

**Collin County**  
**2013 Annual Point-in-Time**  
**Homeless Count**



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## Executive Summary

The Collin County Homeless Coalition conducted the annual count and census of the homeless population in Collin County on January 24, 2013 as a step towards qualifying for federal funding under the HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance program and documenting information related to persons experiencing homelessness. Collin County school districts also compiled data and conducted surveys with the students known to be living in hotels, doubled up, and unsheltered. The information will enable the Collin County Homeless Coalition to raise awareness about homeless issues and guide appropriate planning toward solutions that will enable persons to be safely housed.

Collecting accurate data on the number and characteristics of individuals and families experiencing homelessness is a critical part of local homeless planning and program development. Having accurate data on both the sheltered and unsheltered homeless population can help communities:

- Understand changes in trends among homeless populations.
- Adjust the types of programs and services available according to need.
- Use resources as efficiently as possible.
- Justify requests for additional resources and/or programming modifications.
- Comply with the reporting requirements of federal agencies, other funders, and local stakeholders.
- Raise public awareness about the issue of homelessness.
- Measure the community's progress towards preventing and ending homelessness.

Volunteers from the community, schools, and several agencies who provide services to the homeless participated and helped enlarge the scope of the 2013 Count over previous years. This effort helped ensure the success of the Point-In-Time Count. Below are some of the highlights which provide a good snapshot of the homeless population that can be identified in one night. It should be noted that the census information is self-reported to a surveyor by the person experiencing homelessness. Therefore, it is understandable that many of the more sensitive issues may have been under-reported.

- ❖ 423 homeless individuals were represented in the Collin County surveys this year.
- ❖ 36% of the homeless individuals were children.
- ❖ In 2013, 145 adults reported being homeless for more than 1 year. In 2012, only 106 adults had reported being homeless for more than 1 year. 2013 showed a 37% increase from 2012.
- ❖ Within Collin County, five ISD's identified a total of 1,812 homeless children enrolled in school on the day of the Count who were not represented on the surveys.
- ❖ The Top three needs reported were (1) Dental Care, (2) Permanent Housing, and (3) Medical Care.

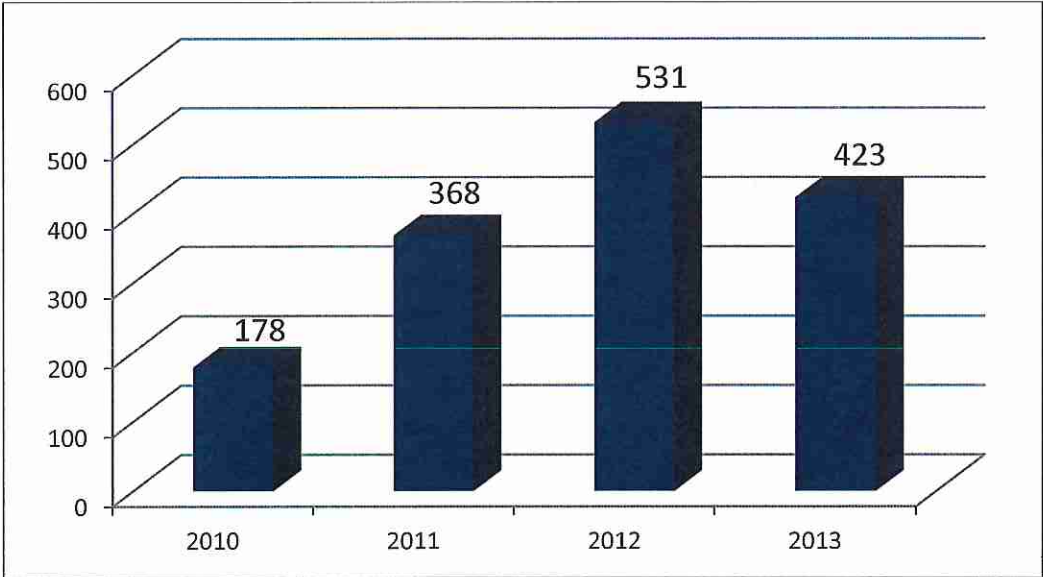
# Totals

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## 2013 Count

423 Homeless individuals were represented in the Collin County surveys this year.

## Historic Homeless Count

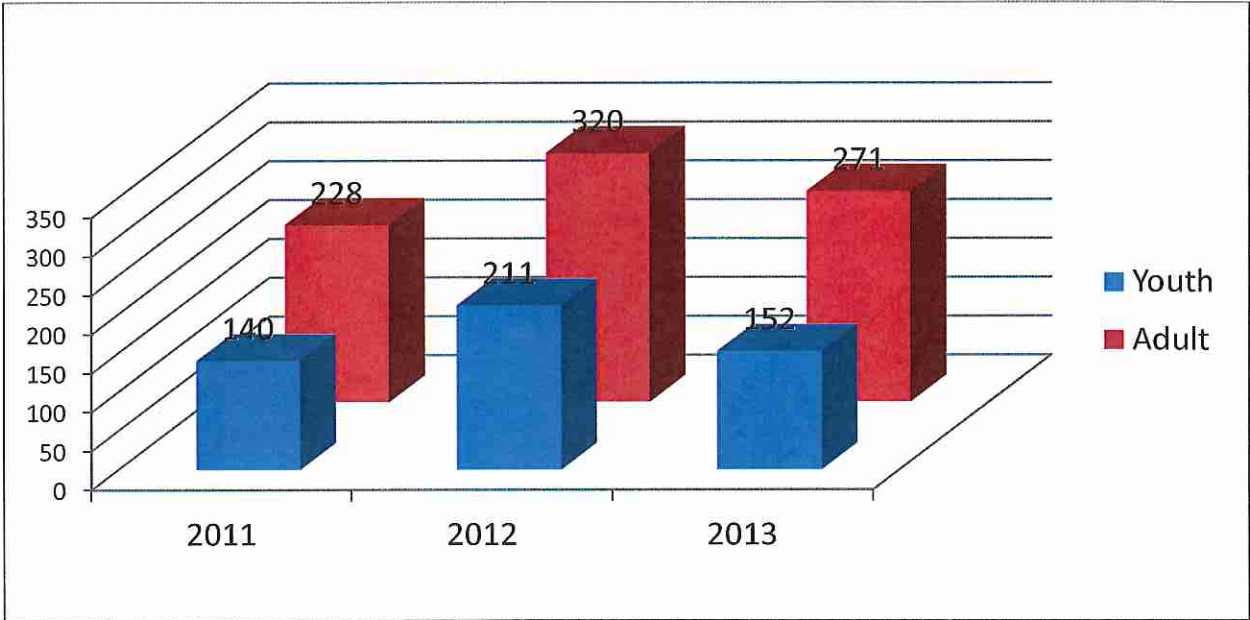


\*Note: Total from ISD reports is located at the end of this report.

**Historic Perspective:**

		#	%
2011	Adult	228	62.0
	Youth & Children (0-17)	140	38.0
2012	Adult	320	60.3
	Youth & Children (0-17)	211	39.7
2013	Adult	271	64.1
	Youth & Children (0-17)	152	35.9

**Historic Adult/Youth & Children Counts**

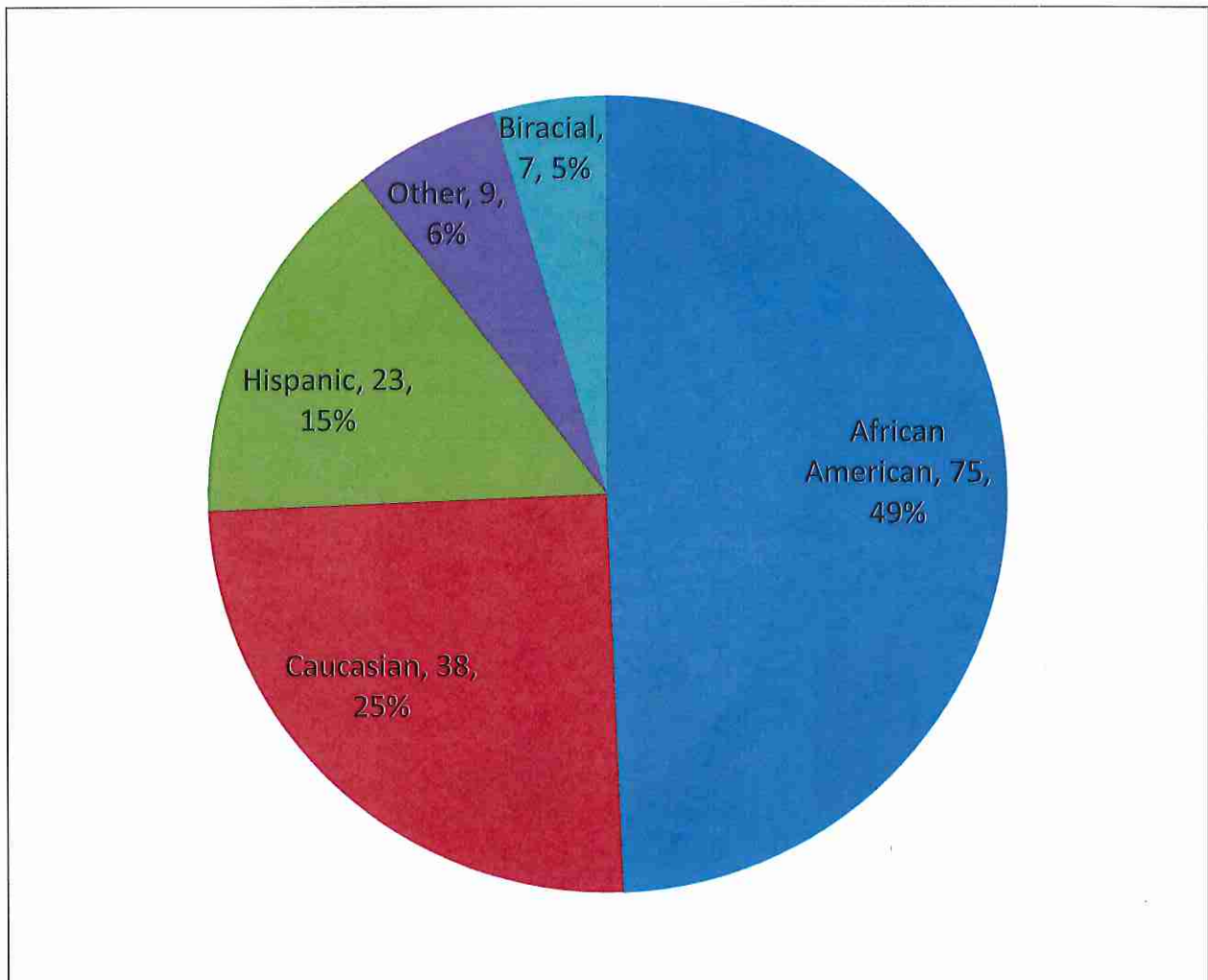


# Racial Profiles for Youth & Children (0-17)

## 2013 Counts

	#	%
African American	75	49
Caucasian	38	25
Hispanic	23	15
Other	9	6
Biracial	7	5

## 2013 Racial Profile for Youth & Children (0-17)



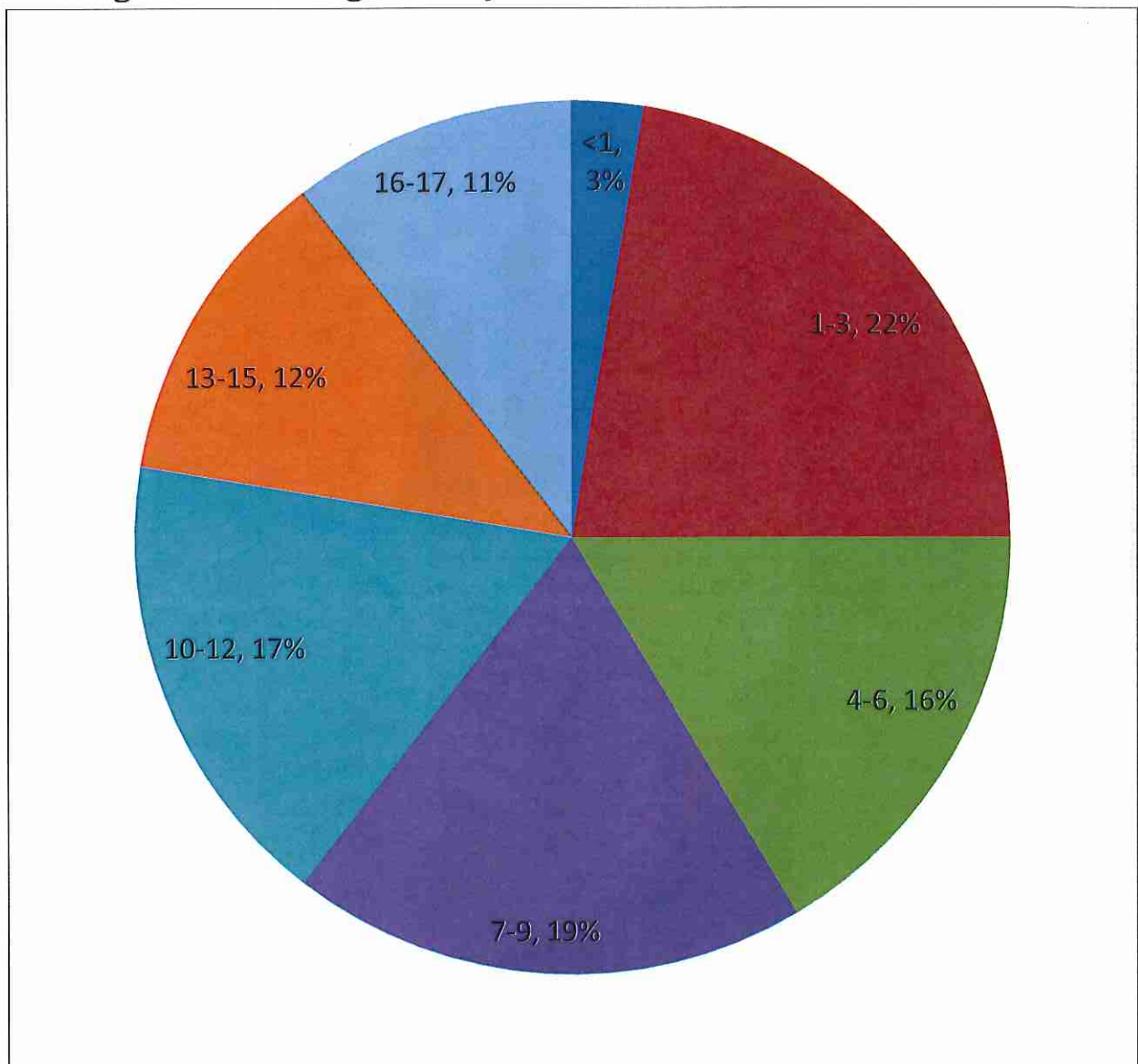
# Age Profiles for Ages 0-17 yrs

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## 2013 Counts

Ages:	<1	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	13-15	16-17
#	4	34	25	29	26	18	16
%	2.6	22.4	16.5	19.1	17.1	11.8	10.5

## 2013 Age Profile for Ages 0-17 yrs



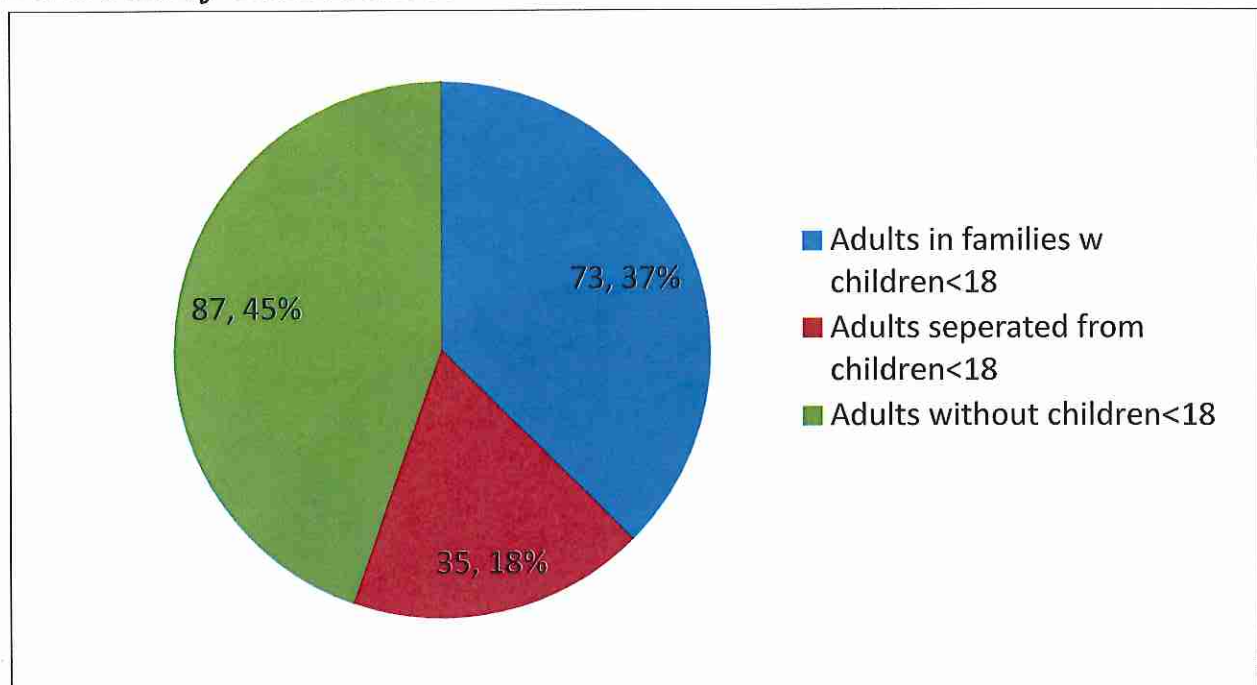


# Family Cohesiveness

## 2013 Counts

	#	%
Adults in families with children<18	73	27
Adults separated from children<18	35	13
Adults without children<18	87	32
No information about family provided	76	28

## 2013 Family Cohesiveness

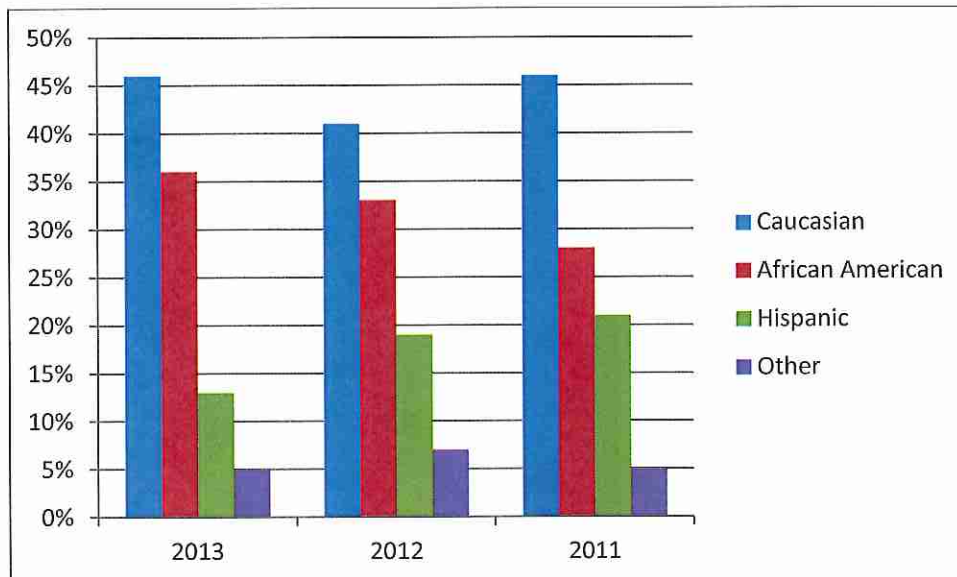
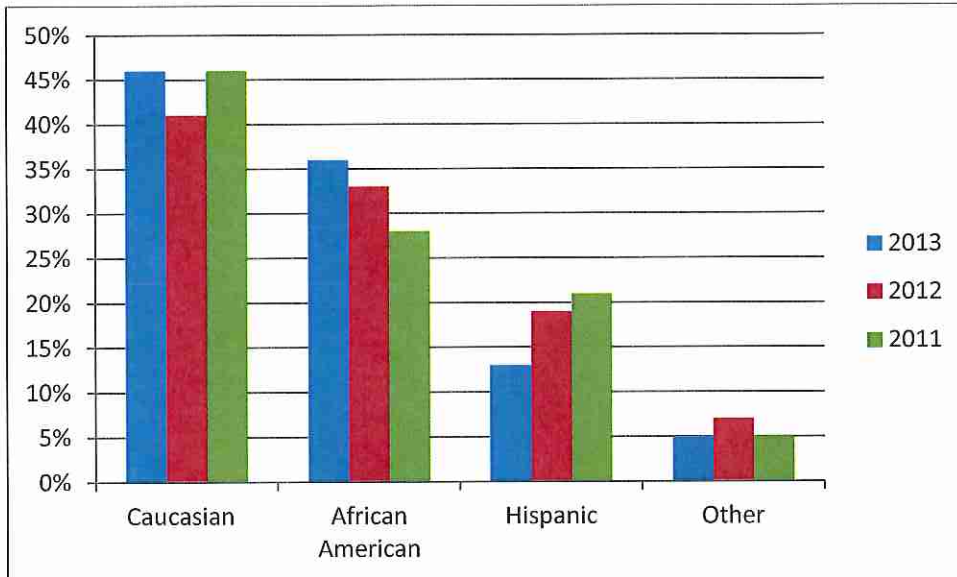


## Reasons shared for children <18 not living with homeless parent

	#	%
Blank	15	43%
with another relative	11	31%
because homeless	3	9%
in another country	3	9%
lack of money	1	3%
no insurance	1	3%
preparing to come to Texas	1	3%

## Historic Race Profiles

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Caucasian	46%	41%	46%	49%	45%	55%	60%
African American	36%	33%	28%	26%	32%	30%	20%
Hispanic	13%	19%	21%	17%	16%	11%	16%
Other	5%	7%	5%	8%	3%	4%	4%
Biracial (included in Other)	(3%)						





# Veterans and Foster Care

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## Veterans

20 adults reported having military service for either themselves or their spouse

39 adults did not respond about military service

## Historic Veteran Data

Counts	2013	2012
Military Service	20	28
No Military Service	212	232
No response	39	60
Total Adults	271	320

## Foster Care 2013

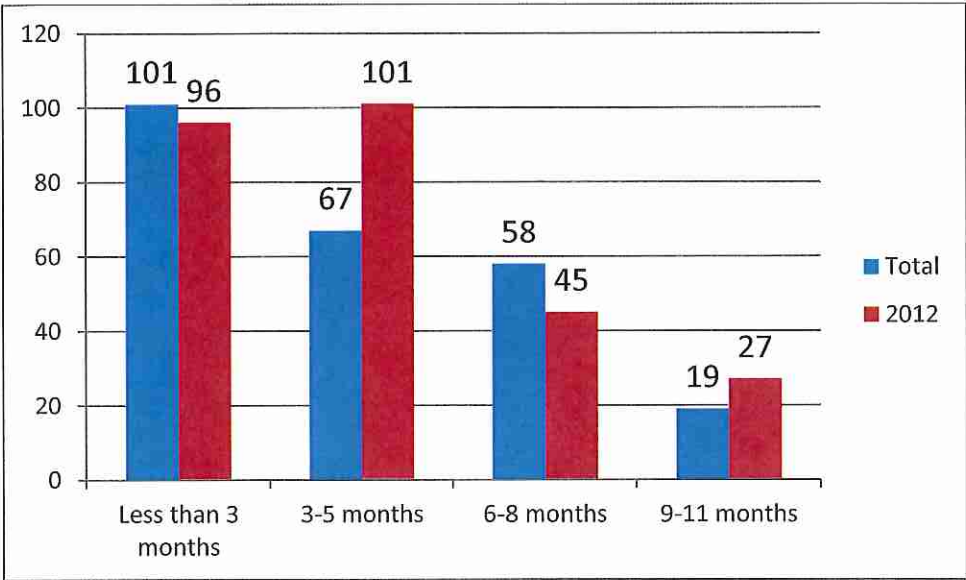
3 spouses and 18 survey completers were reported as having previously been in foster care.

## Historic Foster Care Data

Counts	2013	2012
Foster Care	21	13
No Foster Care	NR	239
No response	NR	68
Total Adults	271	320

\*Change in survey did not allow for distinction between "No prior history in Foster care" and "No response" in 2013 Census.

### Adults and Children who were homeless for less than 1 year in 2013



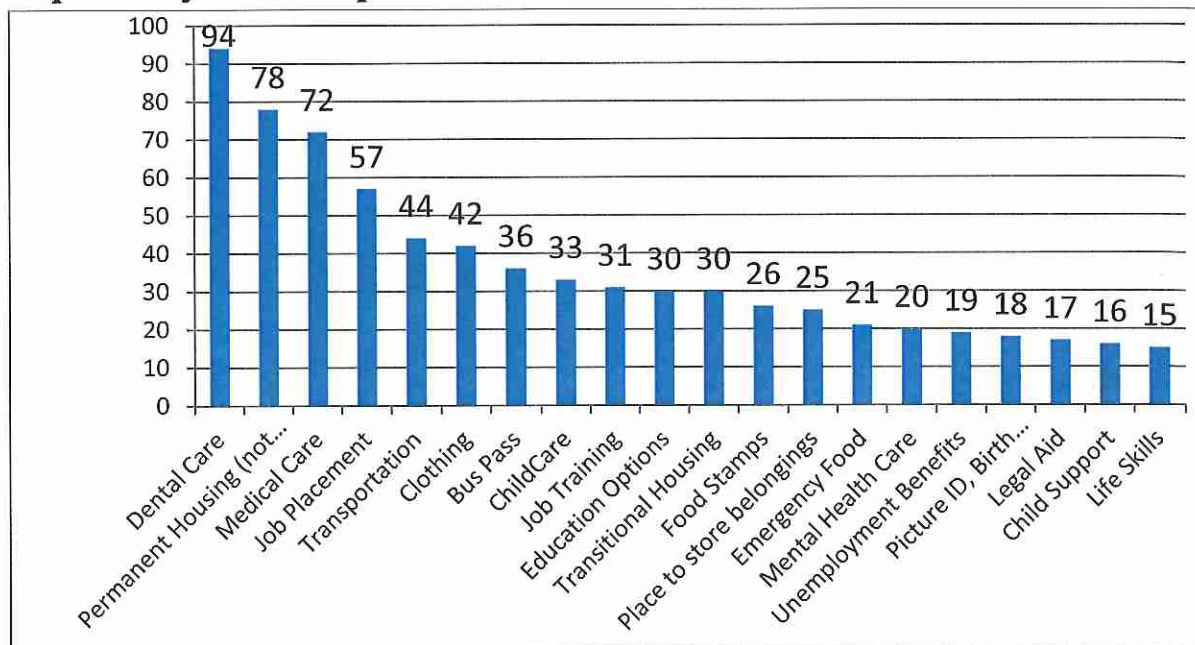
### Recurring homelessness

How many times have you been homeless in the last 3 years? (Reporting only those answers that were greater than 4 times)

Counts	Adults	Children (0-17)	Total
4	2	2	4
6	1	0	1
7	1	0	1

# Needs

## Top twenty needs reported in 2013

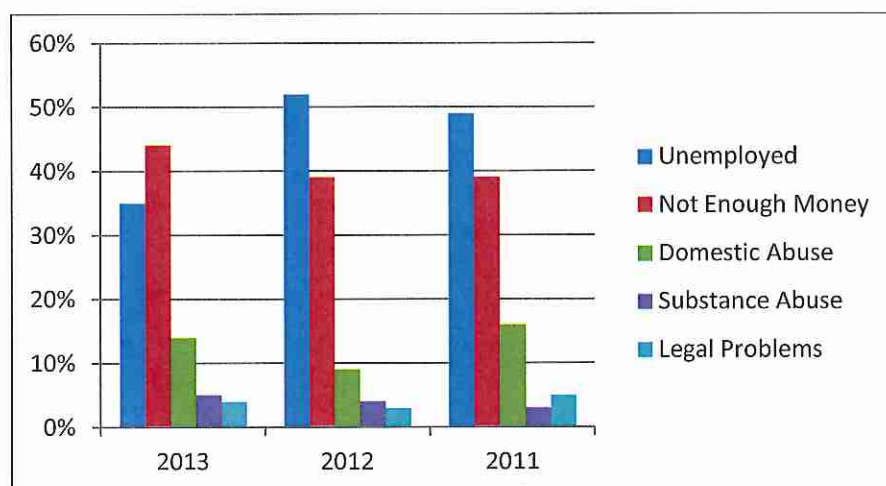
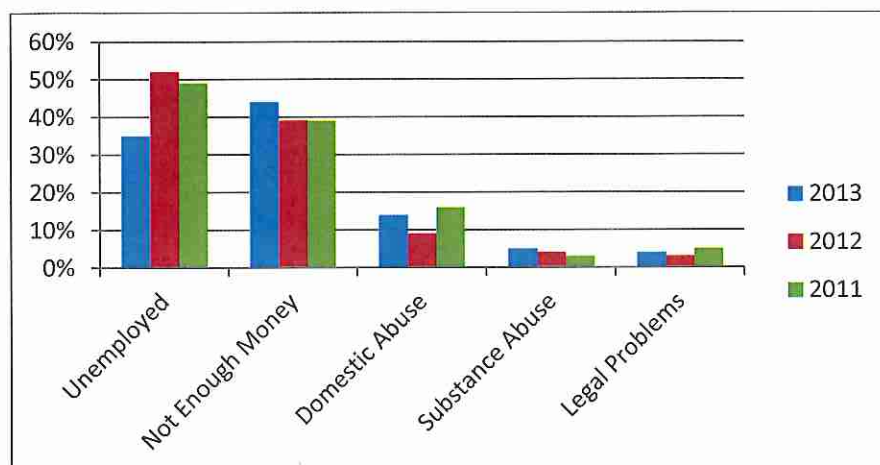


\*Picture ID, Birth Certificate, or Social Security Card

## Needs detail beyond top twenty

	2013 Counts	Rank
Permanent Housing Disabled	15	21
Hygiene Supplies	14	22
Emotional Support	14	23
Emergency Shelter	14	24
Interviewing Skills	13	25
Laundry Facilities	12	26
English Classes	12	27
SSDisability Ins	12	28
Phone #/voicemail	11	29
Shower	10	30
GED Options	9	31
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families	8	32
Case Management	7	33
Social Security (62+)	7	34
Supplemental Security Income	7	35
Worker's Compensation	6	36
Substance Abuse Treatment	5	37
Tutoring	5	38
WIC	4	39

## Historic Reasons for Homelessness



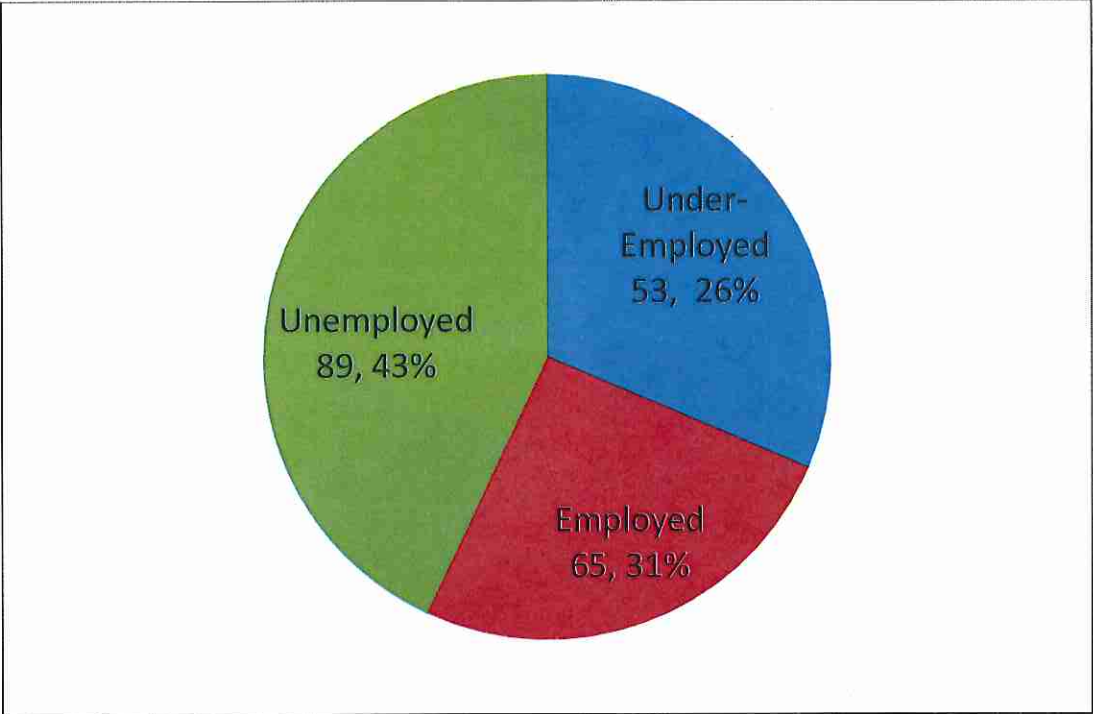
## Detail

Year	Unemployed	Not Enough Money	Domestic Abuse	Substance Abuse	Legal Problems
2013	35%	44%	14%	5%	4%
2012	52%	39%	9%	4%	3%
2011	49%	39%	16%	3%	5%
2010	52%	41%	20%	9%	5%
2009	40%	38%	20%	7%	4%
2008	45%	41%	50%	5%	9%
2007	39%	32%	48%	17%	10%
2013	35%	44%	14%	5%	4%
2012	52%	39%	9%	4%	3%
2011	49%	39%	16%	3%	5%
2010	52%	41%	20%	9%	5%
2009	40%	38%	20%	7%	4%
2008	45%	41%	50%	5%	9%
2007	39%	32%	48%	17%	10%

# Employment Status

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50 survey respondents did not specify their employment status. Of the 207 that did report their employment status, 65 were employed, 89 were unemployed, and 53 were under-employed.

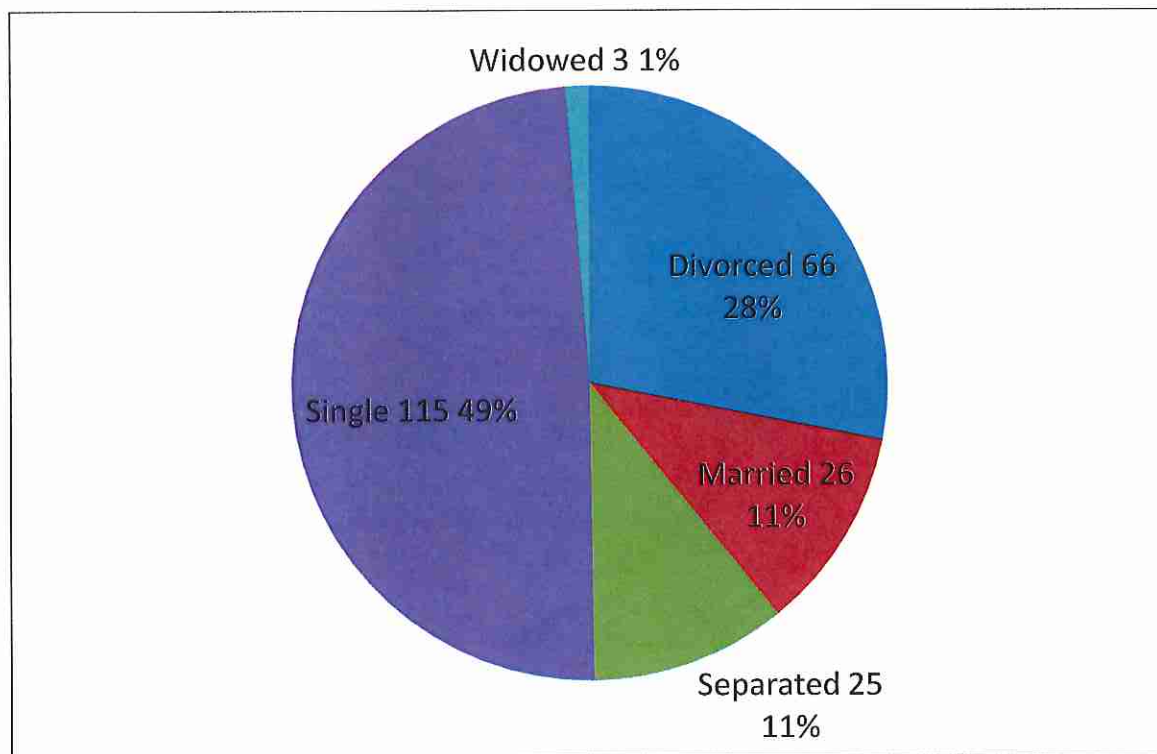


# Marital Status

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## 2013 Counts

None Provided	22
Divorced	66
Married	26
Separated	25
Single	115
Widowed	3





# Chronic Homelessness

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7 self reported criteria for chronically homeless. 1 with prior military service, 1 formerly in Foster Care.

(A) Chronically homeless must have all:

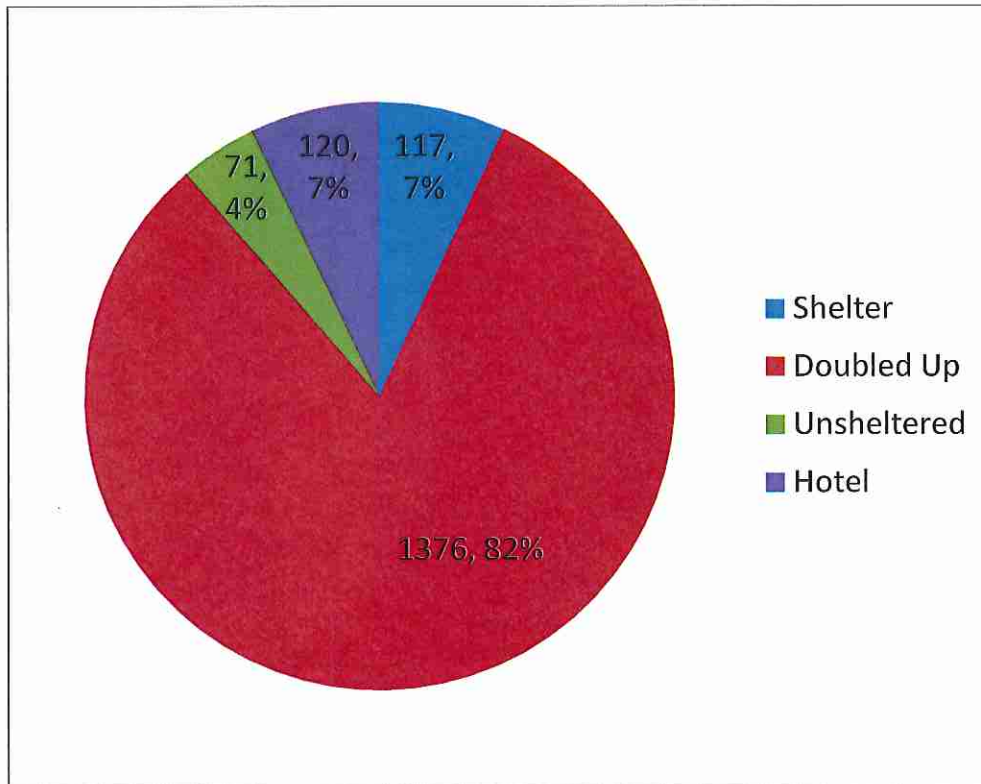
- (i) is homeless and lives or resides in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter;
- (ii) has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter continuously for at least 1 year or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years; and
- (iii) has an adult head of household (or a minor head of household if no adult is present in the household) with a diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability (as defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002)), post traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from a brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability, including the co-occurrence of 2 or more of those conditions.

(B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—A person who currently lives or resides in an institutional care facility, including a jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital or other similar facility, and has resided there for fewer than 90 days shall be considered chronically homeless if such person met all of the requirements described in subparagraph (A) prior to entering that facility.

# Sheltering Status for ISD Students

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## 2013 Counts



## Detail

Doubled Up	1376
Shelter	117
Hotel	120
Unsheltered	71