Texas Homeless Network
2014 Point-In-Time Results

South Plains Homeless Consortium

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 South Plains Homeless Consortium.

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
391 SURVEYS RECORDED • 508 PEOPLE COUNTED

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<th>Family Type</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>Household With Only Children</td>
<td>0.6%</td>
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<td>Two Parent Family With Children</td>
<td>3.9%</td>
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<td>Single Unaccompanied Minor</td>
<td>5.4%</td>
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<td>Other Type of Family</td>
<td>6.8%</td>
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<td>Couple Without Children</td>
<td>7.1%</td>
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<td>One Parent Family With Children</td>
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<td>Single Individual</td>
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Surveys accounted for 415 adults and 93 children.

Average age of all participants 32.00
Male 66.3%
Female 33.7%
White 73.8%
Black/African American 20.2%
American Indian or Alaskan Native 4.2%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 1.1%
Asian American 0.7%
Hispanic/Latino 39.9%
Households with Children 20.9%
Chronically Homeless 15.9%
§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**

- Domestic Violence: 8.8%
- Incarceration: 13.1%
- Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage: 13.3%
- Unemployment: 15.5%
- Addiction: 15.7%

**Disabilities**

- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: 7.1%
- Serious Mental Illness: 10.2%
- Chronic Physical Illness: 11.0%
- Substance Abuse Disorder: 19.1%
- No Disability: 43.7%
80.9% of respondents indicated that they were able to work.
Median length of unemployment is **10 months**.
74.4% of respondents report attaining a high school diploma or higher degree in this sample.
25.6% did not graduate high school.
## Health Care

### Health Care Needed vs Received

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<th>Majority Treatment Received From</th>
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<td>Medical</td>
<td>Emergency Room</td>
<td>37.7%</td>
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<td>Dental</td>
<td>Community Clinic</td>
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<td>Mental Health</td>
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<td>Substance Abuse Treatment</td>
<td>Social Service Agency</td>
<td>29.6</td>
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<td>HIV/AIDS Treatment</td>
<td>Community Clinic</td>
<td>33.3%</td>
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There were 93 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 58.1% and females account for 41.9%.

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, 88.4% were enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade and 7.0% were not enrolled in school. When asked if the family received enrollment assistance, 32.4% indicated they received help, while 67.6% they did not receive help.

### Children's Needs

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<td>Tutoring</td>
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<td>WIC</td>
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<td>Health Care</td>
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<td>Child Support</td>
<td>28.1%</td>
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<td>TANF</td>
<td>31.6%</td>
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Veteran Statistics

Those who indicated they served in the armed forces, their average length of service was 4 years. Eleven people out of 30 indicated they were called up for active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a reservist. When asked about VA benefits, 44.0% indicated they had no VA benefits of any kind.

The majority of people (25.0%) indicated they served in Vietnam.
Community Needs and Estimates

Services Needed
257 Confirmed Cases
(respondents could choose more than one option)

- Veteran Benefits: 2.1%
- Case Management: 11.5%
- Job Training and Placement: 17.6%
- Food Stamps: 18.2%
- Transportation Assistance: 22.4%
- Basic Needs (clothing/food): 28.3%

PIT homeless estimate for South Plains Homeless Consortium:
347

Annualized homeless population estimate for South Plains Homeless Consortium:
842