Every year HUD requires all Continua to collect data on homelessness at a single point-in-time during the last week in January. The Texas Homeless Network annually assists communities with their Point-in-Time homeless survey preparation and data analysis. This report is a compilation of data collected on the day of January 23, 2014, by members of the Midland Homeless Coalition.

The “known location” methodology was used by volunteers who surveyed persons found at sites identified by the community to be where those suffering from homelessness are known to congregate. The resulting survey sample is represented by people in homeless situations and persons who are at risk of becoming homeless. The number of survey responses does not represent the total population suffering from homelessness, so estimates are provided in this report. This information is used by local communities in the development of short and long-term strategies to alleviate homelessness.

### Family Type

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<td>Other Type of Family</td>
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<tr>
<td>Couple Without Children</td>
<td>3.4%</td>
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<td>One Parent Family With Children</td>
<td>29.3%</td>
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<td>Single Individual</td>
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234 people were accounted for in the survey. 157 adults and 77 children.

**Basic Demographics Quick Reference of 234 People Counted**

- Average age of all participants: 24.8%
- Median age of participants: 25.0%
- Male: 56.3%
- Female: 43.8%
- White: 72.0%
- Black/African American: 26.3%
- American Indian or Alaskan Native: 1.5%
- Asian American: 1.5%
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 0.5%
- Hispanic/Latino: 62.1%
- Households with Children: 29.3%
- Chronically Homeless: 60.0%
§11302. General definition of homeless individual: (a) In general
For purposes of this chapter, the term "homeless" or "homeless individual or homeless person" includes: 1. an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and 2. an individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is – A. a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill); B. an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or C. a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
**Risk Factors for Homelessness**

### Reasons For Homelessness

115 Confirmed Cases

Respondents were able to choose more than one category

- Sexual Orientation: 1.5%
- Family/Personal Illness: 2.0%
- Other: 3.4%
- Physical/Mental Disabilities: 3.4%
- Addiction: 3.9%
- Evicted: 4.9%
- Moved to Seek Work: 9.3%
- Incarceration: 9.8%
- Divorce/Separation: 11.8%
- Unemployment: 13.7%
- Domestic Violence: 15.2%
- Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage: 21.1%

### Disabilities

117 Confirmed Cases

Respondents were able to choose more than one category

- Traumatic Brain Injury: 0.8%
- Chronic Physical Illness: 0.8%
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: 1.7%
- Developmental Disability: 3.3%
- Serious Mental Illness: 6.7%
- Substance Abuse Disorder: 13.3%
- None of the Above: 73.3%
95.6% of respondents indicated that they were able to work.
Median length of unemployment is **10.5 months**.
75.9% of respondents report attaining a high school diploma or higher degree in this sample.
24.1% did not graduate high school.
### Health Care

#### Health Care Needed vs Received

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<td>Emergency Room</td>
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<td>Dental</td>
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<td>53.8%</td>
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<td>Mental Health</td>
<td>MHMR/Social Service Agency</td>
<td>40.0%</td>
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<td>Substance Abuse Treatment</td>
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There were 77 children (under the age of 18) accounted for in the 2014 Point-In-Time survey. Their median age is 6 years. Male children make up 55.6% and females account for 44.4%.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is a federal law that ensures immediate enrollment and educational stability for homeless children and youth. McKinney-Vento provides federal funding to states for the purpose of supporting district programs that serve homeless students.

Of the school-age children, 61.4% were enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade. Four and one half percent are enrolled in Head Start. Thirty seven and one half percent received enrollment help with school, while 62.5% did not.
Those who indicated they served in the armed forces, their average length of service was five years. Only one person out of 11 indicated they were called up for active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a reservist. Less than 30% indicated they had VA benefits of any kind.

The majority of people served in Kuwait (50.0%) with the others serving in Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, one person indicated “other.”
**COMMUNITY NEEDS AND ESTIMATES**

![Bar chart showing services needed](image)

- **Food Stamps:** 12.0%
- **Transportation Assistance:** 15.4%
- **Job Training and Placement:** 20.2%
- **Case Management:** 26.0%
- **Basic Needs (clothing/food):** 25.4%

**PIT homeless estimate for Midland Homeless Coalition:** 360

**Annualized homeless population estimate for Midland Homeless Coalition:** 457