



# Texas Homeless Network 2012 Point-In-Time Results

## Lubbock

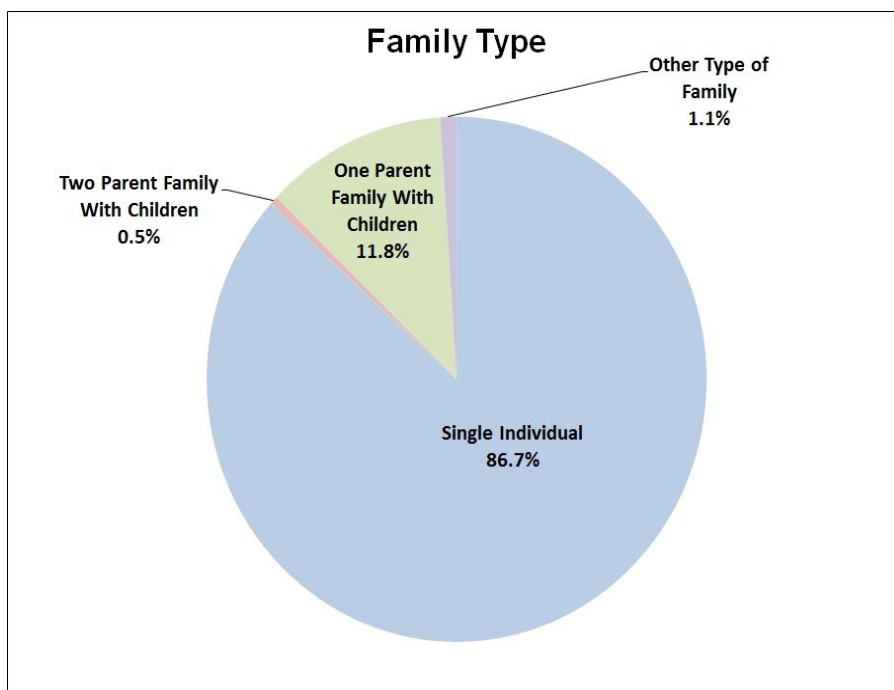
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Every year HUD requires all Continua to collect data on homelessness at a single point-in-time during the last week in January. The Texas Homeless Network annually assists communities with their Point-in-Time homeless survey preparation and data analysis. This report is a compilation of data collected on the day of January 26, 2012, 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.

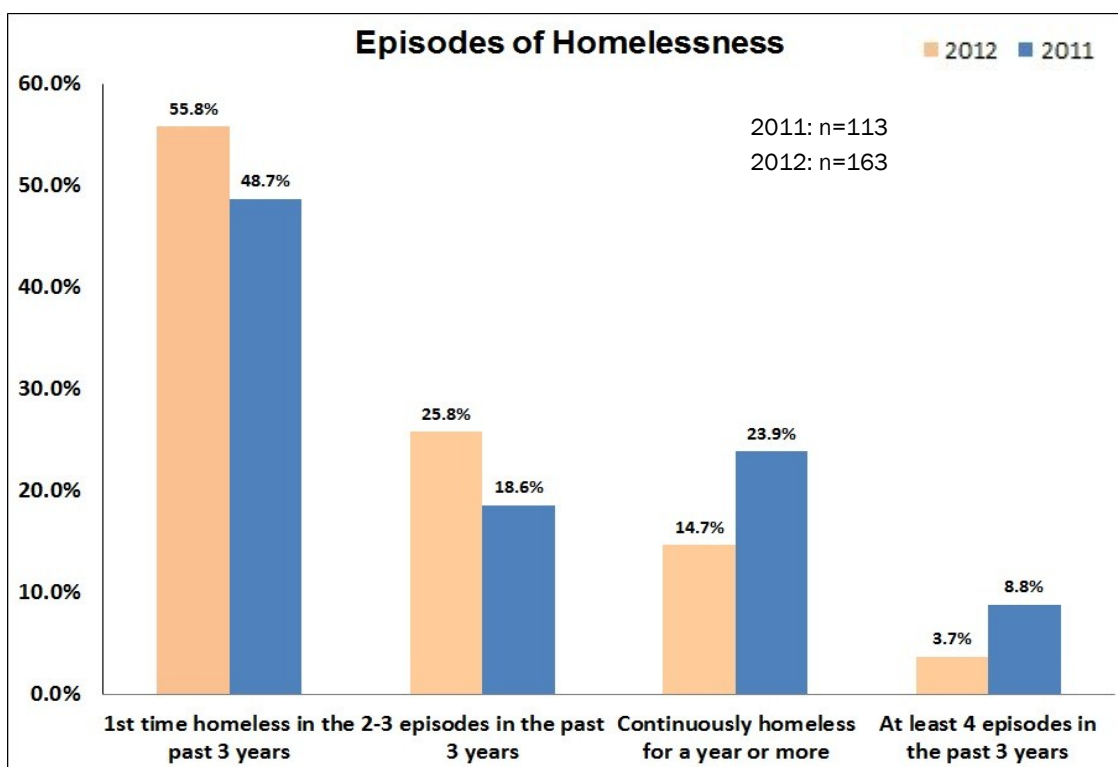
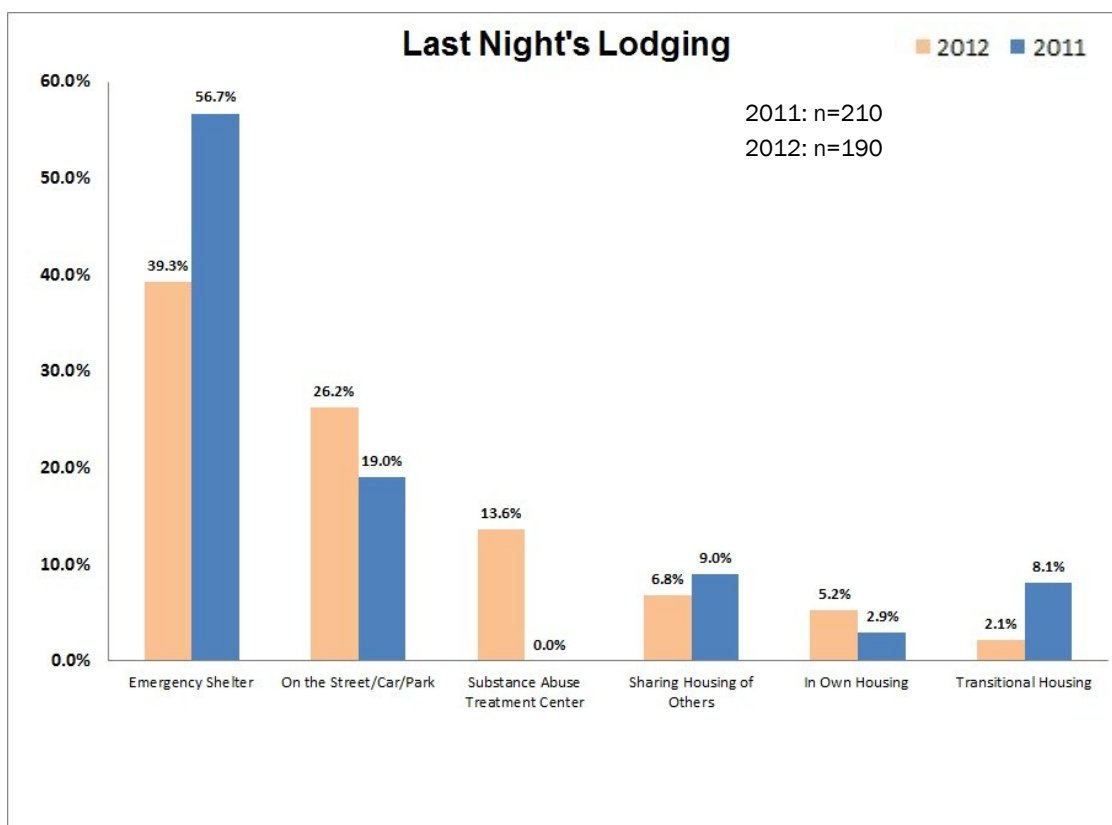
### BASIC DEMOGRAPHICS QUICK REFERENCE OF 230 SURVEYS RECORDED



Average age of all participants	42.7
Median age of participants	43.6
Male	67.4%
Female	32.6%
White	64.7%
Black/African American	29.4%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	7.4%
Hispanic/Latino	29.2%
Households with children	11.7%
Median age of Children	7.0
HUD definition of homelessness	68.1%
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285 people were accounted for in the survey. 231 Adults and 54 children.  
(179 respondents and their children met the HUD Definition of Homelessness)

## RESPONDENT HISTORY

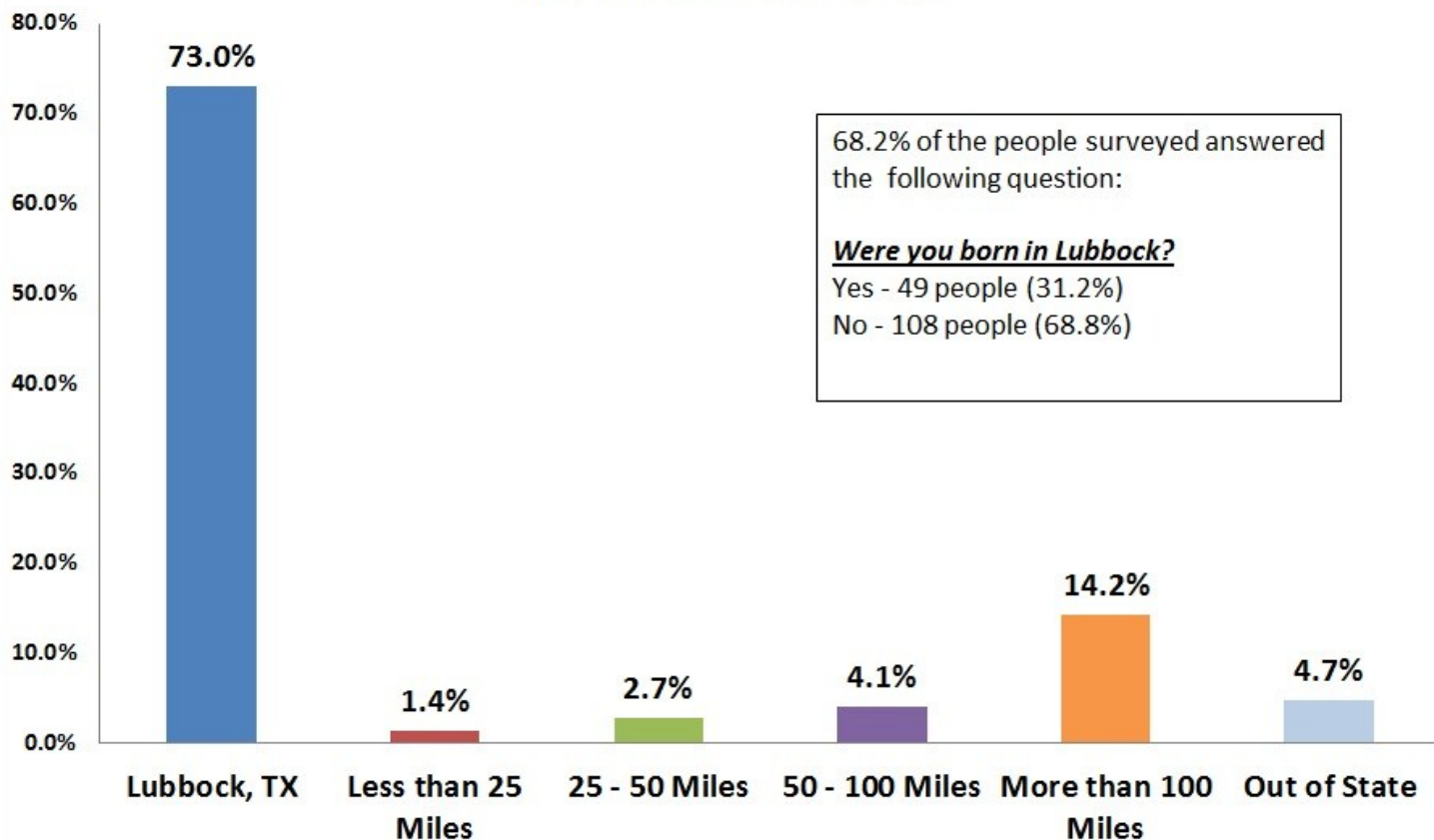


\*People who are living in a place not meant for human habitation, in emergency shelter, in transitional housing, or are exiting an institution where they temporarily resided. People who are losing their primary nighttime residence, which may include a motel or hotel or a doubled up situation, within 14 days. Families with children or unaccompanied youth who are unstably housed and likely to continue in that state. People who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence.

## RESPONDENT HISTORY

### Where Respondent *Became* Homeless

(Distance from Lubbock, TX)



#### Age

The median age respondents became homeless for the first time is 35.

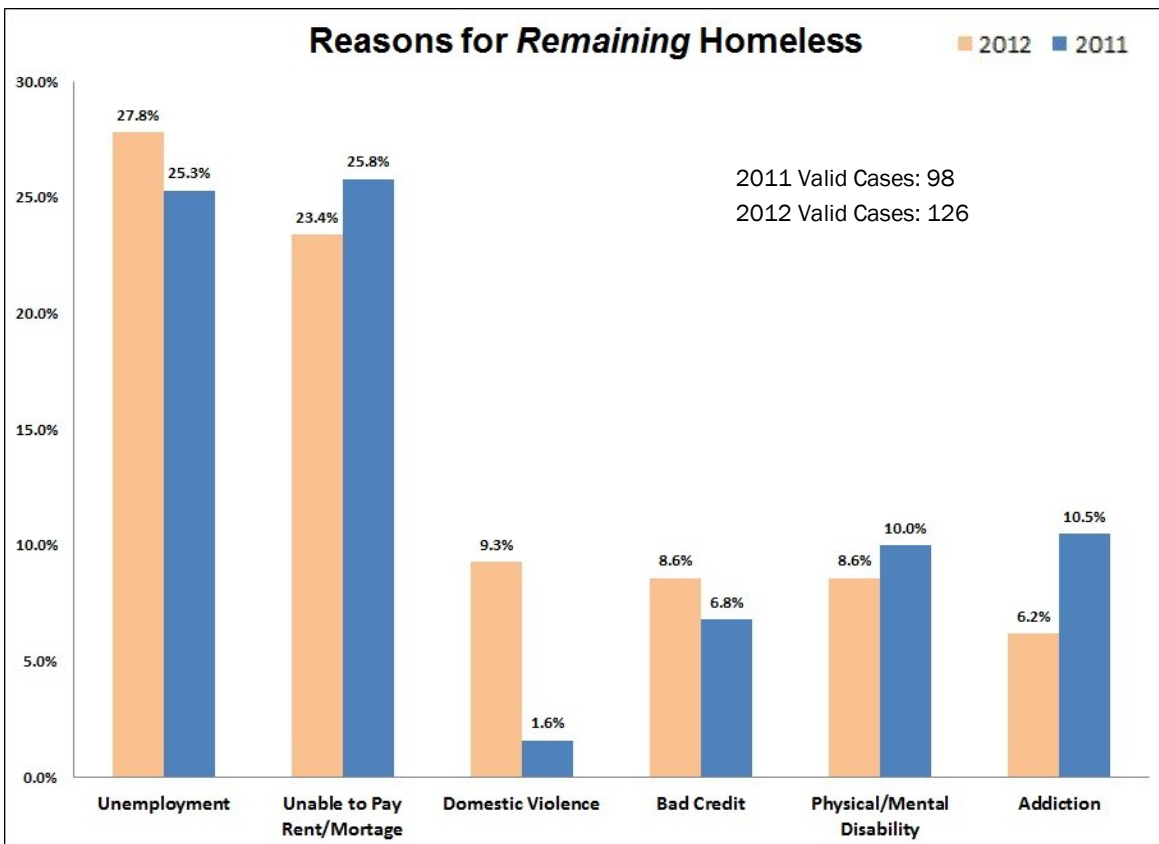
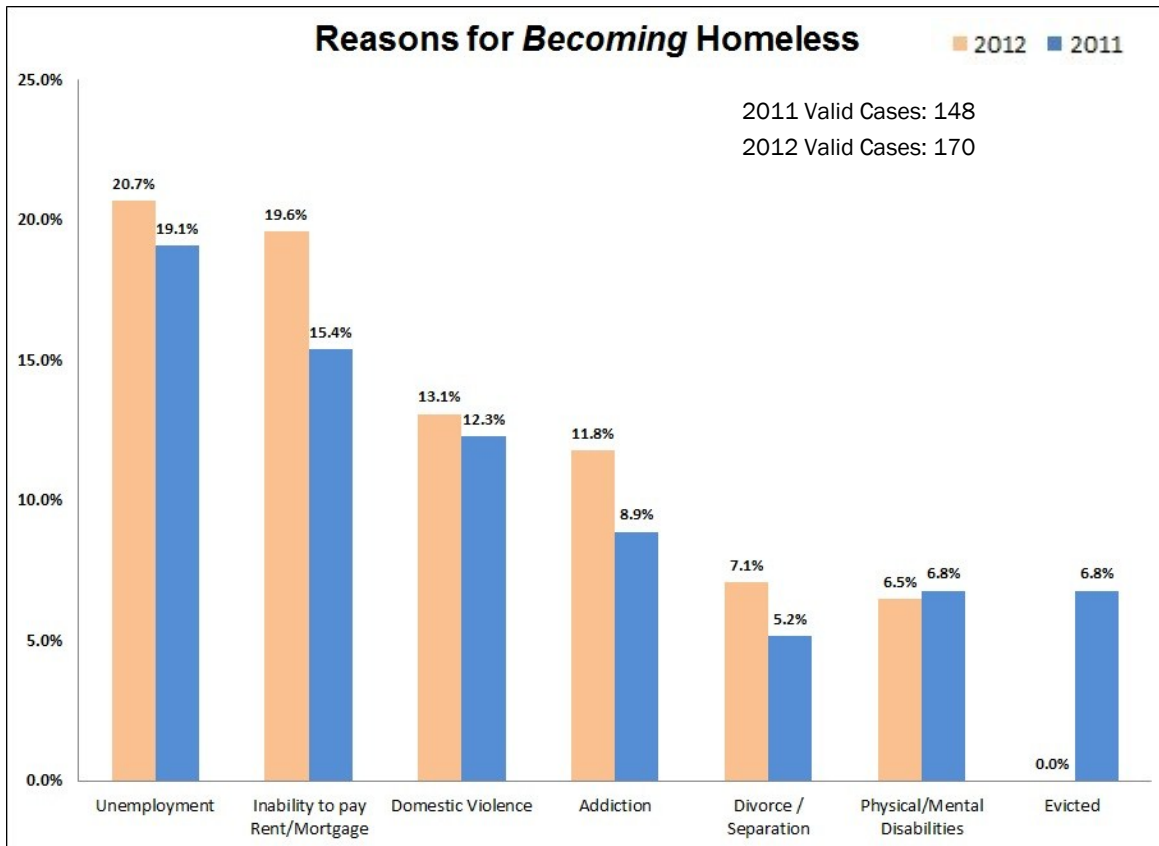
#### Arrived in Lubbock

On average, those people not born in Lubbock, moved to the city in 2000.

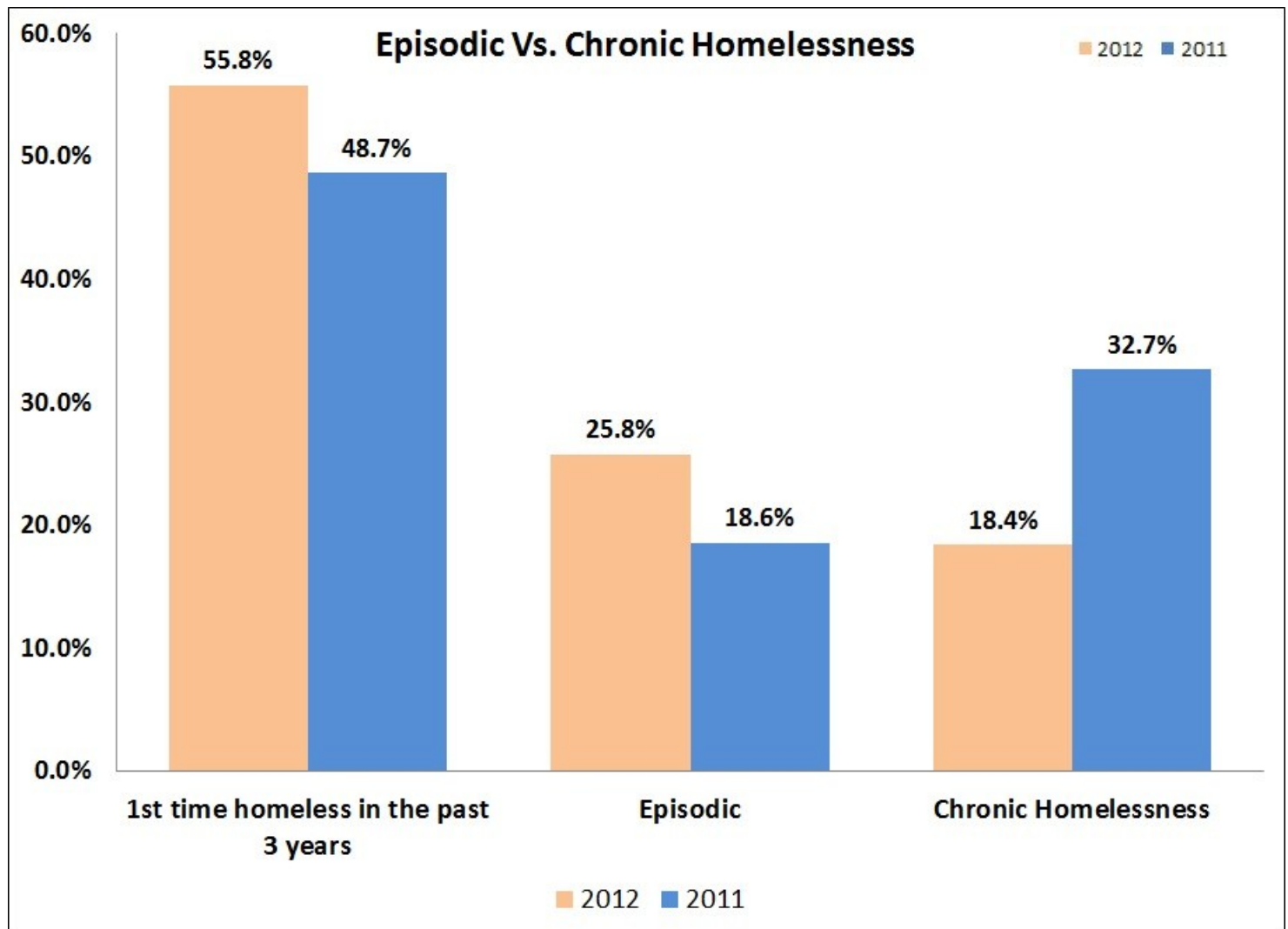
#### Details of Homelessness

With the range of homelessness from 11 days to 20 years, the median length of homelessness was 5 months.

## CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS



## CHRONIC VS. EPISODIC

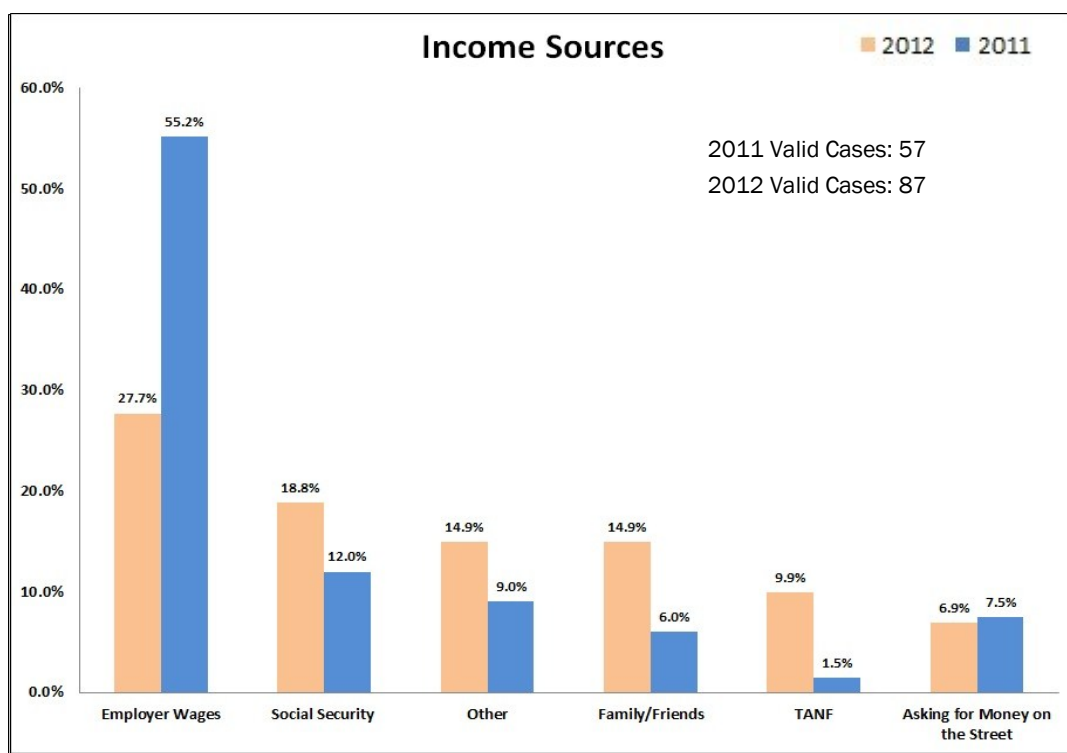
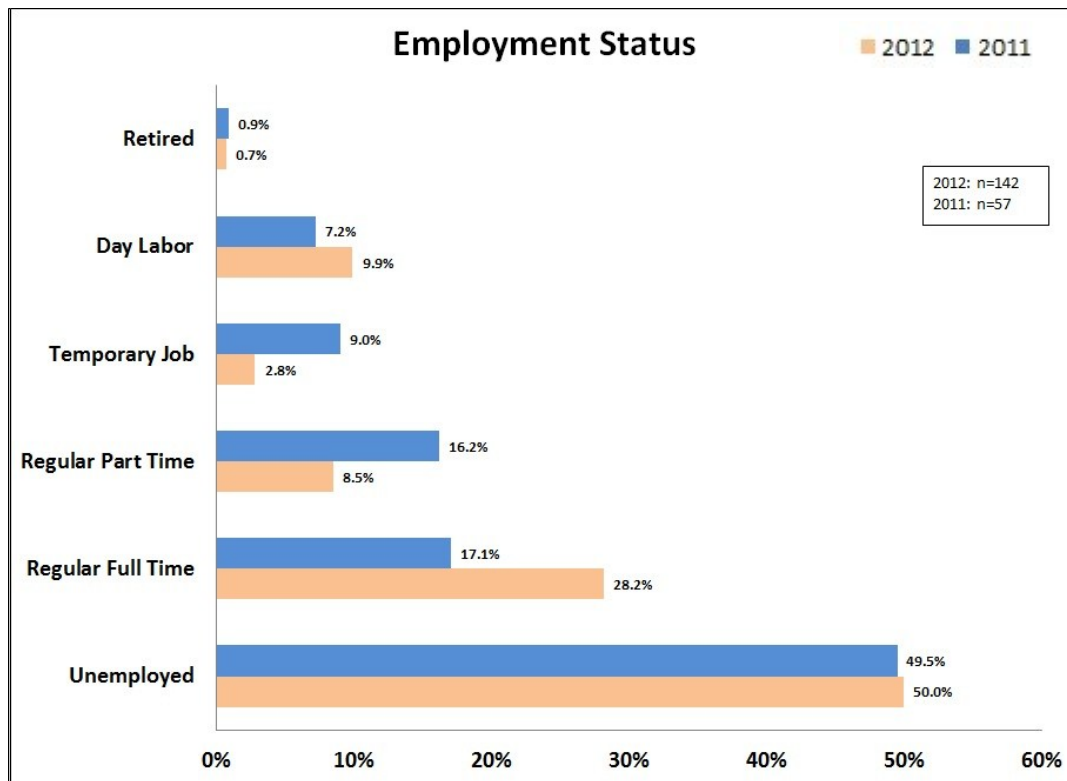


\*2012: n=163

\*2011: n=113

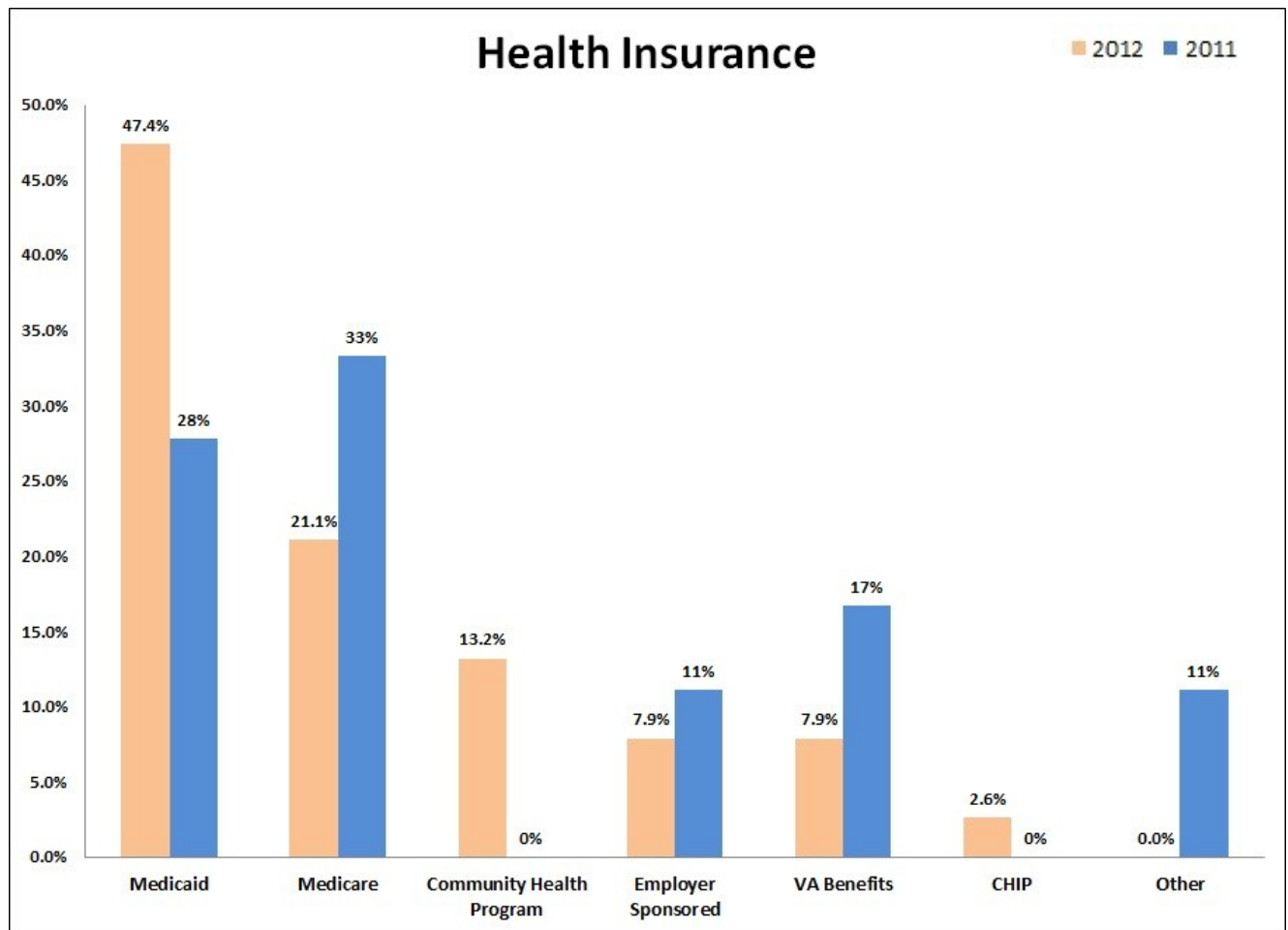
- Episodic homelessness is experiencing 2-3 episodes of homelessness in the last 3 years.
- Chronic homelessness describes a person or family with at least one adult member who has a disabling condition and has been homeless for one year or longer, or has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years.

## EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, & INCOME



- **80.2%** of respondents indicated that they were able to work
- Those that work averaged **33** hours per week, and their median monthly income was **\$400.00**.
- The median length of unemployment is **6.5 months**.
- **70.8%** of respondents report attaining a high school diploma or higher degree in this sample.
- **29.2%** did not graduate high school and **0.6%** never attended school.

# INSURANCE, TREATMENTS, & INSTITUTIONAL STAYS



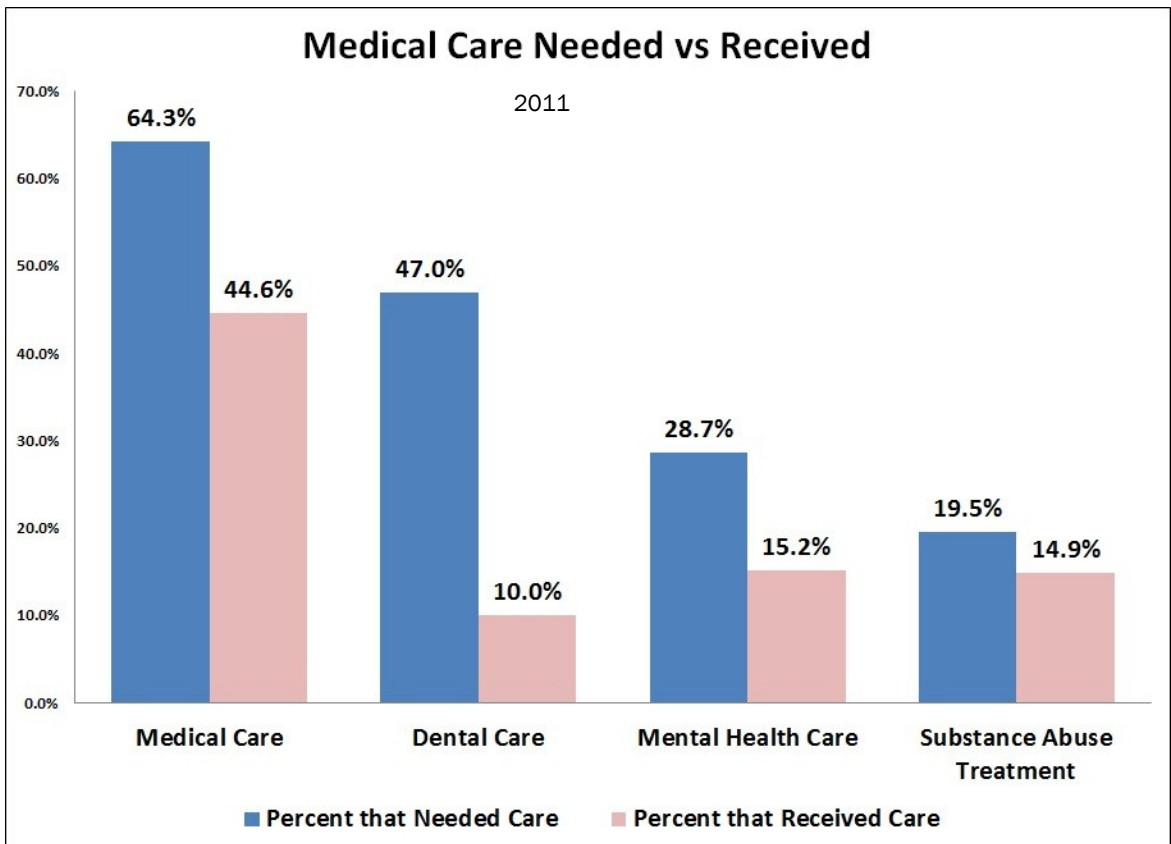
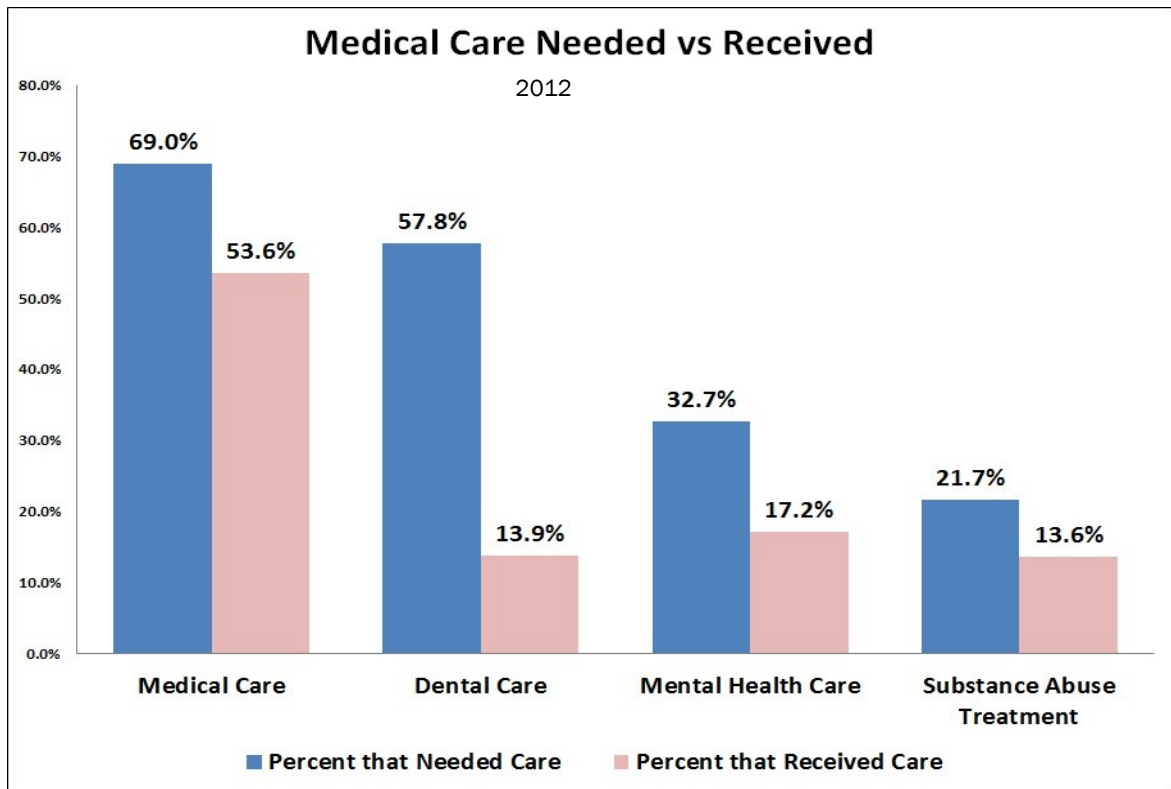
Receiving Treatment For:	2011	2012
Mental Illness	29.3%	30.3%
Drug Abuse	29.3%	29.4%
Alcohol Abuse	24.0%	25.2%
Other Physical Condition	17.3%	15.1%
<i>Valid Cases</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>80</i>

Institutional Stays:	2011	2012
Drug or Alcohol Abuse Facility	29.3%	35.0%
State Hospital/Long-term Care Facility	29.3%	10.2%
Jail/Prison	24.0%	45.2%
Foster Care	17.3%	8.3%
Other Type of Institution		1.3%
<i>Valid Cases</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>99</i>

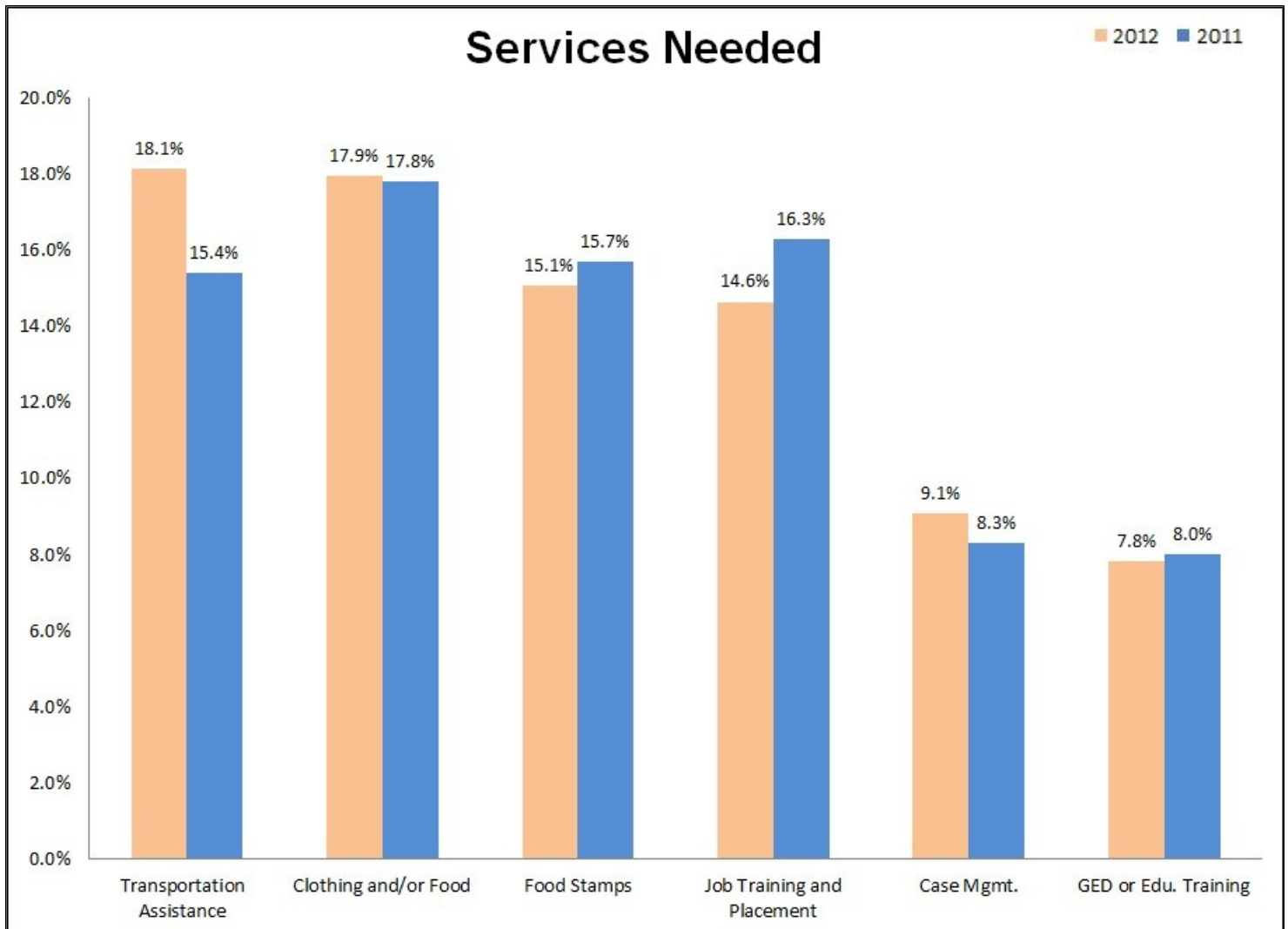
**Prior to entering the institution, 42.6% of respondents were homeless.**

**Following release, 54.5% of those had some shelter to which to return.**

## MEDICAL CARE NEEDED VS. RECEIVED



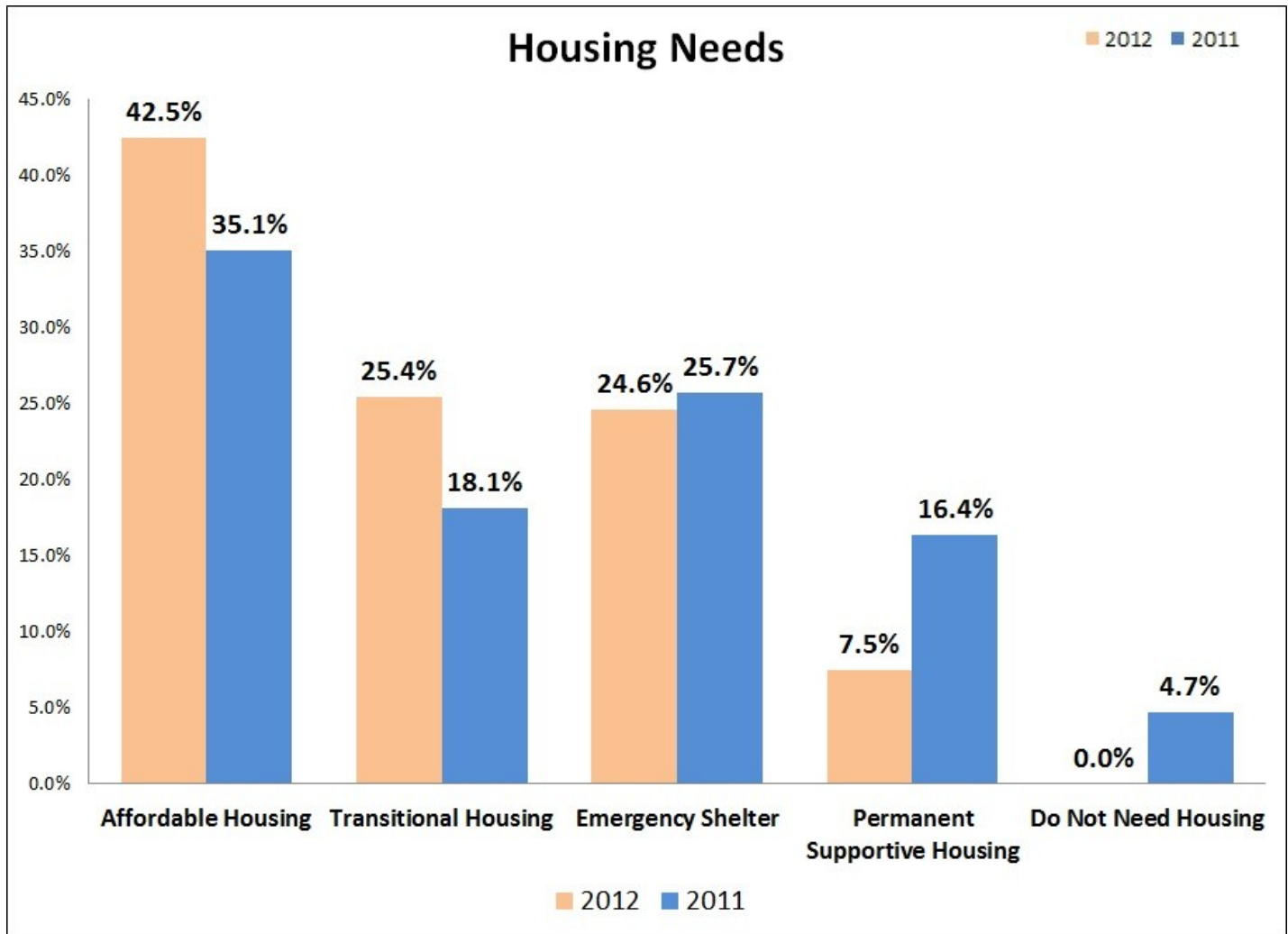
## COMMUNITY NEEDS



\*143 valid cases in 2012

\*100 valid cases in 2011

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\*153 valid cases in 2012 / 98 valid cases in 2011

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**PIT homeless estimate for Lubbock: 347**

**Annualized homeless population estimates for Lubbock: 577**

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### SPECIAL THANKS TO

The South Plains Homeless Consortium extends its gratitude to everyone who participated in the 2012 Point-in-Time event. Huge thanks are extended to more than 60 trained volunteers who gave so generously of their time to help ensure a thorough count. Your commitment was an inspiration to all of us!

We appreciated the donations of everyday items such as food, socks and toiletries provided by generous individuals, agencies and local businesses for those who are homeless. And our thanks go out to The Salvation Army for providing a delicious evening meal for our volunteers. We are especially grateful to the news media for their interest in the Point-in Time Count and the coverage they provided both prior to and during the event.

Because of community care and support, we are learning more about the issues faced by persons who are homeless in our communities. With your continued help, we can plan positive solutions to address and significantly impact homelessness.

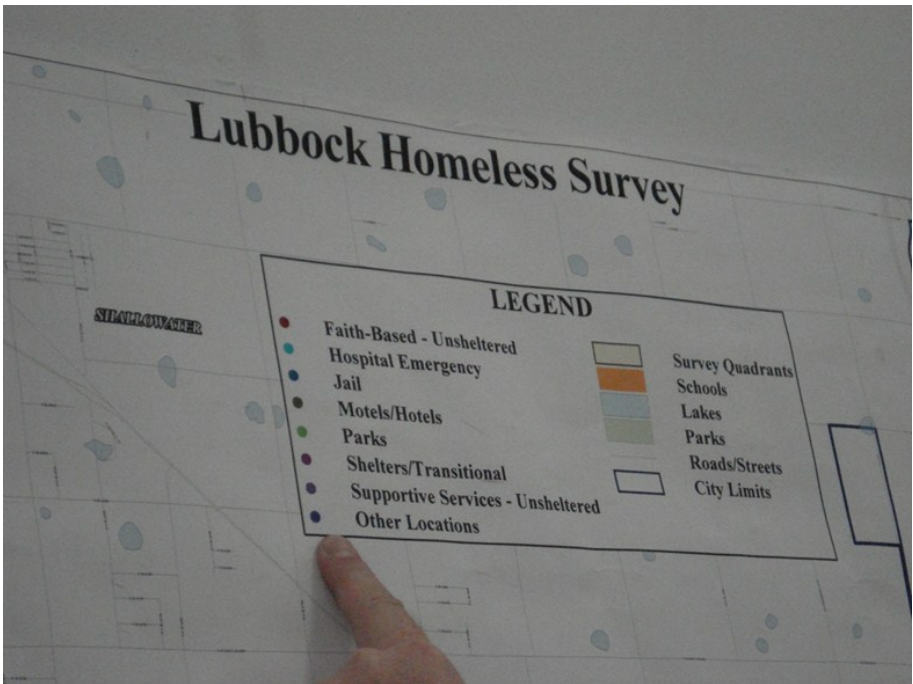
### ABOUT THE SOUTH PLAINS HOMELESS CONSORTIUM

The Consortium is a local collaboration between nonprofit agencies, local government, faith based groups, school districts, citizen advocates, and other community volunteers. All involved work together to develop and implement a continuum of care for the 15 counties in the South Plains area.

### YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

South Plains Homeless Consortium meets at noon on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at The Salvation Army. Please e-mail [SPHCpresident@yahoo.com](mailto:SPHCpresident@yahoo.com) for more information.

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