



Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency,  
*Community Resource Program*

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# 2015 Homeless Count Report

## Marion & Polk Counties

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## **A Reason to End Homelessness in Marion and Polk Counties:**

*“For many city officials, community leaders, and even direct service providers, it often seems that placing homeless people in shelters is the most inexpensive way to meet the basic needs of people experiencing homelessness; some may even believe that shelters are an ideal solution.*

*Research, however, has shown something surprisingly different.*

*The cost of homelessness can be quite high. Hospitalization, medical treatment, incarceration, police intervention, and emergency shelter expenses can add up quickly, making homelessness surprisingly expensive for municipalities and taxpayers.”*

National Alliance to End Homelessness

Excerpt from “Cost of Homelessness”

Website – National Alliance to End Homelessness

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[http://www.endhomelessness.org/pages/cost\\_of\\_homelessness](http://www.endhomelessness.org/pages/cost_of_homelessness)

# 2015 Homeless Count Totals

<b>Homeless Street Surveys</b>		<b>247</b>
Individuals Surveyed		192
Observed (not surveyed)		55
<b>One Night Shelter Count</b>		<b>765</b>
Individuals Sheltered in Emergency & Transitional		582
Individuals Sheltered in Rapid Re-Housing & Permanent Supportive		140
Individuals Turned Away		43
<b>Short Surveys</b>		<b>25</b>
<b>Jail Surveys</b>		<b>132</b>
Polk County Jail Survey		25
Marion County Jail Survey		107
<b>School Counts</b>		<b>491</b>
<u>Polk County School Districts</u>		
Central	3	
Dallas	26	
Falls City	10	
Perrydale	3	
Willamina	15	
<u>Marion County School Districts</u>		
Cascade	0	
Gervais	12	
Jefferson	38	
Mt. Angel	0	
North Marion	4	
North Santiam	68	
Salem-Keizer	42	
Silver Falls	74	
St Paul	no report this year	
Woodburn (partial report)	196	

*All school districts in the two-county area were contacted, but not all were able to participate.*

<b>2015 Homeless Count Total</b>	<b>1,660</b>
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## Chronically Homeless

346 of 774 (45%) of unsheltered and sheltered (residing in emergency or transitional shelter) individuals 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.

## 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 seventy community volunteers and social service staff 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 2015 Homeless Count Planning Committee, with many providing staff to serve 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
- ❖ Oregon Health Authority
- ❖ Rural Oregon Continuum of Care





- ❖ Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network
- ❖ Salem Leadership Foundation
- ❖ Salem Vet Center
- ❖ Serving our Veterans at Home
- ❖ Shangri-La Corporation
- ❖ St. Vincent de Paul
- ❖ Union Gospel Mission

The 2015 Homeless Count was conducted on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 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, transitional housing facilities, and other 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:

- Aware Food Bank, Woodburn OR (for rural Marion County Count)
- Polk County Connect
- Cascade Gateway Park
- MWV Community Action – ARCHES Project
- MWV Community Action – HOME Youth and Resource Center
- Northwest Human Services – HOAP
- Wallace Marine Park
- West Salem United Methodist Church



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 Salem Hospital, Department of Human Services – Keizer Branch, Silverton Area Community Aid, Jason Lee Food Bank, Trinity United Methodist Church – The Lord’s Cupboard, and People’s Church. Individuals and families

seeking assistance were asked if they had already participated in the Count on January 28<sup>th</sup> (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: Surveys were conducted at both the Marion County Jail and the Polk County Jail. All inmates were given the opportunity to be surveyed. Those respondents that reported they would be homeless upon release were included in the report.

School Counts: Survey includes reports from 14 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.

# Street Count Surveys

On January 28, 2015, over 70 community volunteers conducted 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. 192 individuals, in 153 households, participated in the survey. All participants were informed their participation was voluntary and their names would not be collected.

## Demographics

- Street interviews resulted in data collected from 129 males, 59 females, and 3 that did not disclose.
- Single adults made up the majority of the household types, numbering 122 or 80% of all households.
- The largest number of participants fell into the 40-49 age group.
- 89% (141 of 158) of respondents described themselves as White for their Race, but 18% (34 of 192) did not respond to the question.
- 32% (57 of 177) of respondents did not complete high school or receive a GED.

<i>Household Type</i>	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
<b>Single Adult</b>	92	81%	30	75%
<b>Adult Couple without children</b>	12	11%	7	18%
<b>Adult(s) with other adult family member(s)</b>	6	5%	2	5%
<b>Single parent with child(ren)</b>	1	1%	0	0%
<b>Two parents with child(ren)</b>	0	0%	1	2%
<b>Unaccompanied Youth</b>	2	2%	0	0%
<b>Households with only youth</b>	0	0%	0	0%
<b>No Response</b>	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100%</b>

### *Age Groups*

<b>0- 17</b>	2	1%	4	7%
<b>18-29</b>	27	19%	13	25%
<b>30-39</b>	17	12%	5	9%
<b>40-49</b>	40	29%	17	32%
<b>50-59</b>	34	25%	11	21%
<b>60-69</b>	15	11%	2	4%
<b>70-79</b>	2	1%	0	0%
<b>80-89</b>	2	1%	0	0%
<b>No Response</b>	0	0%	1	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100%</b>

### *Gender*

<b>Male</b>	96	69%	33	62%
<b>Female</b>	40	29%	19	36%
<b>Transgender Male to Female</b>	1	1%	0	0%
<b>Transgender Female to Male</b>	0	0%	0	0%
<b>No Response</b>	2	1%	1	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100%</b>

### *Race*

<b>American Indian or Alaskan Native</b>	11	8%	2	4%
<b>Asian</b>	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Black or African American</b>	1	1%	0	0%
<b>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</b>	3	2%	0	0%
<b>White</b>	116	84%	25	47%
<b>No Response</b>	8	5%	26	49%
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100%</b>

### *Ethnicity*

<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	12	9%	1	2%
<b>Non-Hispanic or Latino</b>	117	84%	27	51%
<b>Don't Know/Refused</b>	10	7%	25	47%
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100%</b>

### *Education Level*

<b>Still in school</b>	3	2%	2	4%
<b>Non-High School Graduate</b>	38	28%	14	27%
<b>High School Graduate/GED</b>	55	40%	18	34%
<b>Some College</b>	24	17%	6	11%
<b>College Graduate</b>	10	7%	7	13%
<b>No Response</b>	9	6%	6	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100%</b>

### *Miscellaneous Categories*

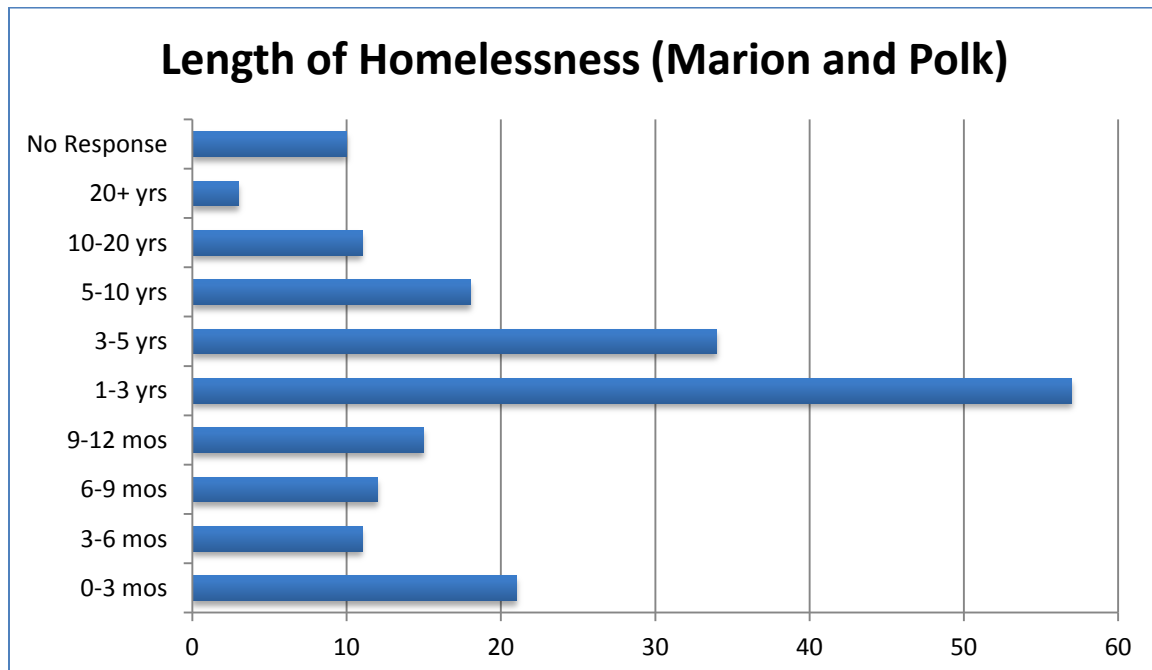
<b>Veteran</b>	26	19%	4	8%
<b>Victim of Domestic Violence</b>	28	20%	12	23%

### **Homeless Characteristics**

- 57 (of 182) respondents (31%) indicated they have been homeless for 1-3 years.
- The majority of respondents, 73% (134 of 183) were staying on the street or camping on the night the survey was conducted.
- 40% (60 of 149) of respondents had no income. 38% (56 of 149) reported making between \$1 - \$500 a month.
- The most common sources of income reported were Food Stamps at 69% (123 of 177); 17% (31 of 177) receive Disability (SSI/SSDI); 13% (23 of 177) receive Social Security; 4% (8 of 177) receive TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) and 4% (7 of 177) received Veteran Benefits though 16% (30 of 192) report being a Veteran.
- Though the vast majority (76%, 140 of 185) of Street Count respondents report having a disabling condition only 17% (31 of 177) report receiving Disability (SSI/SSDI).
- 70% (126 of 180) of respondents indicated they are currently unemployed, and 26% are either unable to work or retired.

- The four most common reasons for homelessness, as reported by households, were “Unemployed” 41% (58 of 142 households), “Couldn’t Afford Rent” 23% (33 of 142 households), and “Homeless by choice” 17% (24 of 142 households), and “Mental or Emotional Disorder” 16% (23 of 142 households).
- Those that responded to the “Services Needed” question identified the following as most needed: Housing Assistance 64% (82 of 129 households); Food Assistance 43% (55 of 129 households); Transportation Assistance 40% (52 of 129 households), and Dental Treatment 37% (48 of 129 households).

<i>Length of Homelessness (in months)</i>	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
<b>0-3 months</b>	14	10%	7	13%
<b>3-6 months</b>	6	4%	5	9%
<b>6-9 months</b>	7	5%	5	9%
<b>9-12 months</b>	14	10%	1	2%
<b>1-3 yrs</b>	46	33%	11	21%
<b>3-5 yrs</b>	21	15%	13	25%
<b>5-10 yrs</b>	13	10%	5	9%
<b>10-20 yrs</b>	8	6%	3	6%
<b>20+ yrs</b>	3	2%	0	0%
<b>No Response</b>	7	5%	3	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100%</b>



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### *Episodes of homelessness*

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Experienced at least four episodes of homeless in the past three years	91	65%	30	57%
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### *Where will you stay tonight?*

Street	41	30%	2	4%
Squatting	4	3%	0	0%
Camping	49	35%	42	79%
Motel/Hotel	2	1%	1	2%
Car	29	21%	6	11%
Other	7	5%	0	0%
No Response	7	5%	2	4%
Total	139	100%	53	100%

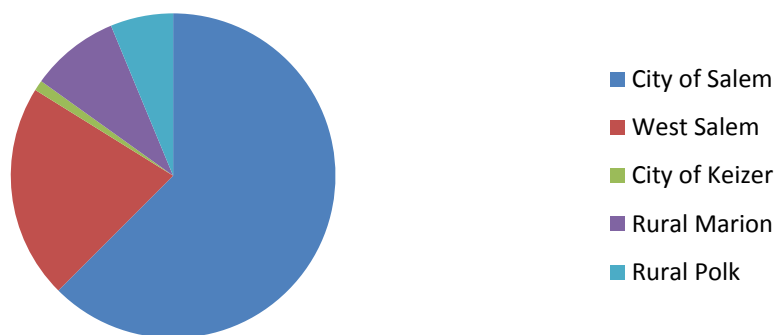
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### *Location that best describes where you will be staying tonight?*

City of Salem	120	63%
West Salem	41	21%
City of Keizer	2	1%
Rural Marion	17	9%
Rural Polk	12	6%
Total	192	100%

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### Location where respondents will stay tonight



### *What is your job status?*

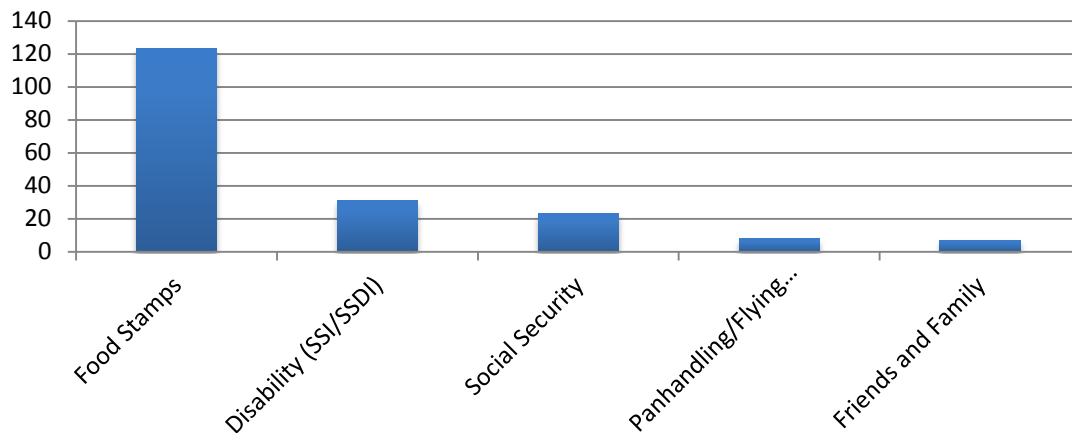
<b>Full-time job</b>	0	0%	1	2%
<b>Part-time job</b>	5	4%	0	0%
<b>Temporary job</b>	1	1%	0	0%
<b>Retired</b>	4	3%	1	2%
<b>Unemployed</b>	91	65%	35	66%
<b>Unable to work</b>	33	23%	9	17%
<b>No Response</b>	5	4%	7	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100%</b>

### *Income Sources*

Respondents may select more than one source

<b>Employment</b>	1	1%	1	2%
<b>Social Security</b>	19	14%	4	8%
<b>Child Support</b>	1	1%	0	0%
<b>Disability (SSI/SSDI)</b>	27	19%	4	8%
<b>TANF</b>	4	3%	4	8%
<b>Friends/Family</b>	7	5%	0	0%
<b>Veteran Benefits</b>	5	4%	2	4%
<b>Food Stamps</b>	89	64%	34	64%
<b>Other (Panhandling/ Flying Sign)</b>	7	5%	1	2%
<b>No Response</b>	2	16%	13	25%

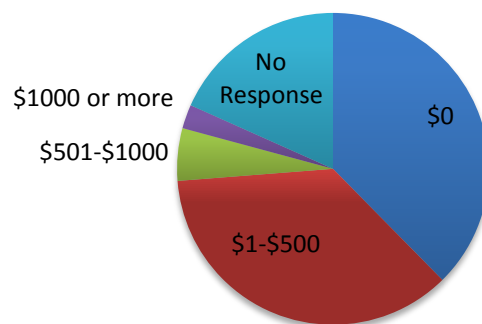
## Top 5 Sources of Income (Marion and Polk)



### How much income per month?

<b>\$0</b>	42	30%	18	34%
<b>\$1-\$500</b>	47	34%	9	17%
<b>\$501-\$1000</b>	19	14%	4	7.5%
<b>\$1000 or more</b>	6	4%	4	7.5%
<b>No Response</b>	25	18%	18	34%
<b>Total</b>	139	100%	53	100%

### How much income per month?

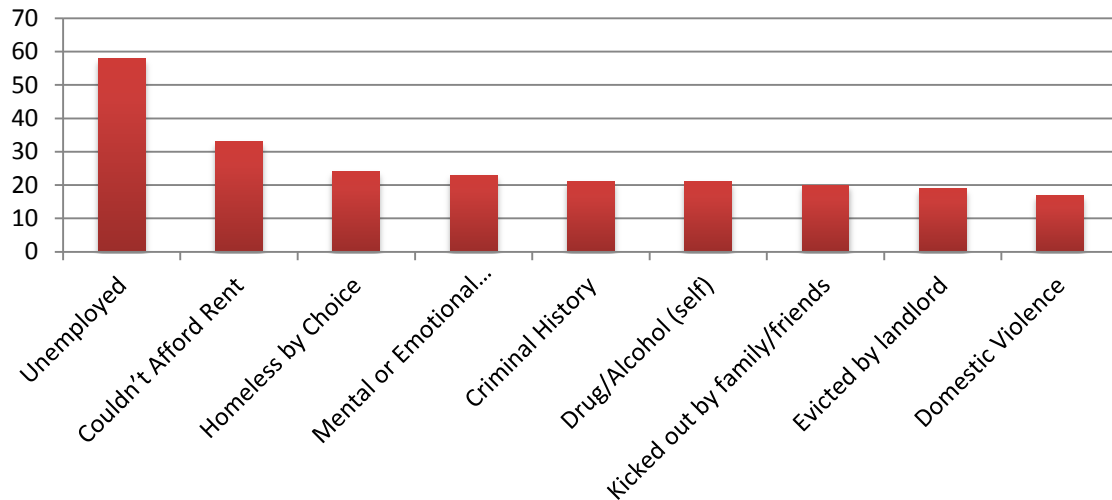


### *What caused you and/or your family to leave your last living arrangement?*

Percentages (%) represent responses from each household. (e.g. 22% of Marion households left because they couldn't afford rent). Respondents could choose all factors that applied to their household experience.

<b>Couldn't Afford Rent</b>	25	22%	8	20%
<b>Unemployed</b>	42	37%	16	40%
<b>Evicted by landlord</b>	15	13%	4	10%
<b>Kicked out by family/friends</b>	16	14%	4	10%
<b>Child Abuse</b>	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Domestic Violence</b>	13	12%	4	10%
<b>Criminal History</b>	20	18%	1	3%
<b>Drug/Alcohol at home</b>	11	10%	2	5%
<b>Drug/Alcohol (self)</b>	19	17%	2	5%
<b>Poor Rental History</b>	6	5%	3	8%
<b>Credit</b>	10	9%	1	3%
<b>Gambling</b>	1	1%	0	0%
<b>Mental or Emotional Disorder</b>	19	17%	4	10%
<b>Medical Problem</b>	11	10%	5	13%
<b>Pregnancy</b>	1	1%	0	0%
<b>Runaway</b>	1	1%	0	0%
<b>Homeless by choice</b>	21	19%	3	8%
<b>Property sold</b>	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Manufactured Park Closure</b>	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Home foreclosed on</b>	1	1%	0	0%
<b>Other:</b> unable to work, widower, disability, bed bug infestation, divorce	17	15%	6	15%
<b>No Response</b>	6	5%	5	13%

## Top 9 Reasons for Homelessness



### Services Needed

Percentages (%) represent responses from each household. (e.g. 11% of Marion households identified needing substance abuse treatment. Respondents could choose all needed services that applied to their household experience.

Substance Abuse Treatment	12	11%	4	10%
Mental Health Services	23	20%	9	23%
Medical Treatment	32	28%	14	35%
Dental Treatment	33	29%	15	38%
Health Insurance	21	19%	14	35%
Disability Services	18	16%	4	10%
Housing Assistance	59	52%	23	58%
Food Assistance	38	34%	17	43%
Transportation Assistance	38	34%	14	35%
Job/Employment Training/Assistance	22	19%	14	35%
Veteran Services	8	7%	3	8%
Legal Services	11	10%	5	13%
Identification Assistance	26	23%	11	28%
Child Care	0	0%	0	0%
Other	1	1%	0	0%
No Response	22	19%	2	5%

### *What is the hardest part about being homeless?*

Percentages (%) represent responses from each household. (e.g. 24% of Marion households identified the weather as being one of the hardest parts about being homeless). Respondents could list as many factors as applied to their household experience.

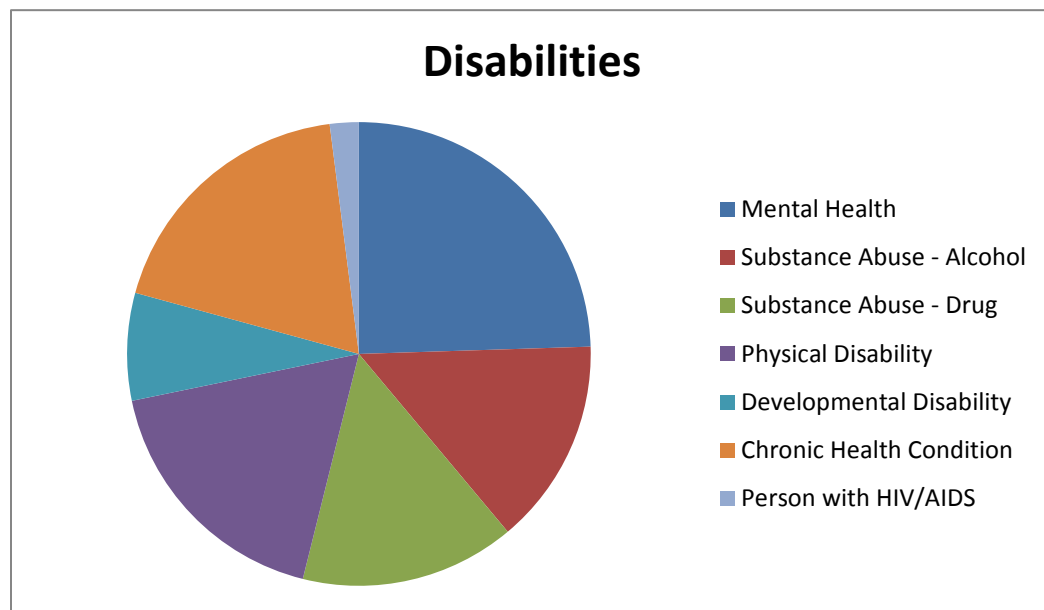
<b>Weather/staying dry, warm, cool</b>	24	21%	11	28%
<b>Obtaining employment/ income</b>	9	8%	1	3%
<b>Loneliness/ being alone/ hopelessness/ uncertain future/ instability/ feeling invisible/ keeping morale up/ getting through the day/ stressed all the time/ not feeling normal</b>	19	17%	2	5%
<b>Being separated from family/ not seeing family/ no family support</b>	5	4%	2	5%
<b>Judged/ public perception/ no respect/ discrimination</b>	7	6%	1	3%
<b>Harassment by police</b>	10	9%	2	5%
<b>Violence/ safety concerns</b>	9	8%	4	10%
<b>Getting enough to eat/ finding food and water/ hunger</b>	6	5%	6	15%
<b>Finding a safe place to sleep/ constantly on the move/ no stable place to stay/ no safe place to camp/ no real bed to sleep in</b>	21	19%	6	15%
<b>Hygiene concerns/ no running water/ no access to laundry and showers/ unable to keep self and things clean/ no restroom</b>	16	14%	9	23%
<b>Day to day needs/clothing/ supplies</b>	1	1%	4	10%
<b>No transportation/ having to walk everywhere</b>	3	3%	2	5%
<b>No place to store belongings</b>	3	3%	1	3%
<b>No place to park vehicle</b>	3	3%	0	0%
<b>None/ Nothing</b>	6	5%	0	0%
<b>No Response</b>	8	7%	2	5%

### *What can be done to improve your current situation?*

Percentages (%) represent responses from each household. (e.g. 21% of Marion households reported a job/income would help).

<b>Job/income/ money</b>	24	21%	15	38%
<b>Housing/ affordable rent/ housing programs/ roof over head/ place to live</b>	40	35%	15	38%
<b>Shelter-related (takes pets, for couples w/o kids)</b>	2	2%	0	0%
<b>Assistance obtaining Social Security Disability</b>	5	4%	0	0%
<b>Assistance with housing move-in costs</b>	2	2%	0	0%
<b>Hygiene supplies/ place to shower/ place to do laundry</b>	3	3%	2	5%
<b>Assistance obtaining ID</b>	8	7%	3	8%
<b>Assistance obtaining clothing</b>	0	0%	2	5%
<b>Medical/dental assistance/ health care</b>	4	4%	0	0%
<b>Mental Health Treatment</b>	2	2%	2	5%
<b>Addiction Treatment</b>	1	1%	0	0%
<b>Storage for belongings</b>	1	1%	0	0%
<b>Assistance with food</b>	2	2%	0	0%
<b>Transportation/ bus pass</b>	8	7%	2	5%
<b>Access to supplies: tent, propane, backpack, garbage bags</b>	4	4%	2	5%
<b>Legal help</b>	1	1%	0	0%
<b>Community awareness</b>	2	2%	0	0%
<b>Nothing/ unsure</b>	9	8%	1	3%
<b>No Response</b>	16	14%	5	13%

<i>Persons with a Disability</i>					<i>Specific disabilities reported</i>				
	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>			<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
<b>Yes</b>	105	76%	35	66%	<b>Mental Health</b>	65	47%	20	38%
<b>No</b>	31	22%	14	26%	<b>Substance Abuse – Alcohol</b>	39	28%	11	21%
<b>No Response</b>	3	2%	4	8%	<b>Substance Abuse – Drug</b>	44	32%	8	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Physical Disability</b>	47	34%	15	28%
					<b>Developmental Disability</b>	20	14%	6	11%
					<b>Chronic Health Condition</b>	50	36%	15	28%
					<b>Person with HIV/AIDS</b>	4	3%	3	6%



## Incarceration

- 77% (138 of 178) of respondents reported having been to jail previously. This was a 9% increase in the two counties over the past year.
- 29% (52 of 180) of respondents reported having been in prison, an increase of 7% from last year.

<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>	
<b>Yes</b>	105	75%	33	62%	40	29%	12	23%
<b>No</b>	26	19%	14	27%	91	65%	37	70%
<b>No Response</b>	8	6%	6	11%	8	6%	4	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### *Corrections release in last 90 days*

	<i>Marion</i>			<i>Polk</i>	
<b>Yes</b>		16	11.5%	7	13%
<b>No</b>		107	77%	38	72%
<b>No Response</b>		16	11.5%	8	15%
<b>Total</b>		<b>139</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Discrimination & Violence

- A majority of households (72%, 106 of 148) reported they felt discriminated against because they were homeless.
- Almost half (49%, 70 of 143) said they have experienced violence since becoming homeless.

Have you ever felt discriminated against because you are homeless?					Since you have been homeless, have you experienced any violence?				
Percentages (%) represent responses from each <u>household</u> .									
	Marion		Polk		Marion		Polk		
Yes	80	71%	26	65%	51	45%	19	48%	
No	30	26%	12	30%	55	49%	18	45%	
No Response	3	3%	2	5%	7	6%	3	7%	
Total	113	100%	40	100%	113	100%	40	100%	

# Marion/Polk Shelter Count

The Sheltered Count includes the following shelters and housing programs designated to serve homeless:

- Emergency Shelter (ES)
- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

Organization	Individuals Sheltered	Individuals Turned away
<b>Emergency Shelters (ES)</b>		
Center for Hope and Safety (formerly Mid-Valley Women's Crisis)	19	*1
Homeless Alternative Respite Program	2	
Northwest Human Services – Street Outreach Shelter	7	
Polk County Parole & Probation	3	
Sable House	3	
Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network	15	*42
Union Gospel Mission – Men's Shelter	208	
Union Gospel Mission – Simonka Place	93	
<b>Transitional Housing (TH)</b>		
Home of the Brave	4	
Northwest Human Services – Transitional Living Program	5	
Salvation Army	32	
Shangri-La - New Options	18	
Shelly's House	17	
St. Francis Shelter	48	
St. Joseph - Family Shelter	22	
Titus 3	3	
Union Gospel Mission – Men's Shelter	44	
Union Gospel Mission – Restoration House	31	
Women at the Well – Grace House	8	
<b>Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)</b>		
Mid –Willamette Valley Community Action Agency – ARCHES Housing Program	*66	
Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency – Emergency Solution Grant	*8	

Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency – Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)	*25	
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)		
Shangri-La – Supportive Housing Assistance Program, Bonus Project, Permanent Housing Expansion Project	*41	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>43</b>

*\*RRH client detail, PSH client detail, and individuals turned away are not included in demographic breakdowns.*

# Shelter Surveys

On January 28, 2015, 493 households and 582 individuals were surveyed at 19 different emergency shelters and transitional shelter locations. (*Rapid Re-housing and Permanent Supportive Housing client detail is not available/not included in the following demographic breakdowns*). See all participating shelters/housing providers listed on page 19-20.

## Demographics

- Single adults made up the majority of sheltered families.
- Approximately 14% of those sheltered were under 18 years of age.
- 66% (386 of 581) were male and 33% (192 of 581) were female; less than 1% reported as transgender or did not disclose.
- 7% (43 of 582) of the respondents were children of K-12 age, attending school.
- The majority (83%, 463 of 557) of respondents described themselves as White and 15% (81 of 558) were Hispanic or Latino.
- Over half of respondents (65%, 374 of 579) reported having a disability, the most common identified were: Substance Abuse-Drug (32%, 183 of 579), Mental Health (31%, 180 of 579), Physical (26%, 151 of 579), and a Chronic Health Condition (23%, 136 of 579).

<i>Household Type</i>	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
<b>Single adult (1 adult in hh)</b>	442	91%	9	100%
<b>Adult only (2 or more adults in hh with no children)</b>	1	<1%	0	0%
<b>Adult and child(ren) (1 or more adult and 1 or more child in hh)</b>	41	8%	0	0%
<b>Youth/Child only</b>	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>

### *Age Groups*

<b>0-17</b>	80	14%	0	0%
<b>18-29</b>	93	16%	3	33%
<b>30-39</b>	88	15%	0	0%
<b>40-49</b>	128	22%	4	45%
<b>50-59</b>	124	22%	1	11%
<b>60-69</b>	55	10%	0	0%
<b>70-79</b>	5	1%	0	0%
<b>80-89</b>	0	0%	1	11%
<b>No Response</b>	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>

### *Gender*

<b>Male</b>	383	67%	3	33%
<b>Female</b>	186	32%	6	67%
<b>Transgender Male to Female</b>	2	<1%	0	0%
<b>Transgender Female to Male</b>	1	<1%	0	0%
<b>No Response</b>	1	<1%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>

### *Race/Ethnicity*

<b>American Indian or Alaskan Native</b>	47	8%	0	0%
<b>Asian</b>	4	1%	0	0%
<b>Black or African American</b>	34	6%	0	0%
<b>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</b>	9	2%	0	0%
<b>White</b>	454	79%	9	100%
<b>No Response</b>	25	4%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>

### *Ethnicity*

Hispanic or Latino	79	14%	2	22%
Non-Hispanic or Latino	470	82%	7	78%
Refused/Unknown/Didn't Ask	24	4%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>

### *Miscellaneous Categories*

Veteran	71	12%	1	11%
Farmworker	26	5%	0	0%
Victim of Domestic Violence	98	17%	3	33%
Children (K-12 age) still in school	42	7%	1	11%
Released Offender	53	9%	2	22%

### *Homelessness*

Continually homeless for a year or more	264	46%	1	11%
Experienced at least four episodes of homeless in the past three years	171	30%	4	44%

### *Persons with a Disability*

### *Specific disabilities reported*

	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>			<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
Yes	365	63%	9	100%	Mental Health	173	30%	7	78%
No	205	36%	0	0%	Substance Abuse – Alcohol	165	29%	4	44%
No Response	3	1%	0	0%	Substance Abuse – Drug	178	31%	5	56%
Total	573	100%	9	100%	Physical Disability	147	26%	4	44%
					Developmental Disability	67	12%	2	22%
					Chronic Health Condition	133	23%	3	33%
					Person with HIV/AIDS	4	1%	0	0%

# Short Surveys

Short surveys were conducted by volunteers at various locations around Marion/Polk counties. (See all locations on page 5). Households who reported they were homeless and had not participated in the Unsheltered or Sheltered surveys were included in this Count.

<i>Household Type</i>			<i>Age Groups</i>		
Single Adult	10	77%	0-17	9	36%
Couple w/o children	0	0%	18-29	1	4%
One Parent	0	0%	30-39	7	28%
Two Parents	3	23%	40-49	1	4%
Unaccompanied child	0	0%	50-59	2	8%
Total Households	13	100%	60-69	1	4%
			70+	1	4%
			No Response	3	12%
			Total Individuals	25	100%
<i>Gender</i>			<i>Where will you be staying on Wednesday January 28, 2015?</i>		
Male	13	52%	Car	5	20%
Female	7	28%	Hospital	4	16%
No Response	5	20%	Street	5	20%
Total	25	100%	Abandoned Building	0	0%
			Camping	8	32%
			Other	3	12%
			No Response	0	0%
			Total	25	100%
<i>Veteran</i>					
Yes	0	0%			
No/No Response	25	100%			
Total	25	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. 304 surveys were completed at the Marion County jail and 58 surveys were completed at the Polk County jail. Of those surveyed, a total of 132 respondents reported they would be homeless with no designated place to live at the time of their release from jail, 107 (81%) in Marion and 25 (19%) in Polk.

## Demographics

- 83% (105 of 126) of the respondents were males.
- 34% (44 of 130) of respondents did not complete high school or receive a GED.

<i>Gender</i>	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
<b>Male</b>	86	80%	19	76%
<b>Female</b>	16	15%	5	20%
<b>Transgender Male to Female</b>	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Transgender Female to Male</b>	0	0%	0	0%
<b>No Response</b>	5	5%	1	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100%</b>

<i>Education Level</i>				
<b>Grade 1-9</b>	12	11%	1	4%
<b>Grade 10-12</b>	28	26%	3	12%
<b>GED</b>	20	19%	6	24%
<b>HS Graduate</b>	18	17%	1	4%
<b>Some College</b>	21	19%	11	44%
<b>College Graduate</b>	6	6%	3	12%
<b>No Response</b>	2	2%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100%</b>

### *Miscellaneous Categories*

<b>Veteran</b>	11	10%	3	12%
<b>Been to prison</b>	46	43%	11	44%

### *Race*

<b>American Indian or Alaskan Native</b>	10	9%	5	20%
<b>Asian</b>	2	2%	0	0%
<b>Black or African American</b>	6	6%	0	0%
<b>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</b>	2	2%	0	0%
<b>White</b>	73	68%	19	76%
<b>Refused/Unknown</b>	14	13%	1	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100%</b>

### *Ethnicity*

<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	22	21%	4	16%
<b>Non-Hispanic or Latino</b>	71	66%	20	80%
<b>Refused/Unknown</b>	14	13%	1	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100%</b>

### **Before Incarceration**

- 33% (43 of 132) of the respondents had a job immediately before incarceration, and 40% (53 of 132) had a permanent place to live.
- 20% (26 of 128) report being a parent in a household with a child, or children, prior to incarceration.
- 60% (79 of 132) of respondents reported being homeless or unstably housed prior to incarceration; 34% (35 of 104) reported living on the streets or camping and 22% (23 of 104) reported they were temporarily staying with family or friends.
- Participants were asked what led to their present circumstances, and Criminal History (33%, 43 of 132), Drug/Alcohol (self) (31%, 41 of 132), Unemployment (30%, 39 of 132), and Couldn't Afford Rent (23%, 30 of 132) were the most frequent answers.

### *Prior to incarceration...*

<b>Had a job</b>	39	36%	4	16%
<b>Had a permanent place to live</b>	48	45%	5	20%

### *If you did not have a place to live, which best describes where you were staying immediately before your current arrest?*

Percentages (%) calculated from total respondents. (e.g. 8% (9 of the 107 Marion respondents) were residing in Shelter prior to incarceration).

<b>Shelter</b>	9	8%	1	4%
<b>Street</b>	18	17%	9	36%
<b>Squatting (abandoned building)</b>	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Camping</b>	6	6%	2	8%
<b>Motel/Hotel</b>	2	2%	1	4%
<b>Vehicle</b>	5	5%	0	0%
<b>Temporarily with family/friend</b>	17	16%	6	24%
<b>Other</b>	0	0%	0	0%
<b>No Response</b>	2	2%	1	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>---</b>

### *For those who identified having no permanent housing prior to incarceration - How long did you live in this situation?*

Percentages (%) calculated from total respondents. (e.g. 16% (17 of the 107 Marion respondents) were living in a non-permanent living situation for 0-3 months prior to incarceration).

<b>0-3 months</b>	17	16%	4	16%
<b>3-6 months</b>	12	11%	3	12%
<b>6-9 months</b>	7	7%	1	4%
<b>9-12 months</b>	2	2%	2	8%
<b>1-3 yrs</b>	11	10%	4	16%
<b>3-5 yrs</b>	6	6%	3	12%
<b>5-10 yrs</b>	2	2%	0	0%
<b>10-20 yrs</b>	0	0%	2	8%

<b>20+ yrs</b>	1	1%	0	0%
<b>No Response</b>	1	1%	1	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>---</b>

#### *Household Type*

<b>Single Adult</b>	67	63%	16	64%
<b>Couple without children</b>	10	9%	3	12%
<b>Adult(s) with other adult family member(s)</b>	4	4%	2	8%
<b>Single Parent with child(ren)</b>	9	8%	1	4%
<b>Two parent with child(ren)</b>	14	13%	2	8%
<b>No Response</b>	3	3%	1	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### *Have you ever been in a treatment program?*

<b>Yes</b>	76	71%	17%	68%
<b>No</b>	31	29%	7%	28%
<b>No Response</b>	0	0%	1%	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### *Treatment programs accessed*

<b>Alcohol/Drug</b>	66	62%	13	52%
<b>Mental Health</b>	24	22%	8	32%
<b>Other</b>	5	5%	3	12%

#### *What led to your present circumstance?*

Percentages (%) represent all respondents (e.g. 17% of Marion respondents could not afford rent which led to their present circumstance). *Respondents could list as many factors as applied to their circumstance.*

<b>Couldn't afford rent</b>	17	16%	13	52%
<b>Drug/Alcohol (at home)</b>	6	6%	7	28%
<b>Drug/Alcohol (self)</b>	30	28%	11	44%
<b>Unemployment</b>	24	22%	15	60%
<b>Eviction from landlord</b>	3	3%	4	16%

<b>Medical problems</b>	1	1%	5	20%
<b>Kicked out by family/friends</b>	8	7%	8	32%
<b>Criminal History</b>	37	35%	7	28%
<b>DV/Relationship issue</b>	6	6%	2	8%
<b>Poor rental history</b>	1	1%	4	16%
<b>Homeless by choice</b>	3	3%	2	8%
<b>Credit Problems</b>	2	2%	4	16%
<b>Gambling</b>	4	4%	1	4%
<b>Mental or emotional disorder</b>	11	10%	5	20%
<b>Other</b>	11	10%	2	8%

### After Release from Incarceration

- When asked what they needed to remain clean, sober, and crime-free, the two most common responses were Housing Assistance and Employment Assistance.

### Upon Release

<b>Has a job to go to after release</b>	22	21%	4	16%
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### What do you need when you are released to stay clean, sober and crime free?

Percentages (%) represent all respondents (e.g. 80% of Marion respondents believe they need housing assistance after they're released to stay clean, sober, and crime-free). Respondents could list as many factors as applied to their circumstance.

<b>Housing Assistance</b>	86	80%	24	96%
<b>Employment Assistance</b>	73	68%	22	88%
<b>Alcohol/Drug Treatment</b>	35	33%	11	44%
<b>Mental Health Treatment</b>	26	24%	8	32%
<b>Education Assistance</b>	30	28%	10	40%
<b>Credit Counseling</b>	15	14%	5	20%
<b>Community Resources</b>	42	39%	12	48%
<b>Food Stamps</b>	67	63%	20	80%
<b>Other:</b> Lifeskills, OHP, SSI, Bridges to Change, ID, Medical	8	7%	4	16%

## Disability

- 83% (109 of 132) of respondents reported having one or more disabilities.
- 54% (71 of 132) of respondents report struggling with Substance Abuse – Drug, while 32% (42 of 132) report Substance Abuse – Alcohol.
- 39% (51 of 132) of respondents report having a mental health disability.

### *Persons reporting one or more disabilities*

<b>Yes</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>88%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>No Response</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100%</b>

### *Disabling Conditions*

*Percentages (%) represent all respondents (e.g. 40% of Marion respondents report having a mental health condition). Respondents could list as many conditions as applied to their circumstance.*

<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Substance Abuse - Alcohol</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>Substance Abuse - Drug</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>Physical Disability</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Developmental Disability</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Chronic Health Condition</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b>Persons with HIV/AIDS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Victim of Domestic Violence</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20%</b>



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