

Homeless Count and Characteristics Survey Results

Cameron County Homeless Partnership

January 22, 2015

Number of surveys recorded	515
Number of adults in households	616
Number of children in households	220
Total number of people	836
Total number of homeless people*	251

1. Age

	Age
Median	41.0

2. Gender

	Frequency	Percent
Male	274	63.0
Female	160	36.8
Transgender Male to Female	0	0.0
Transgender Female to Male	1	0.2
Total	435	100.0

3. Race

	Frequency	Percent
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2	0.5
Asian	1	0.3
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Black or African American	21	5.3
White	369	93.7
Two or More	1	0.3
Total	394	100.0

4. Hispanic or Latino

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	381	86.4
No	60	13.6
Total	441	100.0

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

	Frequency	Percent
Substance Abuse Disorder	33	7.8
Chronic Physical Illness	50	11.9
Traumatic Brain Injury	6	1.4
HIV/AIDS	5	1.2
Serious Mental Illness	42	10.0
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	13	3.1
Developmental Disability	18	4.3
None of the Above	254	60.3
Total	421	100.0

*384 Confirmed Cases

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

	Frequency	Percent
Emergency Shelter	112	26.2
Transitional Shelter	5	1.2
Permanent Supportive Housing	17	4.0
Place Not Meant For Habitation	73	17.1
Sharing Housing Of Others	118	27.6
VA Domiciliary	0	0.0
Mental Health Facility	0	0.0
Substance Abuse Treatment Center	14	3.3
Hospital	0	0.0
Corrections Facility/Jail	8	1.9
Hotel/Motel (with voucher)	1	0.2
Hotel/Motel (with own funds)	7	1.6
Subsidized Housing	8	1.9
In Own Home	42	9.8
Own Place With Imminent Eviction	7	1.6
Substandard Housing	11	2.6
Foster Care Or Group Home	4	0.9
Total	427	100.0

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7. Family/Household Makeup

	Frequency	Percent
Single Individual	290	66.7
Single Unaccompanied Minor	2	0.5
Two Parent Family With Children	61	14.0
Couple Without Children	10	2.3
One Parent Family With Children	54	12.4
Household With Only Children	3	0.7
Other Type Of Family	15	3.4
Total	435	100.0

8. Age of Children

Median	8.0
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9. Gender of Children

	Frequency	Percent
Male	95	55.2
Female	77	44.8
Total	172	100.0

10. Resources Needed By Children

	Frequency	Percent
Health Care	43	30.9
Child Care	17	12.2
TANF	19	13.7
WIC	24	17.3
SNAP	36	25.9
Total	139	100.0

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11. US Armed Forces Service

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	20	4.7
No	407	95.3
Total	427	100.0

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

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	0	0.0
No	346	100.0
Total	346	100.0

13. Length of Service

	Years
Median	5.0

14. Tour of Duty

	Frequency	Percent
Korea	4	36.4
Vietnam	1	9.1
Kuwait	1	9.1
Iraq	1	9.1
Afghanistan	2	18.2
Other	2	18.2
Total Responses	11	100.0

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15. Health Care or Other Benefits from VA medical Center

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	7	58.3
No	5	41.7
Total	12	100.0

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

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	294	70.0
No	126	30.0
Total	420	100.0

17. Respondent's Situation

	Frequency	Percent
1st time homeless in the past 3 years	152	53.5
2-3 episodes in the past 3 years	54	19.0
At least 4 episodes in the past 3 years	14	4.9
Continuously homeless for a year or more	64	22.5
Total	284	100.0

18. Length of Current Episode of Homelessness

Median	1.2 Years
Range	1 day – 37 years

19. Location Where Respondent Became Homeless This Time

Brownsville	160
Harlingen	32
Los Fresnos	1
Mercedes	1
Olmito	1
Port Isabel	2
San Benito	3
South Padre Island	1
Texas	40
Out of state	35

20. Homeless another time in past 12 months?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	140	54.3
No	118	45.7
Total	258	100.0

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21. Reasons for Homelessness

	Frequency	Percent
Unable to pay rent/mortgage	110	20.8
Unemployment	134	25.3
Divorce/separation	32	6.0
Domestic violence	22	4.2
Incarceration	15	2.8
Family/personal illness	34	6.4
Physical/mental disabilities	26	4.9
Addiction	19	3.6
Evicted	15	2.8
Moved to seek work	36	6.8
Sexual orientation	7	1.3
Aged out of foster care	2	0.4
Other	77	14.6
Total	529	100.0

*361 Confirmed Cases

22. Education

	Frequency	Percent
Never attended	53	13.4
1 st – 8 th Grade	99	24.9
Some high school	82	20.7
High school diploma/GED	94	23.7
Some college	39	9.8
Technical school/job training program	11	2.8
College graduate	17	4.3
Master's degree or higher	2	0.5
Total	397	100.0

23. Able to work

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	295	74.7
No	100	25.3
Total	395	100.0

All responses are based on the respondent unless otherwise noted.

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24. Job Status

	Frequency	Percent
Regular Full Time	22	7.0
Regular Part Time	28	8.9
Day Labor	11	3.5
Temporary Job	33	10.4
Unemployed	221	69.9
Retired	1	0.3
Total	316	100.0

25. Length of Unemployment

	Months
Median	11.8

26. Needed Medical Care in the Past Year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	204	51.4
No	193	48.6
Total	397	100.0

27. Received Medical Care

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	129	67.5
No	62	32.5
Total	191	100.0

28. Medical Care Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	67	47.5
Private Doctor	24	17.0
VA	4	2.8
Community Clinic	31	22.0
MHMR	1	0.7
Social Service Agency	3	2.1
Other	11	7.8
Total	141	100.0

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29. Needed Dental Care in the Past Year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	139	36.3
No	244	63.7
Total	383	100.0

30. Received Dental Care

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	37	29.4
No	89	70.6
Total	126	100.0

31. Dental Care Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	1	2.9
Private Doctor	12	35.3
VA	2	5.9
Community Clinic	13	38.2
MHMR	0	0.0
Social Service Agency	2	5.9
Other	4	11.8
Total	34	100.0

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32. Needed Mental Health Care in the Past Year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	61	16.7
No	304	83.3
Total	365	100.0

33. Received Mental Health Care

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	35	67.3
No	17	32.7
Total	52	100.0

34. Mental Health Care Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	4	11.1
Private Doctor	2	5.6
VA	1	2.8
Community Clinic	5	13.9
MHMR	9	25.0
Social Service Agency	7	19.4
Other	8	22.2
Total	36	100.0

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35. Needed Substance Abuse Treatment in the Past year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	41	11.5
No	315	88.5
Total	356	100.0

36. Received Substance Abuse Treatment

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	15	40.5
No	22	59.5
Total	37	100.0

37. Substance Abuse Treatment Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	4	20.0
Private Doctor	1	5.0
VA	0	0.0
Community Clinic	2	10.0
MHMR	2	10.0
Social Service Agency	4	20.0
Other	7	35.0
Total	20	100.0

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38. Needed HIV/AIDS Treatment in the Past year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	11	3.3
No	321	96.7
Total	332	100.0

39. Received HIV/AIDS Treatment

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	6	60.0
No	4	40.0
Total	10	100.0

40. HIV/AIDS Treatment Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	0	0.0
Private Doctor	2	33.3
VA	0	0.0
Community Clinic	2	33.3
MHMR	0	0.0
Social Service Agency	0	0.0
Other	2	33.3
Total	5	100.0

*6 Confirmed Cases

41. Services Needed

	Frequency	Percent
Basic Needs (clothing/food)	301	32.6
Job Training/Placement	163	17.6
Food Stamps	171	18.5
Transportation Assistance	160	17.3
Case Management	112	12.1
Veteran Benefits	17	1.7
Total	924	100.0

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*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.