

Homeless Count and Characteristics Survey Results

West Texas Homeless Network

January 22, 2015

Number of surveys recorded	129
Number of adults in households	155
Number of children in households	45
Total number of people	200
Total number of homeless people*	120

1. Age

	Age
Median	42.0

2. Gender

	Frequency	Percent
Male	47	43.5
Female	61	56.5
Transgender Male to Female	0	0.0
Transgender Female to Male	0	0.0
Total	108	100.0

3. Race

	Frequency	Percent
American Indian or Alaskan Native	3	3.1
Asian	1	1.0
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1	1.0
Black or African American	18	18.4
White	74	75.5
Two or More	1	1.0
Total	98	100.0

4. Hispanic or Latino

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	26	26.5
No	72	73.5
Total	98	100.0

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5. Physical/Mental Disability of Respondent (self-reported)

	Frequency	Percent
Substance Abuse Disorder	9	7.5
Chronic Physical Illness	25	20.8
Traumatic Brain Injury	2	1.7
HIV/AIDS	1	0.8
Serious Mental Illness	14	11.7
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	13	10.8
Developmental Disability	3	2.5
None of the Above	53	44.2
Total	120	100.0

*104 Confirmed Cases

6. Nighttime Residence of Households on 1/22/15

	Frequency	Percent
Emergency Shelter	42	39.3
Transitional Shelter	11	10.3
Permanent Supportive Housing	1	0.9
Place Not Meant For Habitation	12	11.2
Sharing Housing Of Others	13	12.1
VA Domiciliary	0	0.0
Mental Health Facility	0	0.0
Substance Abuse Treatment Center	0	0.0
Hospital	0	0.0
Corrections Facility/Jail	0	0.0
Hotel/Motel (with voucher)	0	0.0
Hotel/Motel (with own funds)	1	0.9
Subsidized Housing	1	0.9
In Own Home	25	23.4
Own Place With Imminent Eviction	0	0.0
Substandard Housing	1	0.9
Foster Care Or Group Home	0	0.0
Total	107	100.0

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7. Family/Household Makeup

	Frequency	Percent
Single Individual	67	61.5
Single Unaccompanied Minor	0	0.0
Two Parent Family With Children	4	3.7
Couple Without Children	17	15.6
One Parent Family With Children	18	16.5
Household With Only Children	0	0.0
Other Type Of Family	3	2.8
Total	109	100.0

8. Age of Children

Median	5.0
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9. Gender of Children

	Frequency	Percent
Male	23	60.5
Female	15	39.5
Total	38	100.0

10. Resources Needed By Children

	Frequency	Percent
Health Care	6	20.7
Child Care	6	20.7
TANF	4	13.8
WIC	5	17.2
SNAP	8	27.6
Total	29	100.0

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11. US Armed Forces Service

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	9	9.1
No	90	90.9
Total	99	100.0

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

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	3	5.3
No	54	94.7
Total	57	100.0

13. Length of Service

	Years
Median	5.0

14. Tour of Duty

	Frequency	Percent
Korea	0	0.0
Vietnam	4	28.6
Kuwait	4	28.6
Iraq	3	21.4
Afghanistan	2	14.3
Other	1	7.1
Total Responses	14	100.0

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15. Health Care or Other Benefits from VA medical Center

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	4	40.0
No	6	60.0
Total	10	100.0

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16. Currently Homeless (self-reported by the respondent)?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	73	70.9
No	30	29.1
Total	103	100.0

17. Respondent's Situation

	Frequency	Percent
1st time homeless in the past 3 years	47	62.7
2-3 episodes in the past 3 years	21	28.0
At least 4 episodes in the past 3 years	5	6.7
Continuously homeless for a year or more	2	2.7
Total	75	100.0

18. Length of Current Episode of Homelessness

Median	4 months
Range	1 day – 5 years

19. Location Where Respondent Became Homeless This Time

Abilene	62
Sweetwater	1
Texas	4
Out of state	4

20. Homeless another time in past 12 months?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	17	23.6
No	55	76.4
Total	72	100.0

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21. Reasons for Homelessness

	Frequency	Percent
Unable to pay rent/mortgage	13	12.7
Unemployment	22	21.6
Divorce/separation	7	6.9
Domestic violence	24	23.5
Incarceration	2	2.0
Family/personal illness	2	2.0
Physical/mental disabilities	2	2.0
Addiction	4	3.9
Evicted	6	5.9
Moved to seek work	3	2.9
Sexual orientation	0	0.0
Aged out of foster care	0	0.0
Other	17	16.7
Total	102	100.0

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22. Education

	Frequency	Percent
Never attended	4	3.9
1 st – 8 th Grade	0	0.0
Some high school	18	17.5
High school diploma/GED	45	43.7
Some college	27	26.2
Technical school/job training program	3	2.9
College graduate	6	5.8
Master's degree or higher	0	0.0
Total	103	100.0

23. Able to work

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	73	69.5
No	32	30.5
Total	105	100.0

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24. Job Status

	Frequency	Percent
Regular Full Time	16	21.6
Regular Part Time	7	9.5
Day Labor	2	2.7
Temporary Job	5	6.8
Unemployed	44	59.5
Retired	0	0.0
Total	74	100.0

25. Length of Unemployment

	Months
Median	6.0

26. Needed Medical Care in the Past Year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	67	63.2
No	39	36.8
Total	106	100.0

27. Received Medical Care

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	53	81.5
No	12	18.5
Total	65	100.0

28. Medical Care Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	33	47.8
Private Doctor	18	26.1
VA	3	4.3
Community Clinic	10	14.5
MHMR	3	4.3
Social Service Agency	0	0.0
Other	2	2.9
Total	69	100.0

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29. Needed Dental Care in the Past Year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	50	48.5
No	53	51.5
Total	103	100.0

30. Received Dental Care

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	13	27.1
No	35	72.9
Total	48	100.0

31. Dental Care Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	2	16.7
Private Doctor	5	41.7
VA	0	0.0
Community Clinic	3	25.0
MHMR	0	0.0
Social Service Agency	1	8.3
Other	1	8.3
Total	12	100.0

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32. Needed Mental Health Care in the Past Year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	25	26.9
No	68	73.1
Total	93	100.0

33. Received Mental Health Care

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	16	64.0
No	9	36.0
Total	25	100.0

34. Mental Health Care Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	1	8.3
Private Doctor	1	8.3
VA	0	0.0
Community Clinic	0	0.0
MHMR	8	66.7
Social Service Agency	0	0.0
Other	2	16.7
Total	12	100.0

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35. Needed Substance Abuse Treatment in the Past year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	14	15.7
No	75	84.3
Total	89	100.0

36. Received Substance Abuse Treatment

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	8	57.1
No	6	42.9
Total	14	100.0

37. Substance Abuse Treatment Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	0	0.0
Private Doctor	0	0.0
VA	0	0.0
Community Clinic	2	33.3
MHMR	0	0.0
Social Service Agency	1	16.7
Other	3	50.0
Total	6	100.0

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38. Needed HIV/AIDS Treatment in the Past year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	1	1.2
No	83	98.8
Total	84	100.0

39. Received HIV/AIDS Treatment

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	1	100.0
No	0	0.0
Total	1	100.0

40. HIV/AIDS Treatment Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	0	0.0
Private Doctor	1	100.0
VA	0	0.0
Community Clinic	0	0.0
MHMR	0	0.0
Social Service Agency	0	0.0
Other	0	0.0
Total	1	100.0

*1 Confirmed Case

41. Services Needed

	Frequency	Percent
Basic Needs (clothing/food)	57	31.8
Job Training/Placement	23	12.8
Food Stamps	38	21.2
Transportation Assistance	43	24.0
Case Management	14	7.8
Veteran Benefits	4	2.2
Total	179	100.0

*86 Confirmed Cases

*CoCs should include all individuals or families who meet the criteria in paragraph (1)(ii) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3. This includes individuals and families "living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangement (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals)" on the night designated for the count. This includes, emergency shelter, transitional shelter, VA domiciliary, place not meant for habitation, and hotel/motel paid by voucher.