#### **Southeast Texas Coalition for the Homeless**

#### **January 26, 2017**

Number of surveys recorded	306
Number of adults in households	334
Number of children in households	66
Total number of people	400
Chronically Homeless People*	81

#### **Age Category**

	Frequency	Percent
17 & Under	3	1.1
18 – 24	23	8.7
25 – 64	225	85.2
65 & Older	13	4.9
Total	264	100.0

#### **Gender Identity**

	Frequency	Percent
Male	178	64.5
Female	93	33.7
Transgender	3	1.1
Does Not Identify as M, F, T	2	0.7
Total	276	100.0

#### **Sexual Orientation**

	Frequency	Percent
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual	13	5.2
Straight	228	91.2
Questioning	2	0.8
Prefer not to answer	7	2.8
Total	250	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, <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.

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	137	50.4
Asian	4	1.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	4	1.5
Black or African American	117	43.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Two or More	10	3.7
Total	272	100.0

**Hispanic or Latino** 

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	14	6.0
No	220	94.0
Total	234	100.0

Nighttime Residence of Households on 1/26/17

	Frequency	Percent
Emergency Shelter (DV shelter included)	41	13.4
Transitional Shelter	46	15.0
Hotel/Motel (paid by voucher)	15	4.9
Place Not Meant For Habitation	204	66.7
Total	306	100.0

**Household Makeup** 

	Frequency	Percent
Households Without Children	253	82.7
Unaccompanied Youth (age 18 – 24)	19	6.2
Unaccompanied <i>Minor</i> (under age 18)	2	0.7
Parenting Youth (age 18 – 24)	4	1.3
Parenting <i>Minor</i> (under age 18)	1	0.3
Household With Children (at least one adult & one child)	27	8.8
Other Type Of Family	0	0.0
Total	306	100.0



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#### **Current Situation**

	Frequency	Percent
1st time homeless in the past 3 years	110	43.3
2-3 episodes in the past 3 years	60	23.6
At least 4 episodes in the past 3 years	29	11.4
Continuously homeless for a year or more	55	21.7
Total	254	100.0

### **Length of Current Episode of Homelessness**

Median	1 Year
Range	1 Day – 43 Years

### **Location Where Respondent Became Homeless This Time**

Cities	Frequency
Beaumont	113
Orange	41
Out of State	24
Port Arthur	23
Silsbee	8
Vidor	8
Other TX Cities	53
Total	270

#### Homeless another time in past 12 months

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	141	57.8
No	103	42.2
Total	244	100.0



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#### **Reasons for Homelessness**

	Frequency	Percent
Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage	105	15.8
Loss of Public Aid	11	1.7
Natural Disaster	7	1.1
Unemployment	100	15.1
Moved to Seek Work	21	3.2
Evicted	28	4.2
Physical Health Reasons	26	3.9
Family Illness	14	2.1
Divorce or Separation	20	3.0
Pregnant or Parenting	7	1.1
Mental Illness	34	5.1
Substance Abuse	93	14.0
Left Jail/Prison/Detention	28	4.2
Domestic Violence	38	5.7
Criminal Record	39	5.9
Ran Away From Home	12	1.8
Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity	3	0.5
Aged Out or Ran Away From Foster Care	4	0.6
Kicked Out by Family/Friends	40	6.0
Other	33	5.0
Total	663	100.0

272 people answered this question. Those 272 people were able to pick more than one reason for becoming homeless.

### **Physical/Mental Disability (self-reported)**

	Frequency	Percent
HIV/AIDS	7	2.1
Domestic Violence	47	13.9
Physical Disability	67	19.8
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	36	10.6
Serious Mental Illness	63	18.6
Substance Abuse Disorder	107	31.6
Developmental Disability	12	3.5
Traumatic Brain Injury	0	0.0
Total	339	100.0

225 people answered this question. Those 225 people were able to pick more than one disability.



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### **Experienced Physical or Sexual Violence While Homeless**

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	45	17.9
No	207	82.1
Total	252	100.0

# Pregnant or an Expected Parent

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	9	3.7
No	237	96.3
Total	246	100.0

#### Able to work

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	189	73.0
No	70	27.0
Total	259	100.0

#### **Job Status**

	Frequency	Percent
Unemployed	124	65.3
Regular full-time job	13	6.8
Regular part-time job	23	12.1
Temporary job	7	3.7
Day labor/Odd jobs	21	11.1
Retired	2	1.1
Total	190	100.0

### **Length of Unemployment**

	Months
Median	12



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#### **US Armed Forces Service**

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	25	10.1
No	222	89.9
Total	247	100.0

# Activated Into Active Duty As

A Member of the National Guard or as a Reservist

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	2	1.0
No	200	99.0
Total	202	100.0

#### **Length of Service**

	Years
Median	3.5

#### **Tour of Duty**

	Frequency	Percent
Korea	0	0.0
Vietnam	11	47.8
Kuwait	1	4.3
Afghanistan	0	0.0
Iraq	4	17.4
Other	7	30.4
Total Responses	23	100.0

<sup>23</sup> people answered this question. Those 23 people were able to pick more than one tour of duty.

#### **Health Care or Other Benefits from VA medical Center**

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	9	45.0
No	11	55.0
Total	20	100.0



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#### **Services Needed**

	Frequency	Percent
Basic Needs (clothing/food)	179	22.9
Job Training/Placement	128	16.3
Food Stamps	154	19.7
Transportation Assistance	143	18.3
Case Management	103	13.2
Veteran Benefits	19	2.4
Other	57	7.3
Total	783	100.0

229 people answered this question. Those 229 people were able to pick more than one needed service.

