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Number of surveys recorded	349
Number of adults in households	356
Number of children in households	68
Total number of people	424
Chronically Homeless People*	31

Age Category

	Frequency	Percent
17 & Under	0	0.0
18 – 24	28	8.7
25 – 64	268	83.2
65 & Older	26	8.1
Total	322	100.0

Gender Identity

	Frequency	Percent
Male	246	74.1
Female	83	25.0
Transgender	3	0.9
Does Not Identify as M, F, T	0	0.0
Total	332	100.0

Sexual Orientation

	Frequency	Percent
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual	7	2.5
Straight	259	93.8
Questioning	0	0.0
Prefer not to answer	10	3.6
Total	276	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	282	95.3
Asian	4	1.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0
Black or African American	7	2.4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Two or More	3	1.0
Total	296	100.0

Hispanic or Latino

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	245	83.3
No	49	16.7
Total	294	100.0

Nighttime Residence of Households on 1/26/17

	Frequency	Percent
Emergency Shelter (DV shelter included)	28	8.0
Transitional Shelter	29	8.3
Hotel/Motel (paid by voucher)	8	2.3
Place Not Meant For Habitation	284	81.4
Total	349	100.0

Household Makeup

	Frequency	Percent
Households Without Children	294	84.2
Unaccompanied Youth (age 18 – 24)	14	4.0
Unaccompanied <i>Minor</i> (under age 18)	0	0.0
Parenting Youth (age 18 – 24)	1	0.3
Parenting <i>Minor</i> (under age 18)	0	0.0
Household With Children (at least one adult & one child)	40	11.5
Other Type Of Family	0	0.0
Total	349	100.0



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Current Situation

	Frequency	Percent
1st time homeless in the past 3 years	168	60.4
2-3 episodes in the past 3 years	58	20.9
At least 4 episodes in the past 3 years	8	2.9
Continuously homeless for a year or more	44	15.8
Total	278	100.0

Length of Current Episode of Homelessness

Median	1 Year
Range	2 Days – 20 Years

Location Where Respondent Became Homeless This Time

Cities	Frequency
McAllen	98
Edinburg	33
Mission	10
Weslaco	10
Corpus Christi	7
Donna	7
Alamo	6
Pharr	6
Out of State	32
Other TX Cities	66
Total	275

Homeless another time in past 12 months

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	136	49.6
No	138	39.5
Total	274	100.0



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Reasons for Homelessness

	Frequency	Percent
Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage	171	99.4
Loss of Public Aid	0	0.0
Natural Disaster	0	0.0
Unemployment	0	0.0
Moved to Seek Work	0	0.0
Evicted	0	0.0
Physical Health Reasons	0	0.0
Family Illness	0	0.0
Divorce or Separation	0	0.0
Pregnant or Parenting	0	0.0
Mental Illness	0	0.0
Substance Abuse	1	0.6
Left Jail/Prison/Detention	0	0.0
Domestic Violence	0	0.0
Criminal Record	0	0.0
Ran Away From Home	0	0.0
Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity	0	0.0
Aged Out or Ran Away From Foster Care	0	0.0
Kicked Out by Family/Friends	0	0.0
Other	0	0.0
Total	172	100.0

172 people answered this question. Those 172 people were able to pick more than one reason for becoming homeless.

	Frequency	Percent
HIV/AIDS	2	40.0
Domestic Violence	0	0.0
Physical Disability	1	20.0
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	0	0.0
Serious Mental Illness	1	20.0
Substance Abuse Disorder	1	20.0
Developmental Disability	0	0.0
Traumatic Brain Injury	0	0.0
Total	5	100.0

Physical/Mental Disability (self-reported)

3 people answered this question. Those 3 people were able to pick more than one disability.



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Experienced Physical or Sexual Violence While Homeless

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	32	11.9
No	238	88.1
Total	270	100.0

Pregnant or an Expected Parent

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	2	0.7
No	267	99.3
Total	269	100.0

Able to work

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	199	71.1
No	81	28.9
Total	280	100.0

Job Status

	Frequency	Percent
Unemployed	114	57.3
Regular full-time job	4	2.0
Regular part-time job	12	6.0
Temporary job	8	4.0
Day labor/Odd jobs	61	30.7
Retired	0	0.0
Total	199	100.0

Length of Unemployment

	Months
Median	12



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US Armed Forces Service

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	22	8.2
No	246	91.8
Total	268	100.0

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

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	2	0.8
No	244	99.2
Total	246	100.0

Length of Service

	Years
Median	4

Tour of Duty

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

0 people answered this question. Those 0 people were able to pick more than one tour of duty.

Health Care or Other Benefits from VA medical Center

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	13	65.0
No	7	35.0
Total	20	100.0



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Services Needed

	Frequency	Percent
Basic Needs (clothing/food)	231	98.3
Job Training/Placement	1	0.4
Food Stamps	0	0.0
Transportation Assistance	1	0.4
Case Management	1	0.4
Veteran Benefits	0	0.0
Other	1	0.4
Total	235	100.0

232 people answered this question. Those 232 people were able to pick more than one needed service.



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