

Point-In-Time Survey Results
Gulf Coast Homeless Coalition
January 21, 2016

Number of surveys recorded	357
Number of adults in households	350
Number of children in households	26
Total number of people	376
Chronically Homeless Households*	77

Age Category

	Frequency	Percent
17 & Under	12	3.4
18 – 24	40	11.2
25 – 64	216	60.5
65 & Older	89	24.9
Total	357	100.0

Gender Identity

	Frequency	Percent
Male	252	70.8
Female	103	28.9
Transgender	1	0.3
Total	356	100.0

Sexual Orientation

	Frequency	Percent
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual	28	8.6
Straight	280	85.9
Questioning	4	1.2
Prefer not to answer	14	4.3
Total	326	100.0

*Per section 401(2) of the McKinney-Act, 42 U.S.C. 11360, Chronically homeless means: as an individual or family that is homeless and resides in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter, and has been homeless and residing in such a place for at least 1 year or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years. The statutory definition also requires that the individual or family has a head of household with a diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability, posttraumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from a brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability.

A shorter way to put it: A person living in emergency shelter, safe haven, or a place not meant for habitation who has a disability, and who has been homeless for at least one year or at least four times in the past three years (total time would equal 12 months or more).

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Race

	Frequency	Percent
White	215	62.7
Asian	1	0.3
American Indian or Alaska Native	6	1.7
Black or African American	116	33.8
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Two or More	5	1.5
Total	343	100.0

Hispanic or Latino

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	13	10.1
No	116	89.9
Total	129	100.0

Nighttime Residence of Households on 1/21/16

	Frequency	Percent
Emergency Shelter (DV shelter included)	280	78.4
Transitional Shelter	15	4.2
Hotel/Motel (paid by voucher)	4	1.1
Place Not Meant For Habitation	58	16.2
Total	357	100.0

Household Makeup

	Frequency	Percent
Households Without Children	298	83.5
Unaccompanied <i>Young Adults</i> (age 18 – 24)	38	10.6
Unaccompanied Youth (under age 18)	12	3.4
Parenting <i>Young Adults</i> (age 18 – 24)	2	0.6
Parenting Youth (under age 18)	0	0.0
Household With Children (at least one adult & one child)	7	2.0
Minor Respondent Living With Parent(s)	0	0.0
Other Type Of Family	0	0.0
Total	357	100.0

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Current Situation

	Frequency	Percent
1st time homeless in the past 3 years	126	43.2
2-3 episodes in the past 3 years	54	18.5
At least 4 episodes in the past 3 years	32	11.0
Continuously homeless for a year or more	80	27.4
Total	292	100.0

Length of Current Episode of Homelessness

Median	8 months
Range	1 day – 27 years

Location Where Respondent Became Homeless This Time

Alvin	4	Angleton	9
Beaumont	4	Clute	3
Freeport	13	Galveston	42
Houston	7	Pasadena	3
Texas City	3		

Homeless another time in past 12 months

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	186	69.1
No	83	30.9
Total	269	100.0

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Reasons for Homelessness

	Frequency	Percent
Financial Reasons	295	88.6
Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage	60	18.0
Loss of Public Aid	14	4.2
Natural Disaster	5	1.5
Unemployment	56	16.8
Moved to Seek Work	12	3.6
Evicted	6	1.8
Physical Health	30	9.0
Domestic Violence	11	3.3
Family Illness	12	3.6
Divorce or Separation	26	7.8
Hospital Discharge	2	0.6
Pregnant or Parenting	2	0.6
Mental Illness	36	10.8
Substance Abuse	28	8.4
Left Jail/Prison/Detention	15	4.5
Criminal Record	18	5.4
Ran Away From Home	3	0.9
Lifestyle Choice	4	1.2
Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity	1	0.3
To Protect Self or Family Member(s)	6	1.8
Abandonment by Parent or Guardian	8	2.4
Too Crowded/Doubled Up	4	1.2
Aged Out or Ran Away From Foster Care	1	0.3
Kicked Out by Family	22	6.6
Kicked Out by Friends	3	0.9
Total	687	236.1

333 people answered this question. Those 333 people were able to pick more than one reason for becoming homeless.

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Physical/Mental Disability (self-reported)

	Frequency	Percent
Alcohol/Substance Abuse (or addiction)	162	50.3
Serious Mental Illness	69	21.4
Physical Disability	49	15.2
Developmental Disability	12	3.7
HIV/AIDS	11	3.4
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	23	7.1
Traumatic Brain Injury	9	2.8
None of the Above	79	24.5
Total	414	135.0

322 people answered this question. Those 322 people were able to pick more than one disability.

Previous Experiences

	Frequency	Percent
Domestic Violence	41	31.8
Child Abuse/Neglect	23	17.8
Foster Care	10	7.8
Legal Problems/Prior Conviction	42	32.6
Sexual Assault	19	14.7
Gang Involvement	7	5.4
None of the Above	48	37.2
Total	190	147.2

129 people answered this question. Those 129 people were able to pick more than one previous experience.

Experienced Physical or Sexual Violence While Homeless

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	66	19.6
No	270	80.4
Total	336	100.0

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Education

	Frequency	Percent
Less than 9 th grade	14	4.0
Some high school	40	11.3
High school diploma/GED	197	55.6
Some college	43	12.1
College graduate	45	12.7
Technical school/Training program	10	2.8
Master's degree or higher	5	1.4
Total	354	100.0

Able to work

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	295	84.5
No	54	15.5
Total	349	100.0

Job Status

	Frequency	Percent
Unemployed but looking for work	0	0.0
Unemployed but <i>not</i> looking for work	0	0.0
Regular full-time job	0	0.0
Regular part-time job	0	0.0
Temporary job	0	0.0
Day labor/Odd jobs	0	0.0
Retired	0	0.0
Total	0	0.0

Length of Unemployment

	Months
Median	4.0

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US Armed Forces Service

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	16	4.7
No	322	95.3
Total	338	100.0

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

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	5	1.5
No	318	98.5
Total	323	0.0

Length of Service

	Years
Median	4.0

Tour of Duty

	Frequency	Percent
Korea	0	0.0
Vietnam	4	40.0
Kuwait	1	10.0
Afghanistan	3	30.0
Iraq	1	10.0
Other	2	20.0
Total Responses	11	110.0

10 people answered this question. Those 10 people were able to pick more than one tour of duty.

Health Care or Other Benefits from VA medical Center

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	10	52.6
No	9	47.4
Total	19	100.0

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Services Needed

	Frequency	Percent
Basic Needs (clothing/food)	112	32.7
Job Training/Placement	52	15.2
Food Stamps	293	85.7
Transportation Assistance	83	24.3
Case Management	74	21.6
Veteran Benefits	3	0.9
Other	23	6.7
Total	640	187.1

342 people answered this question. Those 342 people were able to pick more than one needed service.