

Point-In-Time Survey Results
Odessa Coalition for the Homeless
January 21, 2016

Number of surveys recorded	70
Number of adults in households	71
Number of children in households	11
Total number of people	82
Chronically Homeless People*	2

Age Category

	Frequency	Percent
17 & Under	1	1.4
18 – 24	5	7.2
25 – 64	62	89.9
65 & Older	1	1.4
Total	69	100.0

Gender Identity

	Frequency	Percent
Male	41	60.3
Female	27	39.7
Transgender	0	0.0
Does Not Identify as M, F, T	0	0.0
Total	68	100.0

Sexual Orientation

	Frequency	Percent
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual	1	1.9
Straight	51	96.2
Questioning	0	0.0
Prefer not to answer	1	1.9
Total	53	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	43	75.4
Asian	1	1.8
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0
Black or African American	10	17.5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Two or More	3	5.3
Total	57	100.0

Hispanic or Latino

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	28	45.9
No	33	54.1
Total	61	100.0

Nighttime Residence of Households on 1/26/17

	Frequency	Percent
Emergency Shelter (DV shelter included)	56	80.0
Transitional Shelter	12	17.1
Hotel/Motel (paid by voucher)	0	0.0
Place Not Meant For Habitation	2	2.9
Total	70	100.0

Household Makeup

	Frequency	Percent
Households Without Children	64	91.4
Unaccompanied <i>Youth</i> (age 18 – 24)	0	0.0
Unaccompanied <i>Minor</i> (under age 18)	1	1.4
Parenting <i>Youth</i> (age 18 – 24)	0	0.0
Parenting <i>Minor</i> (under age 18)	1	1.4
Household With Children (at least one adult & one child)	4	5.7
Other Type Of Family	0	0.0
Total	70	100.0



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Current Situation

	Frequency	Percent
1st time homeless in the past 3 years	41	65.1
2-3 episodes in the past 3 years	10	15.9
At least 4 episodes in the past 3 years	6	9.5
Continuously homeless for a year or more	6	9.5
Total	63	100.0

Length of Current Episode of Homelessness

Median	6.9 Months
Range	1 Day – 25 Years

Location Where Respondent Became Homeless This Time

	Frequency
Odessa	49
Breckenridge	2
Midland	2
Out of State	2
Other TX Cities	10
Total	65

Homeless another time in past 12 months

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	28	43.1
No	37	56.9
Total	65	100.0



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Reasons for Homelessness

	Frequency	Percent
Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage	32	17.2
Loss of Public Aid	4	2.2
Natural Disaster	0	0.0
Unemployment	31	16.7
Moved to Seek Work	13	7.0
Evicted	12	6.5
Physical Health Reasons	9	4.8
Family Illness	1	0.5
Divorce or Separation	12	6.5
Pregnant or Parenting	1	0.5
Mental Illness	6	3.2
Substance Abuse	11	5.9
Left Jail/Prison/Detention	7	3.8
Domestic Violence	13	7.0
Criminal Record	8	4.3
Ran Away From Home	2	1.1
Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity	1	0.5
Aged Out or Ran Away From Foster Care	1	0.5
Kicked Out by Family/Friends	9	4.8
Other	13	7.0
Total	186	100.0

68 people answered this question. Those 68 people were able to pick more than one reason for becoming homeless.

Physical/Mental Disability (self-reported)

	Frequency	Percent
HIV/AIDS	0	0.0
Domestic Violence	12	29.3
Physical Disability	12	29.3
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	4	9.8
Serious Mental Illness	4	9.8
Substance Abuse Disorder	6	14.6
Developmental Disability	2	4.9
Traumatic Brain Injury	1	2.4
Total	41	100.0

25 people answered this question. Those 25 people were able to pick more than one disability.



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Experienced Physical or Sexual Violence While Homeless

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	11	18.3
No	49	81.7
Total	60	100.0

Pregnant or an Expected Parent

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	1	1.7
No	59	98.3
Total	60	100.0

Able to work

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	60	90.9
No	6	9.1
Total	66	100.0

Job Status

	Frequency	Percent
Unemployed	37	60.7
Regular full-time job	13	21.3
Regular part-time job	9	14.8
Temporary job	1	1.6
Day labor/Odd jobs	1	1.6
Retired	0	0.0
Total	61	100.0

Length of Unemployment

	Months
Median	12



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US Armed Forces Service

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	6	9.0
No	61	91.0
Total	67	100.0

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

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	1	1.7
No	58	98.3
Total	59	100.0

Length of Service

	Years
Median	7

Tour of Duty

	Frequency	Percent
Korea	0	0.0
Vietnam	0	0.0
Kuwait	0	0.0
Afghanistan	0	0.0
Iraq	1	25.0
Other	3	75.0
Total Responses	4	100.0

4 people answered this question. Those 4 people were 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)	27	15.7
Job Training/Placement	36	20.9
Food Stamps	34	19.8
Transportation Assistance	44	25.6
Case Management	18	10.5
Veteran Benefits	3	1.7
Other	10	5.8
Total	172	100.0

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



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