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 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.

376 people were accounted for in the survey. 250 adults and 126 children.

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<th>Family Type</th>
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<td>Other Type of Family</td>
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<td>Two Parent Family with Children</td>
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<td>Couple Without Children</td>
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<td>One Parent Family With Children</td>
<td>15.5%</td>
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<td>Single Individual</td>
<td>74.0%</td>
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Average age of all participants: 40.14
Median age of participants: 40.00
Male: 64.0%
Female: 35.6%
Transgender Male to Female: 0.4%
White: 69.5%
Black/African-American: 28.1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native: 2.0%
Hispanic/Latino: 41.3%
Households with children: 18.7%
Median age of Children: 7.57
Chronic Homelessness: 19.8%
§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
198 Valid Cases

- Unemployment: 21.2%
- Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage: 17.5%
- Domestic Violence: 12.4%
- Addiction: 11.2%
- Divorce/Separation: 11.2%
- Physical/Mental Disabilities: 8.8%
- Incarceration: 8.0%
- Evicted: 6.3%
- Family/Personal Illness: 5.1%
- Moved to Seek Work: 4.9%
- Other: 2.4%
- Sexual Orientation: 1.7%
- Other: 0.5%
74.3% of respondents indicated that they were able to work.
Those that work, average 31.84 hours per week, and their median monthly income was $700.00.
Median length of unemployment is 1 year.
73.7% of respondents report attaining a high school diploma or higher degree in this sample.
26.3% did not graduate high school.
### Health Care

#### Medical Care Needed vs Received

![Bar chart showing medical care needed vs received for various categories]

#### Health Care Need | Majority Received From | Percentage
---|---|---
Medical (97 valid cases) | Emergency Room | 46.4%
Dental (20 valid cases) | Community Clinic | 55.0%
Mental Health (41 valid cases) | VA | 37.2%
Substance Abuse Treatment (22 valid cases) | “Other” | 52.2%
## Treatment Services and Institutional Stays

### Receiving Treatment For:

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<td>Drug Abuse</td>
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<td>Other Physical Condition</td>
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<td>Alcohol Abuse</td>
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98 Valid Cases

### Institutional Stays:

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<td>Jail or Prison</td>
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<td>Substance Abuse Treatment Facility</td>
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<td>9.5%</td>
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<td>Foster Care</td>
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146 Valid Cases

Prior to entering these institutions, **44.0%** of respondents were homeless.

Upon leaving the institution, **26.6%** remained homeless.
Veteran Statistics

Respondents indicating having served in the United States Armed Forces: 20.4%

Median length of service was 3 years.

Of those who served in the armed forces, 8.8% were called to active duty as a member of the National Guard or a Reservist.

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<th>Tour of Duty</th>
<th>Percent Served (22 valid cases)</th>
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VA Benefits

74.3%

25.7%
Where Respondent Became Homeless
(Distance from Lubbock, TX)

Services Needed
199 Valid Cases
Housing Needs Estimates

With the range of homelessness from 2 days to 32 years, the median length of homelessness was 6 months.

PIT homeless estimate for Lubbock: 347

Annualized homeless population estimates for Lubbock: 727