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 North East Texas 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.

**BASIC DEMOGRAPHICS**

*520 Surveys Recorded • 597 People Counted*

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<th>Family Type</th>
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<td>Two Parent Family With Children</td>
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<td>Single Unaccompanied Minor</td>
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<td>Other Type of Family</td>
<td>2.5%</td>
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<td>One Parent Family With Children</td>
<td>4.7%</td>
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<td>Single Individual</td>
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Surveys accounted for 524 adults and 73 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.
RISK FACTORS FOR HOMELESSNESS

Reasons For Homelessness
Top 5 Responses
374 Total Confirmed Cases
Respondents were able to choose more than one category

- Evicted: 6.1%
- Divorce/Seperation: 6.1%
- Physical/Mental Disabilities: 9.5%
- Addiction: 11.3%
- Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage: 20.0%
- Unemployment: 21.7%

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

- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: 8.8%
- Serious Mental Illness: 14.1%
- Chronic Physical Illness: 16.2%
- Substance Abuse Disorder: 19.2%
- No Disability: 33.4%
63.7% of respondents indicated that they were able to work. Median length of unemployment is 1 year. 72.7% of respondents report attaining a high school diploma or higher degree in this sample. 27.3% did not graduate high school.
### Health Care Needed vs Received

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<td>Social Service Agency</td>
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<td>HIV/AIDS Treatment</td>
<td>Community Clinic</td>
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There were 73 children (under the age of 18) accounted for in the 2014 Point-In-Time survey. Their median age is six years. Male children make up 48.8% and females account for 51.2%.

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, 69.3% were enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade, 4.0% were enrolled in Head Start, and 26.7% were not enrolled in school. When asked if the family received enrollment assistance, 21.1% indicated they received help, while 78.9% they did not receive help.

### Children's Needs

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<td>Tutoring</td>
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<td>TANF</td>
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<td>Child Support</td>
<td>22.2%</td>
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19 Confirmed Cases

Respondents were able to choose more than one option.
Veteran Statistics

Those who indicated they served in the armed forces, their average length of service was 3 years. Nine people out of 28 indicated they were called up for active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a reservist. When asked about VA benefits, 57.7% indicated they had no VA benefits of any kind.

The majority of people (34.6%) indicated they served in Vietnam.
COMMUNITY NEEDS AND ESTIMATES

Services Needed
354 Confirmed Cases
Respondents could choose more than one option

- Veteran Benefits: 1.6%
- Food Stamps: 15.3%
- Job Training and Placement: 16.4%
- Case Management: 19.7%
- Transportation Assistance: 22.9%
- Basic Needs (clothing/food): 24.2%

PIT homeless estimate for
North East Texas Homeless Coalition:
219

Annualized homeless population estimate for
North East Texas Homeless Coalition:
616