

Point-In-Time Survey Results

Texarkana Homeless Coalition

January 26, 2017

Number of surveys recorded	111
Number of adults in households	126
Number of children in households	9
Total number of people	135
Chronically Homeless People*	28

Age Category

	Frequency	Percent
17 & Under	0	0.0
18 – 24	4	3.6
25 – 64	102	91.9
65 & Older	5	4.5
Total	111	100.0

Gender Identity

	Frequency	Percent
Male	79	71.8
Female	31	28.2
Transgender	0	0.0
Does Not Identify as M, F, T	0	0.0
Total	110	100.0

Sexual Orientation

	Frequency	Percent
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual	4	3.7
Straight	100	91.7
Questioning	0	0.0
Prefer not to answer	5	4.6
Total	109	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	72	67.3
Asian	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	5	4.7
Black or African American	26	24.3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0.9
Two or More	3	2.8
Total	107	100.0

Hispanic or Latino

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	5	4.5
No	105	95.5
Total	110	100.0

Nighttime Residence of Households on 1/26/17

	Frequency	Percent
Emergency Shelter (DV shelter included)	81	73.0
Transitional Shelter	3	2.7
Hotel/Motel (paid by voucher)	0	0.0
Place Not Meant For Habitation	27	24.3
Total	111	100.0

Household Makeup

	Frequency	Percent
Households Without Children	107	96.4
Unaccompanied <i>Youth</i> (age 18 – 24)	0	0.0
Unaccompanied <i>Minor</i> (under age 18)	0	0.0
Parenting <i>Youth</i> (age 18 – 24)	0	0.0
Parenting <i>Minor</i> (under age 18)	1	0.9
Household With Children (at least one adult & one child)	2	1.8
Other Type Of Family	1	0.9
Total	111	100.0



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Current Situation

	Frequency	Percent
1st time homeless in the past 3 years	50	46.3
2-3 episodes in the past 3 years	26	24.1
At least 4 episodes in the past 3 years	11	10.2
Continuously homeless for a year or more	21	19.4
Total	108	100.0

Length of Current Episode of Homelessness

Median	5.9 Months
Range	1 Day – 50 Years

Location Where Respondent Became Homeless This Time

	Frequency
Texarkana, TX	45
Texarkana, AR	7
Other TX Cities	24
Other States	17
Other AR Cities	14
Total	107

Homeless another time in past 12 months

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	38	35.8
No	68	64.2
Total	106	100.0



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Reasons for Homelessness

	Frequency	Percent
Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage	58	17.6
Loss of Public Aid	22	6.7
Natural Disaster	8	2.4
Unemployment	52	15.8
Moved to Seek Work	18	5.5
Evicted	15	4.5
Physical Health Reasons	24	7.3
Family Illness	8	2.4
Divorce or Separation	20	6.1
Pregnant or Parenting	3	0.9
Mental Illness	16	4.8
Substance Abuse	18	5.5
Left Jail/Prison/Detention	21	6.4
Domestic Violence	5	1.5
Criminal Record	7	2.1
Ran Away From Home	2	0.6
Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity	0	0.0
Aged Out or Ran Away From Foster Care	0	0.0
Kicked Out by Family/Friends	21	6.4
Other	12	3.6
Total	330	100.0

110 people answered this question. Those 110 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	17	10.2
Physical Disability	50	29.9
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	15	9.0
Serious Mental Illness	33	19.8
Substance Abuse Disorder	24	14.4
Developmental Disability	13	7.8
Traumatic Brain Injury	15	9.0
Total	167	100.0

80 people answered this question. Those 80 people were able to pick more than one disability.



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Experienced Physical or Sexual Violence While Homeless

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	19	17.4
No	90	82.6
Total	109	100.0

Pregnant or an Expected Parent

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	0	0.00
No	101	100.0
Total	101	100.0

Able to work

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	69	62.7
No	41	37.3
Total	110	100.0

Job Status

	Frequency	Percent
Unemployed	42	60.0
Regular full-time job	6	8.6
Regular part-time job	8	11.4
Temporary job	4	5.7
Day labor/Odd jobs	8	11.4
Retired	2	2.9
Total	70	100.0

Length of Unemployment

	Months
Median	4.9



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US Armed Forces Service

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	10	9.2
No	99	90.8
Total	109	100.0

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

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	0	0.00
No	85	100.0
Total	85	100.0

Length of Service

	Years
Median	4

Tour of Duty

	Frequency	Percent
Korea	0	0.0
Vietnam	2	28.6
Kuwait	1	14.3
Afghanistan	0	0.0
Iraq	1	14.3
Other	3	42.9
Total Responses	7	100.0

6 people answered this question. Those 6 people were able to pick more than one tour of duty.

Health Care or Other Benefits from VA medical Center

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	3	20.0
No	12	80.0
Total	15	100.0



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Services Needed

	Frequency	Percent
Basic Needs (clothing/food)	83	22.3
Job Training/Placement	62	16.7
Food Stamps	72	19.4
Transportation Assistance	76	20.4
Case Management	71	19.1
Veteran Benefits	4	1.1
Other	4	1.1
Total	372	100.0

108 people answered this question. Those 108 people were able to pick more than one needed service.



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