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 24, 2013, by members of the Denton County 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.

238 people were accounted for in the survey. 184 adults and 54 children.
§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.
CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS

Reasons for Becoming Homeless

- Unemployment: 23.8%
- Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage: 21.7%
- Physical/Mental Disabilities: 10.2%
- Evicted: 10.2%
- Divorce/Separation: 7.7%
- Other: 6.8%
- Incarceration: 5.5%
- Family/Personal Illness: 4.3%
- Moved to Seek Work: 4.3%
- Addiction: 3.0%
- Domestic Violence: 2.1%
- Sexual Orientation: 0.4%
71.4% of respondents indicated that they were able to work.
Those that work, average 31.86 hours per week, and their median monthly income was $710.00.
Median length of unemployment is 4 years.
70.5% of respondents report attaining a high school diploma or higher degree in this sample.
29.5% did not graduate high school.
### Health Care

#### Medical Care Needed vs Received

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<td>Emergency Room</td>
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## Treatment Services and Institutional Stays

### Receiving Treatment For:

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### Institutional Stays:

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Prior to entering these institutions, **45.4%** of respondents were homeless.

Upon leaving the institution, **44.6%** remained homeless.
Respondents indicating having served in the United States Armed Forces: 18.7%

Median length of service was 3 years.

Of those who served in the armed forces, 14.3% were called to active duty as a member of the National Guard or a Reservist.

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**VA Benefits**

86.7% Yes

13.3% No
LOCATION AND COMMUNITY NEEDS

Where Respondent Became Homeless
(Distance from Denton, TX)

- Denton, TX: 68.0%
- Less than 25 Miles: 14.4%
- 25 - 50 Miles: 10.3%
- Out of State: 7.2%

Services Needed

- Clothing and/or Food: 22.3%
- Food Stamps: 17.9%
- Job Training and Placement: 15.8%
- Transportation Assistance: 13.5%
- Case Management: 7.6%
- Budgeting Class: 5.9%
- GED or Educational Training: 5.6%
- Legal Aid: 5.0%
- Veteran Benefits: 2.3%
- No Services Needed: 1.8%
- Child Care: 1.5%
- English as a Second Language: 0.9%
HOUSING NEEDS & ESTIMATES

Details of Homelessness

With the range of homelessness from 1 day to 25 years, the median length of homelessness was 1 years.

PIT homeless estimate for Denton: 832

Annualized homeless population estimates for Denton: 921