

Smith County

Total Number of Surveys in Smith County 301

Personal Information

What is the Highest level of school you have completed?	Count
Less than 9th grade	12
Some High school	26
GED	31
HS diploma	61
Some college	51
College graduate	14
Technical school/ training Program	3
Masters degree or higher	2
Total	200
Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or queer (LGBTQ+)?	Count
Yes	12
No	249
Don't Know	3
Refused	1
Total	265
In the first 18 years of your life did you experience or were you exposed to...?	Count
Abuse/Neglect (any kind)	70
Domestic Violence	10
Substance abuse	9
Mental Health condition	10
Household member in jail	4
Gang involvement	1
None of these	95
*Total (Participants could select multiple choices)	199
Were you with your family, or on your own, when you first experienced homelessness?	Count
With Family	19
On Own	70
Total	89

Have you ever been involved in any of the following institutions?	Count
Criminal Justice System	80
Foster Care	5
Long-term hospitalization	3
Drug Treatment	9
Mental Health Treatment	15
Child Protective Services	9
*Total (Participants could select multiple choices)	121
Have you been told or do you believe you have a chronic health condition?	Count
Don't Know	1
No	52
Refused	3
Yes	27
Total	83
Have you been told or do you believe you have a developmental disability?	Count
Don't Know	2
No	70
Refused	2
Yes	9
Total	83
Have you been told or do you believe you have a mental health condition?	Count
Don't Know	2
No	41
Refused	2
Yes	39
Total	84
Have you been told or do you believe you have a physical disability?	Count
Don't Know	2
No	59
Refused	2
Yes	20
Total	83

Have you been told or do you believe you have any substance use conditions?	Count
Alcohol Abuse	5
Both Alcohol and Drug	9
Drug Abuse	13
No	55
Refused	2
Total	84
Do you currently have health insurance?	Count
Yes	84
No	104
Don't know	2
Refused	4
Total	194
Do you receive disability benefits?	Count
Yes	41
No	146
Don't Know	2
Refused	5
Total	194
Is this the first time you have been homeless?	Count
Don't Know	1
No	93
Yes	116
Total	210
At what age did you first become homeless?	Count
13-17	8
18-24	15
25-34	21
35-44	21
45-54	19
55-61	5
62+	4
Unknown	208
Total	301
Were you with your family, or on your own, when you first experienced homelessness?	Count
With Family	19
On Own	70
Total	89

How many months did you stay in shelters or on the streets during the past 3 years?	Count
1-4 years	28
5-9 years	2
6-11 months	19
Less than 6 months	40
Total Number of Participants	89
How many separate times have you stayed in shelters or on the streets during the past 3 years?	Count
4 or more times	31
Don't Know	3
Fewer than 4	56
Refused	2
Total Number of Participants	92
Current Situation	
What city were you living in when you became homeless this time?	Count
City Outside of Texas	19
Other City in Texas	63
Tyler	126
Total	208
How many months have you been in this community?	Count
10+ years	20
1-4 years	48
5-9 years	14
6-11 months	23
Less than 6 months	82
Total Number of Participants	187
Where were you staying before you became homeless this time?	Count
Rented	49
Owned	5
Stayed with friends/family	45
Jail	3
Hospital	0
Hotel/Motel (paid with own funds)	6
Halfway House	2
Substance abuse treatment	1
Mental health facility	1
Total	122

How many months have you been homeless this time?	Count
10+ years	2
1-4 years	44
5-9 years	2
6-11 months	32
Less than 6 months	119
Total Number of Participants	199
Where are you sleeping on the night of the count?	Count
Abandoned Building	1
Other	5
Outdoor encampment	7
Park	1
Street or Sidewalk	6
Vehicle / Boat	3
Total	23
What type of vehicle or structure are you sleeping in?	Count
Car	2
Makeshift Shelter	1
RV	1
Tent	6
Total	10
What has kept you from obtaining housing?	Count
Poor Housing Conditions	12
Criminal History	24
Discrimination	3
Lack of assistance	42
No ID	5
Did not know what resources to access	12
Transportation	9
History of broken lease	3
Lack of funds	73
Other	21
*Total (Participants could select multiple choices)	204
Have you ever taken a survey in person called "Coordinated Entry?"	Count
Yes	2
No	100
Don't Know	9
Refused	0
Total	111

In the last 12 months, what have been your sources of income?	Count
Full-time employment	80
Part-time employment	35
SSI/SSDI	42
Non-cash benefits (WIC SNAP TANF)	7
Sex work	1
Pan handling	2
Money from family	5
Other	9
No Income	23
*Total (Participants could select multiple choices)	204
Have you participated in housing program in the last 12 months?	Count
Yes	35
No	168
Don't Know	2
Refused	2
Total	207
When was the last time you stayed in a shelter for people experiencing homelessness?	Count
Less than a week ago	87
Within the last 3 months	37
Within the last 6 months	22
More than a year ago	27
Total	173

Reasons for Homelessness

Which of the following reasons do you feel caused your homelessness?	Count
2019 Government Shutdown	1
Unable to pay rent/mortgage	70
unemployment	38
Divorce/Separation	9
Domestic Violence	16
Incarceration	6
Family/personal illness	7
Physical/mental disabilities	5
Addiction	16
Evicted	9
Moved to seek work	5
Natural Disaster	2
Sexual orientation	0
Aged out foster care	0
Other	23
*Total (Participants could select multiple choices)	207
Which type of natural disaster led to your Homelessness?	Count
Fire / Mud	1
Hurricane	0
Other	0
Total	1
Which fire caused your Homelessness?	Count
Fire prior to 2017	0
Wildfires in 2017	0
2018 Camp Fire (California)	0
2018 Hill/ Woolsey Fire (California)	0
2018 Thomas Fire (California)	0
2018 Carr Fire (California)	0
Other 2018 Fire	1
Total	1
Which hurricane cause your homelessness?	Count
Harvey (Houston TX area)	0
Michael (Southeastern US/ Florida panhandle)	0
Other hurricane	0
Total	0

Veteran Questions

Under what tours of duty have you served?	Count
Afghanistan	2
Iraq	3
Korea	0
Kuwait	0
Vietnam	8
Other	12
<i>*Total (Participants could select multiple choices)</i>	25

Have You been involved in any of the following Operations?	Count
Operation Enduring Freedom	0
Operation Iraqi Freedom	0
Operation New Dawn	0
None of these	4
<i>Total</i>	4

Length of service in years? (Range)	Count
1 or less	4
(1-5)	17
(6-10)	8
11 or more	1
<i>Total number of participants</i>	30