

2016 HELENA POINT IN TIME SURVEY*

CONDUCTED THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016

* Data presented are percentages and totals of people responding to a given question.

NUMBER OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS IN 8TH DISTRICT: 278
TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE REFLECTED IN SURVEYS: 435

102 MINOR CHILDREN
WERE REFLECTED IN THE SURVEY.

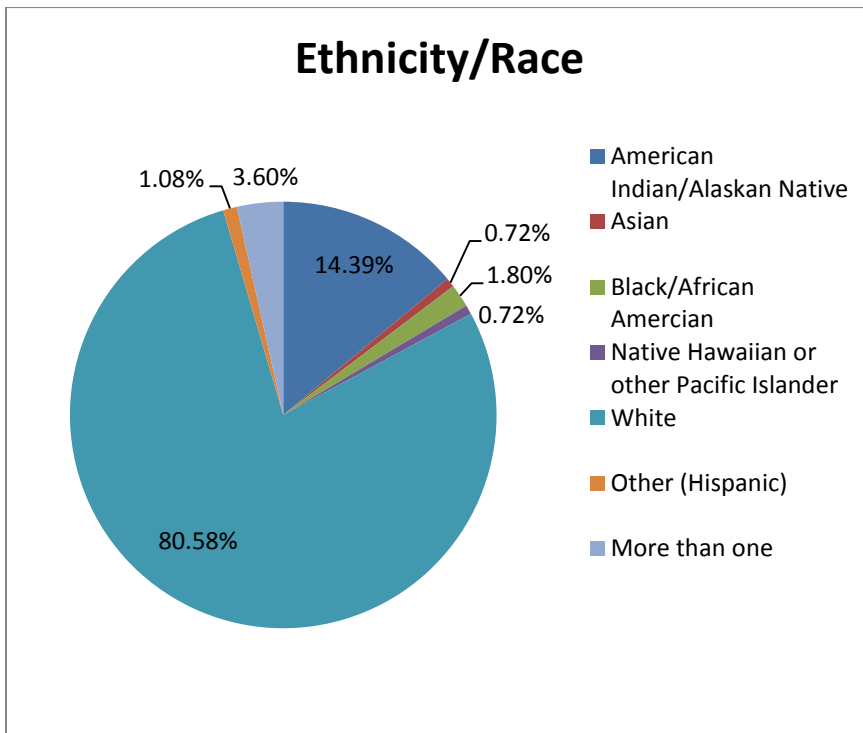
BASIC DEMOGRAPHICS

Average Age of Survey Respondents	
Average Age of All	39
Average Age of Females	38
Average Age of Males	40

Gender of Survey Respondents		Percent
Female	102	36.69%
Male	171	61.51%
Transgender	1	0.36%

Accompanied Survey Respondents	Count	Percent
Female + at least one adult	23	22.55%
Female + at least one child	41	40.20%
Single female + at least one child	19	18.63%
Male + at least one adult	24	14.04%
Male + at least one child	11	6.43%
Single male + at least one child	1	0.58%

Unaccompanied Survey Respondents	Count	Percent
Female adults	53	51.96%
Female minors	6	5.88%
Male adults	138	80.70%
Male minors	8	4.68%



Gender and Age Ranges (Survey Respondents)	Female	Male
13-19	13	12
20-29	23	37
30-39	19	37
40-49	19	30
50-59	18	35
60-69	4	14
70-79	3	3

Age Ranges of Accompanying Minors	Children	Other Family
Total under 18 years	81	7
10 years to 17 years	28	
4 years to 9 years	21	4
3 years and under	32	3

Veterans and Reservists*

*Of the 24 self-identified veterans, 5 also serve(d) in the Reserves or National Guard.

8.63% OF RESPONDENTS (24 TOTAL) SERVED IN THE MILITARY

Military Service/Reserves + Cumulative Time Homeless, last 3 years	Count
Less than 12 months	5
12 months or more	16

Military Service/Reserves + # Times Homeless	Count
0	3
1	13
2	1
3	2
4 or more	3

Military Service + Gender	Count
Female	5
Male	18

Military Service/Reserves + Accompanied	Count
Alone	20
w/ minor child	2
w/ adult	4

OTHER IMPORTANT DATA

Where Respondents Were Sleeping on Jan 28	percent
Transitional Housing program for homeless persons	23.74%
Other (Prerelease center)	10.43%
With friends of family; on emergency basis for short duration	10.07%
Other (Adult foster care)	10.07%
Emergency Shelter	9.35%
Outside or other place not meant for sleeping-Street, under bridge, camp, bus station, park, vehicle, abandoned structure	7.19%
Apartment or house rented or owned paid by self	7.19%
Rented apartment or house, paid by a subsidy	5.76%
Other (miscellaneous)	4.68%
Hospital or treatment program	4.32%
With friends of family; voluntarily for long duration	2.52%
Motel or hotel paid by self	1.44%
Domestic Violence Shelter	1.08%
Motel or Hotel paid by a voucher	1.08%
Jail	0.36%
Youth foster care home	0.36%

The five rows in blue in the table above represent the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of homelessness.

Interpreting Point-in-Time Survey Data: A Cautionary Tale

As you're looking at these statistics, it's important to remember that the stories behind the percentages and raw numbers are more complicated than they appear here. The very definition of homelessness is complicated (different federal agencies have different definitions, for example). Further, people perceive and interpret survey questions differently based on their experiences and beliefs. For example, people who are precariously housed (e.g., couch-surfing, living in a hotel or motel, or even living in an emergency shelter) may not consider themselves to be homeless at the time the survey was administered, regardless of whether an agency would consider them to be. As you examine these data, consider these and other complexities, and please feel free to contact Trina Filan at the United Way of the Lewis and Clark Area (442-4360) to discuss this information in more detail.

Non-Cash Benefits Received by Respondents	Percent
SNAP (Food Stamps)	37.28%
Medicaid	42.86%
Medicare	12.54%
State Children's Health Insurance	5.23%
Supplemental Nutritional Program(WIC)	2.44%
VA Medical Services	3.48%
TANF Child Care, Transportation or other TANF services	1.05%
Other – Food Share	5.92%
Other – Miscellaneous	2.44%

Number of Times Respondents Experienced Homelessness in Last 3 Years	Percent
None, not homeless	13.67%
Once(this is the first time)	35.97%
Twice	16.55%
3 times	10.43%
4 or more times	19.06%

Total Time Respondents Experienced Homelessness in the last 3 years	Percent
Less than 12 months	52.88%
12 months or more	34.17%

How Long Have Respondents Been in the Community?	Percent
Less than a week	3.24%
1 week to 1 month	3.60%
More than a month	10.07%
More than 4 months	16.19%
More than 1 year	7.55%
More than 2 years	7.19%
More than 5 years	15.47%
More than 10 years	14.03%
More than 20 years	18.35%

Respondent Income Source(s) (If Any)	Percent
None	26.26%
Part-Time job	15.47%
Full-Time job	21.58%
TANF Cash Assistance	2.88%
Unemployment	1.08%
Social Security	5.76%
SSI or SSDI	24.46%
Other Disability	0.36%
Other	10.43%
More than 1	8.27%

Services Needed To Become Housed	Percent
Security Deposit	28.06%
Mental health or substance abuse treatment	23.02%
Job	21.22%
Medium term rental assistance(4-18 months)	19.42%
Housing search and placement	19.06%
Other financial assistance	15.11%
Short term rental assistance (3 months)	14.03%
Utility Deposit	11.87%
Case Management	7.19%
Utility payments	6.83%
Other health related assistance	5.04%
Past-due rent	3.96%
Credit repair	3.96%
Legal services	3.24%
Moving cost assistance	2.88%
Outreach and engagement	1.80%

OTHER IMPORTANT DATA – Survey Respondents with Self-Identified Disabilities

Key to self-identified disabilities abbreviations:

MHP = Mental Health Problem SAP = Substance Abuse Problem
 P = Physical Disability CHC = Chronic Health Condition D= Developmental Disability
 HIV = HIV/AIDS More than 1 = More than one identified disability

Respondent Self-Identified Disabilities	Percent
Mental Health Problem	43.17%
Substance Abuse Problem	18.35%
Physical	18.35%
Chronic Health Condition	14.39%
Mental Health + Substance Abuse	11.15%
Developmental	0.36%
HIV/AIDS	0.36%
More than 1	22.66%

Disabilities Prevent Keeping a Job	Percent
Yes	34.53%
MHP	21.58%
SAP	7.55%
MHP + SAP	3.96%
We have a particular focus on MHP's and SAP's because of the prominence of these two health issues in Lewis and Clark County, as identified by the Community Health Needs Assessment (2015).	

Respondent Self-Identified Disabilities + Chronic Homelessness (Percent)	MHP	SAP	P	CHC	HIV	More than 1
Homeless 12 months or more in 3 year period	17.27%	7.91%	7.91%	6.12%	0.36%	10.07%
3 times homeless in last 3 years	5.04%	2.88%	1.08%	0.72%	0.00%	2.88%
4 or more times homeless in last 3 years	12.23%	5.40%	3.96%	4.32%	0.36%	7.19%
More than one year in shelter	2.52%	1.44%	1.80%	1.08%	0.00%	1.44%
More than two years in shelter	11.15%	3.60%	3.60%	1.80%	0.00%	3.96%

Disabilities + Military Service	Percent
Veterans/Reservists with at least one self-identified disability	62.50%
Veterans/Reservists with more than one self-identified disability	29.17%
Disability prevents keeping a job	33.33%