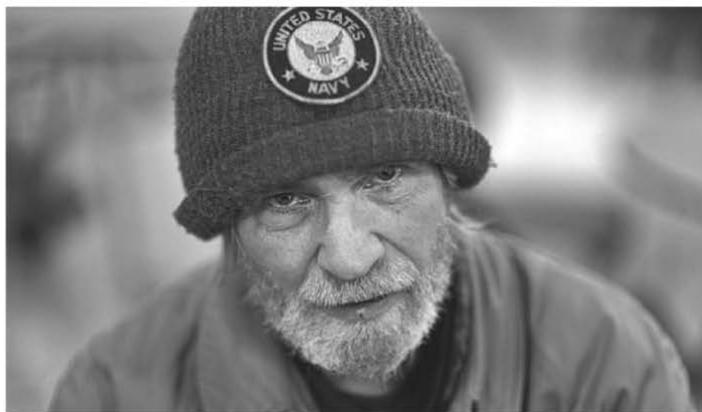




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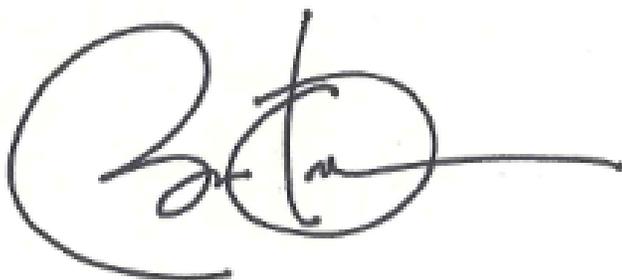
We send greetings and thanks to all those participating in this year's Point-in-Time count of homeless men, women, and children across our country.

From her earliest days, America has been a beacon of hope for all people—no matter who they are or what their circumstances may be. Yet too often, individuals from all walks of life struggle to find the opportunity and stability our country has so proudly promised, even when it comes to some of our most basic needs.

Since launching Opening Doors in 2010, homelessness rates have sharply fallen, and our communities have made tremendous strides in reducing homelessness overall, including among America's families and the chronically homeless. Cities and towns across our Nation are expanding their involvement by partnering with the White House through initiatives such as Joining Forces and the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness. Our coordinated efforts have proven that if we work hard and work together, it is possible to end homelessness for families, youth, and people with disabilities—and for our veterans, who have given so much to keep our country safe and free.

The idea of “home” has been central to our country's character from its earliest days, and dedicated, passionate people like you, who take up the noble work of serving our most vulnerable, are helping make it a reality for all. Your commitment to putting comfort, opportunity, and security within the reach of those who need it most represents the best of America and will help us build a future free from the heartbreak of poverty.

As you continue striving to ensure everyone has a safe and stable place to call home, we wish you the best and thank you for your work.



Michelle Obama

Thank you to the street volunteers!



Thanks to all the shelter staff from Rescue Mission, Trust, Family Promise, Salvation Army and SafeHome Systems

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Introduction

This Point-in-Time (PIT) Report is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that Continuums of Care (CoCs) conduct an annual count of homeless persons who are sheltered in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Havens on a single night. The purpose of this process and report is to obtain a snapshot of unduplicated homeless counts across the nation.

HUD's goals for ending homelessness are outlined in the 2014-2018 strategic plan. These goals are to strengthen the nation's housing market, meet the need for quality, affordable rental housing, use housing as a platform to improve quality of life, and build strong, resilient, and inclusive communities. The Obama Administration's Opening Doors plan notes specific subpopulations that communities should focus on regarding homelessness. These subpopulations are homeless veterans, those experiencing chronic homelessness, and homeless youth and families. This policy has also provided an ideal timeline of addressing subpopulation homelessness by stating, "the goals of the plan are to prevent and end veterans' and chronic homelessness by 2015, to prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children by 2020, and to set a path to ending all types of homelessness."¹

The President's Budget for fiscal year 2017 maintains funds that are essential to continually decreasing veteran homelessness as well as introduces new avenues to end homelessness for other subpopulations. The projected investment of \$2.5 billion (\$345 million over current levels) into HUD's Continuum of Care and Emergency Solution Grant Programs calls for: \$300 million to help end and prevent Veteran homelessness, the creation of 25,500 new permanent supportive housing units, \$177 million in rental-assistance for families, \$20 million for Family Unification Program vouchers, and \$37 million for vouchers related to domestic violence.²

Just recently HUD released the Tier One awards for Virginia's efforts to end homelessness. According to the HUD exchange website, "Secretary Julian Castro announced \$1.6 billion in grants to provide funding to 6,400 local homeless housing and service programs across the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands". Virginia was awarded \$23,471,202 to local entities and non-profit organizations in Tier One funds.

The Blue Ridge Continuum of Care (BRCoC) serves the counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, and Roanoke as well as the cities of Roanoke, Salem and Covington. The localities within the BRCoC range from high-density (City of Roanoke) to low-density (Craig County). There are also significant racial and economic disparities within the region evidenced by indicator reports. Despite the complexities of the region, the CoC utilizes a collect impact framework to ensure the strategies of providing coordinated entry and assessment, shelter services, prevention and rapid rehousing; as well as permanent supportive housing are successful. The BRCoC convenes monthly to collaborate on local goals and processes to maximize system performance. This collaboration includes strategic planning efforts to ensure alignment with federal goals and measure success in attaining those goals.

¹ <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=hudstrategicplan2014-2018.pdf>

² https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/2016_Budget_Fact_Sheet_on_Homelessness_Assistance.pdf

The data contained in this report will assist in the Blue Ridge Continuum of Care to sustain functional zero for veterans, to end chronic homelessness by 12/31/16 and youth and family homelessness by 12/31/20. After this time, homelessness will be rare, brief and non-recurring in our community.

Methodology

This 2016 Winter PIT and Shelter Survey report utilized data from three different sources: PIT Count, PIT Surveys and the Vulnerability Index & Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) surveys. Each source of data has a different purpose, but data collection for all three occurs on the same day and night to avoid duplicated data. January 28, 2016 was the night selected to gather data for the 2016 Winter PIT Report.

The purpose of the PIT Count is to obtain an accurate, unduplicated count of all those residing in a shelter or on the street. The PIT Count is completed by shelter directors and staff, and the only descriptive categories are: gender, under age 18; 18-24; over age 24; street count; Chronic and veteran status. This survey is sent electronically to the directors at each shelter to complete and return.

The PIT Survey is administered at least every year and sometimes twice a year for the purpose of detailing information and characteristics about people experiencing homelessness in a shelter. This is a more comprehensive survey that contains questions about: the reasons homeless; children's descriptive questions; cash and non-cash benefits and health needs. The 2016 survey instrument consisted of 26 closed response questions and 1 open-ended question. "Other" and N/A responses are available for appropriate questions. People who were homeless the night of January 28th were allowed to refuse the PIT survey, whereas the PIT Count (N=331) is important for understanding the actual numbers homeless and the PIT survey aids in understanding characteristics of a sample of those homeless. This survey is offered to all shelter participants during the evening hours of January 28, 2016.

Street Counts (N=7) record the number of homeless not residing in a shelter. Anyone residing on the street the night of January 28th is requested to complete the VI-SPDAT survey. VI-SPDAT is an assessment tool that indicates the level of vulnerability for a homeless person or family. This tool is a survey that consists of 50 YES/NO or N/A questions. There are 4 categories within this survey that calculate a combined score between 1-4, 5-7, and 8 and above. A score of 8 or above would indicate that an individual/family is highly vulnerable and are prioritized for housing. People who are homeless and on the street have the right to refuse the VI-SPDAT just like those in the shelter can refuse the PIT survey. If a person chooses not to complete the VI-SPDAT then the survey is coded as refused although the individual is still counted in the numbers of those on the street. The VI-SPDAT is also administered to individuals at the Rescue Mission Respite Care to assess the vulnerability of those discharged from the hospital without a housing plan. The Jefferson College of Health Sciences (JCHS) Physician's Assistant program assists with the completion of this survey each year to ensure survey administration training is consistent and thorough. This survey is administered by JCHS Physician's Assistant students and HAT staff during the early morning hours of January 28, 2016.

Survey volunteers were recruited utilizing the Council of Community Services' Hands on Blue Ridge volunteer services and Jefferson College of Health Sciences Physician's Assistant Program. Each agency also provided staff to administer surveys at the shelters. The volunteers were provided training prior to and during data collection as a way to consistently collect the data.

For the 2016 PIT Survey, veteran data (20 surveys) was analyzed separate from non-veteran data (145 surveys) due to collection methods and providing more information about that subpopulation of people who are homeless.

The unsheltered point-in-time count assists communities and HUD towards understanding the characteristics and number of people sleeping on the streets, including places not meant for human habitation. Accuracy of the data reported in PIT counts is vital. Data produced from these counts is based on reliable methods as included herein. We not only rely on the VI-SPDAT but also our HMIS to ensure that we are capturing accurate sub-population data.

During the PIT count, the CoC canvassed the entire area, not just those locations where homeless persons are known to sleep; incorporating the rural areas as well. De-duplication techniques also included sending multiple teams out at the same time to different quadrants to ensure there was no overlap in canvassing the service area. Prior to conducting the count, street outreach teams and social services staff in the rural area contacted known sites, businesses as well as other clients to identify areas where homeless may have stayed in the past. Street maps were produced and provided to teams during the morning of the count.

2016 Point-In-Time Count

The total number of homeless individuals in this year's count is 331. This is a 15.2% decrease from last year. The numbers have been trending downward since 2012.

PEOPLE COUNTED	Children UNDER 18	Children AGE 18-24	Adults OVER AGE 24	2016 TOTAL	VETERANS	CH	FEMALE	MALE
Family Promise	6	3	1	10	0	0	4	6
TRUST	2	1	18	21	14	2	5	16
Safe Home Systems (Covington)	1	1	2	4	0	2	3	1
Turning Point	6	2	8	16	0	0	12	4
Red Shield Lodge	0	1	51	52	9	8	0	52
Rescue Mission of Roanoke	32	16	150	198	21	23	83	115
Alleghany County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Botetourt County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craig County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Street Count	0	0	7	7	0	2	1	6
Warming Center	0	0	23	23	1	2	4	19
	47	24	260	331	45	39	112	219

The number of veterans this year decreased by 10% (45) from last year's total of 50 and 63 in 2014.

Females make up 33.8% of the total population and males are 66.1% of the total population.

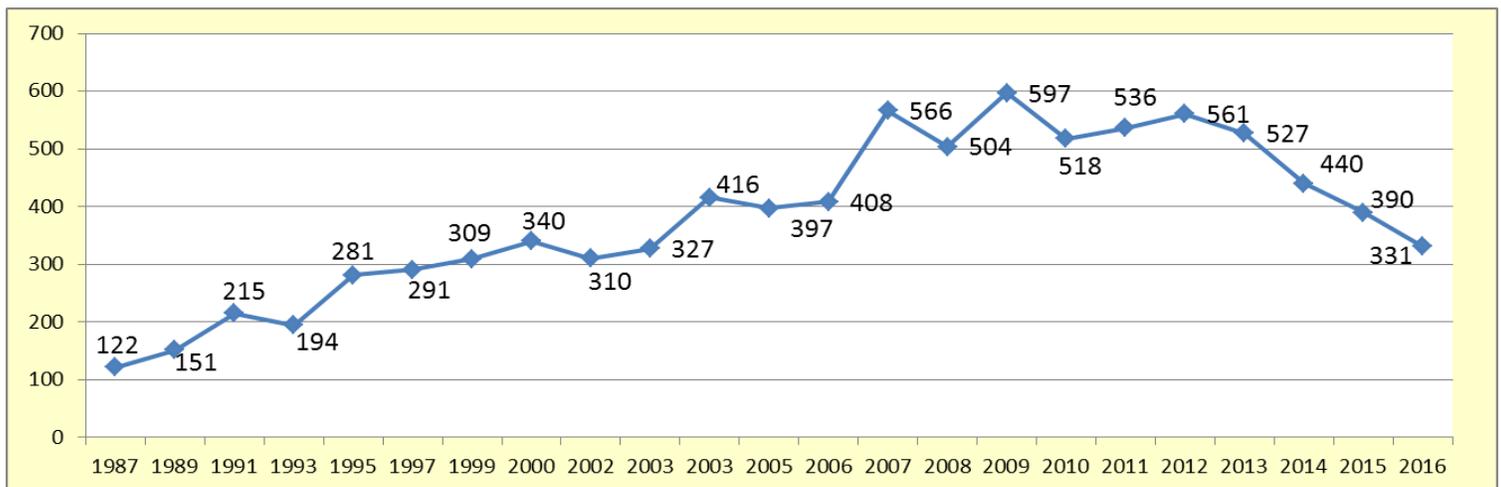
Children under the age of 18 are 14.2% of the total population.

Youth homelessness as defined those in shelters ages 18-24 are 7.25% of the total population.

The 331 total does not include the possible homeless individuals incarcerated.

The largest decrease in subpopulation data from last year was for children age 18-24 (41.2%) and children under age 18 (46.6%).

Point-In-Time Counts from 1987-2015



Point-In-Time Count in 2016 decreased by 15.2% (331 compared to 390 in 2015, 440 in 2014 and 527 in 2013)

2016 PIT and VI-SPDAT Completed Surveys

<u>SURVEYS RECEIVED</u>			
<u>PIT Surveys</u>		<u>VI-SPDAT Surveys</u>	
Family Promise	4	Rescue Mission Men's Shelter (Veterans)	8
ARCH (Trust)	18	Rescue Mission Respite Care (Non-Veterans)	6
Safe Home Systems (Covington)	2	Street Count (Non-Veterans)	7
Turning Point	4		21
Red Shield Lodge	36		
Rescue Mission Men's Shelter	48		
Rescue Mission Family Shelter	53		
Alleghany County/Covington	0		
Botetourt County	0		
Craig County	0		
	<u>165</u>		

Key Findings for the PIT Survey (Non-Veteran)

- **Survey respondents** 145 (adults 18 and over) completed the survey.
- **Age:** the ages ranged from 20-70 with a median age of 48.
- **Gender** responses (N=143) of those who completed the survey: 77 men (53.8%) and 66 women (46.1%).
- **Race:** 58.6% (85) of those surveyed identified themselves as White/Caucasian and 34.5% (50) identified themselves as Black/African American.
- **Where:** 68.3% of respondents were living in the Blue Ridge Continuum of Care catchment area when they became homeless.
- **Education:** 76.5% (111) report having a high school/GED education or more.
- **Food Stamps:** 41.4 % (60) report receiving food stamps.
- **Working:** 51.7% (75) respondents were actively looking for work.
- **Working:** 27.6% (40) report to work on the books, while 3.4% (5) report to work off the books.
- **Why:** 29% (42) of respondents indicated unemployment as the primary reason for being homeless.
- **Mental Health:** 43.4% (63) of individuals report to have previously received mental health services in the past.
- **Treatment for Alcohol:** 20.7% (30) report to have been treated for alcohol problems at some point.
- **Treatment for Drug Dependency:** 22.1% (32) of respondents report to have received treatment for drug dependency previously.
- The top 5 challenges faced by individuals (non-veterans) without homes include:
 - Affordable housing
 - Cannot find work
 - Medical problems
 - Dental problems and past incarcerations
 - Divorce

2016 Point-In-Time Shelter Survey

Results for Non-Veterans

General Demographic Statistics

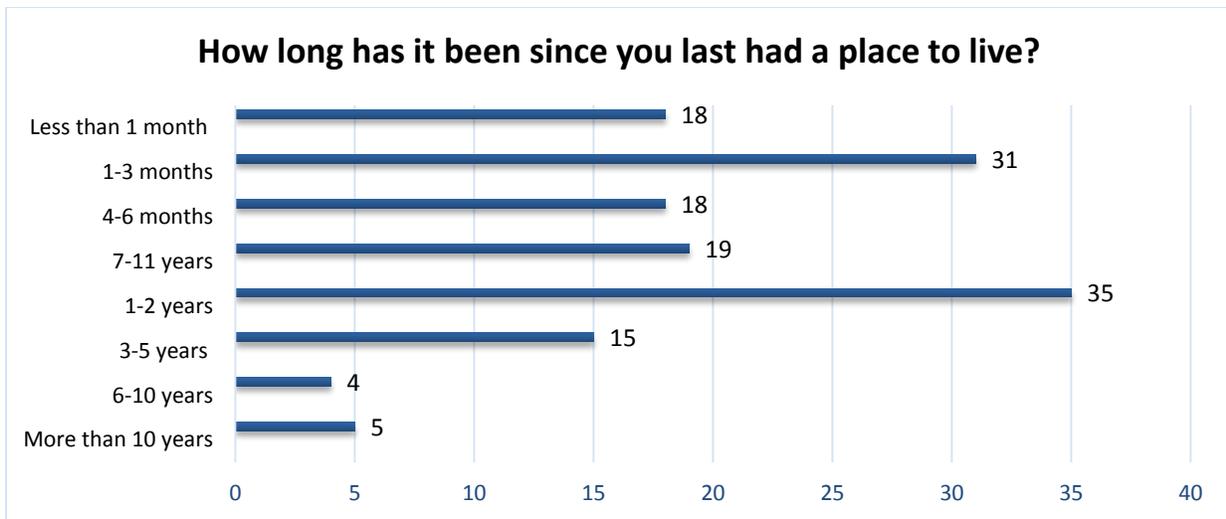
Gender	Response Count	Response Percent
Male	77	53.5%
Female	66	45.8%
Transgender	0	0.0%
Decline to state	1	0.7%
Other	0	0.0%
Answered question	144	
Skipped question	1	

The survey response rate was 51.06 % (ages 18 and over, 284).

The total population is a ratio of 66/33% for males and females respectively, compared to the sample population ratio of 53/45% for males and females. If survey data (sample) for veterans and non-veterans were combined the gender ratio would be 58.9% for males and 41.1% for females.

What racial/ethnic group do you identify with the most (choose only one)?	Response Count	Response Percent
White/Caucasian	89	61.4%
Black/African American	50	34.5%
Asian	0	0.0%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0.0%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
American Indian/Alaska Native & White	1	0.7%
Asian & White	0	0.0%
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0	0.0%
Hispanic/Latino	0	0.0%
Mixed Race	1	0.7%
Declined to State	2	1.4%
Other	3	4.2%
Answered question	145	
Skipped questions	0	

The most common race reported was White/Caucasian 61.4%, followed by Black/African American 34.5%. The 3 “Other” responses stated other.



The category 1-2 years is the most reported length of time homeless in 2016 followed closely with 1-3 months.

What is the primary reason you are currently homeless?	Response Count	Response Percent
Unemployed	42	29.0%
Evicted from home, unrelated to payment	16	11.0%
Victim of domestic violence	11	7.6%
Mental Health	4	2.8%
Substance abuse	9	6.2%
Fire or other disaster	1	0.7%
Family problems	23	15.9%
Bad Credit	5	3.4%
Criminal history	5	3.4%
Lack of Affordable Housing	9	6.2%
Discharge from an institution	4	2.8%
Other	16	11.0%
Answered question	145	
Skipped question	0	

“Unemployed” ranks number 1 as the primary reason for homelessness since 2012.

*16 respondents who indicated “Other” specified as: medical issues (6), financial issues (3), property loss (1), spousal issues (4), inhabitable housing conditions (2), moved (3), court ordered (1), and roommate/landlord disagreement (2).



In 2016, “Never Before” was the most common response among those surveyed.

Where were you residing when you became homeless?	Response Count	Response Percent
Roanoke City	77	53.1%
Salem	5	3.4%
Roanoke County/Vinton	13	9.0%
Botetourt County	3	2.1%
Alleghany County	3	2.1%
Other	44	30.3%
Answered question	145	
Skipped question	0	

65.5% of those without homes were in the Roanoke area when they became homeless. This statistic has grown each year since 2013.

*Of those who came to Roanoke from other places, 34 were from other jurisdictions in Virginia, 15 came from other states, and 1 came from another country.

Out of the CoC Jurisdiction		Totals	Out of the State of VA		Totals	Out of the Country
1	Danville	1	1	D.C.	2	Bosnia 1
2	Bedford	3	2	Florida	2	
3	Bristol, VA	1	3	Michigan	1	
4	Charlottesville, VA	1	4	Montana	1	
5	Christiansburg	2	5	North Carolina	3	
6	Critz, VA	1	6	New Jersey	1	
7	Fairfax	2	7	Ohio	1	
8	Giles	1	8	Oklahoma	1	
9	Goud, VA	1	9	Spartanbug, SC	1	
10	Henrico City	1	10	West VA.	2	
11	Lynchburg	3				
12	Martinsville, VA	1				
13	New Kent County	1				
14	Prince Edwards County	1				
15	Radford	2				
16	Ridgeway	1				
17	Rockbridge Co.	1				
18	Rocky Mount	3				
19	Ruckersville, VA	1				
20	Shawsville	1				
21	Virginia Beach	2				
22	Winchester	1				
23	Wytheville	2				

*Table includes 6 veterans who came to Roanoke after becoming homeless.

If you became homeless somewhere other than Roanoke why did you come to Roanoke? (Choose one main reason)	Response Count	Response Percent
Not applicable	76	59.8%
Find a job	6	4.7%
Friends/family are here	9	7.1%
Domestic Violence program	0	0.0%
To obtain healthcare	3	2.4%
Ran out of money	0	0.0%
Personal reasons	6	4.7%
Probation/Parole Officer	3	2.4%
Veterans Administration	0	0.0%
Substance Abuse Program	0	0.0%
Shelter Only	15	11.8%
Referred (told to) by	2	1.6%
Other, please specify	7	5.5%
Answered question	127	
Skipped question	18	

*Those coming to Roanoke after becoming homeless indicated that the main reasons were Shelter Only and Friends/Family are here. 2016 is the first year that “Other” is not a main reason indicated. Of those 7 who indicated other, the responses were was hitchhiking (1), knew the area (1), to change life around (1), shelter and employment (1), incarceration (1), and never been before (1).

Where did you sleep last night?	Response Count	Response Percent
Emergency Shelter	124	85.5%
Transitional Shelter	8	5.5%
Psychiatric facility	0	0.0%
Hospital (non-psychiatric)	1	0.7%
Jail, prison, or juvenile justice	0	0.0%
Rented housing unit	1	0.7%
Owned housing unit	0	0.0%
Staying with family	3	2.1%
Hotel or motel (no voucher)	0	0.0%
Foster care home	0	0.0%
Domestic Violence Shelter	3	2.1%
Permanent Supportive Housing (Shelter Plus Care, etc)	0	0.0%
Substance Abuse treatment center or detox	0	0.0%
Place not meant for human habitation (outdoors, under bridge, vehicle, etc)	1	0.7%
Other living arrangement, specify	3	2.1%
Answered question	144	
Skipped question	1	

*Other responses included friends (1), staying with girlfriend (1), and church (1).

Have you been denied at a local shelter in the past 12 months because it was full?	Response Count	Response Percent
Yes	8	5.5%
No	137	94.5%
Answered question	145	
Skipped question	0	

The number of people denied shelter due to capacity is 5.5% in 2016.

How many children under the age of 18 do you have with you?	Response Count	Response Percent
0 children	121	84.0%
1 Child	10	6.9%
2 Children	7	4.9%
3 Children	2	1.4%
4 Children	2	1.4%
5+ Children	2	1.4%
Answered question	144	
Skipped question	1	

Most of the people in shelter are adults without children 84.0%.
 42 school age children are attending school; 11 school age children are not attending school.

How do you handle child care?	Response Count	Response Percent
Not applicable	122	84.7%
I do not need child care	1	0.7%
Friends/family	5	3.5%
I take care of my children myself	11	7.6%
Child care center	2	1.4%
Other (please specify)	3	2.1%
Answered question	144	
Skipped question	1	

*Other responses include private babysitter (1), YMCA (1), and Foster care (1).

What is the highest level of education that you completed?	Response Count	Response Percent
K-8	4	2.8%
Some High School	30	20.7%
High School Graduate	37	25.5%
GED	21	14.5%
Some College	37	25.5%
College Graduate	15	10.3%
Post Graduate	1	0.7%
Declined to state	0	0.0%
Answered question	145	
Skipped question	0	

76.5% or 111 respondents report to have a high school/GED education or more.

Are you actively looking for work ?	Response Count	Response Percent
Not applicable	20	13.8%
Yes	75	51.7%
No	50	34.5%
Answered question	145	
Skipped question	0	

In 2016, 51.7% of individuals (75) are actively looking for work. Although 50 people reported they are not looking for work, the chart below has 45 people that are currently working.

What financial resources do you have?	Response Count	Response Percent
Work, on the books	40	27.6%
Work, off the books	5	3.4%
Drug Trade	0	0.0%
Sex Trade	0	0.0%
Social Security Supplemental Income (SSI)	17	11.7%
Social Security Disability Income (SSDI)	13	9.0%
Pension/Retirement	0	0.0%
Veterans Administration	0	0.0%
Public Assistance	7	4.8%
Food Stamps	60	41.4%
Recycling	1	0.7%
Panhandling	2	1.4%
No Income	42	29.0%
Other (specify)	11	7.6%
Answered question	145	
Skipped question	0	

41.4% report food stamps as a source of income. 29% report not having an income. 27.6% report working on the books as a source of income.

*Other responses include: Parents send money (1), Odd jobs (1), TANF (2), Child support (3), Trade skill (1), Working on getting disability (1), and left answer blank (2).

How do you mainly get around? (Check all that apply)	Response Count	Response Percent
Licensed Motorized Vehicle	18	12.4%
Valley Metro Bus	74	51.0%
Walk	95	65.5%
Scooter/Bicycle	5	3.4%
Ride with friends/family	26	17.9%
Other (specify)	8	5.5%
Answered question	145	

Walk 65.5% and Valley Metro Bus 51.0% are by far the most common methods of transportation.

*Other responses include: Cole (1), Trolley (1), Roanoke Resource (1), Caseworker (1), Rescue Mission (2), and Wheelchair (1).

If you get sick, where do you go for medical treatment?	Response Count	Response Percent
Emergency Room	64	44.8%
Urgent Care	11	7.6%
Rescue Mission Healthcare Center	35	24.1%
New Horizons	5	3.4%
Private Doctor	18	12.5%
VA Medical Center	0	0.1%
Health Department	0	0.0%
Bradley Free Clinic	8	5.5%
Other (specify)	15	10.3%
Answered question	145	
Skipped question	0	

The emergency room is the most common response for where individuals completing the survey seek medical attention.

*Other responses include: Doesn't go (9), Roanoke Memorial (2), Lewis Gale (1), Family physician (1) and left blank (2).

Do you take medications?	Response Count	Response Percent
Yes	90	62.1%
No	55	37.9%
Answered question	145	
Skipped question	0	

62.1% of respondent indicate that they take medication.

If yes, how do you obtain your medications? (Circle primary source)	Response Count	Response Percent
I purchase them from a drug store	39	37.9%
I get them from a service provider	36	35.0%
I cannot afford my medications	3	2.9%
Other	25	24.3%
Answered question	103	
Skipped question	42	

Of those taking medications most obtain them through purchasing at a drug store.

*Other responses include: Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare (9), Bradley Free Clinic (3), GAP insurance (3), Carillion (1), New Horizons (1), Roanoke Memorial (1), Mission Clinic (1), Doctor (1) and (5) either put N/A or no meds.

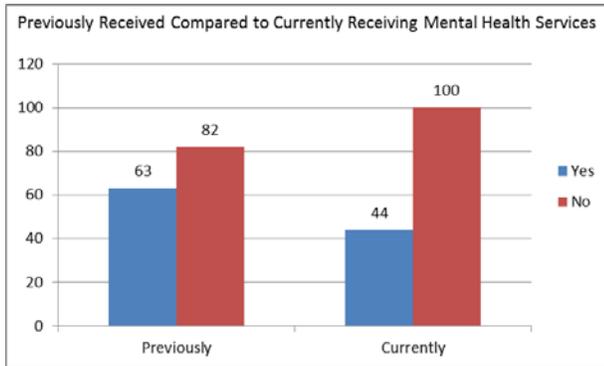
How do you pay for medical care?	Response Count	Response Percent
Medicaid	33	23.9%
Medicare	11	7.9%
Private Insurance	10	7.2%
Out of Pocket	33	23.7%
Other	53	38.1%
Answered question	145	
Skipped question	0	

“Other” is the highest category in relation to payment for medical care. The 2016 survey did not include a line to specify what these responses would be.

Are you CURRENTLY receiving mental health services?	Response Count	Response Percent	Have you PREVIOUSLY received mental health services?	Response Count	Response Percent
Yes	44	30.6%	Yes	63	21.0%
No	100	69.4%	No	82	79.0%
Answered question	144		Answered question	145	
Skipped question	1		Skipped question	0	

Have you previously received mental health services? * Are you currently receiving mental health services?

Crosstabulation



Count

		Are you currently receiving mental health services?		Total
		Yes	No	
Have you previously received mental health services?	Yes	37	26	63
	No	7	74	81
Total		44	100	144

Have you ever received treatment for problems related to alcohol?	Response Count	Response Rate
Yes	30	21.0%
No	113	79.0%
Answered question	143	
Skipped question	2	

21% of individuals report to have received treatment for problems related to alcohol.

Have you ever been treated for drug dependency?	Response Count	Response Percent
Yes	32	22.1%
No	113	77.9%
Answered question	145	
Skipped question	0	

22.1% report to have been treated for drug dependency.

Common Characteristics & Challenges

I will read a list of common characteristics and challenges experienced by those without homes. Please indicate which ones affect you. (Circle all that apply)	Response Count	Response Percent
Cannot find work	64	44.1%
Cannot find affordable housing	104	71.7%
Victim of Domestic Violence	28	19.4%
Dental Problems	52	35.9%
Legal Problems/Problems with police	26	17.9%
Challenges with Substance Abuse	27	18.6%
I cannot afford my medications	36	24.8%
Previous Foster Care	9	6.2%
Divorce	40	27.6%
Physical Disability	44	30.3%
Medical Problems	60	41.4%
Past Incarceration	52	35.9%
Child custody disputes	11	7.6%
Other	10	6.9%
Answered question	145	
Skipped question	0	

Affordable housing, Cannot find work, and Medical Problems are the top 3 challenges faced by those without homes.

*Other responses include: Cannot afford childcare (3), Does not know how to use internet to apply for jobs (1), Lack of mental health support (2), Transportation (1), Debt management due to domestic violence (1), Qualifying for housing (1) and left blank (1).

- Would like to see more help with housing and job services.
- Feels lost, job discrimination because of homelessness. Just wants a job.
- Just appreciate all the help there is. Didn't know about this for years.
- I try hard not to be homeless because I see people sleeping on the streets and I don't want to see my future like that.
- Applications for work are getting harder to get in.
- It's feeding my depression.
- Need dental care.
- It is giving me a sense of peace and gratefulness, appreciate the help and education of organizations such as HAT and Salvation Army.
- Very depressed-feel like I'm being looked down on and being judged.
- Most of us are the same. A lot have drug problems. We trade off by helping each other.
- Grateful for the Red Shield Lodge and deserve all the support they can get. Haven't seen anything like it, safe and secure.
- The program Mike set up saved my life.
- It sucks. Good place.
- I find that trying to obtain housing if you are homeless and have a criminal background they hold it against you. It shouldn't count at the age of 70.
- It sucks.
- Wish we had more shelters like this.
- Some people don't give you a chance if you have a criminal record.
- It's not fun.
- It sucks. I want to be able to get housing. I could care less if it's a one bedroom. I'll let her [daughter] sleep in the room and I'll sleep in the living room. I just want somewhere to raise her.
- I feel like people need to be more patient with us, because it's not like we chose to be homeless. It's just the hand I've been dealt, and I'm doing the best I can with what I have.
- Nice there was somewhere to go in the cold. If there were more jobs and stuff there would be less homeless.
- Stressful and depressing.
- It's hard to be able to do the things necessary to do things that you need to do. You have to be patient.
- It's hard. It's stressful.
- It's hard not having a place and not having my kids with me.
- Thankful there are places like the Mission available when you don't have somewhere. There are adjustments (psychological/emotional) to be made in homeless situation. Thankful to God.
- Depressed because can't find housing. Want to find a job.
- It's hard to be here when my family each have a spare room in their house, and they're nice and warm and I'm freezing cold, waiting for food, going to bed with a growling stomach.
- It's the most difficult thing I've ever had to do in my life. It's physically challenging because of my limits, its emotionally challenging and it's incredibly difficult to live in a community setting.
- I've never experienced this before, so I don't really know how to take it.
- It's hard. This place just doesn't feel like home. I feel like I'm in prison or something. I'd like to get my own place for my kids so they can be happy and we don't have to live like this. Hopefully we don't ever have to come back.

- Stinks having to walk anywhere.
- In this area it's hard to find rental properties and due to some bad decisions as a younger adult my credit is bad so it's even harder. I am doing my best to find a place of my own.
- Being homeless for so long without work is something that has touched me. This time it's difficult to be in this situation. The shelters are excellent but sometimes longer. Wanted to leave this place for give another way to life but this situation has made it hard. (translated from Spanish to English).
- Dealing with others-like the shelter is dictating life, frustrated and stuck unable to move forward.
- Homelessness came as a shock to him. Recently released from prison, kicked out of home due to issues with stepmom. Rescue mission service is fantastic. TAP, RAM, programs are very helpful. He receives everything he needs and has gotten all the help he needs.
- Wants to do something to change circumstances.
- It is stressful to be without a home.
- It is a personal thing. Has been in 3 different DV shelters that were run very strictly and could get more support from other moms. Here there is more drama and it is hard for me and my daughter to feel comfortable here. I'm here so that my daughter won't go into foster care. Guidelines not enforced. It's not fair for some women to do more work and others don't contribute. Doesn't feel that complaints are heard by staff. Was told to leave if I don't like it here. There is no safe after school child care available. This hinders my ability to do what I need to do so I can get out quicker. It all slowed me down mentally and emotionally. I did not get what I needed here in terms of support.
- Grateful that Turning Point is here, was able to leave negative situation, have never had to spend a day/night on the street. Thankful for the help with trying to get her life on track quickly-able to get support to help with her family.
- Would like more programs to help people overcome obstacles to getting housing.
- I hope to get housing.
- Current shelter was available before I had to be totally homeless. Was able to get housing before ending up on the street.
- Lucky to be at Mission/Roanoke. There are a lot of programs to help me I didn't know. Learned how to ride the bus. It hurts my pride. Trying to save up to get the right housing and not rush things.
- I'm grateful for the Mission.
- I don't like it.
- Can't find any housing.
- It's hard to live with other people, sometimes I like.
- Stressful.
- It's difficult, it's a challenge, feel safer here than the apartment complex that I was in. I have more worth as a person.
- The community always judges us because we are homeless. It has been very difficult for me to get my disability, I guess because they think that since I've got a roof over my head they can take longer with it.
- Hopeless, sometimes. Scared. Lonely, I turn to God a lot.
- I just wish I had housing. It would be a lot quieter and peaceful.
- It's very hard. Humbling experience, leaning on others for things I need.

- I feel lost at times and I also feel that I cannot live comfortably at the place I am in. I wish I could have something of my own. I feel like I don't have any privacy or security that I would have in my own home. I feel like I would be better off if I had my own place. There are so many stressful things that go along with not having a place to come home to.
- Miss the security and independence of having housing. Miss the ability to go where I need to when I need to. Misses seeing her children and fixing my own food.
- I'm glad to be safe and warm, and not hungry.
- Definitely can be a long term chronic problem. Sometimes there is a disconnect between services i.e. housing and medical care. Housing vs. employment opportunity. Here in the Valley transportation is an issue with working weekends/nights. Once you become homeless it can be a reoccurring problem. It's difficult pulling out of the hole you fell into. I'm not sure your life is ever quite the same.
- I get really depressed, sad, feeling not loved. I wish I had family here that could take care of me, but I don't have family here. I don't have anyone who can help me. I'm very thankful for the Rescue Mission and all the resources I do have access to.

Veterans – Subpopulation Data Analysis

A total of 20 PIT surveys and 8 VISPDAT surveys were completed by veterans on the night of January 28th. The PIT surveys were completed at TRUST House and Red Shield Lodge and the VISPDATS were completed at the Rescue Mission Men’s Shelter.

Key Findings for the PIT Survey for Veterans

- **Survey respondents :** 20 (adults 18 and over) completed the survey
- **Age:** The ages ranged from 49-64 with a median age of 58.
- **Gender :** 17 men (85.5%) and 1 woman (5%) completed the survey, 2 no response.
- **Race:** 65% (13) of those surveyed identified themselves as White/Caucasian and 35% (7) identified themselves as Black/African American.
- **Where:** 65% of respondents were living in the Blue Ridge Continuum of Care catchment area when they became homeless.
- **Education:** 85% (17) report having a high school/GED education or more.
- **Food Stamps:** 45% (9) report receiving food stamps.
- **Work:** 35% (7) were actively looking for work.
- **Work:** 25% (5) report to work on the books, while 10% (2) report to work off the books.
- **Why:** 30% (6) of respondents indicated unemployment as the primary reason for being homeless.
- **Mental Health:** 70% (14) of respondents report that they have previously received mental health services.
- **Alcohol Treatment:** 65% (13) have received treatment for alcohol problems.
- **Drug Dependency:** 55% (11) have received treatment for drug dependency.
- **The top 5 challenges** reported by veterans without homes include:
 - Affordable housing
 - Medical problems
 - Divorce and past incarcerations
 - Physical disability

Veteran Comments



“Other” Comments on Surveys:

Primary reason you are currently homeless:

“Other” answers include: Injury (2) and Psychiatric Care (1).

Where did you become homeless:

6 listed other localities in Virginia, while 2 were from out of state.

How do you obtain your medication:

18 answered other and indicated that they received medication from the Veteran’s Administration.

Common characteristics: “Other” answered include:

homelessness (1), Emotional (1), and childhood sexual trauma (1).

General comments from those without homes:

- It sucks.
- It has been good. I have no complaints.
- Should think about bringing back the program that helps pay.
- Grateful for the help I get trying to get a place.
- Don’t know where I would be without the Trust House and the VA.
- I think the City of Roanoke needs more funding for the homeless and more day shelters, somewhere safe and decent. The food banks are awesome.
- Available shelter at Trust House helped VA helpful in providing resources including housing.
- Biggest challenge I have is keeping my spirits up. There are lots of resources out there but it is overwhelming to navigate them all.

VI-SPDAT Survey Results

Vulnerability Index for Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool

	Street Count	Rescue Mission- Respite Care	Rescue Mission- Men's Shelter
Total Counts	7	8	6
Gender	6 Males, 1 Female	7 Males, 1 Female	5 Males, 1 Female
Scores	6, 8, 11	1, 2, 5, 5, 6, 6, 8	5, 6, 10, 11, 11, 12
Veteran Status	4 Nonveterans, 3 unknown	All 8 are Veterans	0 Veterans

Medical Vulnerability

Heart conditions	3
COPD	1
Heart stroke/exhaustion	5
Reported mental health treatment	8
Mental health hospitalization	8
Reported drug/alcohol use/treatment	8
Brain injury/head trauma	10

Social Vulnerability

Threatened to or tried to harm yourself/others	3
Legal stuff that may result in being locked up/fines	4

Length of time homeless

Less than 1 year	8
1-2 years	4
3-5 years	4
6+ years	3

Demographic Information

Male	18
Female	3
Age- Street	19 to 51 years [Average 36 years]
Age- Respite	45 to 66 years [Average 55 years]
Age- Men's Shelter	46 to 62 years [Average 55 years]

Conclusion

The collective impact approach and housing first model utilized by the BRCoC continues to have positive outcomes in serving those homeless and reducing the number of homeless each year. The number of people experiencing homelessness hasn't been this low since 2003.

Focused populations with target goals is a strategy that enables the CoC's to provide additional efforts in identifying people, providing services, moving them to permanent housing and reducing the likelihood of recidivism. As evidenced by the data in this report, the services being provided are having a positive impact on the clients served.

The focus on veterans with the Veteran's Initiative has been successful in many ways. The data in this report show that Veterans are homeless for a shorter period of time when compared to the non-veteran respondents. Most veterans are receiving medical care from the VA, taking their medications, and receiving needed mental health services.

As we continue this year to focus on chronic homelessness, the 2016 PIT data provides details about how long someone has been homeless and how many times prior they have been homeless. While the majority of non-veterans have never been homeless before; they have been homeless for longer periods of time. The longer someone is homeless the more services and support they may need to regain housing permanency.

Families and youth will be the focus population in latter 2016 and in 2017. The number of families identified by the survey may not be a high percent; however, providing a family with comprehensive services that reduces the likelihood of recidivism, is more challenging.

While we do know the youth counts in our shelters between the ages of 18-24, additional data collection methods need to be developed and implemented to distribute surveys and gather details regarding youth counts, needs and services. There are youth count tools and tips for collecting data specifically for the youth population that may assist with serving this population.

As HUD continues to develop target subpopulations with specified goals, the need for the Blue Ridge Continuum of Care to have data specific to these identified subpopulations is a necessity. Specific data about target subpopulations will provide a better understanding of the population and services needed.

Appendices

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Jennifer	Brandon	JCHS - PA Program
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Jonas	Slackman	JCHS - PA Program
Savannah	Wills	JCHS - PA Program
Jordan	Russo	JCHS - PA Program
Gloria	Wu	JCHS - PA Program
Jenelle	Sills	JCHS - PA Program
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2016 Point-In-Time Survey Tool

2016 Homeless Survey Guide Point in Time Count

_____ Male	_____ Female
_____ Transgender	_____ Other
_____ Declined to State	
DOB: _____ Month _____ Year	
Agency _____	
Survey Number _____	

1. **How long has it been since you last had a place to live?**
 1. Less than 1 month
 2. 1-3 months
 3. 4-6 months
 4. 7-11 months
 5. 1-2 years
 6. 3-5 years
 7. 6-10 years
 8. More than 10 years

2. **Please tell us the primary reason you are currently homeless?**
 1. Unemployed
 2. Evicted from home, unrelated to payment
 3. Victim of Domestic Violence
 4. Mental Health
 5. Substance Abuse
 6. Fire/other disaster
 7. Family problems
 8. Bad Credit
 9. Criminal History
 10. Lack of Affordable Housing
 11. Discharged from an institution, please explain: _____
 12. Other, please explain: _____

3. **How many times have you been homeless prior to your current situation?**
 1. Never before
 2. 1 time
 3. 2-3 times
 4. 4-5 times
 5. More than 5 times

4. **What racial/ethnic group do you identify with the most? (Circle only one)**
 1. White/Caucasian
 2. Black/African American
 3. Asian
 4. American Indian/Alaskan Native
 5. Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
 6. American Indian/Alaska Native & White
 7. Asian & White
 8. Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino
 9. Hispanic/Latino
 10. Mixed Race
 11. Decline to State
 12. Other

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Point in Time Count

5. What year were you born? _____
6. Where were you residing when you became homeless?
 1. Roanoke City
 2. Salem
 3. Roanoke County/Vinton
 4. Botetourt County
 5. Clifton Forge
 6. Alleghany County
 7. Other _____
7. If you became homeless somewhere other than Roanoke, why did you come to Roanoke?
(Circle **one** main reason.)
 1. Not applicable
 2. Find a job
 3. Friends/family are here
 4. Domestic Violence Program
 5. To obtain healthcare
 6. Ran out of money
 7. Personal reasons
 8. Probation/Parole Officer
 9. Veterans Administration
 10. Substance Abuse Program
 11. Shelter Only
 12. Referred (told to) by _____
 13. Other, please specify _____
8. Where did you sleep last night?
 1. Emergency Shelter
 2. Transitional Shelter
 3. Psychiatric facility
 4. Hospital (non-psychiatric)
 5. Jail, prison, or juvenile detention
 6. Rented housing unit
 7. Owned housing unit
 8. Staying with family
 9. Hotel or motel (no voucher)
 10. Foster care home
 11. Domestic Violence Shelter
 12. Permanent Supportive Housing (Shelter Plus Care, etc)
 13. Substance abuse treatment center or detox
 14. Place not meant for human habitation (outdoors, abandoned building, under bridge, or vehicle)
 15. Other living arrangement, specify _____

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9. **Have you been denied a bed at a local shelter in the past 12 months because it was full?**
1. Yes
 2. No
10. **How many children under the age of 18 do you have with you? (Any child who is physically under the respondent's care at this point in time should be included.)**
1. 0 children
 2. 1 child
 3. 2 children
 4. 3 children
 5. 4 children
 6. 5 or more children
11. **How many school age children (5-18 yrs) with you are attending school?**
1. Not applicable
 2. # attending _____
 3. # not attending _____
12. **How do you handle child care?**
1. Not applicable
 2. I do not need child care
 3. Friends/family
 4. I take care of my children myself
 5. Child care center
 6. Other, please specify _____
13. **Have you served in the U.S. Military?**
1. Yes
 - a. Were you in combat? Yes or No
 - b. What was your discharge status?
_____ Honorable _____ General _____ Other Than _____ Dishonorable
 2. No
14. **What is the highest level of education that you completed?**
1. K-8
 2. Some High School
 3. High School Graduate
 4. GED
 5. Some College
 6. College Graduate
 7. Post Graduate
 8. Declined to state

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15. **What financial resources do you have?** (Circle all that apply)
1. Work, on the books
 2. Work, off-the-books
 3. Drug Trade
 4. Sex Trade
 5. Social Security Supplemental Income (SSI)
 6. Social Security Disability Income (SSDI)
 7. Pension/Retirement
 8. Veterans Administration
 9. Public Assistance
 10. Food Stamps
 11. Recycling
 12. Panhandling
 13. No Income
 14. Other (specify) _____
16. **Are you actively looking for work?**
1. Not applicable
 2. Yes
 3. No
17. **How do you mainly get around?** (Check all that apply.)
1. Licensed Motorized Vehicle
 2. Valley Metro Bus
 3. Walk
 4. Scooter/Bicycle
 5. Ride with friends/family
 6. Other (specify) _____
18. **If you get sick, where do you go for medical treatment?**
1. Emergency Room
 2. Urgent Care
 3. Rescue Mission Healthcare Center
 4. New Horizons
 5. Private Doctor
 6. VA Medical Center
 7. Health Department
 8. Bradley Free Clinic
 9. Other (specify) _____
19. **Do you take medications?**
1. Yes
 2. No

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If yes, how do you obtain your medications? (Circle primary source)

1. I purchase them from a drug store
2. I get them from a service provider (RAM, Rescue Mission, HAT)
3. I cannot afford my medications
4. Other _____

20. How do you pay for medical care?

1. Medicaid
2. Medicare
3. Private Insurance
4. Out of Pocket
5. Other

21. Are you currently receiving mental health services?

1. Yes
2. No

22. Have you previously received mental health services?

1. Yes
2. No

23. Have you ever received treatment for problems related to alcohol?

1. Yes
2. No

24. Have you ever been treated for drug dependency?

1. Yes
2. No

25. I will read a list of common characteristics and challenges experienced by those without a home.

Please indicate which ones affect you: (Circle all that apply).

1. Cannot find work
2. Cannot find affordable housing
3. Victim of Domestic Violence
4. Dental Problems
5. Legal Problems/Problems with police
6. Challenges with Substance Abuse
7. I cannot afford my medications
8. Previous Foster Care
9. Divorce
10. Physical Disability
11. Medical Problems
12. Past Incarceration
13. Child custody disputes
14. Other _____

Vulnerability Index for Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Toole (VI-SPDAT)

Vulnerability Index & Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT)
 Prescreen for Single Adults

GENERAL INFORMATION/CONSENT

Interviewer's Name		Agency <input type="checkbox"/> TEAM <input type="checkbox"/> STAFF <input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEER	
Date	Time	Location	
In what language do you feel best able to express yourself?			
First Name		Last Name	
Nickname		Social Security Number	
How old are you?	What's your date of birth?	Has Consented to Participate <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
If 60 years or older, then score 1.			Prescreen Score
PRE-SCREEN GENERAL INFORMATION SUBTOTAL			

A. HISTORY OF HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

QUESTIONS			
	RESPONSE	REFUSED	Prescreen Score
If the person has experienced two or more cumulative years of homelessness, and/or 4+ episodes of homelessness, then score 1.			
1. What is the total length of time you have lived on the streets or in shelters?		<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. In the past three years, how many times have you been housed and then homeless again?		<input type="checkbox"/>	
PRE-SCREEN HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SUBTOTAL			



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B. RISKS

SCRIPT: I am going to ask you some questions about your interactions with health and emergency services. If you need any help figuring out when six months ago was, just let me know.

QUESTIONS				RESPONSE	REFUSED	Prescreen Score	
If the total number of interactions across questions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 is equal to or greater than 4, then score 1.							
3. In the past six months, how many times have you been to the emergency department/room?					<input type="checkbox"/>		
4. In the past six months, how many times have you had an interaction with the police?					<input type="checkbox"/>		
5. In the past six months, how many times have you been taken to the hospital in an ambulance?					<input type="checkbox"/>		
6. In the past six months, how many times have you used a crisis service, including distress centers or suicide prevention hotlines?					<input type="checkbox"/>		
7. In the past six months, how many times have you been hospitalized as an in-patient, including hospitalizations in a mental health hospital?					<input type="checkbox"/>		
If YES to questions 8 or 9, then score 1.				YES	NO	REFUSED	Prescreen Score
8. Have you been attacked or beaten up since becoming homeless?				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Threatened to or tried to harm yourself or anyone else in the last year?				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If YES to question 10, then score 1.				YES	NO	REFUSED	Prescreen Score
10. Do you have any legal stuff going on right now that may result in you being locked up or having to pay fines?				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If YES to questions 11 or 12; OR if respondent provides any answer OTHER THAN "Shelter" in question 13, then score 1.				YES	NO	REFUSED	Prescreen Score
11. Does anybody force or trick you to do things that you do not want to do?				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. 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 really know, share a needle, or anything like that?				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. I am going to read types of places people sleep. Please tell me which one that you sleep at most often. (Check only one.)				<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Street, Sidewalk or Doorway <input type="checkbox"/> Car, Van or RV <input type="checkbox"/> Bus or Subway <input type="checkbox"/> Beach, Riverbed or Park <input type="checkbox"/> Other (SPECIFY):			
PRE-SCREEN RISKS SUBTOTAL							



Vulnerability Index & Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT)
 Prescreen for Single Adults

C. SOCIALIZATION & DAILY FUNCTIONS

QUESTIONS				
If YES to question 14 or NO to questions 15 or 16, score 1.	YES	NO	REFUSED	Prescreen Score
14. Is there anybody that thinks you owe them money?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
15. Do you have any money coming in on a regular basis, like a job or government benefit or even working under the table, binning or bottle collecting, sex work, odd jobs, day labor, or anything like that?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16. Do you have enough money to meet all of your expenses on a monthly basis?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If NO to question 17, score 1.	YES	NO	REFUSED	Prescreen Score
17. Do you have planned activities each day other than just surviving that bring you happiness and fulfillment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If YES to questions 18 or 19, score 1.	YES	NO	REFUSED	Prescreen Score
18. Do you have any friends, family or other people in your life out of convenience or necessity, but you do not like their company?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
19. Do any friends, family or other people in your life ever take your money, borrow cigarettes, use your drugs, drink your alcohol, or get you to do things you really don't want to do?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
OBSERVE ONLY. DO NOT ASK! If YES, score 1.	YES	NO		Prescreen Score
20. Surveyor, do you detect signs of poor hygiene or daily living skills?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
PRE-SCREEN SOCIALIZATION & DAILY FUNCTIONS SUBTOTAL				



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D. WELLNESS

QUESTIONS				
<i>If Does Not Go For Care, score 1.</i>	RESPONSE			Prescreen Score
21. Where do you usually go for healthcare or when you're not feeling well?	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic <input type="checkbox"/> VA <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Does not go for care			
<i>For EACH YES response in questions 22 through 25 (Medical Conditions), score 1.</i>				
<i>Do you have now, have you ever had, or has a healthcare provider ever told you that you have any of the following medical conditions:</i>	YES	NO	REFUSED	Medical Conditions
22. Kidney disease/End Stage Renal Disease or Dialysis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
23. History of frostbite, Hypothermia, or Immersion Foot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
24. Liver disease, Cirrhosis, or End-Stage Liver Disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
25. HIV+/AIDS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>If YES to any of the conditions in questions 26 to 34, then mark "X" in Other Medical Condition column.</i>	YES	NO	REFUSED	Other Medical Conditions
26. History of Heat Stroke/Heat Exhaustion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
27. Heart disease, Arrhythmia, or Irregular Heartbeat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
28. Emphysema	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
29. Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
30. Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
31. Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
32. Hepatitis C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
33. Tuberculosis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
OBSERVATION ONLY – DO NOT ASK:				
34. Surveyor, do you observe signs or symptoms of a serious health condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>If any response is YES in questions 35 through 41, score 1 in the Substance Use column.</i>	YES	NO	REFUSED	Substance Use
35. Have you ever had problematic drug or alcohol use, abused drugs or alcohol, or told you do?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
36. Have you consumed alcohol and/or drugs almost every day or every day for the past month?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
37. Have you ever used injection drugs or shots in the last six months?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
38. Have you ever been treated for drug or alcohol problems and returned to drinking or using drugs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
39. Have you used non-beverage alcohol like cough syrup, mouthwash, rubbing alcohol, cooking wine, or anything like that in the past six months?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
40. Have you blacked out because of your alcohol or drug use in the past month?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



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OBSERVATION ONLY – DO NOT ASK: 41. Surveyor, do you observe signs or symptoms or problematic alcohol or drug abuse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
If any response is YES in questions 42 through 48, score 1 in the Mental Health Column.	YES	NO	REFUSED	Mental Health
42. Ever been taken to a hospital against your will for a mental health reason?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
43. Gone to the emergency room because you weren't feeling 100% well emotionally or because of your nerves?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
44. Spoken with a psychiatrist, psychologist or other mental health professional in the last six months because of your mental health – whether that was voluntary or because someone insisted that you do so?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
45. Had a serious brain injury or head trauma?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
46. Ever been told you have a learning disability or developmental disability?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
47. Do you have any problems concentrating and/or remembering things?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
OBSERVATION ONLY – DO NOT ASK: 48. Surveyor, do you detect signs or symptoms of severe, persistent mental illness or severely compromised cognitive functioning?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
If the Substance Use score is 1 AND the Mental Health score is 1 AND the Medical Condition score is at least a 1 OR an X, then score 1 additional point for tri-morbidity.				Tri-Morbidity
If YES to question 49, score 1.	YES	NO	REFUSED	Prescreen Score
49. Have you had any medicines prescribed to you by a doctor that you do not take, sell, had stolen, misplaced, or where the prescriptions were never filled?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If YES to question 50, score 1.	YES	NO	REFUSED	Prescreen Score
50. Yes or No – Have you experienced any emotional, physical, psychological, sexual or other type of abuse or trauma in your life which you have not sought help for, and/or which has caused your homelessness?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
PRE-SCREEN WELLNESS SUBTOTAL				

SCORING SUMMARY

DOMAIN	SUBTOTAL	
GENERAL INFORMATION		<p>If the Pre-Screen Total is equal to or greater than 10, the individual is recommended for a Permanent Supportive Housing/Housing First Assessment.</p> <p>If the Pre-Screen Total is 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9, the individual is recommended for a Rapid Re-Housing Assessment.</p> <p>If the Pre-Screen Total is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, the individual is not recommended for a Housing and Support Assessment at this time.</p>
A. HISTORY OF HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS		
B. RISKS		
C. SOCIALIZATION AND DAILY FUNCTIONS		
D. WELLNESS		
PRE-SCREEN TOTAL		



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Finally 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"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to State
Have you ever served in the US Military?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
If yes, which war/war era did you serve in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Korean War (June 1950-January 1955) <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam Era (August 1964-April 1975) <input type="checkbox"/> Post Vietnam (May 1975-July 1991) <input type="checkbox"/> Persian Gulf Era (August 1991-Present) <input type="checkbox"/> Afghanistan (2001-Present) <input type="checkbox"/> Iraq (2003-Present) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <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"/> Refused
What is your citizenship status?	<input type="checkbox"/> Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Undocumented <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Where did you live prior to becoming homeless?	<input type="checkbox"/> This city <input type="checkbox"/> This region <input type="checkbox"/> Other part of the State <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhere else (specify) _____
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
Do you have a permanent physical disability that limits your mobility? [i.e., wheelchair, amputation, unable to climb stairs]?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
What kind of health insurance do you have, if any? (check all that apply)	<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 (specify): _____
On a regular day, where is it easiest to find you and what time of day is easiest to do so?	
Is there a phone number and/or email where someone can get in touch with you or leave you a message?	
Ok, now I'd like to take your picture. May I do so?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused





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