Victoria Are Homeless Coalition

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Number of surveys recorded	55
Number of adults in households	63
Number of children in households	3
Total number of people	66
Chronically Homeless People*	

Age Category

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	Frequency	Percent
17 & Under	0	0.0
18 – 24	4	8.5
25 – 64	41	87.2
65 & Older	2	4.3
Total	47	100.0

Gender Identity

	Frequency	Percent
Male	31	67.4
Female	15	32.6
Transgender	0	0.0
Does Not Identify as M, F, T	0	0.0
Total	46	100.0

Sexual Orientation

	Frequency	Percent
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual	4	10.3
Straight	33	84.6
Questioning	0	0.0
Prefer not to answer	2	5.1
Total	39	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	35	81.4
Asian	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0
Black or African American	8	18.6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Two or More	0	0.0
Total	43	100.0

Hispanic or Latino

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	21	45.7
No	25	54.3
Total	46	100.0

Nighttime Residence of Households on 1/26/17

	Frequency	Percent
Emergency Shelter (DV shelter included)	4	7.3
Transitional Shelter	5	9.1
Hotel/Motel (paid by voucher)	0	0.0
Place Not Meant For Habitation	46	83.6
Total	55	100.0

Household Makeup

	Frequency	Percent
Households Without Children	43	78.2
Unaccompanied Youth (age 18 – 24)	2	3.6
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)	1	1.8
Household With Children (at least one adult & one child)	6	10.9
Other Type Of Family	3	5.5
Total	55	100.0



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Current Situation

	Frequency	Percent
1st time homeless in the past 3 years	13	28.3
2-3 episodes in the past 3 years	12	26.1
At least 4 episodes in the past 3 years	7	15.2
Continuously homeless for a year or more	14	30.4
Total	46	100.0

Length of Current Episode of Homelessness

Median	12 Months
Range	3 Days – 15 Years

Location Where Respondent Became Homeless This Time

	Frequency
Victoria	35
Houston	2
Seadrift	1
Other TX Cities	6
Out of State	2
Total	46

Homeless another time in past 12 months

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	27	65.9
No	14	34.1
Total	41	100.0



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Reasons for Homelessness

	Frequency	Percent
Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage	19	17.4
Loss of Public Aid	1	0.9
Natural Disaster	0	0.0
Unemployment	20	18.3
Moved to Seek Work	2	1.8
Evicted	6	5.5
Physical Health Reasons	6	5.5
Family Illness	2	1.8
Divorce or Separation	6	5.5
Pregnant or Parenting	0	0.0
Mental Illness	5	4.6
Substance Abuse	7	6.4
Left Jail/Prison/Detention	5	4.6
Domestic Violence	4	3.7
Criminal Record	2	1.8
Ran Away From Home	3	2.8
Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity	2	1.8
Aged Out or Ran Away From Foster Care	0	0.0
Kicked Out by Family/Friends	8	7.3
Other	11	10.1
Total	109	100.0

⁴⁶ people answered this question. Those 46 people were able to pick more than one reason for becoming homeless.

Physical/Mental Disability (self-reported)

	Frequency	Percent
HIV/AIDS	1	4.2
Domestic Violence	2	8.3
Physical Disability	9	37.5
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	3	12.5
Serious Mental Illness	6	25.0
Substance Abuse Disorder	3	12.5
Developmental Disability	0	0.0
Traumatic Brain Injury	0	0.0
Total	24	100.0

¹⁵ people answered this question. Those 15 people were able to pick more than one disability.



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Experienced Physical or Sexual Violence While Homeless

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	8	22.9
No	27	77.1
Total	35	100.0

Pregnant or an Expected Parent

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	0	0.0
No	36	100.0
Total	36	100.0

Able to work

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	32	71.1
No	13	28.9
Total	45	100.0

Job Status

	Frequency	Percent
Unemployed	22	68.8
Regular full-time job	1	3.1
Regular part-time job	2	6.3
Temporary job	1	3.1
Day labor/Odd jobs	6	18.8
Retired	0	0.0
Total	32	100.0

Length of Unemployment

	Months
Median	12



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US Armed Forces Service

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	5	11.1
No	40	88.9
Total	45	100.0

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

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	1	3.7
No	26	96.3
Total	27	100.0

Length of Service

	Years
Median	5

Tour of Duty

	Frequency	Percent
Korea	0	0.0
Vietnam	1	25.0
Kuwait	0	0.0
Afghanistan	0	0.0
Iraq	0	0.0
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	2	66.7
No	1	33.3
Total	3	100.0



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Services Needed

	Frequency	Percent
Basic Needs (clothing/food)	25	23.6
Job Training/Placement	14	13.2
Food Stamps	21	19.8
Transportation Assistance	18	17.0
Case Management	15	14.2
Veteran Benefits	3	2.8
Other	10	9.4
Total	106	100.0

293 people answered this question. Those 293 people were able to pick more than one needed service.

