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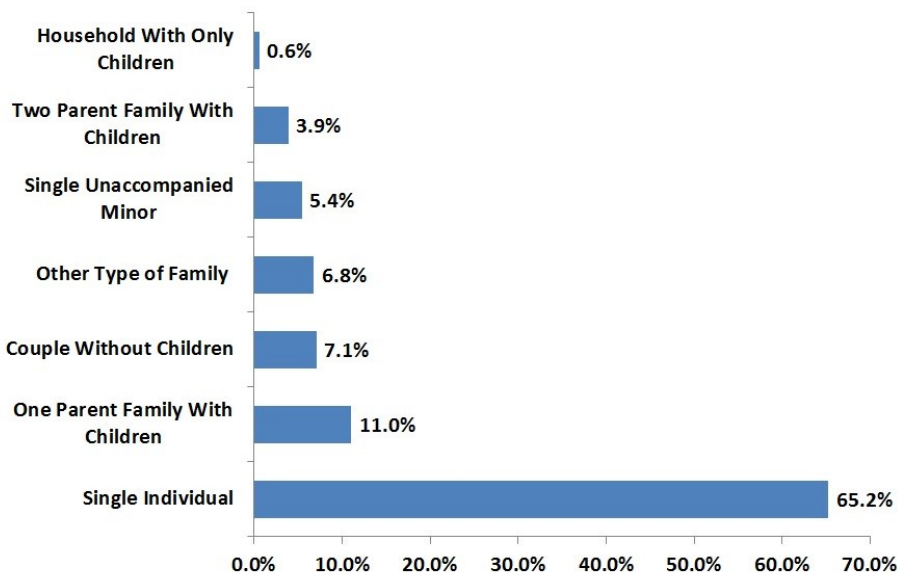# 2014 Point-In-Time Results

South Plains
Homeless Consortium

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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 23, 2014, 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.

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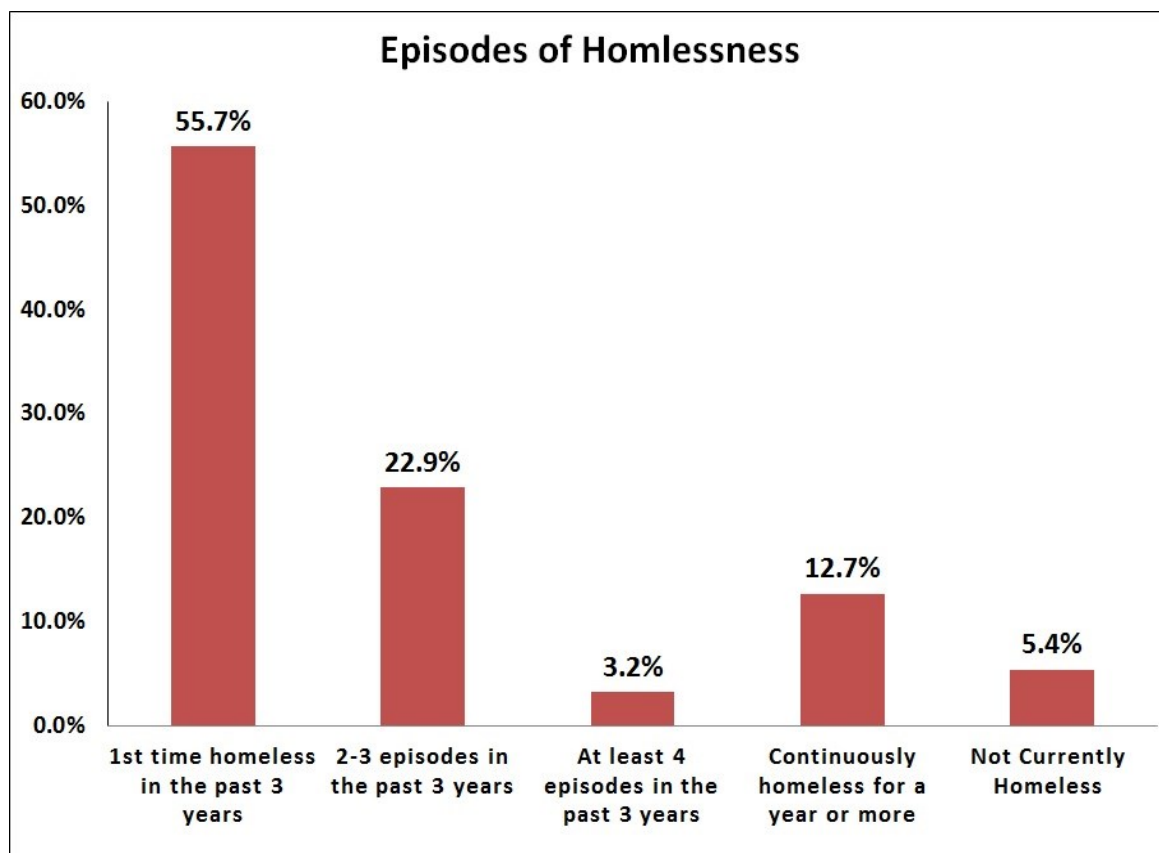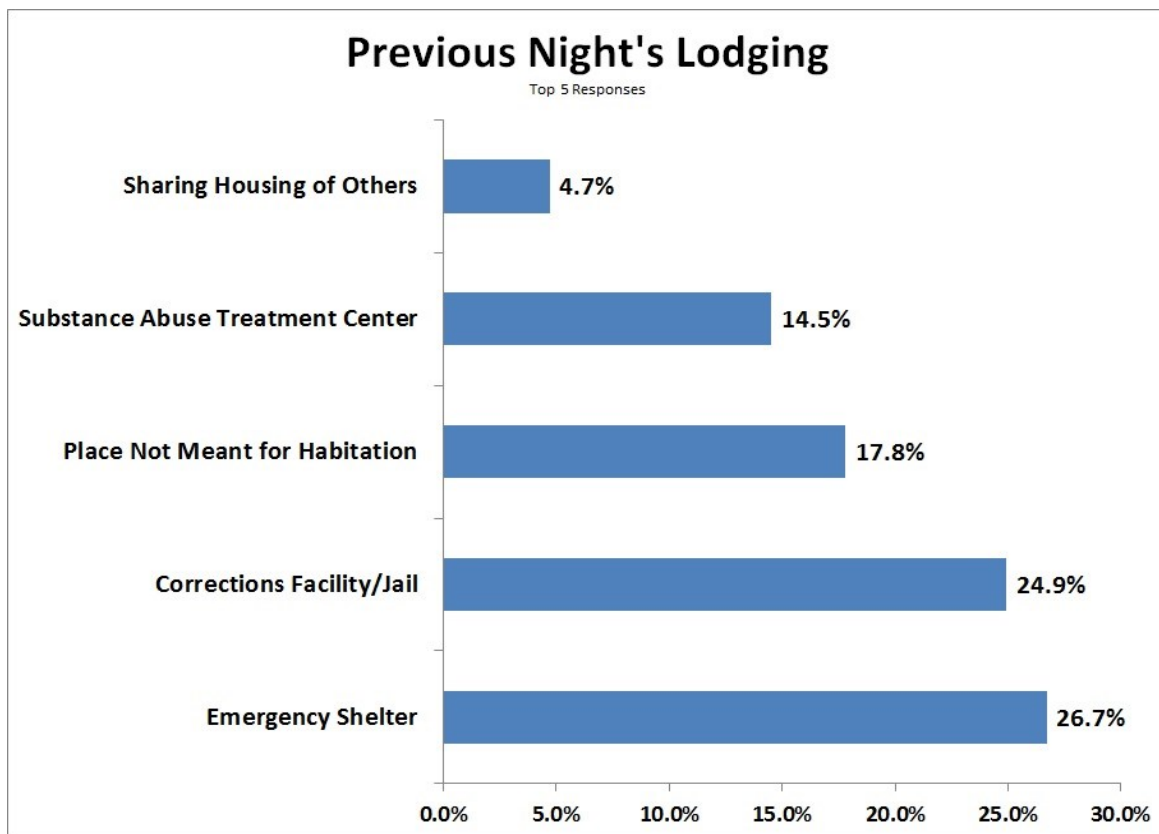### 391 SURVEYS RECORDED • 508 PEOPLE COUNTED

Family Type

Household With Only Children	0.6%
Two Parent Family With Children	3.9%
Single Unaccompanied Minor	5.4%
Other Type of Family	6.8%
Couple Without Children	7.1%
One Parent Family With Children	11.0%
Single Individual	65.2%

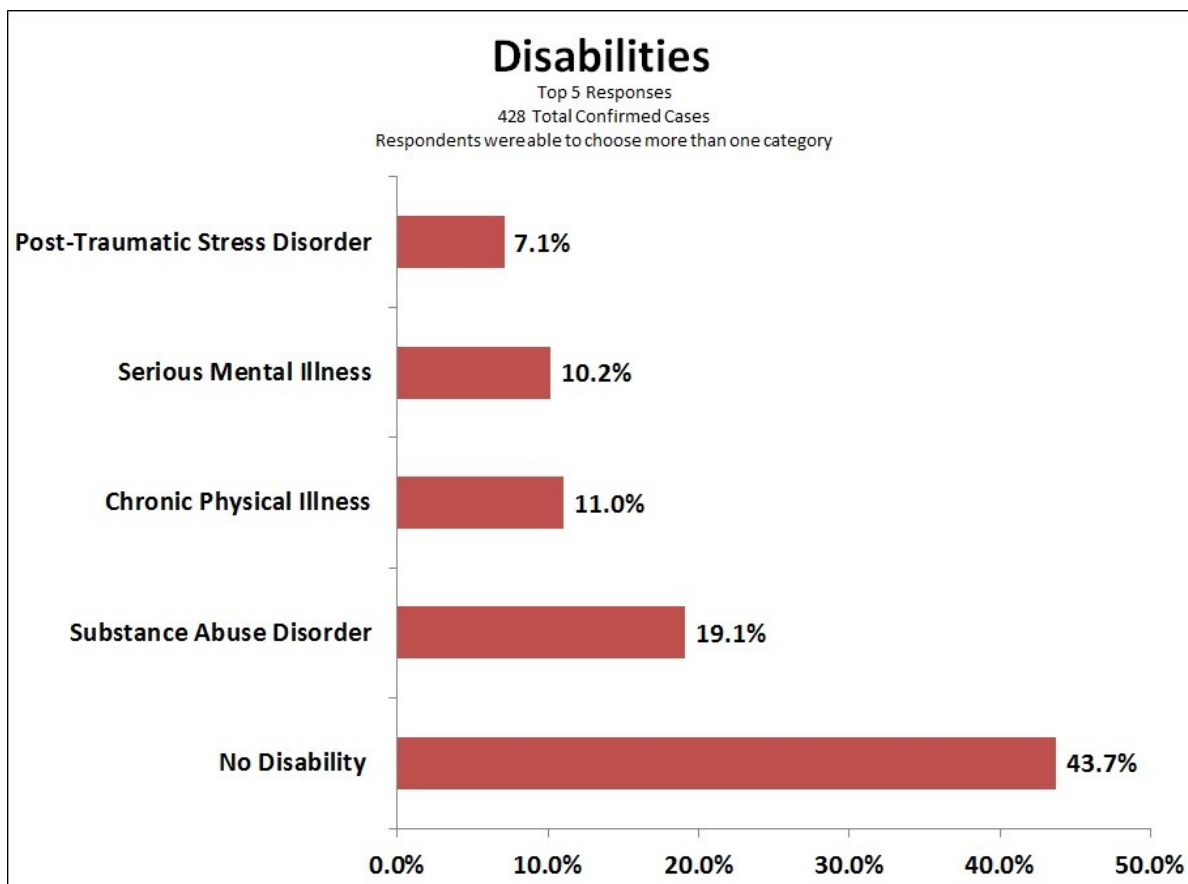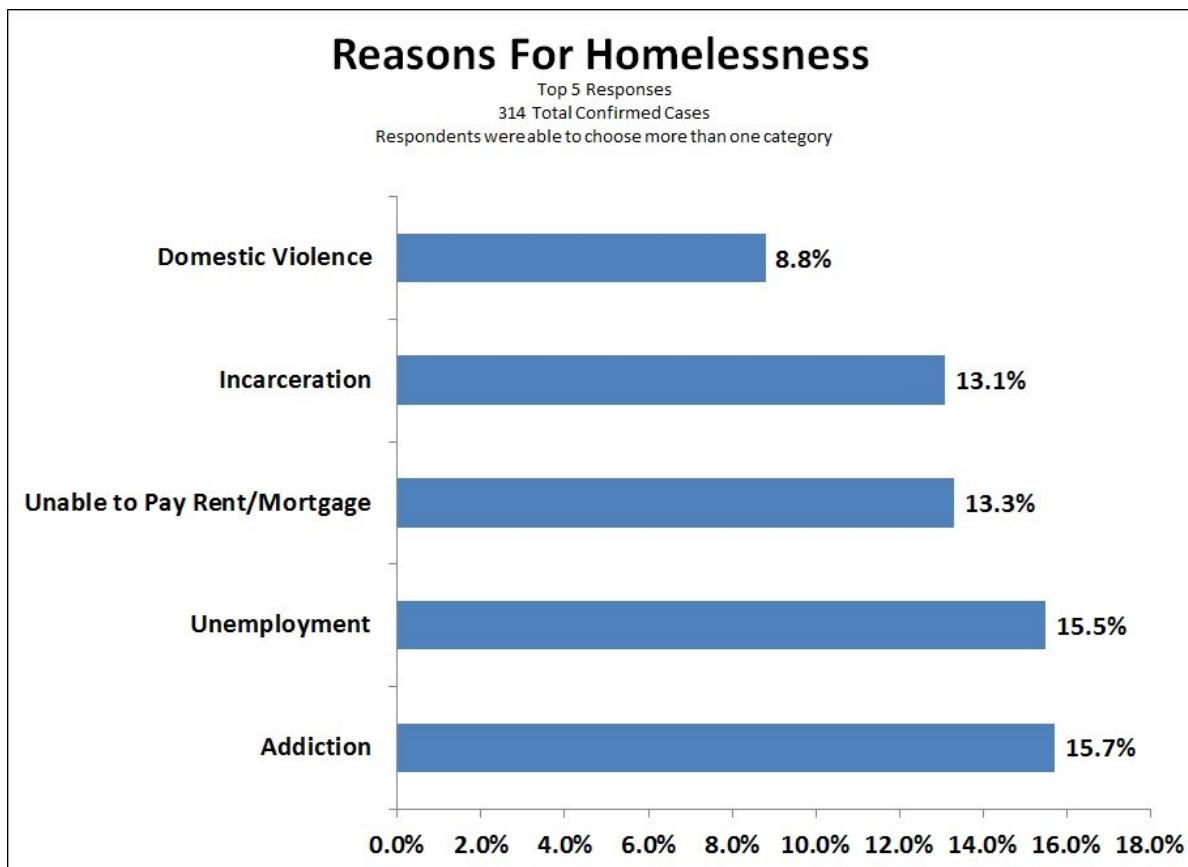|	
Average age of all participants	32.00
Male	66.3%
Female	33.7%
White	73.8%
Black/African American	20.2%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	4.2%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1.1%
Asian American	0.7%
Hispanic/Latino	39.9%
Households with Children	20.9%
Chronically Homeless	15.9%

Surveys accounted for 415 adults and 93 children.

RESPONDENT HISTORY

Previous Night's Lodging
Top 5 Responses

Category	Percentage
Sharing Housing of Others	4.7%
Substance Abuse Treatment Center	14.5%
Place Not Meant for Habitation	17.8%
Corrections Facility/Jail	24.9%
Emergency Shelter	26.7%

Episodes of Homlessness

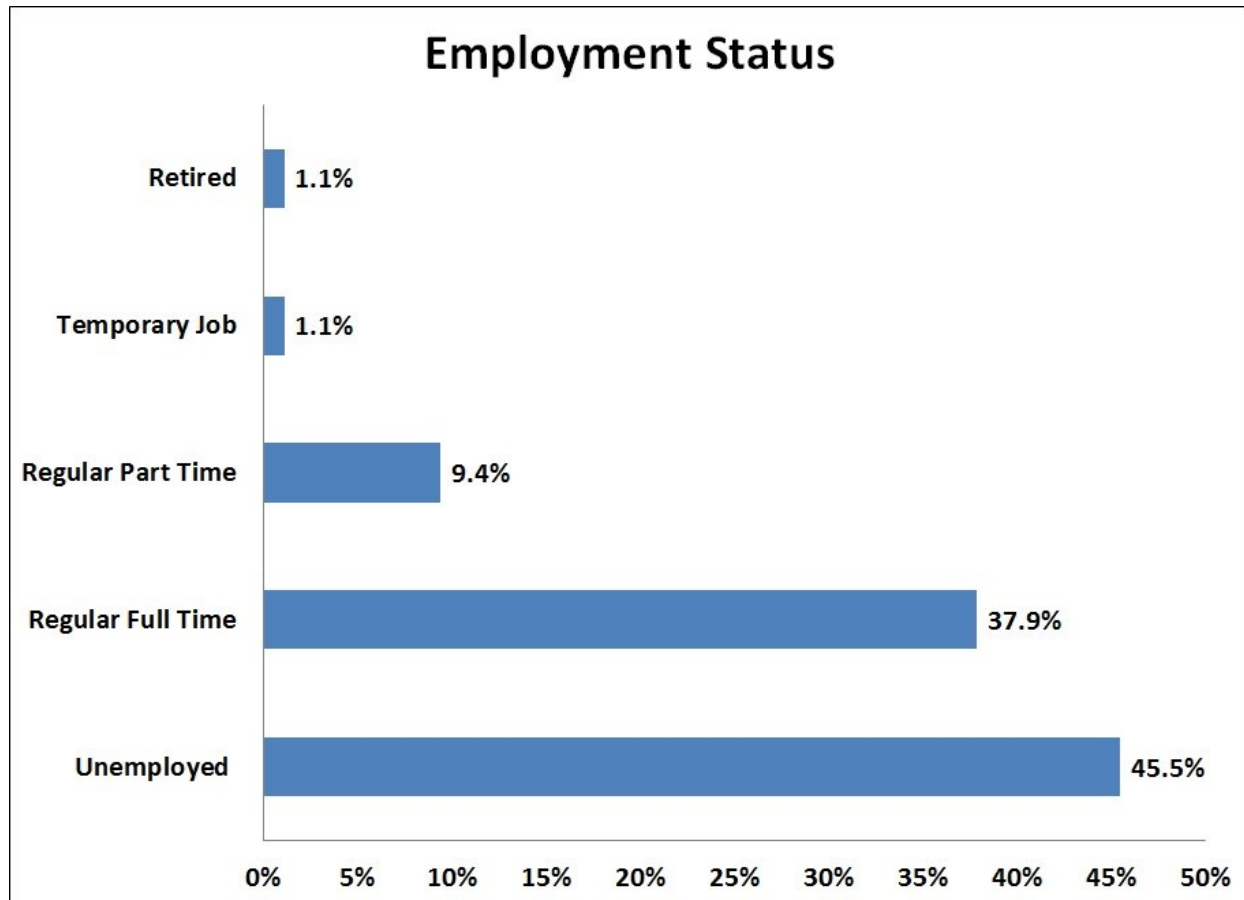| Category	Percentage
1st time homeless in the past 3 years	55.7%
2-3 episodes in the past 3 years	22.9%
At least 4 episodes in the past 3 years	3.2%
Continuously homeless for a year or more	12.7%
Not Currently Homeless	5.4%

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.
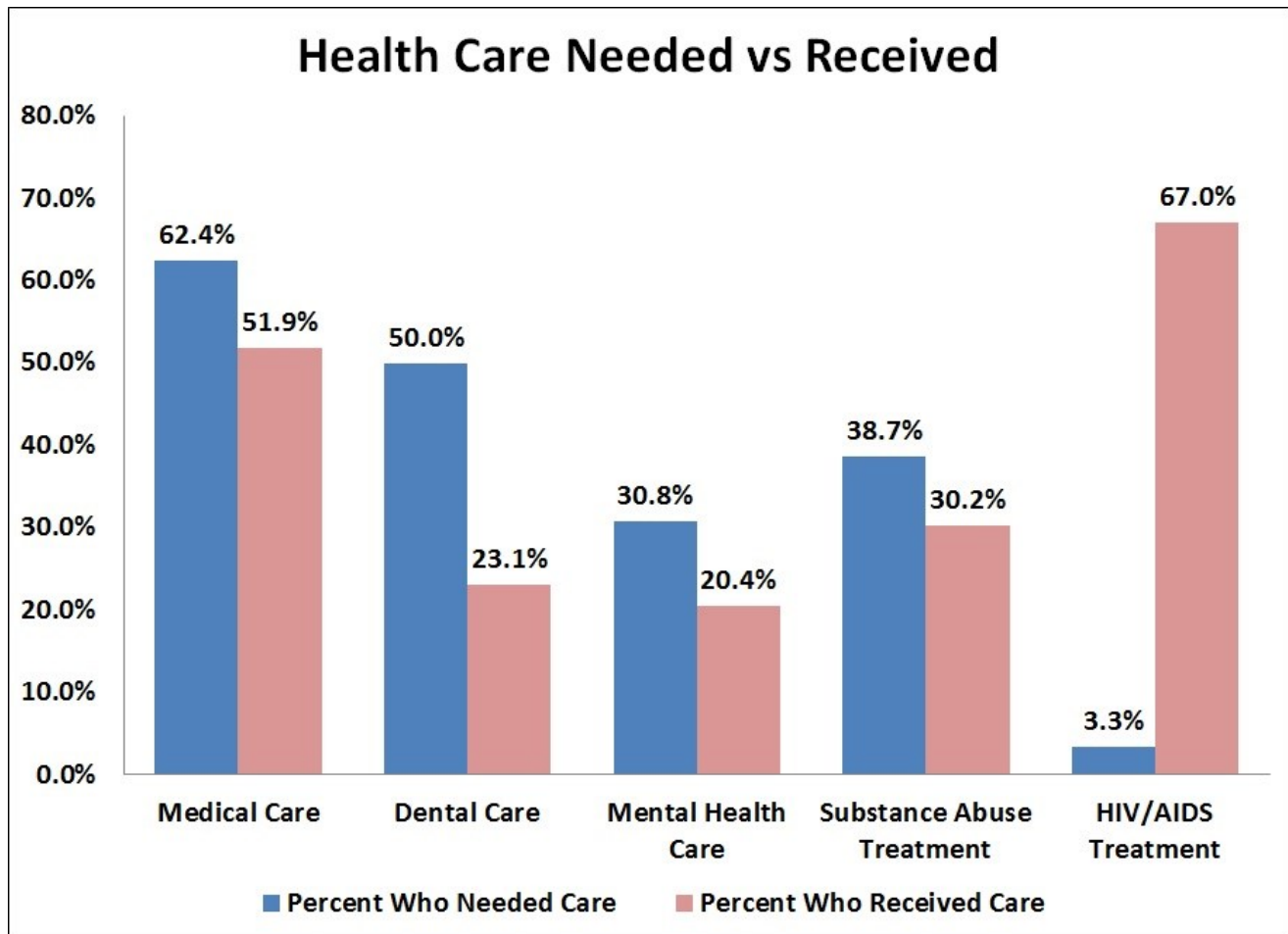
RISK FACTORS FOR HOMELESSNESS

Reasons For Homelessness
Top 5 Responses
314 Total Confirmed Cases
Respondents were able to choose more than one category

Category	Percentage
Domestic Violence	8.8%
Incarceration	13.1%
Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage	13.3%
Unemployment	15.5%
Addiction	15.7%

Disabilities
Top 5 Responses
428 Total Confirmed Cases
Respondents were able to choose more than one category

Category	Percentage
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	7.1%
Serious Mental Illness	10.2%
Chronic Physical Illness	11.0%
Substance Abuse Disorder	19.1%
No Disability	43.7%

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

Employment Status

Status	Percentage
Retired	1.1%
Temporary Job	1.1%
Regular Part Time	9.4%
Regular Full Time	37.9%
Unemployed	45.5%

- **80.9%** of respondents indicated that they were able to work.
- Median length of unemployment is **10 months.**
- **74.4%** of respondents report attaining a high school diploma or higher degree in this sample.
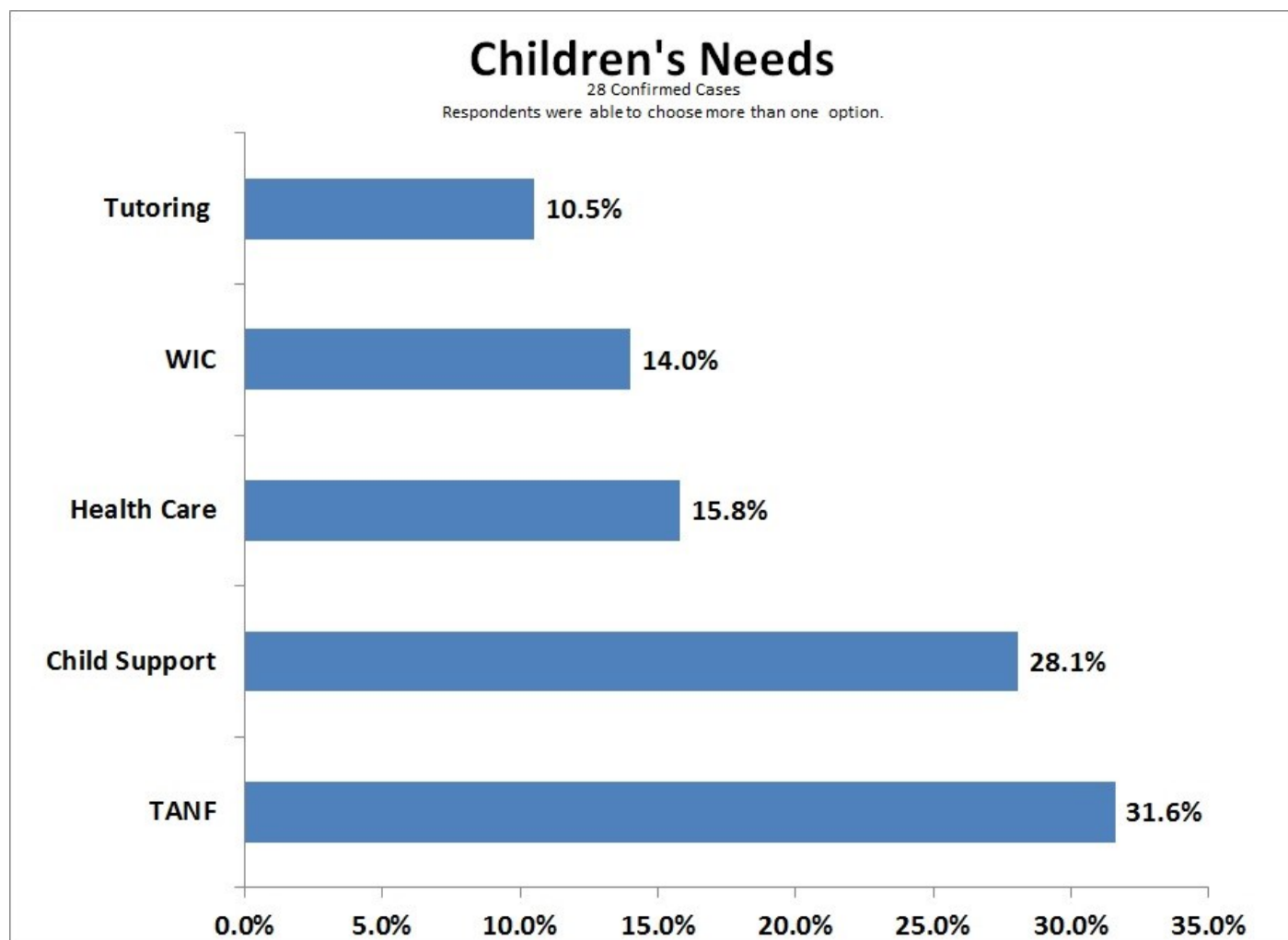- **25.6%** did not graduate high school.

HEALTH CARE

Health Care Needed vs Received

Health Care Need	Majority Treatment Received From	Percentage
Medical	Emergency Room	37.7%
Dental	Community Clinic	49.2%
Mental Health	MHMR	27.0%
Substance Abuse Treatment	Social Service Agency	29.6
HIV/AIDS Treatment	Community Clinic	33.3%

CHILDREN

There were 93 children (under the age of 18) accounted for in the 2014 Point-In-Time survey. Their median age is eight years. Male children make up 58.1% and females account for 41.9%.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is a federal law that ensures immediate enroll-ment and educational stability for homeless children and youth. McKinney-Vento provides federal fund-ing to states for the purpose of supporting district programs that serve homeless students.

Of the school-age children, 88.4% were enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade and 7.0% were not enrolled in school. When asked if the family received enrollment assistance, 32.4% indicated they received help, while 67.6% they did not receive help.

Children's Needs
28 Confirmed Cases
Respondents were able to choose more than one option.

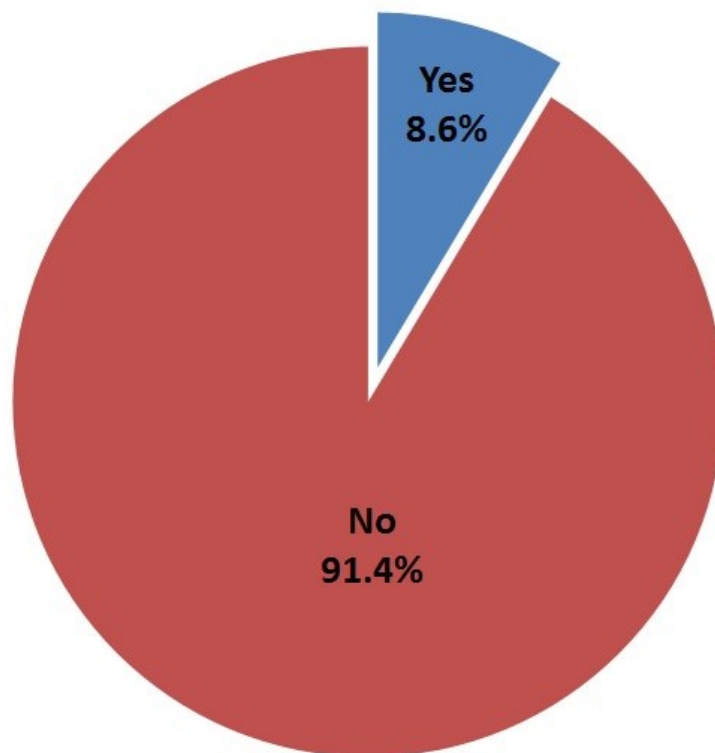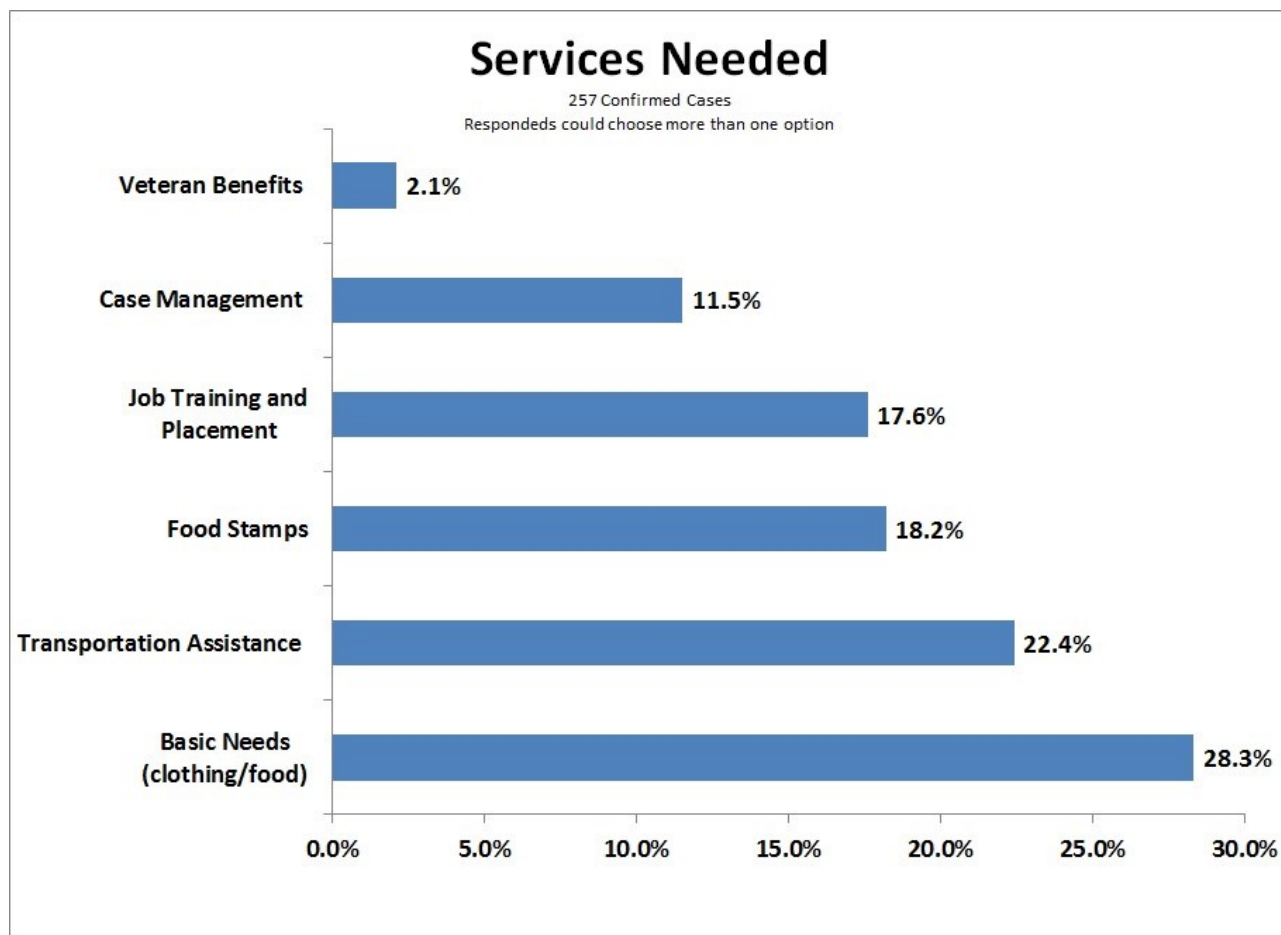| Category	Percentage
Tutoring	10.5%
WIC	14.0%
Health Care	15.8%
Child Support	28.1%
TANF	31.6%

VETERAN STATISTICS

Those who indicated they served in the armed forces, their average length of service was 4 years. Eleven people out of 30 indicated they were called up for active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a reservist. When asked about VA benefits, 44.0% indicated they had no VA benefits of any kind.

The majority of people (25.0%) indicated they served in Vietnam.

Service in US Armed Forces

Yes
8.6%

No
91.4%

COMMUNITY NEEDS AND ESTIMATES

Services Needed

257 Confirmed Cases
Responeds could choose more than one option

- Veteran Benefits — 2.1%
- Case Management — 11.5%
- Job Training and Placement — 17.6%
- Food Stamps — 18.2%
- Transportation Assistance — 22.4%
- Basic Needs (clothing/food) — 28.3%

(x-axis: 0.0%, 5.0%, 10.0%, 15.0%, 20.0%, 25.0%, 30.0%)

PIT homeless estimate for South Plains Homeless Consortium:	**347**
Annualized homeless population estimate for Texoma Homeless Network:	**842**

TEXAS HOMELESS NETWORK