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Number of surveys recorded	75
Number of adults in households	75
Number of children in households	66
Total number of people	141
Chronically Homeless People*	9

Age Category

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	Frequency	Percent
17 & Under	0	0.0
18 – 24	14	18.7
25 – 64	61	81.3
65 & Older	0	0.0
Total	75	100.0

Gender Identity

	Frequency	Percent
Male	14	18.9
Female	60	81.1
Transgender	0	0.0
Does Not Identify as M, F,T	0	0.0
Total	74	100.0

Sexual Orientation

	Frequency	Percent
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual	5	6.8
Straight	68	91.9
Questioning	0	0.0
Prefer not to answer	1	1.4
Total	74	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	43	57.3
Asian	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	4	5.3
Black or African American	28	37.3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Two or More	0	0.0
Total	75	100.0

Hispanic or Latino

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	4	5.6
No	68	94.4
Total	72	100.0

Nighttime Residence of Households on 1/26/17

	Frequency	Percent
Emergency Shelter (DV shelter included)	1	1.3
Transitional Shelter	44	58.7
Hotel/Motel (paid by voucher)	4	5.3
Place Not Meant For Habitation	26	34.7
Total	75	100.0

Household Makeup

	Frequency	Percent
Households Without Children	34	45.3
Unaccompanied Youth (age 18 – 24)	2	2.7
Unaccompanied <i>Minor</i> (under age 18)	0	0.0
Parenting Youth (age 18 – 24)	0	0.0
Parenting <i>Minor</i> (under age 18)	8	10.7
Household With Children (at least one adult & one child)	27	36.0
Other Type Of Family	4	5.3
Total	75	100.0



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Current Situation

	Frequency	Percent
1st time homeless in the past 3 years	55	73.3
2-3 episodes in the past 3 years	12	16.0
At least 4 episodes in the past 3 years	3	4.0
Continuously homeless for a year or more	5	6.7
Total	75	100.0

Length of Current Episode of Homelessness

Median	4 Months
Range	2 Days – 4.4 Years

Location Where Respondent Became Homeless This Time

	Frequency
Paris	54
Mt. Pleasant	4
Cooper	2
Lockhart	2
Out of State	2
Other TX Cities	11
Total	75

Homeless another time in past 12 months

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	17	23.3
No	56	76.7
Total	73	100.0



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Reasons for Homelessness

	Frequency	Percent
Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage	14	11.5
Loss of Public Aid	1	0.8
Natural Disaster	0	0.0
Unemployment	14	11.5
Moved to Seek Work	0	0.0
Evicted	9	7.4
Physical Health Reasons	4	3.3
Family Illness	1	0.8
Divorce or Separation	1	0.8
Pregnant or Parenting	0	0.0
Mental Illness	5	4.1
Substance Abuse	7	5.7
Left Jail/Prison/Detention	4	3.3
Domestic Violence	42	34.4
Criminal Record	3	2.5
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	13	10.7
Other	4	3.3
Total	122	100.0

⁷⁵ people answered this question. Those 75 people were able to pick more than one reason for becoming homeless.

Physical/Mental Disability (self-reported)

	Frequency	Percent
HIV/AIDS	1	0.8
Domestic Violence	60	48.0
Physical Disability	6	4.8
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	14	11.2
Serious Mental Illness	16	12.8
Substance Abuse Disorder	21	16.8
Developmental Disability	7	5.6
Traumatic Brain Injury	0	0.0
Total	125	100.0

⁷³ people answered this question. Those 73 people were able to pick more than one disability.



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Experienced Physical or Sexual Violence While Homeless

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	9	12.0
No	66	88.0
Total	75	100.0

Pregnant or an Expected Parent

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	2	2.7
No	73	97.3
Total	75	100.0

Able to work

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	59	78.7
No	16	21.3
Total	75	100.0

Job Status

	Frequency	Percent
Unemployed	25	41.7
Regular full-time job	14	23.3
Regular part-time job	17	28.3
Temporary job	4	6.7
Day labor/Odd jobs	0	0.0
Retired	0	0.0
Total	60	100.0

Length of Unemployment

	Months
Median	5.75



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US Armed Forces Service

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	2	2.7
No	73	97.3
Total	75	100.0

Activated Into Active Duty As

A Member of the National Guard or as a Reservist

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	0	0.0
No	73	100.0
Total	73	100.0

Length of Service

	Years
Median	6

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	0	0.0
Total Responses	1	100.0

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

Health Care or Other Benefits from VA medical Center

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	2	100.0
No	0	0.0
Total	2	100.0



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Services Needed

	Frequency	Percent
Basic Needs (clothing/food)	38	37.3
Job Training/Placement	5	4.9
Food Stamps	14	13.7
Transportation Assistance	20	19.6
Case Management	22	21.6
Veteran Benefits	2	2.0
Other	1	1.0
Total	102	100.0

⁴⁹ people answered this question. Those 49 people were able to pick more than one needed service.

