



Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency,
Community Resource Program

2013 Homeless Count Report

Marion & Polk Counties

Results of January 30, 2013 Homeless Survey

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2013 Homeless Count Totals

Homeless Street Surveys		234
Individuals Surveyed	181	
Observed (not surveyed)	53	
One Night Shelter Count		500
Individuals Sheltered	486	
Households Sheltered	339	
Individuals Turned Away	14	
Households Turned Away	10	
Short Surveys		74
Jail Surveys		140
Polk County Jail Survey	28	
Marion County Jail Survey	112	
School Counts		*802
<u>Polk County School Districts</u>		
Central	82	
Dallas	15	
Falls City	7	
<u>Marion County School Districts</u>		
Turner (Cascade)	79	
Silverton (Silver Falls)	75	
Stayton	27	
Woodburn	103	
Other Marion	44	
(St. Paul, Mt. Angel, Jefferson, North Marion)		
Salem-Keizer	400	

**30 school-age (K-12) children were reported as being sheltered and attending school on the One Night Shelter Count (Individuals Sheltered). Therefore, the total School Count was reduced by 30.*

2013 Homeless Count Total	1,750
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Summary

Each year, on a designated day during the last ten days of January, Marion and Polk counties conduct a comprehensive count of the homeless population. Thousands of individuals across both counties experience homelessness each year. The vast majority of these are individuals for whom life has dealt a crushing blow: serious illness, abuse, addiction, inability to work, collapse of a family, and ultimately the loss of a place to live.

The Homeless Count serves the community in the following ways:

- Increases our understanding of homelessness, including information about the causes and impacts of homelessness.
- Provides us the information needed to plan and identify resources and services to better help individuals out of homelessness, and prevent it in the first place.
- Accurate homeless statistics are necessary to receive continued federal funding (almost one million dollars annually) for homeless programs in Marion and Polk counties.

The Count is a community-wide event facilitated by Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, and supported by numerous community-based organizations. More than eighty community volunteers dedicated their time to assist with the surveys and provide outreach. The participation of partner organizations and volunteers is critical to the success of the Count, from the initial planning meetings, to the day of the count, and through the final stages of pulling the data together and reporting.

The following organizations participated on the 2013 Homeless Count Planning Committee and many also volunteered as Team Leaders the day of the Count:

- ❖ City of Salem - Salem Housing Authority
- ❖ Marion-Polk Food Share
- ❖ Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
- ❖ Northwest Human Services
- ❖ Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network
- ❖ Salem Leadership Foundation
- ❖ Serving our Veterans at Home
- ❖ Shangri-La Corporation
- ❖ St. Vincent de Paul
- ❖ Union Gospel Mission

The 2013 Homeless Count was conducted on Wednesday, January 30th and was comprised of the following components:

One Night Shelter Count: a one-night (point-in-time) count of the number of beds being utilized through emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities and programs that are designated to serve homeless individuals and families.

Homeless Street Surveys: included Street/Mobile Outreach teams and Stationary Sites. Small groups of people comprised the Outreach teams. They canvassed the streets, parks, under bridges, and in camps. Volunteers were also stationed at designated site locations, including:

- Polk County Connect
- Cascade Gateway Park

- Marion Square Park
- MWV Community Action – ARCHES Project
- MWV Community Action – De Muniz Pine Street Resource Center
- MWV Community Action – Home Youth and Resource Center
- Northwest Human Services – HOAP
- Northwest Human Services – Transitional Living Program

Homeless Observed but not surveyed: Outreach teams kept a log of individuals that they observed as homeless but did not have the opportunity to interview. Teams used their best judgment regarding “the observation of homelessness”. For example, an individual at a secluded campsite not interested in participating in the survey would have been included in this count.

Short Surveys: conducted at the Department of Human Services (South Salem, North Salem, Keizer, Dallas, Sublimity, and Woodburn branches), Salem Hospital, food banks (Queen of Peace and Jason Lee), the NWHS Crisis Hotline, Salem Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and St. Joseph Shelter. Individuals and families seeking assistance were asked if they had already participated in the Count on January 30th (either through the Street Count or via the Shelter Count). If they responded no, they completed a brief version of the full survey.

Jail Surveys: All inmates were given the opportunity to be surveyed. Those respondents that reported they would be homeless upon release were included in the report. Surveys were conducted at the Marion County Jail and the Polk County Jail.

School Counts: Survey includes reports from twelve school districts in Marion and Polk counties. The school count represents the total number of homeless students who were enrolled in the Homeless Education Program for each school district on the day of the Count. The total number of homeless students was reliant on each district’s definition of who is eligible for enrollment in their program.

The total number of homeless individuals counted in Marion and Polk counties on January 30, 2013 was 1,750. Comparatively, the total number of homeless individuals counted on January 25, 2012 was *718, and the total number counted on January 27, 2011 was 3,064.

* For the 2012 Homeless Count, HUD revised the method for calculating the total to exclude School Counts and certain shelters/housing providers that do not dedicate their beds for homeless individuals only. This produced a count that was drastically lower than the previous year.

	2012	2011
One Night Shelter Count	456	897
School Counts	(Not Included)	1,483
Unsheltered Count		
Short Surveys	7	193
Polk County Jail Survey	5	5
Marion County Jail Survey	25	31
Homeless Street Surveys	125	286
Observed (not surveyed)	75	139
Turned Away from shelters	25	30
TOTAL	718	3,064

Street Count Surveys

On January 30, 2013, over 80 community volunteers conducted 181 interviews with people who were homeless, with no permanent place to reside in Marion and Polk counties. The interviews were conducted on the street, in parks, under bridges, in camps, and at area homeless service organizations. All participants were informed that their names would not be collected and that their participation was completely voluntary.

* Percentages are calculated based on the total number of respondents that answered each question.

Demographics

- Street interviews resulted in data collected from 135 males, 42 females, and 4 that did not disclose.
- Single adults made up the majority of the household types at 146 or 90% of all households.
- The average age range for adults was 36-50.
- 81% of respondents described themselves as White for their Race/Ethnicity.
- Education level varied, but the majority of those surveyed (74%) did not have higher than a high school degree.

<i>Household Type</i>	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
Single adult	120	88%	26	100%
Couple without children	14	10%		
Single parent with child(ren)	1	1%		
Two parents with child(ren)	1	1%		
Total Households	136	100%	26	100%

Age Groups

Under 21	9	6%	1	4%
21-35	40	26%	8	31%
36-50	71	46%	7	27%
51-65	33	21%	10	38%
Over 65	2	1%		
Total	155	100%	26	100%

Gender

Male	114	74%	21	81%
Female	39	25%	3	11%
Other/don't know/won't disclose	2	1%	2	8%
Total	155	100%	26	100%

Race/Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	15	10%		
American Indian or Alaskan Native	9	6%	4	19%
Asian	0	0%	1	5%
Black or African American	2	1%		
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3	2%		
White	125	81%	16	76%
Refused/Unknown/Didn't Ask	1		5	
Total	155	100%	26	100%

Education Level

Still in school	3	2%		
Grade 1-9	13	9%	4	17%
Grade 10-12	35	24%	6	26%
GED	24	17%	6	26%
HS Graduate	32	22%	4	17%
Some College	26	18%	2	9%
College Graduate	11	8%	1	5%
No Response	11		3	
Total	155	100%	26	100%

Miscellaneous Categories

Veteran	24	15%	3	12%
Farmworker	20	13%	6	23%
Victim of Domestic Violence	27	17%	1	4%

Homeless Characteristics

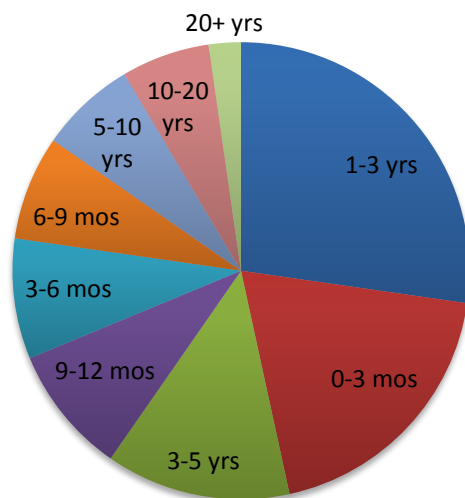
- 78 respondents (44%) indicated they have been homeless for less than 1 year. 27 (15%) had been homeless at least 5 years.
- The most common response for “length of current episode of homelessness” experienced by respondents was 0-3 months.
- The majority (67%) of respondents were staying on the street or camping (26%) the night the survey was conducted.
- Nearly three quarters of respondents reported they were able to eat regularly, and 68% were able to eat twice a day or more.
- More than a quarter of the respondents had no income. 37% reported making between \$1 - \$500 a month.
- The most common method of gaining income was panhandling (19%), followed by Social Security/Disability (13%) and Government Assistance, most often food stamps (13%).
- More than half of survey respondents were looking for a job.
- More than half (56%) qualified as chronically homeless.

Definition of Chronically Homeless: An individual who 1) is homeless and lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and 2) has been homeless (in one of the above mentioned locations) for at least one year or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years; and 3) can be diagnosed with one or more of the following conditions: substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability, post-traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability.

- The three most common reasons for homelessness were “Couldn’t Afford Rent” (31%), “Unemployed” (36%), and “Criminal History” (13%).
- The two main factors respondents believe could improve their current situation are affordable housing and a job/income.

<i>Length of Homelessness (in months)</i>	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
0-3	33	22%	1	4%
3-6	14	9%	1	4%
6-9	13	8%	0	
9-12	15	10%	1	4%
1-3 yrs	31	20%	17	68%
3-5 yrs	21	14%	2	8%
5-10 yrs	10	7%	2	8%
10-20 yrs	10	7%	1	4%
20+ yrs	4	3%	0	
No Response	4		1	
Total	155	100%	26	100%

Length of Homelessness (Marion and Polk)



<i>Where will you stay tonight?</i>				
Street	96	67%	16	64%
Hospital				
Squatting	1	1%		

Camping	37	26%	9	36%
Motel/Hotel				
Staying with friends/family				
Car	10	10%		
Other				
No Response	11		1	
Total	155	100%	26	100%

Are you able to eat regularly?

Yes	115	80%	14	56%
No	30	20%	3	12%
No Response	10		8	32%
Total	155	100%	26	100%

How often do you eat?

Less than 1 time a day	9	6%	1	5%
1x/day	35	25%	6	30%
2x/day	58	42%	9	45%
3x/day	37	27%	4	20%
No Response	16		6	
Total	155	100%	26	100%

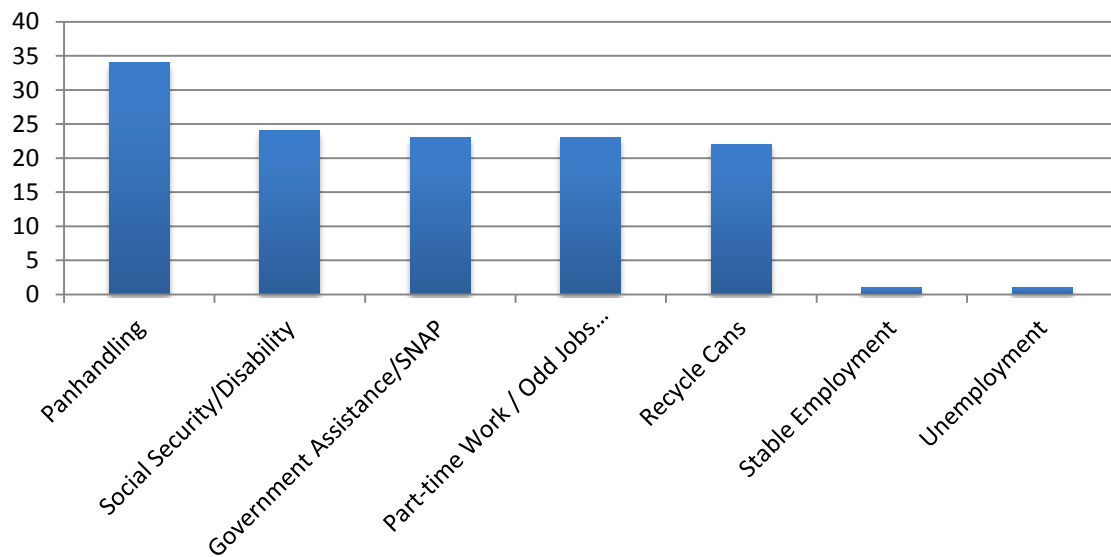
What do you do for income?

may be more than 1 response per person

Social Security/Disability	22	15%	2	9%
Panhandling	30	21%	4	18%
Part-time Work	8	5%	1	4%
Job	1	1%		
Recycle Cans	19	13%	3	14%
Odd jobs/Seasonal Work	9	6%	5	23%
Government Assistance	22	15%	1	4%
Unemployment	1	1%		
Other (family, donate plasma, etc.)	4	2%		

No income	39	27%	9	41%
No Response	11		4	

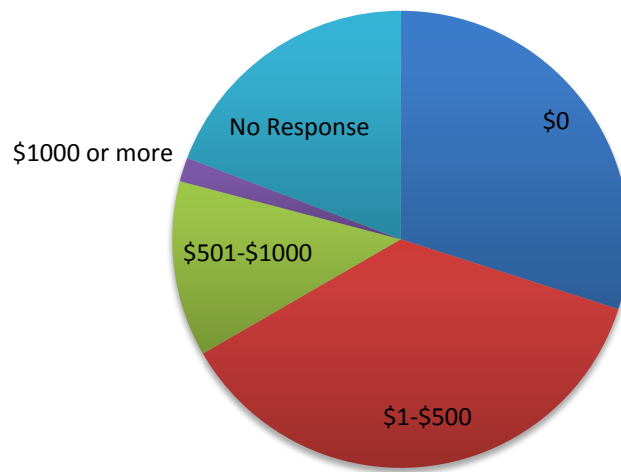
Sources of Income (Marion and Polk)



How much income per month?

\$0	44	35%	9	50%
\$1-\$500	57	46%	8	45%
\$501-\$1000	21	17%	1	5%
\$1000 or more	3	2%		
No Response	30		8	
Total	155	100%	26	100%

How much income per month?



Are you looking for a job?

Yes	76	54%	15	68%
No	65	46%	7	32%
No Response	14	7%	4	

Length of Homelessness

Continually homeless for a year or more	103	66%	24	92%
Experienced at least four episodes of homeless in the past three years	100	64%	11	42%
Qualifies as chronically homeless	90	58%	11	42%

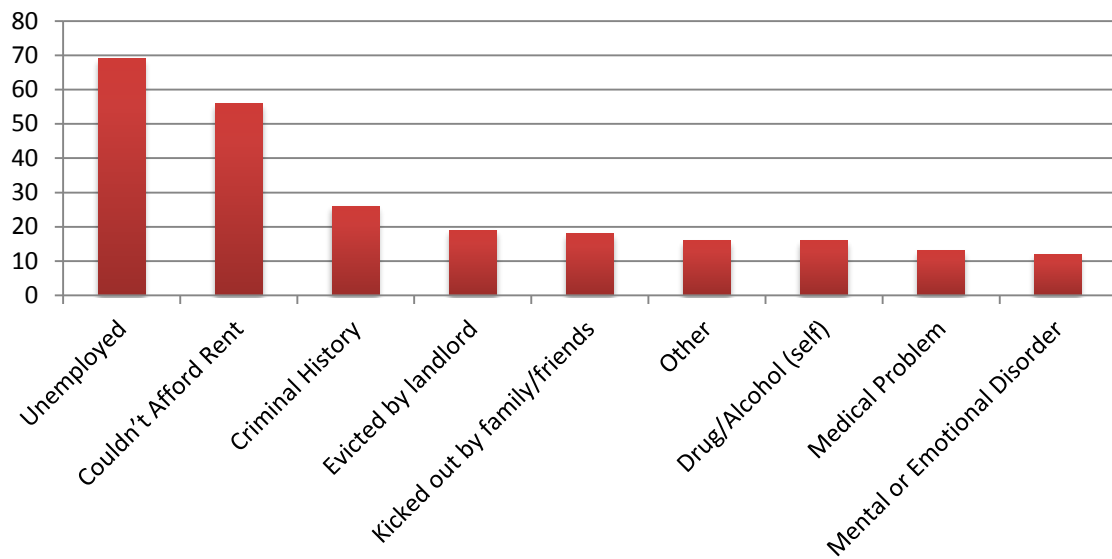
What caused you and/or your family to leave your last living arrangement?

Percentages (%) represent all respondents (e.g. 31% of Marion respondents left because they couldn't afford rent). Respondents could choose all factors that applied to their experience.

Couldn't Afford Rent	48	31%	8	31%
Unemployed	56	36%	13	50%
Evicted by landlord	17	11%	2	8%
Kicked out by family/friends	17	11%	1	4%

Child Abuse	1	1%		
Domestic Violence	9	6%	1	4%
Drug/Alcohol at home	5	3%	1	4%
Drug/Alcohol (self)	14	9%	2	8%
Criminal History	20	13%	6	23%
Poor Rental History	9	6%	1	4%
Credit	7	5%		
Gambling	1	1%		
Mental or Emotional Disorder	11	7%	1	4%
Medical Problem	8	5%	5	19%
Homeless by choice	8	5%	2	8%
Property sold	2	1%		
Home foreclosed on	1	1%		
Other	15	10%	1	4%
No Response	5	3%	5	19%

Top 9 Reasons for Homelessness

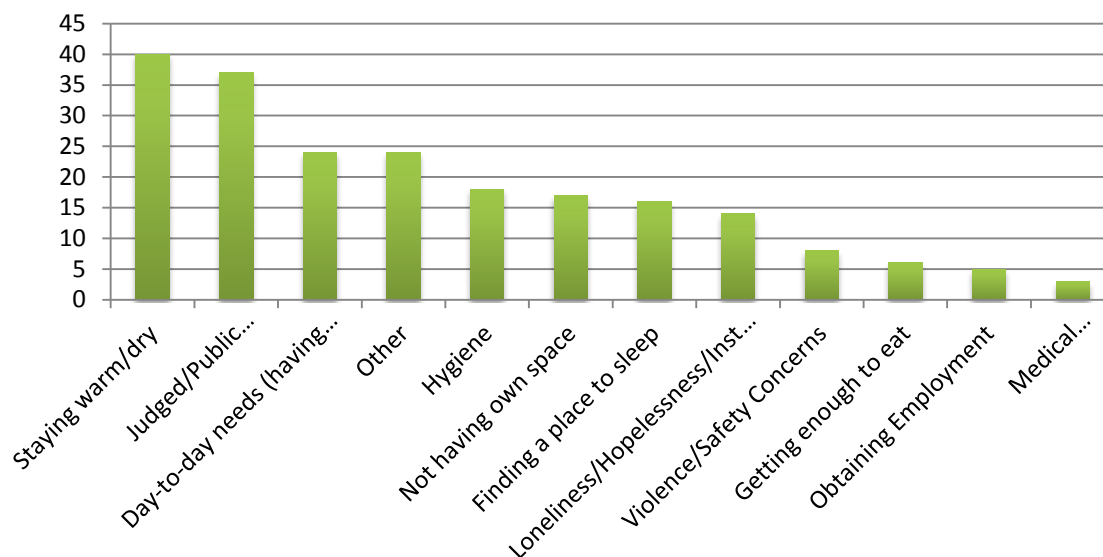


What is the hardest part about being homeless?

Percentages (%) represent all respondents (e.g. 20% of Marion participants find being judged or harassed the most difficult thing about being homeless). Respondents could list as many factors as applied to their experience.

Obtaining employment	5	3%		
Judged/Public perception/harassment	31	20%	6	23%
Loneliness/Hopelessness/Instability/Uncertain Future	14	9%		
Medical Treatment/Medications	2	1%	1	4%
Getting enough to eat	6	4%		
Finding a place to sleep	15	10%	1	4%
Staying warm/dry	33	21%	7	27%
Hygiene	15	10%	3	12%
Violence/Safety Concerns	8	5%		
Not having own space	15	10%	2	8%
Day-to-day needs (having money for gas, etc.)	18	12%	6	23%
None/It's Easy	5	3%		
Other	18	12%	6	23%
No Response	7		5	

Hardest Part About Being Homeless

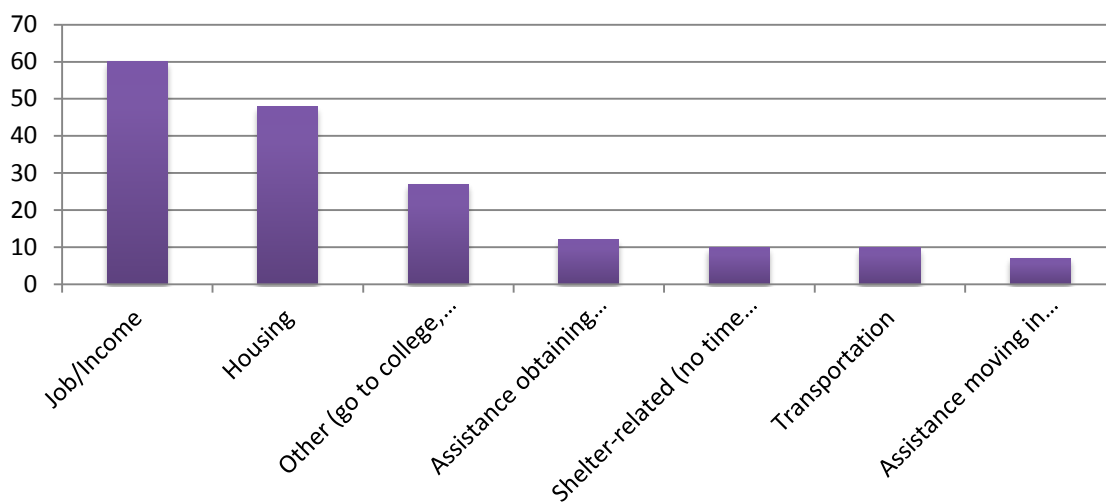


What can be done to improve your current situation?

Percentages (%) represent all respondents (e.g. 32% of Marion participants reported a job/income would help)

Job/Income	49	32%	11	42%
Housing	44	28%	4	15%
Shelter-related (no time limit, takes pets, for couples w/o kids, etc.)	10	6%		
Assistance obtaining SS/disability	9	6%	3	12%
Nothing/don't know	7	5%	1	4%
Assistance moving in (deposits)	6	4%	1	4%
Transportation	5	3%	5	19%
Assistance obtaining clothing/hygiene supplies	3	2%		
Assistance obtaining ID	2	1%		
Medical/Dental	2	1%	1	4%
Other (go to college, storage for belongings, etc)	32	21%	5	19%

Top 7 Things that Could Improve Current Situations (Marion and Polk)



Medical/Dental Issues

- More than half of respondents had medical problems (69%) or dental problems (58%)
- Obtaining medical care is much more common than obtaining dental care: over half (57%) have seen a doctor in the past year while only 16% have seen a dentist in the last year.
- More than a third (42%) of respondents have not seen a dentist in the last 5 years compared to only 8% who haven't seen a doctor in the last 5 years.
- 119 participants (74%) reported having a disability, the most common one being a mental health problem (28%).

<i>Do you have medical problems?</i>					<i>Do you have dental problems?</i>				
	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>			<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
Yes	102	71%	12	55%		87	61%	8	36%
No	42	29%	10	45%		55	39%	14	64%
No Response	11		4			13		4	
Total	155	100%	26	100%		155	100%	26	100%

<i>When was the last time you saw a doctor?</i>					<i>When was the last time you saw a dentist?</i>				
	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>			<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
Past year	78	57%	9	57%		23	18%	1	6%
More than 1 year	23	17%	1	6%		13	10%	5	29%
2-3 yrs	15	11%	1	6%		20	16%	3	18%
4-5 yrs	4	3%	1	6%		9	7%	1	6%
5+ yrs	11	8%	4	25%		55	42%	7	41%
Don't Recall	6	4%	0			9	7%	0	
No Response	18		10			26		9	
Total	155	100%	26	100%		155	100%	26	100%

<i>Persons with a Disability</i>					<i>Specific disabilities reported (data not available by county)</i>	
	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>		<i>% of all respondents</i>	
Yes	108	80%	11	44%	Chronic Alcohol Abuse	34 19%
No	27	20%	14	56%	Chronic Drug Abuse	19 10%
No Response	20		1		Mental Health Problem	50 28%
					Person with HIV/AIDS	10 6%

Incarceration

- About a third of respondents had been previously incarcerated: 34% of all respondents had been to jail and 35% to prison.
- 8% were released from incarceration within the next 90 days.

<i>Have you ever been to jail?</i>					<i>Have you ever been to prison?</i>			
	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>		<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
Yes	41	28%	17	74%	52	35%	7	33%
No	106	72%	6	26%	95	65%	14	67%
No Response	8		3		8		5	
Total	155	100%	26	100%	155	100%	26	100%

<i>Released Offender (90 days)</i>		<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
Yes		14	9%	1	4%
No		141	91%	25	96%
Total		155	100%	26	100%

Discrimination & Violence

- A great majority of households (73%) reported they felt discriminated against because they were homeless.
- Almost half (42%) said they have experienced violence since becoming homeless.

<i>Have you ever felt discriminated against because you are homeless?</i>					<i>Since you have been homeless, have you experienced any violence?</i>			
	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>		<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
Yes	96	76%	13	59%	50	39%	13	52%
No	31	24%	9	41%	78	61%	8	32%
No Response	28		4		27		5	
Total	155	100%	26	100%	155	100%	26	100%

Marion/Polk Shelter Count

Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing & Safe Haven

January 30, 2013

Organization	Individuals Sheltered	Individuals Turned away
Mid-Valley Women's Crisis – ES	14	1
Mid-Valley Women's Crisis – TH	2	
Mid –Willamette Valley Community Action Agency – ARCHES Transitional Housing Program – TH	60	
Mid –Willamette Valley Community Action Agency – Marion-Polk Transitional Housing Program – TH	10	
Moving Forward – TH	6	
Northwest Human Services – Safe Haven – SH	5	
Northwest Human Services – HOST – ES	5	
Northwest Human Services – Transitional Living Program – TH	8	
Polk County Parole & Probation – ES	3	
River of Life – TH	3	
Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network – TH	11	
Salvation Army – TH	21	
Shangri-La - New Options – TH	20	
Shelly's House – TH	12	
St. Francis Shelter – TH	36	
St. Joseph - Family Shelter – TH	39	
Titus 3 – TH	6	
Union Gospel Mission – Men's Shelter – ES	107	
Union Gospel Mission – Men's Shelter – TH	43	
Union Gospel Mission – Simonka Place – ES	23	9
Union Gospel Mission – Simonka Place – TH	9	
YWCA – Salem Outreach Shelter – TH	43	4
TOTALS	486	14

Shelter Surveys

On January 30, 2013, 326 households and 486 individuals were surveyed at 20 different emergency shelters and transitional housing/shelter locations, including one safe haven location. See all participating shelters/housing providers listed on page 18.

Demographics

- Single adults made up the majority of sheltered families, followed by 45 single parents with children.
- Approximately 28% of those sheltered were under 21 years of age.
- 56% were male and 43% were female.
- 30 (7%) of the respondents were children of K-12 age.
- The majority (85%) of respondents described themselves as White and 18% were Hispanic or Latino.
- Almost a quarter (21%) qualified as chronically homeless.
- Almost half (44%) of respondents reported having a disability, the most common one being chronic drug abuse (20%).

<i>Household Type</i>	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
Single adult	254	81%	3	43%
Couple without children	3	1%		
Single parent with child(ren)	42	13%	3	43%
Two parents with child(ren)	15	5%	1	14%
Total Households	314	100%	7	100%

Age Groups

Under 21	127	28%	6	43%
21-35	115	25%	5	36%
36-50	120	26%	2	14%

51-65	82	18%	1	7%
Over 65	11	2%		
No Response	17			
Total	472	100%	14	100%

Gender

Male	256	57%	10	71%
Female	195	43%	4	29%
Other/don't know/won't disclose	21			
Total	472	100%	14	100%

Race/Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	87	18%		
American Indian or Alaskan Native	23	5%		
Asian	14	3%		
Black or African American	17	4%		
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	15	3%		
White	378	85%	13	100%
Refused/Unknown/Didn't Ask	25		1	
Total	472	100%	14	100%

Miscellaneous Categories

Veteran	39	9%		
Farmworker	18	4%		
Victim of Domestic Violence	106	23%	2	14%
Children (K-12 age) still in school	30	7%		
Released Offender	27	6%		

Homelessness

Continually homeless for a year or more	130	27%	
Experienced at least four episodes of homeless in the past three years	72	15%	
Qualifies as chronically homeless	101	21%	

Persons with Disability					Specific disabilities reported (data not available by county)		
	Marion		Polk			% of all participants	
Yes	207	55%	2	17%	Chronic Alcohol Abuse	76	16%
No	171	45%	10	83%	Chronic Drug Abuse	95	20%
No Response	94		2		Mental Health Problem	56	12%
					Person with HIV/AIDS	3	1%

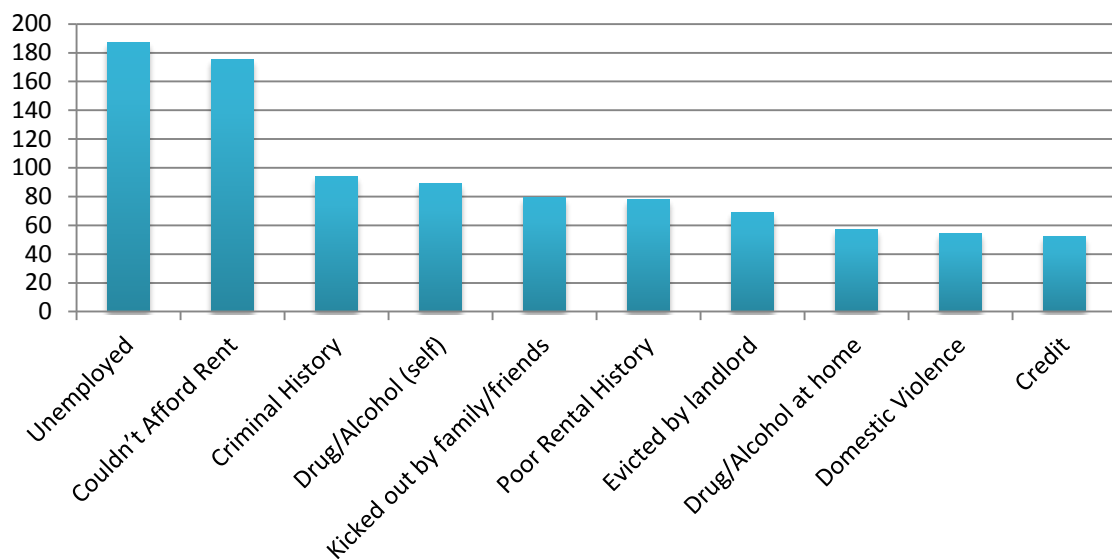
What caused you and/or your family to leave your last living arrangement?

Percentages (%) represent all respondents (e.g. 34% of Marion respondents left because they couldn't afford rent). Data includes 14 "turn-away" surveys. Respondents could choose all factors that applied to their experience.

Couldn't Afford Rent	167	34%	8	57%
Unemployed	174	36%	13	93%
Evicted by landlord	67	14%	2	14%
Kicked out by family/friends	78	16%	1	7%
Child Abuse	2	1%		
Domestic Violence	53	11%	1	7%
Drug/Alcohol at home	56	12%	1	7%
Drug/Alcohol (self)	87	18%	2	14%
Criminal History	90	19%	4	29%
Poor Rental History	78	16%		
Credit	52	11%		

Gambling	9	2%		
Pregnancy	5	1%		
Mental or Emotional Disorder	39	8%	1	7%
Medical Problem	22	5%	4	29%
Runaway	1	1		
Homeless by choice	12	3%	1	7%
Property sold	8	2%		
Home foreclosed on	6	1%		
Other	29	6%	4	29%

Top 10 Reasons for Homelessness



Short Surveys

74 short surveys were conducted by volunteers at various locations around Marion/Polk counties (see all locations on page 4).

**2 single individuals (one female and one male from 36-50 yrs. old) were surveyed at the Dallas Social Security office and have been combined with Marion County for this data.*

<i>Household Type</i>			<i>Age Groups</i>		
Single Adult	48	83%	Under 21	16	23%
Couple w/o children	2	3%	21-35	22	32%
One Parent	5	9%	36-50	17	25%
Two Parents	2	3%	51-65	12	17%
Unaccompanied child	1	2%	Over 65	2	3%
Total Households	58	100%	No Response	5	
			Total Individuals	74	100%
<i>Gender</i>			<i>Where will you be staying on Wednesday January 30, 2013?</i>		
Male	40	54%	Car	9	14%
Female	34	46%	Hospital	2	3%
Total	74	100%	Street	5	8%
			Abandoned Building	1	2%
<i>Veteran</i>			With friends/Family	26	42%
Yes	5	7%	Camping	3	5%
No	69	93%	Shelter	15	24%
Total	74	100%	Other	1	2%
			No Response	12	
			Total	74	100%

Jail Surveys

Surveys were conducted at the Marion County and Polk County jails. All inmates were given the opportunity to participate in the survey. 313 surveys were completed at the Marion County jail and 67 surveys were completed at the Polk County jail. 140 respondents total (Marion–112 and Polk–28) said they would be homeless with no designated place to live at the time of their release from jail. 18 (Marion–15 and Polk–3) of these respondents were scheduled to be released within the coming week.

Demographics

- 48% of respondents were 21 – 35 years of age.
- Almost 80% of the respondents were males.
- 29% of respondents did not complete high school or receive a GED.
- Only 23% had a valid Oregon driver's license and less than half (44%) had an Oregon ID card.
- Half of the respondents had children under the age of 18. The range of ages was wide from 1 to 17 yrs. Most families had 1 or 2 children.
- Half of the respondents had a faith community affiliation.

<i>Age Groups</i>	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
Under 21	4	4%	5	18%
21-35	55	49%	13	46%
36-50	44	39%	8	29%
51-65	9	8%	2	7%
Over 65				
Total	112	100%	28	100%

Gender

Male	88	81%	23	82%
Female	21	19%	5	18%
Other/don't know/won't disclose	3			

Total	112	100%	28	100%
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Education Level

Still in HS or MS			1	4%
Grade 1-9	15	14%	1	4%
Grade 10-12	17	16%	6	21%
GED	29	27%	7	25%
HS Graduate	16	15%	3	11%
Some College	23	21%	8	28%
College Graduate	8	7%	2	7%
No Response	4			
Total	112	100%	28	100%

Miscellaneous Categories

Veteran	5	4%	4	14%
Has a valid Oregon driver's license	27	24%	5	18%
Has an Oregon ID card	45	40%	16	57%
Been to prison	54	48%	7	25%

Inmates with children

Has children under 18	53	47%	19	68%
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How many children?

1	13	25%	12	75%
2	17	32%		
3	8	15%	3	19%
4	4	8%	1	6%
5-6	1	2%		
More than 6	2	4%		

Ages of children

0-3 yrs	14	15%	12	48%
4-6 yrs	18	19%	3	12%
7-10 yrs	21	22%	3	12%
11-14 yrs	24	26%	6	24%
15 or older	17	18%	1	

Faith Affiliation

Has a faith community affiliation	56	50%	14	50%
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How active?

Very active	16	28%	5	36%
Somewhat active	36	62%	7	50%
Not active	6	10%	2	14%

Before Incarceration

- 50% of the respondents had a job immediately before incarceration, and 43% had a permanent place to live.
- For respondents who reported being homeless or unstably housed (58%) prior to incarceration, living on the street (30%) or temporarily with a friend (33%) were the most common places.
- Of programs and services accessed in the past by respondents, food stamps (90%), food boxes (48%), and the emergency room (48%) were the most common.
- Participants were asked what led to their present circumstances, and “Drug/Alcohol” (49%) and “Bad Choices” (54%) were the most frequent answers.

Prior to incarceration...

Had a job	56	50%	14	50%
Had a permanent place to live	50	45%	10	36%

If you did not have a place to live, which best describes where you were staying?

Respondents could list all factors that applied to their experience.

Shelter	6	9%		
Street	20	31%	7	26%
Camp	2	5%	2	7%
Park			1	4%
Vehicle	5	8%	2	7%
Temporarily with a friend	20	31%	10	37%
Other	10	16%	5	19%

How long did you live in this situation?

Less than 1 month	9	16%	4	23%
1-3 months	13	23%	3	18%
4-12 months	14	25%	1	6%
1-2 yrs	13	23%	5	29%
3-9 yrs	4	7%	2	12%
10-19 yrs	2	4%	2	12%
20+ yrs	1	2%		
No Response	6		1	
Total	62		18	

Alone or with family?

Alone	26	60%	9	50%
Family	11	26%	5	28%
Both	2	5%	2	11%
Other people	4	9%	2	11%
No Response	19			
Total	62		18	

What programs/services have you accessed in the past?

Percentages (%) represent all respondents (e.g. 19% of Marion respondents accessed housing programs)

Housing	21	21%	5	21%
Alcohol/Drug TX	44	44%	10	42%
Food stamps	93	92%	20	83%
Energy Assistance	16	16%	4	17%
Counseling Services	21	21%	5	21%
Food boxes	46	46%	14	58%
Head Start	15	15%	1	4%
Emergency Room	47	42%	13	54%
West Salem Clinic	15	15%	3	13%
OHP	39	39%	6	25%
Health Department	8	8%	4	17%
Other medical/dental	12	12%	4	17%
Other	11	11%	1	4%

What led to your present circumstance?

Percentages (%) represent all respondents (e.g. 48% of Marion participants believe drugs/alcohol led to their present circumstance). Respondents could list as many factors as applied to their circumstance.

Drug/Alcohol	54	52%	10	36%
Lack of Employment	22	21%	7	25%
Medical/Physical Disability	19	18%	2	7%
Felony conviction	25	24%	10	36%
DV/Relationship issue	26	25%	3	11%
Education/Job Skills	6	6%	2	7%
Lack of housing	22	21%	7	25%
Bad Choices	52	50%	19	68%
Other	14	14%	6	21%

After Release

- Only 34% of respondents knew when they would be released. Of those, 37% were scheduled to be released within one week.
- When asked what they needed to remain clean, sober, and crime-free, the two most common responses were “housing” and “employment.”

Release

Knows release date	37	33%	11	39%
Will be released in one week	15	41%	3	27%

Upon Release

Has a job to go to after release	15	13%	4	14%
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What do you need when you are released to stay clean and sober and crime free? (Most Common Responses)

Percentages (%) represent all respondents (e.g. 32% of Marion respondents believe they need housing after they're released to stay clean, sober, and crime-free). Respondents could list as many factors as applied to their circumstance.

Housing	36	32%	11	39%
Employment	23	21%	11	39%
Family	14	13%	2	7%
Fresh Start	3	3%	3	11%
Church/Jesus	8	7%	3	11%
Support	19	17%	5	18%
Treatment	15	13%		

Medical and Treatment Issues

- About 43% of respondents report having a disability, the most common being a mental health disability (44%).
- Less than half (41%) of respondents said they had medical issues, and 40% of respondents stated they had dental problems.

<i>Persons with a Disability</i>					<i>Specific disabilities reported</i>				
	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>			<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
Yes	44	43%	11	41%	Mental Health	24	55%	7	64%
No	58	57%	16	59%	Physical	13	30%	5	46%
No Response	10		1		More than one	18	36%	1	9%
Total	112		28						

Medical/Dental Issues

Has medical problems	49	44%	8	29%
Has dental problems	43	38%	12	43%

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