Texas Homeless Network
2013 Point-In-Time Results
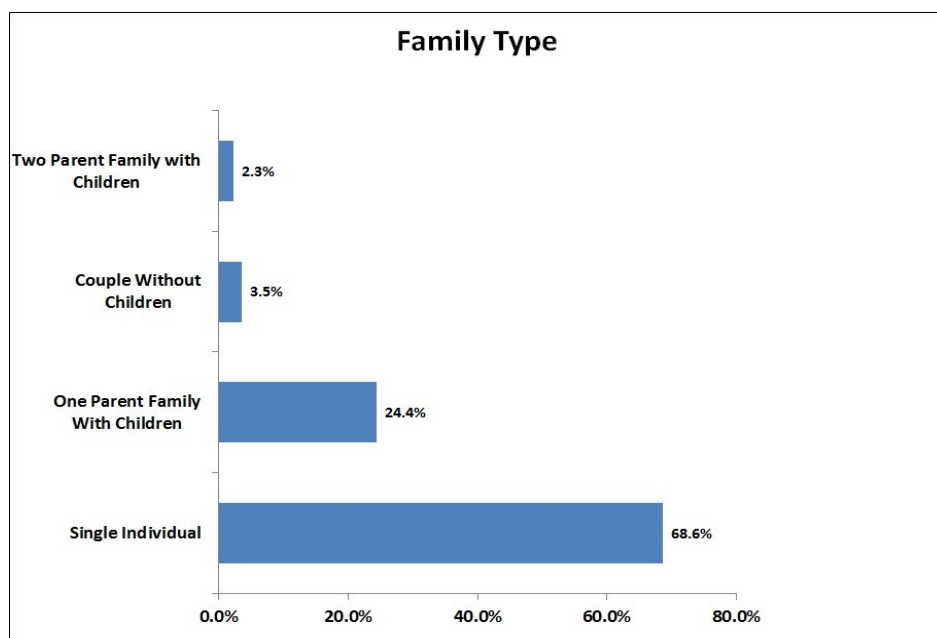
Odessa

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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 Odessa 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.
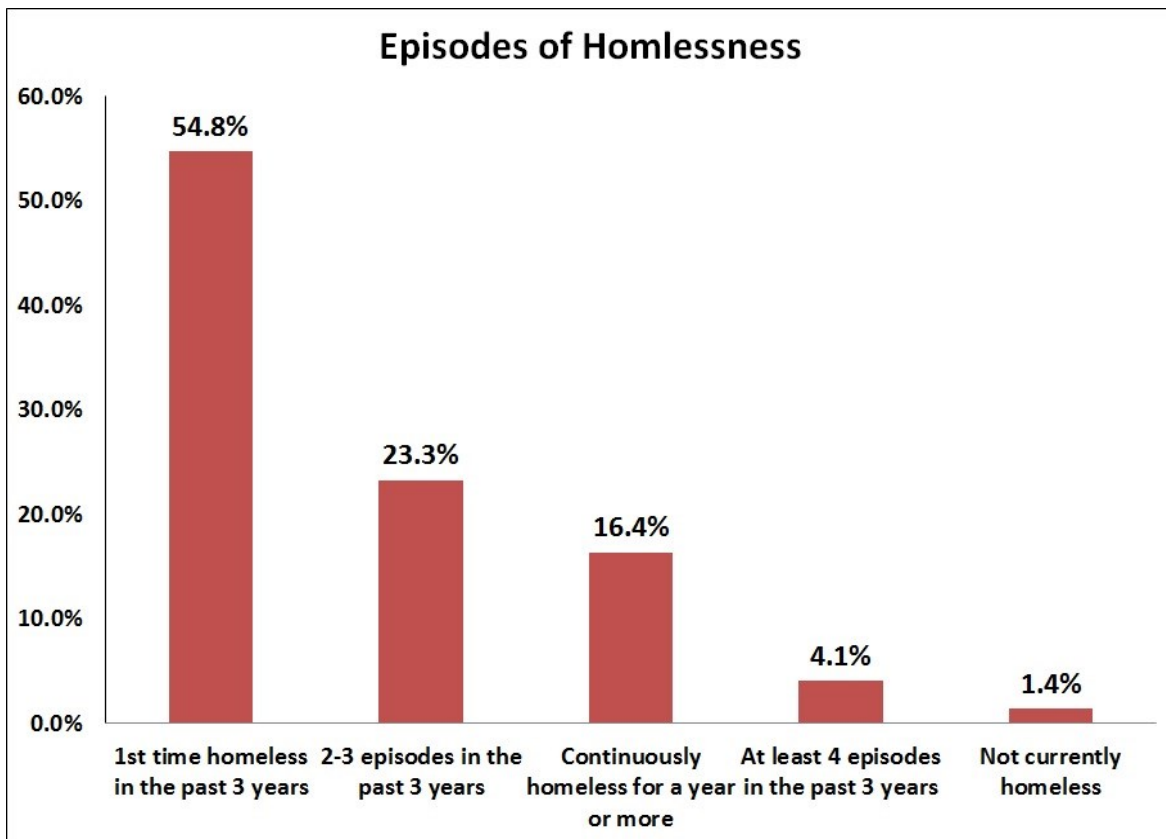
BASIC DEMOGRAPHICS QUICK REFERENCE OF 198 PEOPLE COUNTED

Family Type

Family Type	Percentage
Two Parent Family with Children	2.3%
Couple Without Children	3.5%
One Parent Family With Children	24.4%
Single Individual	68.6%

Average age of all participants	40.24
Median age of participants	38.55
Male	63.8%
Female	36.2%
White	84.5%
Black/African-American	13.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	2.1%
Hispanic/Latino	53.0%
Households with children	26.7%
Median age of Children	6.50
Chronic Homelessness	20.5%

198 people were accounted for in the survey. 146 adults and 52 children.

RESPONDENT HISTORY

Last Night's Lodging

Category	Percentage
Place Not Meant for Habitation	42.8%
Emergency Shelter	31.9%
Transitional Shelter	15.9%
Other	4.3%
Sharing Housing of Others	2.9%
In Own Home	1.4%
Hotel/Motel (with voucher)	0.7%

Episodes of Homlessness

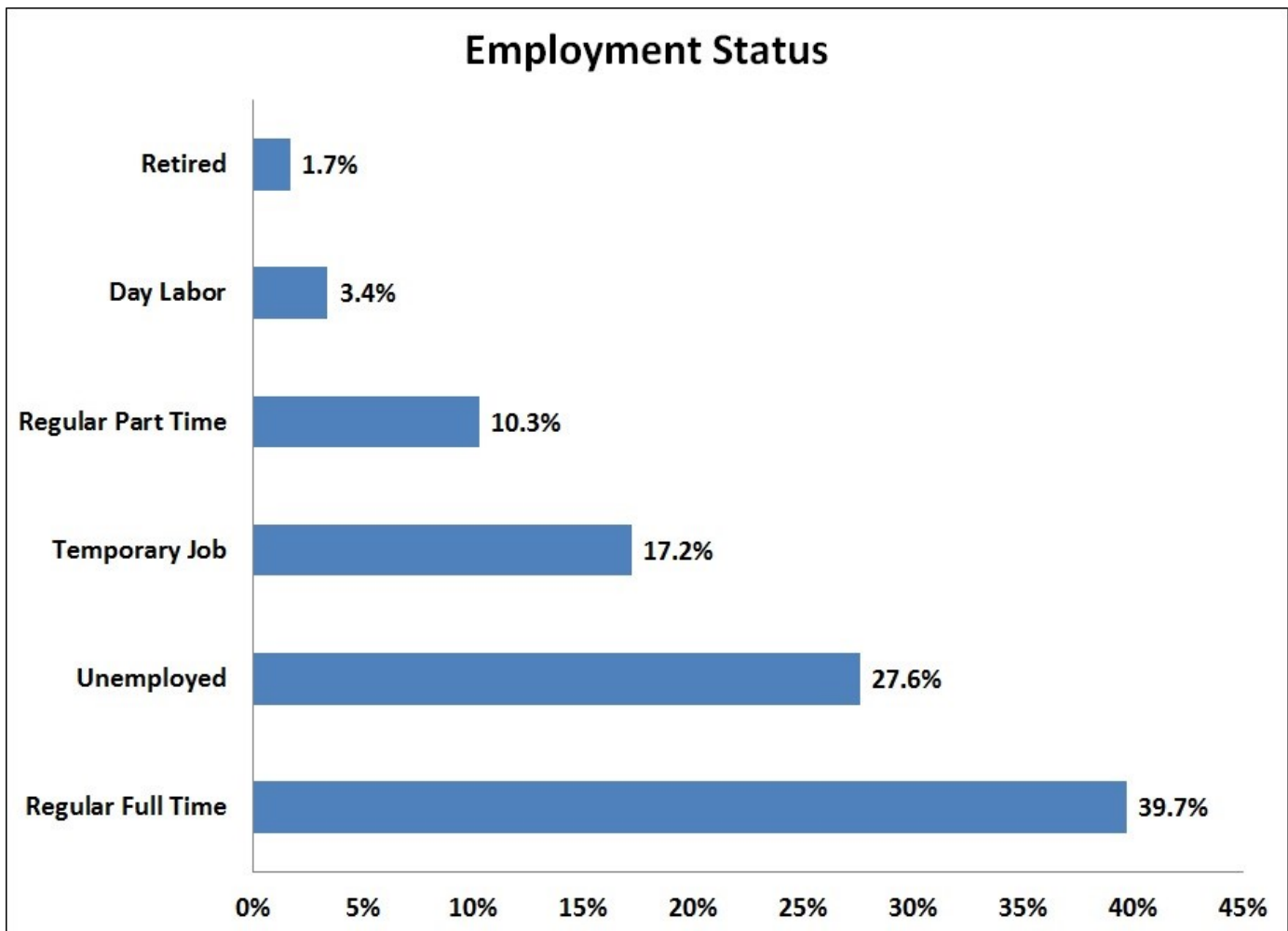| Category	Percentage
1st time homeless in the past 3 years	54.8%
2-3 episodes in the past 3 years	23.3%
Continuously homeless for a year or more	16.4%
At least 4 episodes in the past 3 years	4.1%
Not currently homeless	1.4%

¹ **§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

Reason	Percentage
Unemployment	20.2%
Domestic Violence	16.5%
Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage	15.6%
Divorce/Separation	12.8%
Moved to Seek Work	9.2%
Evicted	8.3%
Other	6.4%
Incarceration	5.5%
Addiction	2.8%
Family/Personal Illness	1.8%
Physical/Mental Disabilities	0.9%
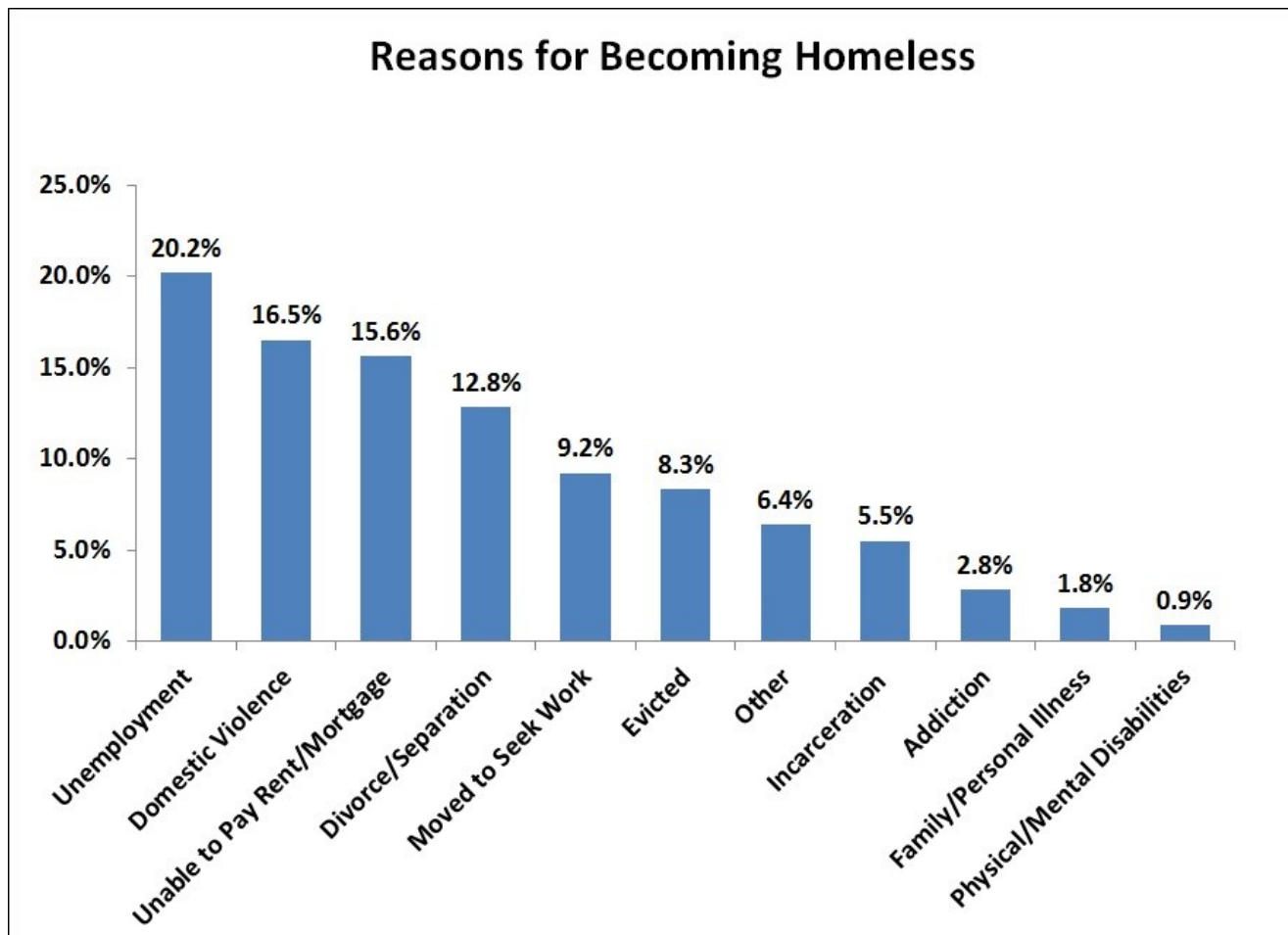
EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

Employment Status

| Category	Percentage
Retired	1.7%
Day Labor	3.4%
Regular Part Time	10.3%
Temporary Job	17.2%
Unemployed	27.6%
Regular Full Time	39.7%

- **84.7%** of respondents indicated that they were able to work.
- Those that work, average **33.48** hours per week, and their median monthly income was **$900.00**.
- Median length of unemployment is **10 months**.
- **80.2%** of respondents report attaining a high school diploma or higher degree in this sample.
- **19.7%** did not graduate high school.

HEALTH CARE

Medical Care Needed vs Received
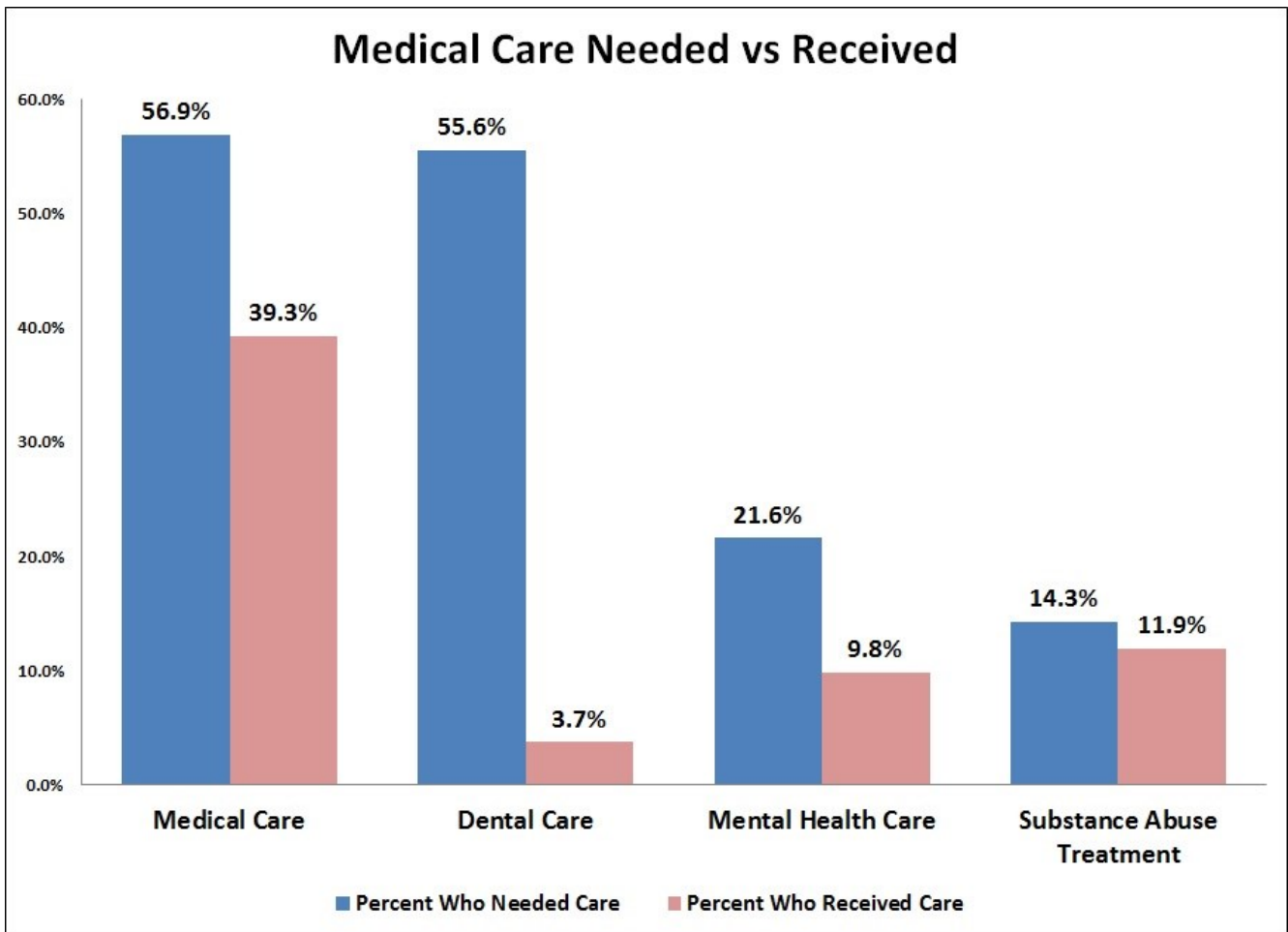
Health Care Need	Majority Received From	Percentage
Medical	Emergency Room	51.9%
Dental	Community Clinic/Other	100.0%
Mental Health	MHMR	66.7%
Substance Abuse Treatment	MHMR	66.7%

TREATMENT SERVICES AND INSTITUTIONAL STAYS

Receiving Treatment For:	
Mental Illness	31.0%
Drug Abuse	27.6%
Other Physical Condition	27.6%
Alcohol Abuse	13.8%

Institutional Stays:	
Jail or Prison	51.0%
Substance Abuse Treatment Facility	29.4%
State Hospital or Long Term Care Facility	15.7%
Foster Care	3.9%

Prior to entering these institutions, 45.7% of respondents were homeless.

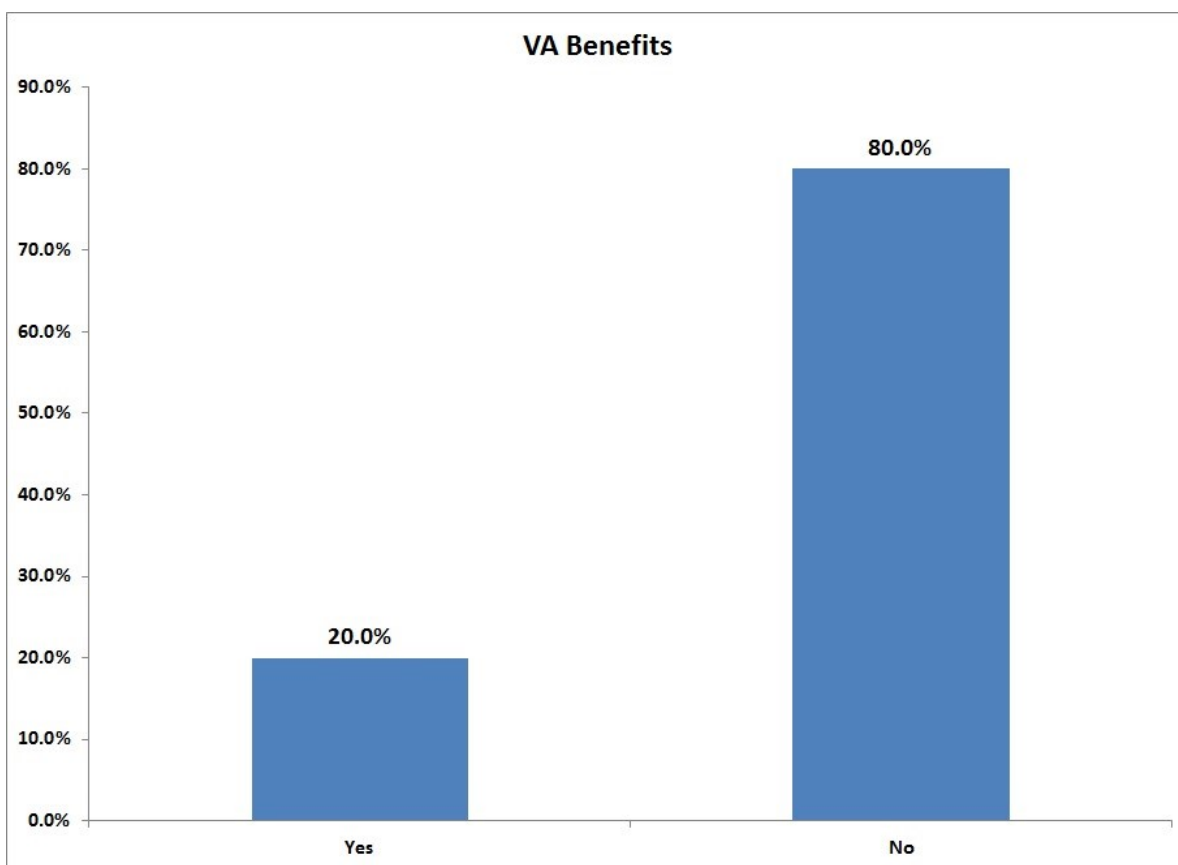**Upon leaving the institution, 34.5% remained homeless.**

VETERAN STATISTICS

Respondents indicating having served in the United States Armed Forces: 16.0%
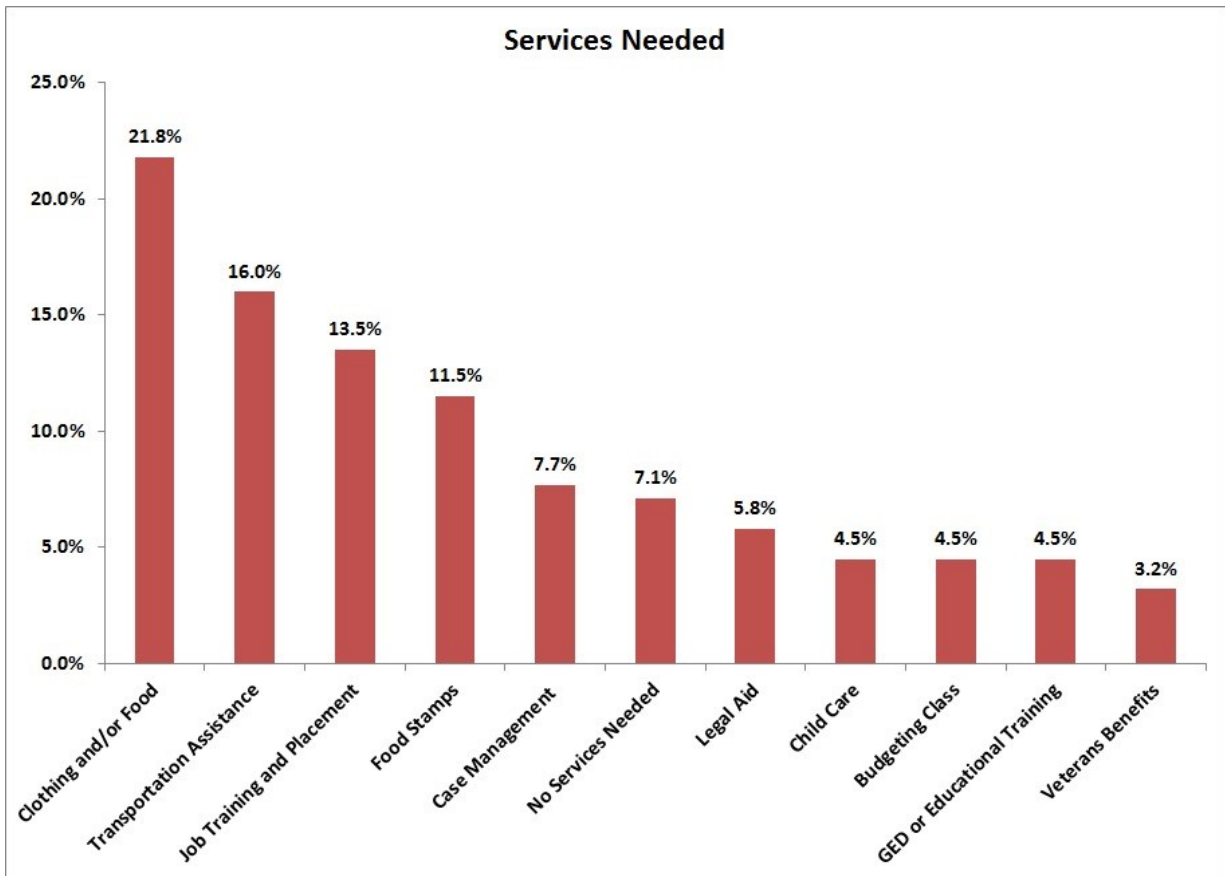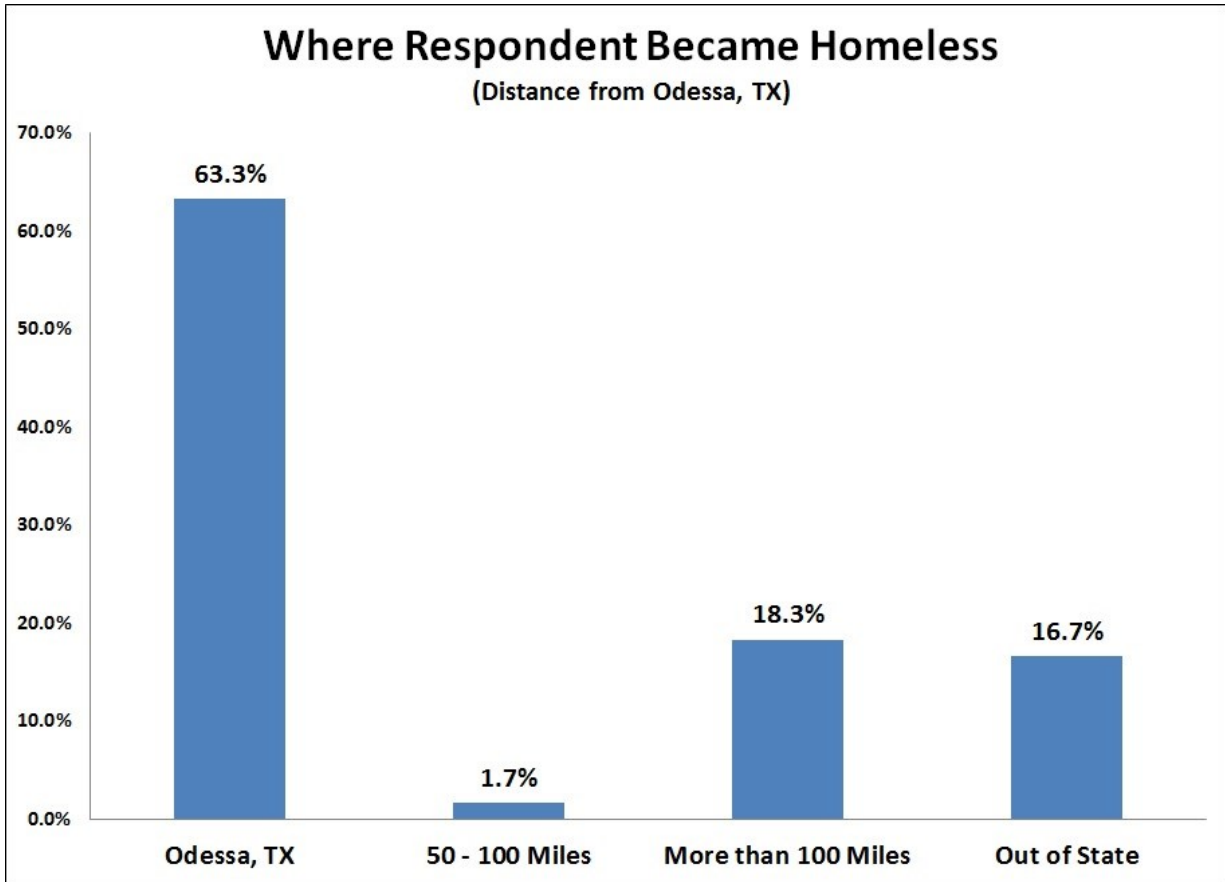
Median length of service was 4 years.

Of those who served in the armed forces, 50.0% were called to active duty as a member of the National Guard or a Reservist.
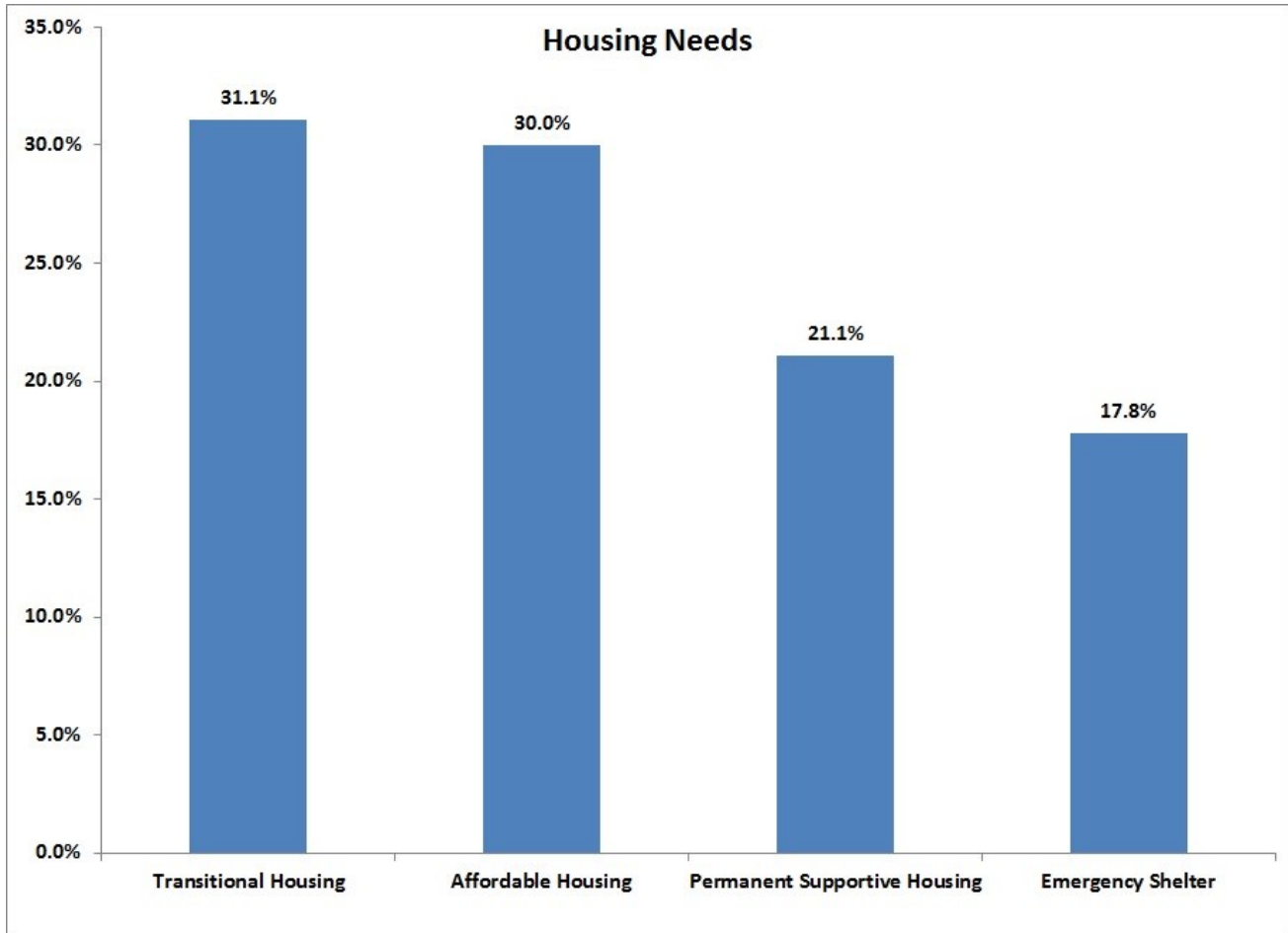
Tour of Duty	Percent Served
Korea	7.1
Vietnam	28.6
Kuwait	21.4
Iraq	14.3
Afghanistan	14.0
Other	14.0

VA Benefits

Yes: 20.0%
No: 80.0%

LOCATION AND COMMUNITY NEEDS

Where Respondent Became Homeless
(Distance from Odessa, TX)

Location	Percentage
Odessa, TX	63.3%
50 - 100 Miles	1.7%
More than 100 Miles	18.3%
Out of State	16.7%

Services Needed

Service	Percentage
Clothing and/or Food	21.8%
Transportation Assistance	16.0%
Job Training and Placement	13.5%
Food Stamps	11.5%
Case Management	7.7%
No Services Needed	7.1%
Legal Aid	5.8%
Child Care	4.5%
Budgeting Class	4.5%
GED or Educational Training	4.5%
Veterans Benefits	3.2%

HOUSING NEEDS & ESTIMATES

Housing Needs

35.0%			
30.0%	31.1%	30.0%	
25.0%			
20.0%			21.1%
15.0%			17.8%
10.0%			
5.0%			
0.0%	Transitional Housing	Affordable Housing	Permanent Supportive Housing Emergency Shelter

PIT homeless estimate for Ector County:	**349**
Annualized homeless population estimates for Ector County:	**380**

Details of Homelessness

With the range of homelessness from 2 days to 35 years, the median length of homelessness was 1 year.

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