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2020 POINT -IN- TIME REPORT

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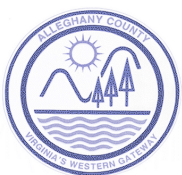
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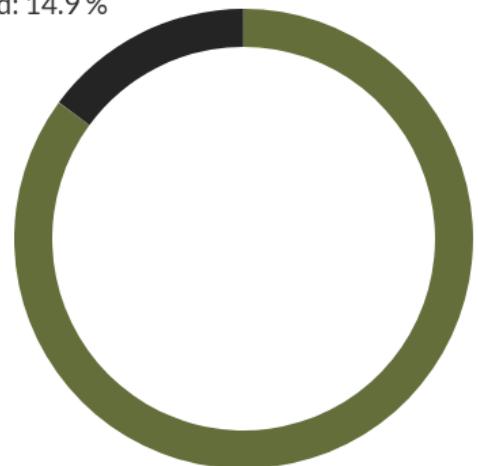
Point-in-Time (PIT) counts of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness occur yearly in each jurisdiction in Virginia, and across the country. This count offers a snapshot of homelessness on a single night and takes place in late January. In order to qualify for federal homeless assistance funds, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires communities to perform this task. The Blue Ridge Interagency Council on Homelessness, the governance body for homeless services in the region, is the lead entity that conducts this PIT count.

The data collected provide valuable information to area service providers, policy makers, and the general public on the individual and family challenges and barriers associated with homelessness. Included data available for analysis are the number of people experiencing homelessness within particular populations, such as people with chronic patterns of homelessness, families with children, veterans experiencing homelessness, and young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 who are experiencing homelessness on their own, not in the company of their parent or guardian. Analyzing changes over time in the overall count and among certain populations of people experiencing homelessness is a strength of our data collection efforts.

Homelessness directly affects thousands of Virginians annually. According to the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in 2019 there were 5,783 homeless individuals in Virginia during a 24 hour count taken in January by localities statewide. This represents a decrease of 3.2% over those counted in 2018. Of the 5,783 counted in 2019, the vast majority (85.1%) were sheltered.

2019 Virginia Homeless Count

Unsheltered: 14.9 %



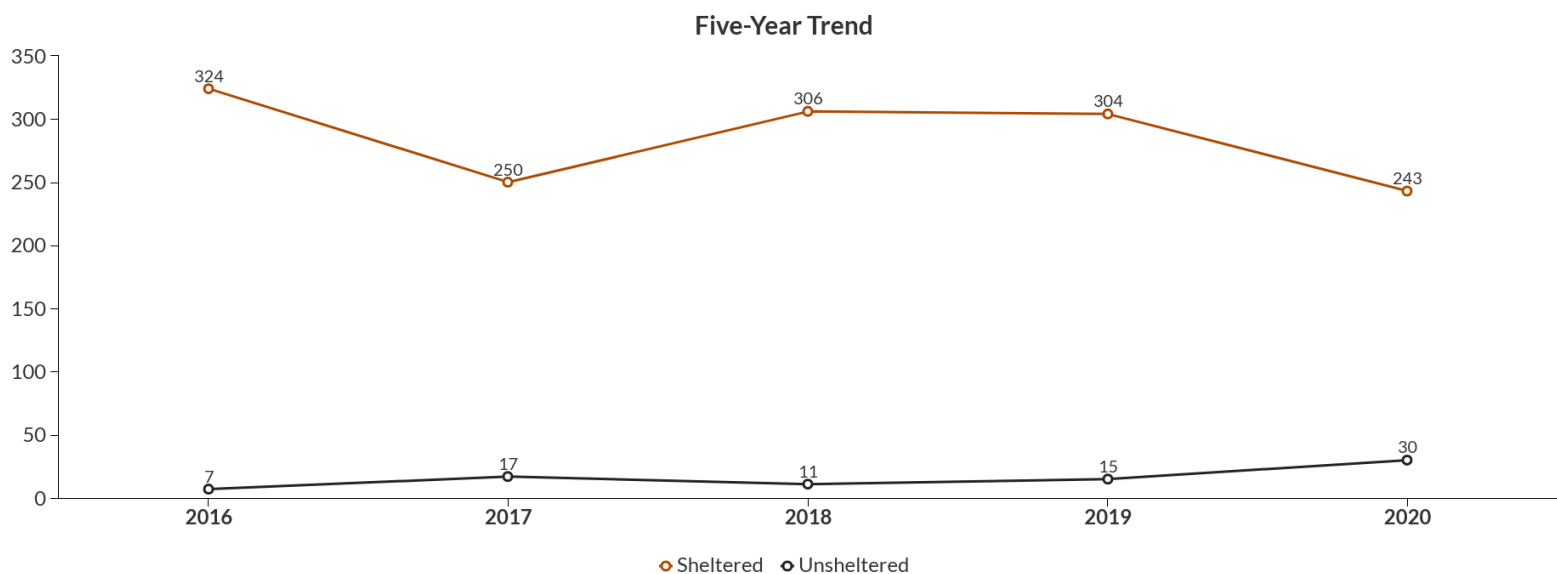
Sheltered: 85.1 %

methodology

This 2020 Point-in-Time Count and Homeless Survey Report presents data obtained on a single night in January from sheltered and unsheltered people in the Blue Ridge Continuum of Care Region of Virginia: Alleghany County, Botetourt County, Craig County, Roanoke County and the cities of Covington, Roanoke and Salem. The instruments used to collect survey data were the Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) v2.0 for single adults, the VI-SPDAT v2.0 for families, and 24 supplemental questions. The survey was administered voluntarily. Families with children were only surveyed once, as a household. Adults in households without children were surveyed individually. This report also includes hard count data and survey data obtained directly from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for most programs.

The VI-SPDAT v2.0, the Continuum of Care’s primary common assessment instrument, is administered to all homeless individuals and/or families upon entry into the region’s coordinated system of care to determine 1) the level of vulnerability of an individual or family; and 2) to prioritize services based on vulnerability. Data from the VI-SPDAT are entered into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) in addition to other essential elements such as demographic characteristics; homelessness and housing histories; and income and benefit amounts.

Individuals fleeing domestic violence were counted and surveyed by program case workers outside of the HMIS (N=17). These data were then aggregated with the overall count and other survey responses. Data for individuals identified as unsheltered (N=30) were obtained and recorded on paper forms used by homeless service providers from the City of Roanoke’s Homeless Assistance Team (HAT), the Salem VA Medical Center, Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare and physician assistant students from Radford University Carilion. This dedicated group searched the streets, under bridges, in doorways and other places to identify, count and interview the unsheltered on the night of January 22, 2020. Volunteers in the Alleghany Highlands also worked to identify unsheltered individuals in the rural areas of the region. No unsheltered individuals were identified in the rural communities this year.





part one: 2020 key findings

All homeless people

- On January 22, 2020, 276 people were experiencing homelessness in the Roanoke Region. A majority, 89.1%, (246) were staying in emergency shelters, and 10.9% (30) were in unsheltered locations.
- 13.4 percent (37) of people experiencing homelessness were children, 80.1% (221) were over the age of 24, and 5.8 percent (16) were between the ages of 18 and 24.
- Between 2019 and 2020, the number of people experiencing homelessness in the Roanoke Region (including Alleghany County) decreased by 13.5%. (319 in 2019 and 276 in 2020). Homelessness increased among people staying in unsheltered locations by 100%. (15 in 2019 and 30 in 2020)
- A trend of decreasing numbers since 2012 in the Roanoke Region shows that homelessness has decreased by 50.8% (561 in 2012 and 276 in 2020).

Homelessness by Household Type

- There were 213 people experiencing homelessness in adult only households, accounting for 77.2% percent of the homeless population. Most (92.5%) were over the age of 24. Six percent were between 18 and 24 (14).
- There were 63 people in families with children experiencing homelessness, representing 22.8 percent of the homeless population. Of people in families with children, 58.7 percent (37) were children under the age of 18, 38.1 percent were over 24, and three percent were between 18 and 24 (2).
- Between 2019 and 2020, homelessness among individuals decreased by 12.7 percent.
- Homelessness among people in families with children counted on a single night decreased by 16.0% between 2019 (75) and 2020 (63). The number of homeless family households decreased by 7.7% between 2019 (26) and 2020 (24).

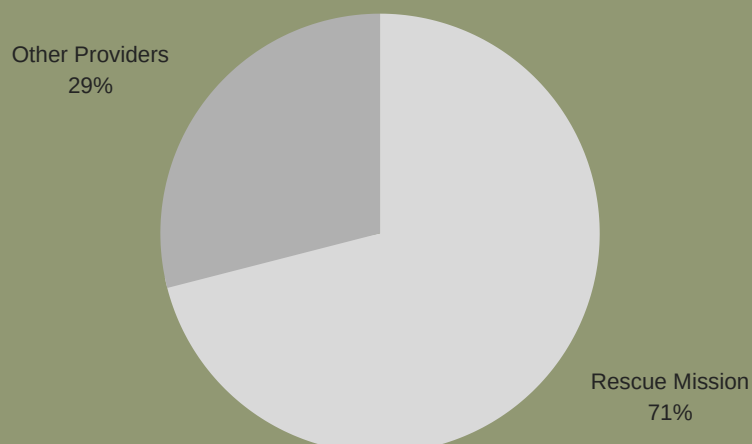
Homelessness by Subpopulation

- In January 2020, 30 veterans were experiencing homelessness, representing a decrease of 26.8% over 2019 (41). Twenty-nine (29) veterans were homeless in households without children, and one was in a household with children. Three veterans were chronically homeless and one was unsheltered.
- There were 44 individuals in adult only households with chronic patterns of homelessness. There were no chronically homeless families with children.
- Chronic homelessness decreased by 29 percent between 2019 (62) and 2020 (44). Chronic homelessness has decreased by 70.5 percent since 2012 (149).
- There were 14 unaccompanied homeless youth between the ages of 18 and 24 counted in January 2020 (all were sheltered). There were 5 individuals in two parenting youth households (2 youth), all were sheltered.

point-in-time count by program

Program	Number of individuals in families	Number of individuals in households without children	Number of veterans	Number of chronically homeless	Number of youth	Total number of individuals
ARCH BRBH	0	1	0	1	0	1
ARCH Families and Single Women	0	10	0	2	3	10
ARCH Veterans Housing/GPD Contract	0	11	11	1	0	11
Family Promise Housing for Families with Children	10	0	1	0	0	10
Rescue Mission Men's Shelter & Male Respite	0	114	16	19	8	114
Rescue Mission Women & Children's Center (WCC)	36	47	1	13	5	83
Safe Home Systems	7	0	0	0	0	7
Turning Point	10	0	0	0	0	10
Unsheltered	0	30	1	8	0	30
Totals	63	213	30	44	16	276

Percentage Served by Rescue Mission



trends over time: 2012 - 2020

Trends in Homeless Count - All Populations

In 2012, the Blue Ridge Continuum of Care began a transformation of its service system that included changes in strategies to more effectively reduce homelessness. Based on national research, the new strategies focused on providing targeted homelessness prevention services and rapidly re-housing those who found themselves in a homeless condition and then providing them with tailored supportive services needed for them to maintain housing stability in the long-term. The Housing First model and matching individuals to resources efficiently through standardized processes are components of an ongoing effort by the Blue Ridge Interagency Council on Homelessness and the Continuum of Care to improve service provision and effectiveness. Between 2012 and 2020, the number of people experiencing homelessness has been reduced by 50.8% from 561 to 276.

Trends in Veteran Homelessness

The number of veterans experiencing homelessness in 2020 decreased by 26.8% in the past year and has declined by 58.3% since 2012. Initiatives such as Michelle Obama's Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness in 2014 and Roanoke's participation brought additional attention and resources to ending homelessness among the veteran population. In November 2015, Roanoke's Blue Ridge Continuum of Care announced that it had achieved functional zero in its efforts to end homelessness among veterans. Functional zero is the point at which there are sufficient resources and a response structure in place to house all veterans entering homelessness within 30 days and that no veterans are unsheltered or experiencing chronic homelessness. In 2020 there were 30 veterans counted, 1 was unsheltered and three were identified as chronically homeless.

Trends in Chronic Homelessness

In 2020 there were 44 chronically homeless individuals counted. Chronic homelessness refers to an individual or family where the head of household has a disability and who has been continuously homeless for a year or more or has experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the last three years where the combined length of time homeless was at least 12 months. Chronic homelessness is challenging in that individuals and families in this category typically have mental health, substance abuse or other underlying barriers that have resulted in their homelessness and that require intense service interventions. Reducing chronic homelessness has been a priority for the Continuum of Care. New strategies and targeted resources have been introduced as part of the systems transformation begun in 2012. One such strategy is use the of a "by-name" list where case managers from a variety of service providers come together on a regular basis to identify the needs of the chronically homeless and to prioritize housing placements utilizing objective scoring tools designed to measure vulnerability and level of service needs. Individuals with the most severe needs are prioritized for housing and services first.

Trends in Family Homelessness

The impact of rapid re-housing strategies on families has been well researched and proven effective. The Family Options Study published by HUD in 2015 showed that rapid re- housing reduced episodes of homelessness in emergency shelter and that both housing subsidies and rapid re-housing services were cost effective. Over the period of 2012 to 2020, the Blue Ridge Continuum of Care's efforts to reduce family homelessness through rapid re-housing housing and other interventions have proved to be both cost and program effective. Since 2012, homelessness among families was reduced from 50 families in 2012 to 24 families in 2020, a 52.0% reduction. The number of people in families with children has declined by 52.3% over the same period (from 132 in 2012 to 63 in 2020).

part two: 2020 survey key findings

There were 237 individuals and households that were eligible to participate in the survey. Of those, 57.4% (n=136) chose to participate in at least a portion of the survey. The survey instruments used to collect data are 1) the Vulnerability Index & Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) v2.0 for single adults, 2) the Vulnerability Index & Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) v2.0 for families, and 3) a supplemental survey designed to capture additional data regarding characteristics of those experiencing homelessness.

key findings

Housing and Homelessness

- Singles: 59 of 123 (48%) indicated that it had been one year or more since living in permanent stable housing (47 of 106 or 44.3% in 2019)
- Families: 2 of 11 (18.2%) responded that it have been one year or more since living in permanent stable housing compared to 6 of 19 (31.6%) in 2019
- Singles: 28 of 124 (22.6%) reported having 4 or more episodes of homelessness in the last 3 years; compared to 28 of 106 (26.8%) in 2019. Eight individuals reported having more than 10 episodes of homelessness in the last three years.
- Families: 0 of 11 reported having 4 or more episodes of homelessness in the last year; 5 of 19 (19.2%) reported the same in 2019

Foster Care and Incarceration

- 5 of the 12 (41.7%) unaccompanied and parenting youth (ages 18-24) reported having past involvement with the foster care system. (Change from 2019: none of the 5 (0%) unaccompanied and parenting youth participating in the survey reported past involvement with the foster care system.)
- 19 of the 136 responses (14.0%) total individuals surveyed reported past involvement with the foster care system.
- 100% (15 of 30 answered this question) of unsheltered individuals reported a history of jail incarcerations; 4 unsheltered individuals reported having been to prison.
- 106 of 136 (77.9%) of the total number of individuals surveyed reported a history of jail incarcerations; 36 of the 136 (26.5%) reported having been to prison.



Coming to Roanoke

- 82 of the 137 responses (59.9%) individuals participating in the supplemental survey reported living inside of the Continuum of Care's service area prior to becoming homeless (73 of 125 responses, or 58.4%, in 2019).

Income

- Singles: 46 of the 124 (37.1%) single adults surveyed reported having some form of income (40.6% in 2019; 44.6% in 2018).
- Families: 6 of the 11 (54.5%) families surveyed reported having some form of income; (47.4% in 2019; 66.7% in 2018).

Transportation (respondents could select more than 1)

- Licensed Motor Vehicle: 13
- Valley Metro Bus: 82
- Walk: 111
- Bicycle/Scooter: 4
- Wheelchair/Mobility Device: 3
- Ride with friends/family: 19
- Other: 8
 - Case Manager/Mental
 - Health Clinician (2)
 - Medicaid (1)
 - Trolley (4)
 - Uber (1)

Health Care & Emergency Room Usage

- 39 of 136 (28.7%) individuals and families participating in the VI-SPDAT survey reported receiving health care at an emergency room 3 or more times in the last six months, compared to 20% (25 of 125) in 2019
- These individuals used the ER a total of 146 times in six months (compared to 106 times in 2019)
- In 2020, 124 individuals of 140 reported having some form of health insurance (88.6%) 70% of insured individuals were insured through Medicaid. The number of people reporting to be covered with medical insurance increased from 72.5% in 2019, to 88.6%.

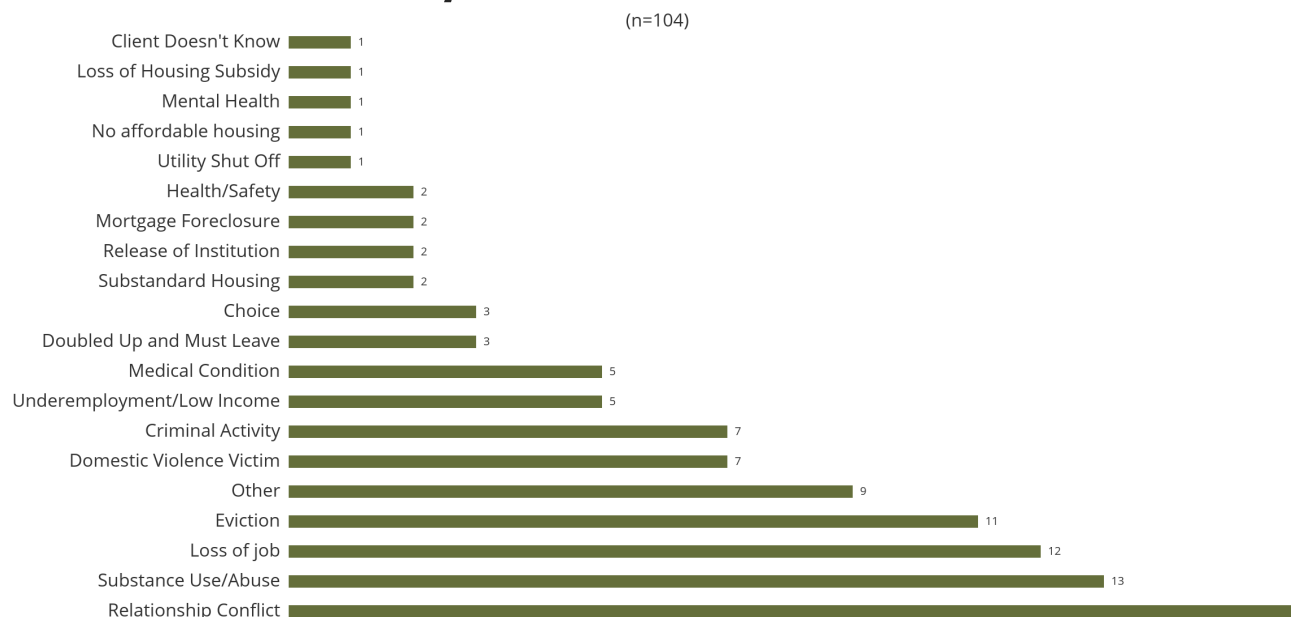
Educational Attainment

- Post-graduate: 1 (.7%)
- College graduate: 7(5%)
- Some college: 31 (22.1%)
- High school diploma or GED: 69 (49.3%)
- Some high school: 21 (15%)
- K-8: 3 (2.1%)
- None: 2 (1.4%)
- Refused: 6 (4.3%)

Disability

- 16.4% (23 of 140 individuals) reported having a permanent physical disability that limits mobility

Primary Reason for Homelessness





our work this year

Our community has continued to work hard this year in ensuring that homelessness in our community is rare, brief and one-time. We are continuing to work with national experts through the Built for Zero initiative to reduce chronic and Veteran homelessness. As part of this initiative last year, we implemented a community-wide move-on strategy in our permanent supportive housing (PSH) programs to increase our capacity in serving more individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. This year, we worked with the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority to implement and operationalize a homeless preference for individuals exiting homelessness and for individuals “moving on” from our PSH programs and into Housing Choice and Mainstream Vouchers. Since instituting this preference, 14 households have moved on from permanent supportive housing and into voucher programs operated by the Housing Authority. This represents a turnover of 34% of the total number of Continuum of Care-funded PSH units in our community, allowing us to expand our capacity in serving more individuals in need of high levels of service intervention.

Our community’s Housing Placement Teams continue to meet every other week to case conference, collaborate and develop paths to housing for our community’s homeless Veterans, families with children, chronically homeless and youth. These groups are the drivers of service coordination and housing placements in the community. They are the heartbeat of our work.

ARCH Roanoke received new funding this year through the US Department of Veteran Affairs to provide long-term case management services to Veterans being placed in permanent housing, ensuring that the on-going service needs of this population are met and returns to homelessness are avoided. The Salem VA Medical Center has received additional permanent supportive housing vouchers to serve additional homeless Veterans through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program. The Council of Community Services received new funding this year through the Virginia Housing Trust Fund to expand our capacity in providing rapid re-housing services in our community. The acquisition of these new resources reflect the fact that funders recognize that our service system is high-functioning and is achieving measurable results.

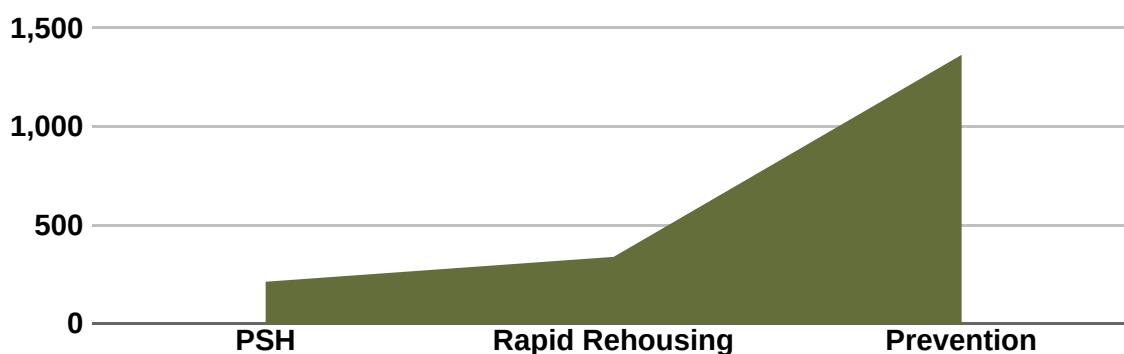
As a result of these efforts, we have made significant progress this year in reducing homelessness in our priority populations:

- Chronic homelessness decreased by 29% this year
- The number of homeless families decreased by 7.7%
- The number of homeless children under age 18 decreased by 21.3%
- The number of homeless Veterans decreased by 26.8%

The number of unaccompanied and parenting youth (age 18-24) remained unchanged this year over last (16). This population will continue to be a focus of our coordinated efforts, including being prioritized for rapid re-housing services and connected to housing resources available through the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

In 2019 we successfully prevented 1,363 individuals from entering homelessness through Central Intake, the Community Housing Resource Center, Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM) and Total Action for Progress (TAP). Without the critical financial assistance and case management services provided by these agencies, these individuals would have likely become homeless, increasing the numbers outlined in this report.

Our community continues to provide the critical housing services needed for individuals and families to quickly exit homelessness and stabilize in permanent housing. In 2019, 339 individuals were rapidly re-housed through the Council of Community Services' Community Housing Resource Center and TAP's Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program. Permanent supportive housing was provided to 213 veterans and chronically homeless individuals through ARCH Roanoke and the Salem VA Medical Center. Without these critical housing services, many of our neighbors in crisis would have spent more time in our shelters and on our streets.



In early 2020 as COVID-19 began to emerge and spread in communities throughout the country, our local homeless services system rose to the challenge and began to prepare and respond. We worked with the local healthcare system, emergency managers, and the health department to launch an isolation facility, providing individuals experiencing homelessness who are awaiting COVID-19 test results or who have tested positive, space to safely isolate and recover. This space provided by the Trust House is limiting the potential for the virus to spread among the homeless population in our community.

We are placing high-risk unsheltered individuals in hotel rooms, providing them with a safe space to isolate and remain healthy. Our community is leveraging multiple funding sources for these hotel placements and have created partnerships to feed and provide case management services to our most vulnerable neighbors. We are working hard to ensure these individuals obtain safe, permanent housing of their own and do not return to our streets or our shelter system.

The COVID-19 pandemic will continue to challenge our service system as we work to ensure the most vulnerable in our community are protected. The economic impact of the crisis will increase the demand for financial assistance and homelessness prevention services. Our community of homeless service providers will continue to rise to meet the challenges of this life-saving work. Never before have the connections between community health and access to safe, stable housing been more clear. Our work has never been more important.

appendix a: definition of terms

Chronically Homeless Individual refers to an individual with a disability who has been continuously homeless for 1 year or more or has experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the last 3 years where the combined length of time homeless in those occasions is at least 12 months.

Chronically Homeless People in Families refers to people in families in which the head of household has a disability and has either been continuously homeless for 1 year or more or has experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the last 3 years where the combined length of time homeless in those occasions is at least 12 months.

Continuums of Care (CoC) are local planning bodies responsible for coordinating the full range of homelessness services in a geographic area, which may cover a city, county, metropolitan area, or an entire state.

Emergency Shelter is a facility with the primary purpose of providing temporary shelter for homeless people.

Homeless describes a person who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

Individual refers to a person who is not part of a family with children during an episode of homelessness. Individuals may be homeless as single adults, unaccompanied youth, or in multiple-adult or multiple-child households.

Other Permanent Housing is housing with or without services that is specifically for formerly homeless people, but that does not require people to have a disability.

Parenting Youth are people under age 25 who are the parents or legal guardians of one or more children (under age 18) who are present with or sleeping in the same place as that youth parent, where there is no person over age 24 in the household.

Parenting Youth Household is a household with at least one parenting youth and the child or children for whom the parenting youth is the parent or legal guardian.

Rapid Rehousing is a housing model designed to provide temporary housing assistance to people experiencing homelessness, moving them quickly out of homelessness and into permanent housing.

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is a program designed to provide housing (project- and tenant-based) and supportive services on a long-term basis to formerly homeless people. HUD McKinney-Vento-funded programs require that the client have a disability for program eligibility, so the majority of people in PSH have disabilities.

People in Families with Children are people who are homeless as part of households that have at least one adult (age 18 and older) and one child (under age 18).

Point-in-Time Counts are unduplicated 1-night estimates of both sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations. The 1-night counts are conducted by Continuums of Care nationwide and occur during the last week in January of each year.

Safe Havens are projects that provide private or semi-private long-term housing for people with severe mental illness and are limited to serving no more than 25 people within a facility. People in safe havens are included in the 1-night PIT count but, at this time, are not included from the 1-year shelter count.

Sheltered Homelessness refers to people who are staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, or safe havens.

Transitional Housing Programs provide people experiencing homelessness a place to stay combined with supportive services for up to 24 months.

Unaccompanied Youth (under 18) are people who are not part of a family with children or accompanied by their parent or guardian during their episode of homelessness, and who are under the age of 18.

Unaccompanied Youth (18 to 24) are people who are not part of a family with children or accompanied by their parent or guardian during their episode of homelessness, and who are between the ages of 18 and 24.

Unsheltered Homelessness refers to people whose primary nighttime residence is a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for people (for example, the streets, vehicles, or parks).

Veteran refers to any person who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States. This includes Reserves and National Guard members who were called up to active duty.

appendix b: 2020 data detail

ALL HOUSEHOLDS

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	2020 Total	2019 Total	Percent Change
	Emergency	Transitional				
Total Number of Households	207	0	30	237	268	-11.6%
Total Number of Persons (Adults and Children)	246	0	30	276	319	-13.5%
Number of Children (Under Age 18)	37	0	0	37	47	-21.3%
Number of Young Adults (Age 18-24)	16	0	0	16	16	0.0%
Number of Adults (Over Age 24)	193	0	28	221	251	-12.0%
Number of Persons with Missing DOB	0	0	2	2	5	-60.0%

Gender (adults and children)

Female	93	0	7	100	121	-17.4%
Male	151	0	23	174	196	-11.2%
Transgender	1	0	0	1	0	0.0%
Does Not Identify as Male/Female/Transgender	1	0	0	1	0	0.0%
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0	2	-100.0%

Ethnicity (adults and children)

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	232	0	29	261	298	-12.4%
Hispanic/Latino	9	0	1	10	10	0.0%
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Missing / Non-HUD	5	0	0	5	11	-54.5%

Race (adults and children)

White	137	0	20	157	163	-3.7%
Black or African-American	87	0	6	93	122	-23.8%
Asian	0	0	0	0	1	-100.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	0	2	4	1	300.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Multiple Races	17	0	2	19	19	0.0%
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0	3	0.0%
Missing / Non-HUD	3	0	0	3	12	-75.0%

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Households	36	8	44	58	-24.1%
Total Number of Persons	36	8	44	62	-29.0%

Veterans

Total Number of Households	29	1	30	41	-26.8%
Total Number of Persons	31	1	32	41	-22.0%
Total Number of Veterans	29	1	30	41	-26.8%

ALL HOUSEHOLDS

Households with at least one Adult and one Child

Households with at least one Adult and one Child	Sheltered		Unsheltered	2020 Total	2019 Total	% Change
	Emergency	Transitional				
Total Number of Households	24	0	0	24	26	-7.7%
Total Number of Persons (Adults and Children)	63	0	0	63	75	-16.0%
Number of Children (Under Age 18)	37	0	0	37	47	-21.3%
Number of Young Adults (Age 18-24)	2	0	0	2	3	-33.3%
Number of Adults (Over Age 24)	24	0	0	24	25	-4.0%
Number of Persons with Missing DOB	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Gender (adults and children)

Female	41	0	0	41
Male	22	0	0	22
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Does Not Identify as Male/Female/Transgender	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity (adults and children)

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	55	0	0	55
Hispanic/Latino	5	0	0	5
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	3	0	0	3

Race (adults and children)

White	37	0	0	37
Black or African-American	14	0	0	14
Asian	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	9	0	0	9
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	3	0	0	3

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Households	0	0	0	2	-100.0%
Total Number of Persons	0	0	0	6	-100.0%

ALL HOUSEHOLDS

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	2020 Total	2019 Total	% Change
	Emergency	Transitional				
Households without Children						
Total Number of Households	183	0	30	213	242	-12.0%
Total Number of Persons (Adults)	183	0	30	213	244	-12.7%
Number of Young Adults (Age 18-24)	14	0	0	14	13	7.7%
Number of Adults (Over Age 24)	169	0	28	197	230	-14.3%
Number of Persons with Missing DOB	0	0	2	2	1	100.0%

Gender

Female	52	0	7	59
Male	129	0	23	152
Transgender	1	0	0	1
Does Not Identify as Male/Female/Transgender	1	0	0	1
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	177	0	29	206
Hispanic/Latino	4	0	1	5
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	2	0	0	2

Race

White	100	0	20	120
Black or African-American	73	0	6	79
Asian	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	0	2	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	8	0	2	10
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Persons	36	8	44	56	-21.4%
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ALL HOUSEHOLDS

Households with Only Children (under age 18)

Total Number of Households

Total Number of Children (Under 18)

Sheltered		Unsheltered	2020 Total	2019 Total	% Change
Emergency	Transitional				
0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Gender

Female

Male

Transgender

Does Not Identify as
Male/Female/Transgender

Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused

Missing / Non-HUD

0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino

Hispanic/Latino

Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused

Missing / Non-HUD

0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0

Race

White

Black or African-American

Asian

American Indian or Alaska Native

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Multiple Races

Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused

Missing / Non-HUD

0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Persons

0	0	0	0	0.0%
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VETERAN HOUSEHOLDS ONLY

Veteran Households with at least one Adult and one Child

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	2020 Total	2019 Total	% Change
	Emergency	Transitional				
Total Number of Households	1	0	0	1	0	0.0%
Total Number of Persons (Adults and Children)	3	0	0	3	0	0.0%
Total Number of Veterans	1	0	0	1	0	0.0%

Gender (veterans only)

Female	0	0	0	0
Male	1	0	0	1
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Does Not Identify as Male/Female/Transgender	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity (veterans only)

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	1	0	0	1
Hispanic/Latino	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Race (veterans only)

White	1	0	0	1
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Chronically Homeless (veterans only)

Total Number of Households	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Number of Persons	0	0	0	0	0.0%

VETERAN HOUSEHOLDS ONLY

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	2020 Total	2019 Total	% Change
Veteran Households without Children	Emergency	Transitional				
Total Number of Households	28	0	1	29	41	-29.3%
Total Number of Persons	28	0	1	29	41	-29.3%
Total Number of Veterans	28	0	1	29	41	-29.3%

Gender (veterans only)

Female	1	0	0	1
Male	27	0	1	28
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Does Not Identify as Male/Female/Transgender	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity (veterans only)

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	28	0	1	29
Hispanic/Latino	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Race (veterans only)

White	15	0	0	15
Black or African-American	11	0	0	11
Asian	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0	0	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	1	0	0	1
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Chronically Homeless (veterans only)

Total Number of Persons	3	0	3	5	-40.0%
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UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH HOUSEHOLDS

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	2020 Total	2019 Total	% Change
	Emergency	Transitional				
Total Number of Unaccompanied Youth Households	14	0	0	14	12	16.7%
Total Number of Unacc Youth	14	0	0	14	13	7.7%
Number of Unacc Youth (under 18)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Number of Unacc Youth (18 - 24)	14	0	0	14	13	7.7%

Gender (unacc youth)

Female	3	0	0	3
Male	10	0	0	10
Transgender	1	0	0	1
Does Not Identify as Male/Female/Transgender	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity (unacc youth)

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	14	0	0	14
Hispanic/Latino	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Race (unacc youth)

White	9	0	0	9
Black or African-American	3	0	0	3
Asian	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0	0	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	1	0	0	1
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Chronically Homeless (unacc youth)

Total Number of Households	0	0	0	0	2	-100.0%
Total Number of Persons	0	0	0	0	2	-100.0%

PARENTING YOUTH HOUSEHOLDS

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	2020 Total	2019 Total	% Change
	Emergency	Transitional				
Total Number of Parenting Youth Households	2	0	0	2	2	0.0%
Total Number of Persons in Parenting Youth Households	5	0	0	5	5	0.0%
Number of Parenting Youth (youth parents only)	2	0	0	2	2	0.0%
Number of Parenting Youth (under 18)	3	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Number of Parenting Youth (18 - 24)	0	0	0	2	2	0.0%
Number of Children with Parenting Youth (children under 18 with parents under 25)	0	0	0	3	3	0.0%
Number of Persons Missing HoH	2	0	0	2	0	0.0%

Gender (youth parents only)

Female	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0
Transgender	2	0	0	2
Does Not Identify as Male/Female/Transgender	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity (youth parents only)

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0	0	0	0
Hispanic/Latino	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	2	0	0	2
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Race (youth parents only)

White	0	0	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Asian	1	0	0	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0	0	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Households	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Number of Persons	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Homeless Subpopulations

	Sheltered			Sheltered Total	Unsheltered
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Adults with a Serious Mental Illness	24	0	0	24	0
Adults with a Substance Use Disorder	6	0	0	6	0
Adults with HIV/AIDS	2	0	0	2	0
Victims of Domestic Violence (Optional)	22	0	0	22	0

appendix c: survey instruments

Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Tool v2.0 for Single Adults

Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Tool v2.0 for Families

Supplemental Questionnaire

Administration

Interviewer's Name _____	Agency _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Team <input type="checkbox"/> Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer
Survey Date DD/MM/YYYY ____/____/____	Survey Time ____	Survey Location _____

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- that only "Yes," "No," or one-word answers are being sought
- that any question can be skipped or refused
- where the information is going to be stored
- that if the participant does not understand a question or the assessor does not understand the question that clarification can be provided
- the importance of relaying accurate information to the assessor and not feeling that there is a correct or preferred answer that they need to provide, nor information they need to conceal

Basic Information

First Name _____	Nickname _____	Last Name _____
In what language do you feel best able to express yourself? _____		
Date of Birth DD/MM/YYYY ____/____/____	Age _____	Social Security Number _____
		Consent to participate <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

IF THE PERSON IS 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, THEN SCORE 1.

SCORE:

A. History of Housing and Homelessness

1. Where do you sleep most frequently? (check one)

- ☐ Shelters
☐ Transitional Housing
☐ Safe Haven
☐ **Outdoors**
☐ **Other (specify):** _____

☐ **Refused**

IF THE PERSON ANSWERS ANYTHING OTHER THAN "SHELTER", "TRANSITIONAL HOUSING", OR "SAFE HAVEN", THEN SCORE 1.

SCORE:

2. How long has it been since you lived in permanent stable housing? _____

☐ Refused

3. In the last three years, how many times have you been homeless? _____

☐ Refused

IF THE PERSON HAS EXPERIENCED 1 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF HOMELESSNESS, AND/OR 4+ EPISODES OF HOMELESSNESS, THEN SCORE 1.

SCORE:

B. Risks

4. In the past six months, how many times have you...

a) Received health care at an emergency department/room? _____

☐ Refused

b) Taken an ambulance to the hospital? _____

☐ Refused

c) Been hospitalized as an inpatient? _____

☐ Refused

d) Used a crisis service, including sexual assault crisis, mental health crisis, family/intimate violence, distress centers and suicide prevention hotlines? _____

☐ Refused

e) Talked to police because you witnessed a crime, were the victim of a crime, or the alleged perpetrator of a crime or because the police told you that you must move along? _____

☐ Refused

f) Stayed one or more nights in a holding cell, jail or prison, whether that was a short-term stay like the drunk tank, a longer stay for a more serious offence, or anything in between? _____

☐ Refused

IF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INTERACTIONS EQUALS 4 OR MORE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **EMERGENCY SERVICE USE.**

SCORE:

5. Have you been attacked or beaten up since you've become homeless? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

6. Have you threatened to or tried to harm yourself or anyone else in the last year? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **RISK OF HARM.**

SCORE:

7. Do you have any legal stuff going on right now that may result in you being locked up, having to pay fines, or that make it more difficult to rent a place to live? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES," THEN SCORE 1 FOR **LEGAL ISSUES**.

SCORE:

8. Does anybody force or trick you to do things that you do not want to do? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

9. Do you ever do things that may be considered to be risky like exchange sex for money, run drugs for someone, have unprotected sex with someone you don't know, share a needle, or anything like that? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **RISK OF EXPLOITATION**.

SCORE:

C. Socialization & Daily Functioning

10. Is there any person, past landlord, business, bookie, dealer, or government group like the IRS that thinks you owe them money? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

11. Do you get any money from the government, a pension, an inheritance, working under the table, a regular job, or anything like that? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO QUESTION 10 OR "NO" TO QUESTION 11, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **MONEY MANAGEMENT**.

SCORE:

12. Do you have planned activities, other than just surviving, that make you feel happy and fulfilled? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "NO," THEN SCORE 1 FOR **MEANINGFUL DAILY ACTIVITY**.

SCORE:

13. Are you currently able to take care of basic needs like bathing, changing clothes, using a restroom, getting food and clean water and other things like that? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "NO," THEN SCORE 1 FOR **SELF-CARE**.

SCORE:

14. Is your current homelessness in any way caused by a relationship that broke down, an unhealthy or abusive relationship, or because family or friends caused you to become evicted? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES," THEN SCORE 1 FOR **SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS**.

SCORE:

D. Wellness

15. Have you ever had to leave an apartment, shelter program, or other place you were staying because of your physical health? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
16. Do you have any chronic health issues with your liver, kidneys, stomach, lungs or heart? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
17. If there was space available in a program that specifically assists people that live with HIV or AIDS, would that be of interest to you? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
18. Do you have any physical disabilities that would limit the type of housing you could access, or would make it hard to live independently because you'd need help? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
19. When you are sick or not feeling well, do you avoid getting help? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
20. **FOR FEMALE RESPONDENTS ONLY:** Are you currently pregnant? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ N/A or Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **PHYSICAL HEALTH**.

SCORE:

21. Has your drinking or drug use led you to being kicked out of an apartment or program where you were staying in the past? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
22. Will drinking or drug use make it difficult for you to stay housed or afford your housing? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **SUBSTANCE USE**.

SCORE:

23. Have you ever had trouble maintaining your housing, or been kicked out of an apartment, shelter program or other place you were staying, because of:
- a) A mental health issue or concern? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
- b) A past head injury? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
- c) A learning disability, developmental disability, or other impairment? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
24. Do you have any mental health or brain issues that would make it hard for you to live independently because you'd need help? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **MENTAL HEALTH**.

SCORE:

IF THE RESPONDENT SCORED 1 FOR **PHYSICAL HEALTH** AND 1 FOR **SUBSTANCE USE** AND 1 FOR **MENTAL HEALTH**, SCORE 1 FOR **TRI-MORBIDITY**.

SCORE:

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25. Are there any medications that a doctor said you should be taking that, for whatever reason, you are not taking? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

26. Are there any medications like painkillers that you don't take the way the doctor prescribed or where you sell the medication? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, SCORE 1 FOR **MEDICATIONS**.

SCORE:

27. **YES OR NO:** Has your current period of homelessness been caused by an experience of emotional, physical, psychological, sexual, or other type of abuse, or by any other trauma you have experienced? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES", SCORE 1 FOR **ABUSE AND TRAUMA**.

SCORE:

Scoring Summary

DOMAIN	SUBTOTAL	RESULTS
PRE-SURVEY	/1	Score: Recommendation: 0-3: no housing intervention 4-7: an assessment for Rapid Re-Housing 8+: an assessment for Permanent Supportive Housing/Housing First
A. HISTORY OF HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS	/2	
B. RISKS	/4	
C. SOCIALIZATION & DAILY FUNCTIONS	/4	
D. WELLNESS	/6	
GRAND TOTAL:	/17	

Follow-Up Questions

On a regular day, where is it easiest to find you and what time of day is easiest to do so?	place: _____ time: ____ : ____ or
Is there a phone number and/or email where someone can safely get in touch with you or leave you a message?	phone: (____) _____ - _____ email: _____
Ok, now I'd like to take your picture so that it is easier to find you and confirm your identity in the future. May I do so?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused

Communities are encouraged to think of additional questions that may be relevant to the programs being operated or your specific local context. This may include questions related to:

- military service and nature of discharge
- ageing out of care
- mobility issues
- legal status in country
- income and source of it
- current restrictions on where a person can legally reside
- children that may reside with the adult at some point in the future
- safety planning

Administration

Interviewer's Name _____	Agency _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Team <input type="checkbox"/> Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer
Survey Date DD/MM/YYYY ____/____/____	Survey Time ____ : ____	Survey Location _____

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- that any question can be skipped or refused
- where the information is going to be stored
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- the importance of relaying accurate information to the assessor and not feeling that there is a correct or preferred answer that they need to provide, nor information they need to conceal

Basic Information

PARENT 1	First Name	Nickname	Last Name

	In what language do you feel best able to express yourself? _____		
	Date of Birth DD/MM/YYYY ____/____/____	Age _____	Social Security Number _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
PARENT 2	<input type="checkbox"/> No second parent currently part of the household		
	First Name	Nickname	Last Name

	In what language do you feel best able to express yourself? _____		
	Date of Birth DD/MM/YYYY ____/____/____	Age _____	Social Security Number _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
IF EITHER HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD IS 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, THEN SCORE 1.			SCORE: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 30px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>

Children

1. How many children under the age of 18 are currently with you? _____ ☐ Refused
2. How many children under the age of 18 are not currently with your family, but you have reason to believe they will be joining you when you get housed? _____ ☐ Refused
3. **IF HOUSEHOLD INCLUDES A FEMALE:** Is any member of the family currently pregnant? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
4. Please provide a list of children's names and ages:

First Name	Last Name	Age	Date of Birth
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

IF THERE IS A SINGLE PARENT WITH 2+ CHILDREN, AND/OR A CHILD AGED 11 OR YOUNGER, AND/OR A CURRENT PREGNANCY, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **FAMILY SIZE**.

SCORE:

IF THERE ARE TWO PARENTS WITH 3+ CHILDREN, AND/OR A CHILD AGED 6 OR YOUNGER, AND/OR A CURRENT PREGNANCY, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **FAMILY SIZE**.

A. History of Housing and Homelessness

5. Where do you and your family sleep most frequently? (check one)
 - ☐ Shelters
 - ☐ Transitional Housing
 - ☐ Safe Haven
 - ☐ **Outdoors**
 - ☐ **Other (specify):** _____
 - ☐ **Refused**

IF THE PERSON ANSWERS ANYTHING OTHER THAN "SHELTER", "TRANSITIONAL HOUSING", OR "SAFE HAVEN", THEN SCORE 1.

SCORE:

6. How long has it been since you and your family lived in permanent stable housing? _____ ☐ Refused
7. In the last three years, how many times have you and your family been homeless? _____ ☐ Refused

IF THE FAMILY HAS EXPERIENCED 1 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF HOMELESSNESS, AND/OR 4+ EPISODES OF HOMELESSNESS, THEN SCORE 1.

SCORE:

B. Risks

8. In the past six months, how many times have you or anyone in your family...

- a) Received health care at an emergency department/room? _____ ☐ Refused
- b) Taken an ambulance to the hospital? _____ ☐ Refused
- c) Been hospitalized as an inpatient? _____ ☐ Refused
- d) Used a crisis service, including sexual assault crisis, mental health crisis, family/intimate violence, distress centers and suicide prevention hotlines? _____ ☐ Refused
- e) Talked to police because they witnessed a crime, were the victim of a crime, or the alleged perpetrator of a crime or because the police told them that they must move along? _____ ☐ Refused
- f) Stayed one or more nights in a holding cell, jail or prison, whether that was a short-term stay like the drunk tank, a longer stay for a more serious offence, or anything in between? _____ ☐ Refused

IF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INTERACTIONS EQUALS 4 OR MORE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **EMERGENCY SERVICE USE.**

SCORE:

9. Have you or anyone in your family been attacked or beaten up since they've become homeless? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
10. Have you or anyone in your family threatened to or tried to harm themselves or anyone else in the last year? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **RISK OF HARM.**

SCORE:

11. Do you or anyone in your family have any legal stuff going on right now that may result in them being locked up, having to pay fines, or that make it more difficult to rent a place to live? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES," THEN SCORE 1 FOR **LEGAL ISSUES.**

SCORE:

12. Does anybody force or trick you or anyone in your family to do things that you do not want to do? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
13. Do you or anyone in your family ever do things that may be considered to be risky like exchange sex for money, run drugs for someone, have unprotected sex with someone they don't know, share a needle, or anything like that? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **RISK OF EXPLOITATION.**

SCORE:

C. Socialization & Daily Functioning

14. Is there any person, past landlord, business, bookie, dealer, or government group like the IRS that thinks you or anyone in your family owe them money? ☐ **Y** ☐ **N** ☐ Refused

15. Do you or anyone in your family get any money from the government, a pension, an inheritance, working under the table, a regular job, or anything like that? ☐ **Y** ☐ **N** ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO QUESTION 14 OR "NO" TO QUESTION 15, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **MONEY MANAGEMENT**.

SCORE:

16. Does everyone in your family have planned activities, other than just surviving, that make them feel happy and fulfilled? ☐ **Y** ☐ **N** ☐ Refused

IF "NO," THEN SCORE 1 FOR **MEANINGFUL DAILY ACTIVITY**.

SCORE:

17. Is everyone in your family currently able to take care of basic needs like bathing, changing clothes, using a restroom, getting food and clean water and other things like that? ☐ **Y** ☐ **N** ☐ Refused

IF "NO," THEN SCORE 1 FOR **SELF-CARE**.

SCORE:

18. Is your family's current homelessness in any way caused by a relationship that broke down, an unhealthy or abusive relationship, or because other family or friends caused your family to become evicted? ☐ **Y** ☐ **N** ☐ Refused

IF "YES," THEN SCORE 1 FOR **SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS**.

SCORE:

D. Wellness

19. Has your family ever had to leave an apartment, shelter program, or other place you were staying because of the physical health of you or anyone in your family? ☐ **Y** ☐ **N** ☐ Refused

20. Do you or anyone in your family have any chronic health issues with your liver, kidneys, stomach, lungs or heart? ☐ **Y** ☐ **N** ☐ Refused

21. If there was space available in a program that specifically assists people that live with HIV or AIDS, would that be of interest to you or anyone in your family? ☐ **Y** ☐ **N** ☐ Refused

22. Does anyone in your family have any physical disabilities that would limit the type of housing you could access, or would make it hard to live independently because you'd need help? ☐ **Y** ☐ **N** ☐ Refused

23. When someone in your family is sick or not feeling well, does your family avoid getting medical help? ☐ **Y** ☐ **N** ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **PHYSICAL HEALTH**.

SCORE:

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24. Has drinking or drug use by you or anyone in your family led your family to being kicked out of an apartment or program where you were staying in the past? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

25. Will drinking or drug use make it difficult for your family to stay housed or afford your housing? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **SUBSTANCE USE**.

SCORE:

26. Has your family ever had trouble maintaining your housing, or been kicked out of an apartment, shelter program or other place you were staying, because of:

a) A mental health issue or concern? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

b) A past head injury? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

c) A learning disability, developmental disability, or other impairment? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

27. Do you or anyone in your family have any mental health or brain issues that would make it hard for your family to live independently because help would be needed? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **MENTAL HEALTH**.

SCORE:

28. **IF THE FAMILY SCORED 1 EACH FOR PHYSICAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE, AND MENTAL HEALTH:** Does any single member of your household have a medical condition, mental health concerns, **and** experience with problematic substance use? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ N/A or Refused

IF "YES", SCORE 1 FOR **TRI-MORBIDITY**.

SCORE:

29. Are there any medications that a doctor said you or anyone in your family should be taking that, for whatever reason, they are not taking? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

30. Are there any medications like painkillers that you or anyone in your family don't take the way the doctor prescribed or where they sell the medication? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, SCORE 1 FOR **MEDICATIONS**.

SCORE:

31. **YES OR NO:** Has your family's current period of homelessness been caused by an experience of emotional, physical, psychological, sexual, or other type of abuse, or by any other trauma you or anyone in your family have experienced? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES", SCORE 1 FOR **ABUSE AND TRAUMA**.

SCORE:

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32. Are there any children that have been removed from the family by a child protection service within the last 180 days? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

33. Do you have any family legal issues that are being resolved in court or need to be resolved in court that would impact your housing or who may live within your housing? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, SCORE 1 FOR FAMILY LEGAL ISSUES.

SCORE:

34. In the last 180 days have any children lived with family or friends because of your homelessness or housing situation? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

35. Has any child in the family experienced abuse or trauma in the last 180 days? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

36. IF THERE ARE SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN: Do your children attend school more often than not each week? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ N/A or Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF QUESTIONS 34 OR 35, OR "NO" TO QUESTION 36, SCORE 1 FOR NEEDS OF CHILDREN.

SCORE:

37. Have the members of your family changed in the last 180 days, due to things like divorce, your kids coming back to live with you, someone leaving for military service or incarceration, a relative moving in, or anything like that? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

38. Do you anticipate any other adults or children coming to live with you within the first 180 days of being housed? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, SCORE 1 FOR FAMILY STABILITY.

SCORE:

39. Do you have two or more planned activities each week as a family such as outings to the park, going to the library, visiting other family, watching a family movie, or anything like that? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

40. After school, or on weekends or days when there isn't school, is the total time children spend each day where there is no interaction with you or another responsible adult...

a) 3 or more hours per day for children aged 13 or older? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

b) 2 or more hours per day for children aged 12 or younger? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

41. IF THERE ARE CHILDREN BOTH 12 AND UNDER & 13 AND OVER: Do your older kids spend 2 or more hours on a typical day helping their younger sibling(s) with things like getting ready for school, helping with homework, making them dinner, bathing them, or anything like that? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ N/A or Refused

IF "NO" TO QUESTION 39, OR "YES" TO ANY OF QUESTIONS 40 OR 41, SCORE 1 FOR PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT.

SCORE:

Scoring Summary

DOMAIN	SUBTOTAL	RESULTS
PRE-SURVEY	/2	Score: Recommendation: 0-3 no housing intervention 4-8 an assessment for Rapid Re-Housing 9+ an assessment for Permanent Supportive Housing/Housing First
A. HISTORY OF HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS	/2	
B. RISKS	/4	
C. SOCIALIZATION & DAILY FUNCTIONS	/4	
D. WELLNESS	/6	
E. FAMILY UNIT	/4	
GRAND TOTAL:	/22	

Follow-Up Questions

On a regular day, where is it easiest to find you and what time of day is easiest to do so?	place: _____ time: ____ : ____ or
Is there a phone number and/or email where someone can safely get in touch with you or leave you a message?	phone: (____) _____ - _____ email: _____
Ok, now I'd like to take your picture so that it is easier to find you and confirm your identity in the future. May I do so?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused

Communities are encouraged to think of additional questions that may be relevant to the programs being operated or your specific local context. This may include questions related to:

- military service and nature of discharge
- ageing out of care
- mobility issues
- legal status in country
- income and source of it
- current restrictions on where a person can legally reside
- children that may reside with the adult at some point in the future
- safety planning

I'd like to ask you some questions to help us better understand homelessness, and improve housing and support services.

What is your gender?	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender female to male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender male to female <input type="checkbox"/> Refused <input type="checkbox"/> Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)
Race (check <u>all</u> that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Ethnicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Highest level of education attained	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> K-8 <input type="checkbox"/> Some High School <input type="checkbox"/> High School Grad <input type="checkbox"/> GED <input type="checkbox"/> Some College (incl. technical/community college) <input type="checkbox"/> College Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Post Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
How many dependent children do you have with you?	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Have you ever served in the U.S. Military?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
If yes, were you in combat?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
If yes, what was the character of your discharge?	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable <input type="checkbox"/> Other than Honorable <input type="checkbox"/> Bad Conduct <input type="checkbox"/> Dishonorable <input type="checkbox"/> Uncharacterized <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
In which locality did you live prior to becoming homeless? (If other, please specify City and State)	<input type="checkbox"/> Roanoke City <input type="checkbox"/> Salem <input type="checkbox"/> Roanoke County/Vinton <input type="checkbox"/> Botetourt County <input type="checkbox"/> Clifton Forge <input type="checkbox"/> Alleghany County <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
If you came from a locality outside of our local area, why did you move to this area?	_____ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Have you ever been in foster care?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Have you ever been in jail?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Have you ever been in prison?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Are you currently fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Do you have a permanent physical disability that limits your mobility? (i.e., wheelchair, amputation, unable to climb stairs, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Do you have any of the following types of disabilities? (check <u>all</u> that apply; if other, please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol Abuse <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Abuse <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Health Condition <input type="checkbox"/> Physical <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Problem <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
How do you mainly get around? (check <u>all</u> that apply; if other, please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Motorized Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Valley Metro Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Walk <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle/Scooter <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair/Mobility Device <input type="checkbox"/> Ride with friends/family <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
What kind of health insurance do you have, if any? (check <u>all</u> that apply; if other, please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare <input type="checkbox"/> VA <input type="checkbox"/> Private Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

