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 Cameron County Homeless Partnership.

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.

### Basic Demographics

**253 Surveys Recorded • 363 People Counted**

**Family Type**

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<th>Family Type</th>
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<td>Couple Without Children</td>
<td>4.3%</td>
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<td>Two Parent Family With Children</td>
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<td>Single Unaccompanied Minor</td>
<td>10.0%</td>
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<td>One Parent Family With Children</td>
<td>14.7%</td>
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<td>Single Individual</td>
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Surveys accounted for 273 adults and 90 children.

**Demographic Statistics**

- Average age of all participants: 34.40
- Male: 66.9%
- Female: 33.1%
- White: 91.0%
- Black/African American: 8.7%
- American Indian or Alaskan Native: 0.3%
- Hispanic/Latino: 97.0%
- Households with Children: 32.2%
- Chronically Homeless: 17.1%
§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
Top 5 Responses
189 Total Confirmed Cases
Respondents were able to choose more than one category

- Other: 6.8%
- Moved to Seek Work: 7.4%
- Divorce/Separation: 9.7%
- Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage: 22.9%
- Unemployment: 30.3%

Disabilities
Top 5 Responses
208 Total Confirmed Cases
Respondents were able to choose more than one category

- HIV/AIDS: 3.0%
- Substance Abuse Disorder: 4.3%
- Serious Mental Illness: 8.6%
- Chronic Physical Illness: 10.7%
- No Disability: 68.2%
69.8% of respondents indicated that they were able to work.
Median length of unemployment is **1.4 years**.
38.1% of respondents report attaining a high school diploma or higher degree in this sample.
61.9% did not graduate high school.
### Health Care

#### Health Care Needed vs Received

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<td>Emergency Room/Private Doctor</td>
<td>50.0%</td>
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<td>HIV/AIDS Treatment</td>
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<td>33.3%</td>
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There were 90 children (under the age of 18) accounted for in the 2014 Point-In-Time survey. Their median age is eight years. Male children make up 57.3% and females account for 42.7%.

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, 42.1% were enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade and 57.9% were not enrolled in school. When asked if the family received enrollment assistance, 64.0% indicated they received help, while 36.0% they did not receive help.
Veteran Statistics

Those who indicated they served in the armed forces, their average length of service was 5 years. Two out of three people indicated they were called up for active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a reservist. Eighty three point three percent indicated they had no VA benefits of any kind.

The majority of people indicated they served in another conflict not listed on the Point-In-Time survey.
PIT homeless estimate for Cameron County Homeless Partnership: 854

Annualized homeless population estimate for Cameron County Homeless Partnership: 1182