

## Chronically Homeless Characteristics

<b>Chronically homeless*</b>	50
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<b>Age</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
62 +	1	1	2	3.6 %
51 – 61	21	3	24	18.2 %
31 – 50	19	4	23	27.3 %
18 – 30	0	1	1	34.5 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>50</b>	

<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	<b>%</b>
American Indian or Alaska Native	1 2.0 %
Black/African American	23 46 %
Hispanic/Latino	1 1.8 %
White	25 50 %

<b>U.S. Military Veteran</b>	18	36 %
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<b>Victim of Domestic Violence</b>	6	12 %
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<b>Disabilities</b>		<b>%**</b>
Addiction: alcohol	25	50 %
Addiction: drugs	18	36 %
Mental illness	24	48 %
Long-term physical illness	9	18 %
Physical disability	17	34 %
Other	5	10 %

\*\*Because a person might have more than one disability, the percentages exceed 100%.

<b>How long/how many times living on the street</b>		<b>%</b>
One year or longer	23	46 %
Four times or more in the last three years	37	74 %

\* An unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years; and must have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., living on the streets) and/or in emergency shelter during that time.

## 2009 Point in Time Survey Results for NW Louisiana



This document presents an overview of the 2009 Point in Time survey, which was conducted by HOPE for the Homeless during a 24-hour period of time from January 27 - 28, 2009. The survey was designed to document the number of homeless persons in northwest Louisiana at one point in time and to collect information on their characteristics in order to plan more effective services and to develop additional funding sources.

The Point in Time Survey was conducted to provide both qualitative and quantitative information about persons who are homeless in our area, and it was designed to produce a point-in-time enumeration of the chronic homeless in our community and of all other homeless.

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Note: except where denoted by **ALL persons**, the percentages in each category are relative to the number of surveys collected, not the total number of persons counted.

### Quick Look

Total number of surveys	716
Additional family members represented	247
<b>Total persons (ALL)</b>	<b>973</b>

<b>Sub-categories – Adults only</b>	
Chronically homeless	50 7.0%
Victims of Domestic Violence	88 12.3%
Veterans	173 24.1%

### Homeless Population Characteristics

<b>Previous night's stay – ALL persons</b>	<b>%</b>	
Emergency shelter	192	19.7 %
Transitional housing	423	43.5 %
Permanent supportive housing	145	14.9 %
On the street	55	5.7 %
Hospital	8	0.8 %
Hotel/Motel – no voucher	12	1.2 %
Private dwelling	9	0.9 %
Treatment facility	10	1 %
With family/friend	19	2 %
Foster care/group home	15	1.5 %
Other	85	8.7 %

<b>How long in living situation – ALL persons</b>	<b>%</b>	
One week or less	115	11.8 %
More than one week, but less than one month	142	14.6 %
One to three months	207	21.3 %
More than three months, but less than one year	318	32.7 %
One year or longer	191	19.6 %

<b>U.S. Military Veteran – Adults only</b>	173	24.2 %
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<b>Victim of Domestic Violence – ALL persons</b>	140	14.4 %
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<b>Institutional stay in prior 30 days – Adults only</b>	<b>%*</b>	
Hospital	20	2.8 %
Jail or prison	27	3.8 %
Mental health inpatient facility	13	1.8 %
Military service	1	0.1 %
Substance abuse inpatient facility	25	3.5 %

\*Of all adults, regardless of institutional status

<b>Family status – ALL persons</b>	<b>%</b>	
In a family	391	40.2 %
Unaccompanied	582	59.8 %

### Homeless Population Characteristics

<b>Gender – ALL persons</b>	<b>%</b>	
Female	417	42.9 %
Male	556	57.1 %

<b>Race/Ethnicity – Adults only</b>	<b>%</b>	
American Indian/Alaskan Native	4	0.6 %
American Indian & Black	1	0.1 %
American Indian & White	4	0.6 %
Asian	1	0.1 %
Black/African American	428	59.8 %
Hispanic/Latino	7	1.0 %
White	264	36.9 %
Other/Unknown	7	0.9 %

<b>Age – ALL persons</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
62 +	15	4	19	2.0 %
51 – 61	158	44	202	20.8 %
31 – 50	194	134	328	33.7 %
18 – 30	58	85	143	14.7 %
13 – 17	22	36	58	6.0 %
6 – 12	65	61	126	12.9 %
0 – 5	44	53	97	10.0 %

<b>Disabilities – Adults only</b>	<b>%**</b>	
Addiction: alcohol	208	29.1 %
Addiction: drugs	256	35.8 %
Addiction: other	6	0.8 %
Mental illness	231	32.3 %
HIV/AIDS	17	2.4 %
Long-term physical illness	63	8.8 %
Physical disability	118	16.5 %
Developmental Disability	18	2.5 %
Other	28	3.9 %

\*\*Because a person might have more than one disability, the percentages exceed 100%.