

Homeless Count and Characteristics Survey Results

Abilene

January 24, 2013

Number of Surveys Recorded 148

1. Age of Respondent

	Age
Average	43.7
Median	43.2

2. Gender

	Frequency	Percent
Male	77	53.5
Female	65	45.1
Transgender Male to Female	2	1.4
Total	144	100.0

3. Race

	Frequency	Percent	Percent of Cases
American Indian or Alaskan Native	4	2.9	2.9
Asian American	2	1.4	1.4
Black or African American	22	15.7	15.8
White	112	80.0	80.6
Total	140	100.0	100.7

*139 valid cases

4. Hispanic or Latino?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes, Hispanic or Latino	21	21.4
No, Not Hispanic or Latino	77	78.6
Total	98	100.0

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5. Which of the following best describes the family/household?

	Frequency	Percent
Single individual	65	56.5
Two parent family with children	16	13.9
One parent family with children	14	12.2
Household with only children	1	0.9
Couple without children	17	14.8
Other type of family	2	1.7
Total	115	100.0

6. How Many Total People In Family/Household?

	People in family/household
Average	2.00
Median	1.00

7. How Many Adults In Family/Household?

	Adults in family/household
Average	1.70
Median	1.00

8. How Many Children In Family/Household?

Average	1.97
Median	2.00

9. Age of Children

	Age
Average	7.08
Median	7.00

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10. Gender of Children

	Frequency	Percent
Male	34	51.5
Female	32	48.5
Total	66	100.0

11. Last Night's Lodging?

	Frequency	Percent
Emergency Shelter	32	25.0
Transitional Housing	25	19.5
Permanent Supportive Housing	1	0.8
Place not meant for habitation	11	8.6
Sharing housing of others	8	6.3
Substance abuse treatment center	9	7.0
Hotel/Motel (with own funds)	7	5.5
In own home	32	25.0
Home with imminent eviction	1	0.8
Other	2	1.6
Total	128	100.0

12. Children Enrolled in School

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	5	55.6
No	4	44.4
Total	9	100.0

13. Enrollment Assistance for Children

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	1	33.3
No	2	66.7
Total	3	100.0

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14. Resources needed by children

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Health Care	5	45.5	71.4
Child Support	1	9.1	14.3
TANF	4	36.4	57.1
WIC	1	9.1	14.3
Total	11	100.0	157.1

*7 Valid Cases

15. US Armed Forces Service

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	18	18.4
No	80	81.6
Total	98	100.0

16. Length of Service

	Length of service (Years)
Median	4.00

17. Activated into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	7	41.2
No	10	58.8
Total	17	100.0

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18. Tour of Duty

	Frequency	Percent	% of Cases
Korea	3	15.8	20.0
Vietnam	4	21.1	26.7
Kuwait	2	10.5	13.3
Iraq	3	15.8	20.0
Afghanistan	1	5.3	6.7
Other	6	31.6	40.0
Total Responses	19	100.0	100.0

*15 valid cases

19. VA Benefits

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	4	28.6
No	10	71.4
Total	14	100.0

20. Length of Homelessness

Median	4.75 months
Range	2 days – 35 years

21. Respondent's Situation

	Frequency	Percent
1st time homeless in the past 3 years	46	48.4
2-3 episodes in the past 3 years	18	18.9
At least 4 episodes in the past 3 years	8	8.4
Continuously homeless for a year or more	11	11.6
Not currently homeless	12	12.6
Total	95	100.0

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22. Times Moved in Last 60 Days

Median	2 Times
Range	1 Time – 3 Times

23. Homeless another time in past 12 months?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	30	34.5
No	57	65.5
Total	87	100.0

24. City where respondent became homeless

City	Frequency	Percent	City	Frequency	Percent	City	Frequency	Percent
Abilene	49	68.1	Brownwood	1	1.4	Bryan	1	1.4
Dumas	2	2.8	Ft. Worth	2	2.8	Lubbock	1	1.4
Merkel	1	1.4	Ranger	2	2.8	San Angelo	1	1.4
San Antonio	2	2.8	Wichita Falls	1	1.4	Out of State	9	12.5
TOTAL	72	100.0						

25. Born in current city or county?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	14	17.7
No	65	82.3
Total	79	100.0

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26. Reasons for Homelessness

	Frequency	Percent of Responses	Percent of Cases
Unable to pay rent/mortgage	15	11.6	16.9
Unemployment	24	18.6	27.0
Divorce/Separation	12	9.3	13.5
Domestic Violence	16	12.4	18.0
Incarceration	3	2.3	3.4
Family/Personal Illness	2	1.6	2.2
Physical/Mental Disabilities	8	6.2	9.0
Addiction	28	21.7	31.5
Evicted	5	3.9	5.6
Moved to seek work	5	3.9	5.6
Other	11	8.5	12.4
Total	129	100.0	144.9

*89 valid cases

27. Shelter and Housing Needs

	Frequency	Percent of Responses	Percent of Cases
Emergency Shelter	75	50.3	100.0
Transitional Housing	29	19.5	38.7
Affordable Housing	9	6.0	12.0
Permanent Supp. Housing	28	18.8	37.3
Do not need Housing	8	5.4	10.7
Total	149	100.0	198.7

*75 valid cases

28. Shelter and Housing Received

	Frequency	Percent of Responses	Percent of Cases
Emergency Shelter	6	9.8	11.1
Transitional Housing	44	72.1	81.5
Affordable Housing	2	3.3	3.7
Permanent Housing	9	14.8	16.7
Total	61	100.0	113.0

*54 valid cases

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29. Education

	Frequency	Percent
1st-8th Grade	9	8.1
Some High School	21	18.9
HS Diploma/GED	44	39.6
Some College	28	25.2
Technical school/Job Training Program	5	4.5
College Graduate	4	3.6
Total	111	100.0

30. Able to work

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	86	75.4
No	28	24.6
Total	114	100.0

31. Job Status

	Frequency	Percent
Regular full time	20	26.0
Regular part time	18	23.4
Day labor	3	3.9
Temp Job	6	7.8
Unemployed	30	39.0
Total	77	100.0

32. Hours per week for pay

Average	29.08
Median	30.00

33. Length of Unemployment

	Months
Median	6

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34. Earned Monthly Income

	Monthly Income
Median	\$800.00

35. Received or Receiving Treatment for Following Conditions

	Frequency	Percent of Responses	Percent of Cases
Mental Illness	22	25.6	37.3
Drug Abuse	25	29.1	42.4
Other physical condition	15	17.4	25.4
Alcohol Abuse	24	27.9	40.7
Total	86	100.0	145.8

*59 valid cases

36. Institutional Stays

	Frequency	Percent of Responses	Percent of Cases
Substance Abuse	23	19.8	28.8
Jail or Prison	26	22.4	32.5
State Hospital or long term care facility	10	8.6	12.5
Foster Care	1	0.9	1.3
Other	56	48.3	70.0
Other	116	100.0	145.0

*80 valid cases

37. Was Respondent Homeless Prior To Entering?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	84	84.0
No	16	16.0
Total	100	100.0

*66 valid cases

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38. When Released Did Respondent Have Shelter?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	159	93.0
No	12	7.0
Total	170	100.0

39. Needed Medical Care in the Past Year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	7	100.0
No	0	0
Total	7	100.0

40. Received Medical Care

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	4	100.0
No	0	0
Total	4	100.0

41. Medical Care Received From

	Frequency	Percent	Percent of Cases
ER	62	75.6	100.0
Private Doctor	16	19.5	25.8
Other	4	4.9	6.5
Total	82	100.0	132.3

**62 valid cases

42. Needed Dental Care in the Past Year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	4*	100.0
No	0	0
Total	4	100.0

*This number should be closer to 33. However, not everyone indicated they actually needed care – only that they received care.

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43. Received Dental Care

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	25	75.8
No	8	24.2
Total	33	100.0

44. Dental Care Received From

	Frequency	Percent	Percent of Cases
Emergency Room	20	64.5	100.0
Private Doctor	4	12.9	20.0
Community Clinic	6	19.4	30.0
Other	1	3.2	5.0
Total	31	100.0	155.0

45. Needed Mental Health Care in the Past Year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	30	76.9
No	9	23.1
Total	39	100.0

46. Received Mental Health Care

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	27	90.0
No	3	10.0
Total	30	100.0

47. Mental Health Care Received From

	Frequency	Percent	Percent of Cases
Social Service Agency	8	30.8	30.8
MHMR	2	7.7	7.7
Other	16	61.5	61.5
Total	26	100.0	100.0

*26 valid cases

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48. Needed Substance Abuse Treatment in the Past year

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	16	100.0
No	0	0
Total	16	100.0

49. Received Substance Abuse Treatment

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	9	100.0
No	0	0
Total	9	100.0

50. Substance Abuse Treatment Received From

	Frequency	Percent	Percent of Cases
Social Service Agency	12	11.9	17.6
MHMR	41	40.6	60.3
VA	10	9.9	14.7
Other	38	37.6	55.9
Total	101	100.0	148.5

*68 valid cases

51. Services Needed

	Frequency	Percent of Responses	Percent of Cases
Job Training and Placement	11	2.8	7.9
Case Management	55	14.0	39.3
Child Care	19	4.8	13.6
Food Stamps	59	15.0	42.1
Veterans Benefits	12	3.0	8.6
Transportation Assistance	76	19.3	54.3
GED or Educational Training	37	9.4	26.4
English as a second language	6	1.5	4.3
Legal Aid	32	8.1	22.9
Clothing and/or Food	74	18.8	52.9
No services needed	13	3.3	9.3
Total	394	100.0	281.4

*140 valid cases