

Homeless Count and Characteristics Survey Results

Texarkana Homeless Coalition

January 22, 2015

Number of surveys recorded	163
Number of adults in households	181
Number of children in households	56
Total number of people	237

1. Age of Respondent

	Age
Average	46.1
Median	45.8

2. Gender of Respondent

	Frequency	Percent
Male	103	63.2
Female	60	36.8
Transgender Male to Female	0	0.0
Transgender Female to Male	0	0.0
Total	163	100.0

3. Race of Respondent

	Frequency	Percent
American Indian or Alaskan Native	4	0.6
Asian	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1	0.6
Black or African American	65	40.6
White	90	56.3
Two or More	3	1.9
Total	160	100.0

4. Hispanic or Latino (Respondent)?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	4	2.5
No	156	97.5
Total	160	100.0

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5. Physical/Mental Disability of Respondent

	Frequency	Percent
Substance Abuse Disorder	18	8.1
Chronic Physical Illness	49	22.2
Traumatic Brain Injury	9	4.1
HIV/AIDS	2	0.9
Serious Mental Illness	33	14.9
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	23	10.4
Developmental Disability	16	7.2
None of the Above	71	32.1
Total	221	100.0

*161 confirmed cases

6. Nighttime Residence of Households on 1/22/15

	Frequency	Percent
Emergency Shelter	73	44.8
Transitional Shelter	29	17.8
Permanent Supportive Housing	0	0.0
Place Not Meant For Habitation	38	23.3
Sharing Housing Of Others	12	7.5
VA Domiciliary	0	0.0
Mental Health Facility	0	0.0
Substance Abuse Treatment Center	0	0.0
Hospital	0	0.0
Corrections Facility/Jail	0	0.0
Hotel/Motel (with voucher)	0	0.0
Hotel/Motel (with own funds)	0	0.0
Subsidized Housing	1	0.6
In Own Home	7	4.3
Own Place With Imminent Eviction	0	0.0
Substandard Housing	3	1.8
Foster Care Or Group Home	0	0.0
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7. Family/Household Makeup

	Frequency	Percent
Single Individual	127	78.9
Single Unaccompanied Minor	0	0.0
Two Parent Family With Children	2	1.2
Couple Without Children	7	4.3
One Parent Family With Children	22	13.7
Household With Only Children	0	0.0
Other Type Of Family	3	1.9
Total	161	100.0

8. Age of Children

Average	9.0
Median	9.5

9. Gender of Children

	Frequency	Percent
Male	22	55.0
Female	18	45.0
Total	40	100.0

10. Resources Needed By Children

	Frequency	Percent
Health Care	11	40.7
Child Care	4	14.8
TANF	1	3.7
WIC	3	11.1
SNAP	8	29.6
Total	27	100.0

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11. US Armed Forces Service (Respondent)

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	25	15.6
No	135	84.4
Total	160	100.0

12. Activated Into Active Duty As A Member of The National Guard Or As A Reservist (Respondent)

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	0	0.0
No	125	100.0
Total	125	100.0

13. Length of Service

	Years
Median	4.0

14. Tour of Duty (Respondent)

	Frequency	Percent
Korea	0	0.0
Vietnam	5	33.3
Kuwait	2	13.3
Iraq	3	20.0
Afghanistan	2	13.3
Other	3	20.0
Total Responses	15	100.0

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15. Health Care or Other Benefits from VA medical Center

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	5	45.5
No	6	54.5
Total	11	100.0

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16. Currently Homeless?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	152	93.3
No	11	6.7
Total	163	100.0

17. Respondent's Situation

	Frequency	Percent
1st time homeless in the past 3 years	80	53.0
2-3 episodes in the past 3 years	42	27.8
At least 4 episodes in the past 3 years	5	3.3
Continuously homeless for a year or more	24	15.9
Total	151	100.0

18. Length of Current Episode of Homelessness

Median	6 months
Range	4 days – 35 years

19. Location Where Respondent Became Homeless This Time

Texarkana, TX	94
Texas	16
Arkansas	18
Out of State	11

20. Homeless another time in past 12 months?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	57	38.8
No	90	61.2
Total	147	100.0

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21. Reasons for Homelessness

	Frequency	Percent
Unable to pay rent/mortgage	63	20.3
Unemployment	62	20.0
Divorce/separation	36	11.6
Domestic violence	34	11.0
Incarceration	11	3.5
Family/personal illness	27	8.7
Physical/mental disabilities	21	6.8
Addiction	18	5.8
Evicted	14	4.5
Moved to seek work	4	1.3
Sexual orientation	0	0.0
Other	20	6.5
Total	310	100.0

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22. Education

	Frequency	Percent
Never attended	1	0.6
1 st – 8 th Grade	7	4.5
Some high school	33	21.4
High school diploma/GED	65	42.2
Some college	28	18.2
Technical school/job training program	9	5.8
College graduate	8	5.2
Master's degree or higher	3	1.9
Total	154	100.0

23. Able to work

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	97	61.8
No	60	38.2
Total	157	100.0

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24. Job Status

	Frequency	Percent
Regular Full Time	23	23.7
Regular Part Time	9	9.3
Day Labor	1	1.0
Temporary Job	5	5.2
Unemployed	59	60.8
Retired	0	0
Total	97	100.0

25. Length of Unemployment

	Months
Median	7.0

26. Needed Medical Care in the Past Year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	106	70.7
No	44	29.3
Total	150	100.0

27. Received Medical Care

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	79	74.5
No	27	25.5
Total	106	100.0

28. Medical Care Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	50	49.5
Private Doctor	19	18.8
VA	7	6.9
Community Clinic	17	16.8
MHMR	5	5.0
Social Service Agency	2	2.0
Other	1	1.0
Total	101	100.0

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29. Needed Dental Care in the Past Year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	76	50.7
No	74	49.3
Total	150	100.0

30. Received Dental Care

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	11	14.5
No	65	85.5
Total	76	100.0

31. Dental Care Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	1	8.3
Private Doctor	6	50.0
VA	2	16.7
Community Clinic	2	16.7
MHMR	0	0.0
Social Service Agency	0	0.0
Other	1	8.3
Total	12	100.0

*11 Confirmed Cases

32. Needed Mental Health Care in the Past Year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	44	29.3
No	106	70.7
Total	150	100.0

33. Received Mental Health Care

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	25	56.8
No	19	43.2
Total	44	100.0

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34. Mental Health Care Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	1	4.2
Private Doctor	1	4.2
VA	3	12.5
Community Clinic	3	12.5
MHMR	12	50.0
Social Service Agency	2	8.3
Other	2	8.3
Total	24	100.0

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35. Needed Substance Abuse Treatment in the Past year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	15	10.1
No	134	89.9
Total	149	100.0

36. Received Substance Abuse Treatment

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	11	73.3
No	4	26.7
Total	15	100.0

37. Substance Abuse Treatment Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	0	0.0
Private Doctor	0	0.0
VA	0	0.0
Community Clinic	3	27.3
MHMR	2	18.2
Social Service Agency	2	18.2
Other	4	36.4
Total	11	100.0

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38. Needed HIV/AIDS Treatment in the Past year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	3	2.0
No	146	98.0
Total	149	100.0

39. Received HIV/AIDS Treatment

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	2	100.0
No	0	0.0
Total	2	100.0

40. HIV/AIDS Treatment Received From

	Frequency	Percent
ER	0	0.0
Private Doctor	0	0.0
VA	0	0.0
Community Clinic	2	100.0
MHMR	0	0.0
Social Service Agency	0	0.0
Other	0	0.0
Total	2	100.0

*2 Confirmed Cases

41. Services Needed

	Frequency	Percent
Basic Needs (clothing/food)	117	27.7
Job Training/Placement	57	13.5
Food Stamps	72	17.1
Transportation Assistance	74	17.5
Case Management	88	20.9
Veteran Benefits	14	3.3
Total	422	100.0

*148 Confirmed Cases