pick more than one tour of duty.

Health Care or Other Benefits from VA medical Center

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	0	0.0
No	1	100.0
Total	1	100.0

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Services Needed

	Frequency	Percent
Basic Needs (clothing/food)	72	75.8
Job Training/Placement	26	27.4
Food Stamps	49	51.6
Transportation Assistance	36	37.9
Case Management	34	35.8
Veteran Benefits	7	7.4
Other	8	8.4
Total	232	244.2

⁹⁵ people answered this question. Those 95 people were able to pick more than one needed service.