Point-In-Time Data Analysis 2019

On January 22, 2019, various organizations and volunteers around Faulkner County conducted the Point-in-Time Homeless Count in compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This census aims at providing individuals and nonprofit organizations with a more holistic understanding of the homeless population in our community. We hope that these graphics will provide community members with a deeper understanding of how to best serve those in need living in Faulkner County.

We collected 191 survey responses total, however of those 20 were from repeated individuals. We also received data from the school districts in Faulkner, Conway, and Perry counties regarding their homeless students. In Faulkner County there are 35 sheltered, 42 unsheltered, 6 in hotel/motel, and 504 doubled up students—i.e., students living in a dwelling with double the capacity of residents it is designed and intended to house. In Conway County there are 15 sheltered, 3 unsheltered, 228 doubled up students. In Perry County there are 24 students living doubled up.

From the data collected, we can note that Faulkner County's homeless population consists primarily of straight, white, elderly individuals. While the survey form age range had 25+ as the oldest category, our homeless population tends to be older than 45 on average. With this in mind, one can see that Faulkner County as a whole could benefit from services geared towards an older population.
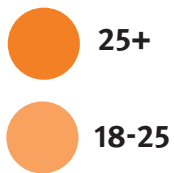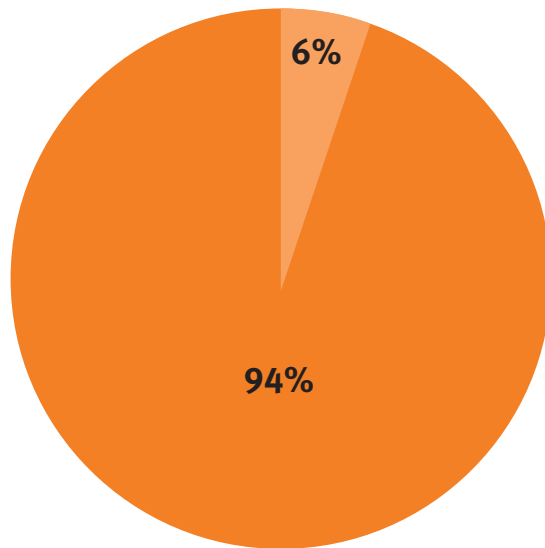
Looking towards the future, we would like to highlight a few issues of concern in the way that data is collected so that the Point-in-Time Homeless Count in 2020 would be able to provide community members with even more accurate data. The first issue we encountered is the question regarding total time homeless (numbers 9 & 10 on the PIT form). We found that many individuals reported contradictory information and that the wording of the questions made it difficult to understand and answer. Secondly, we found that many did not answer the surveys fully, thus making it difficult to have a more representative understanding of our homeless population. We hope these observations can be used to better equip those collecting and assisting with the PIT surveys in order to better meet the needs of those in our community who are experiencing homelessness.

Source: Arkansas Department of Education
Data analyzed by Gwen Boone and Lexie Burleson
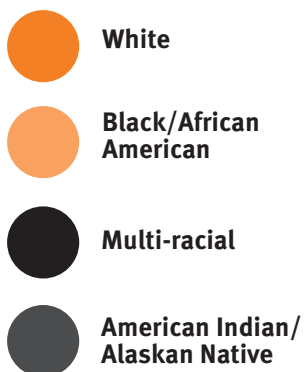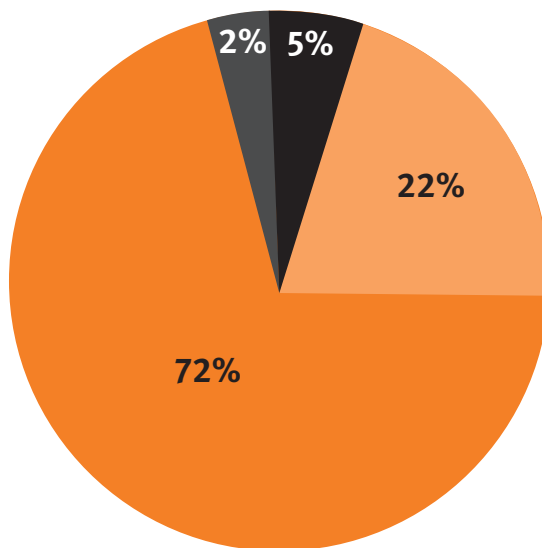
Adult Demographics

Adult Age

6%

94%

- **25+**
- **18-25**

*165 of 191 reporting age
*18 repeats from the 25+ range exclude

Adult Age Range	# of Responding
18-25	9
25+	154

National Averages for Adult Age (according to HUD)

› 18-24 year old range: 10% of total homeless population

› 25 and older range: 90% of total homeless population

Adult Race

2% **5%**

22%

72%

- **White**
- **Black/African American**
- **Multi-racial**
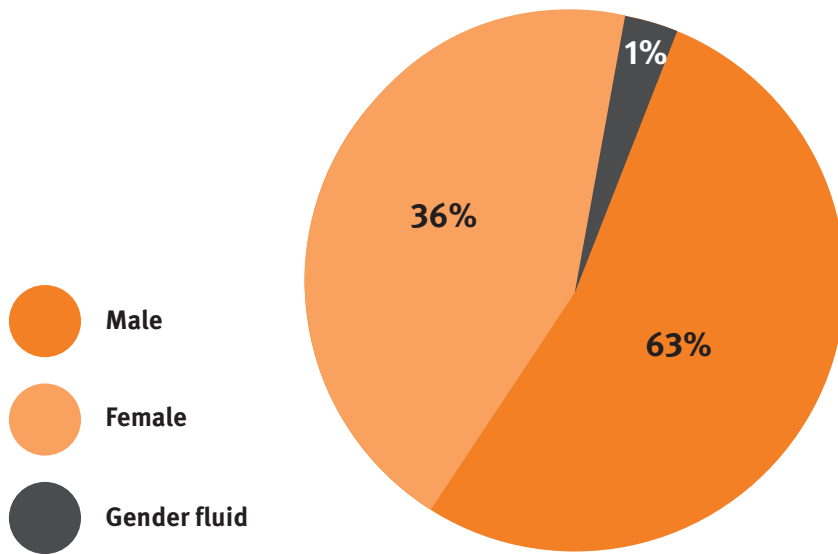- **American Indian/ Alaskan Native**

*155 or 191 reporting race
*3 repeats from the Black/African American category excluded
*13 repeats from the White category excluded
*7 repeats from the Multi-racial category excluded

Adult Race	# of Responding
White	111
Black/ African American	34
Multi-racial	7
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	3

National Averages for Adult Race (according to HUD)

› White: 48% of total homeless population

› Black/AA: 39% of total homeless population

› Multi-racial: 7% of total homeless population

› Native American: 3% of total homeless population

› Pacific Islander: 2% of total homeless population

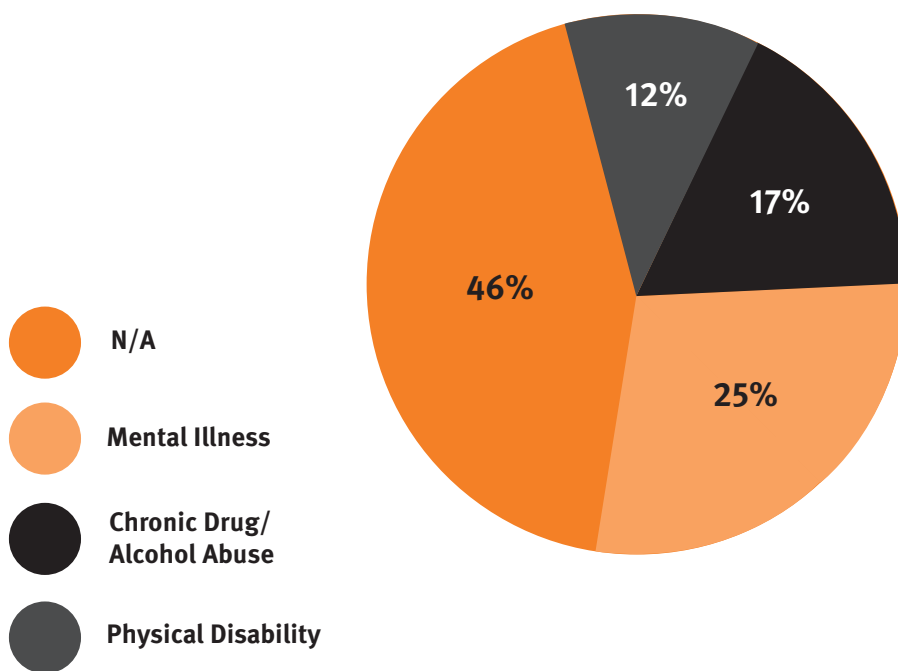› Asian: 1% of total homeless population

Adult Gender Identity

Legend:
- Male
- Female
- Gender fluid

63%
36%
1%

Adult Gender Identity	# of Responding
Male	110
Female	63
Gender fluid	2

*189 of 191 reporting
*14 repeats from the Male category excluded
*6 repeats from the Female category excluded

National Averages for Adult Age (according to HUD)

› Male: 60% of total homeless population
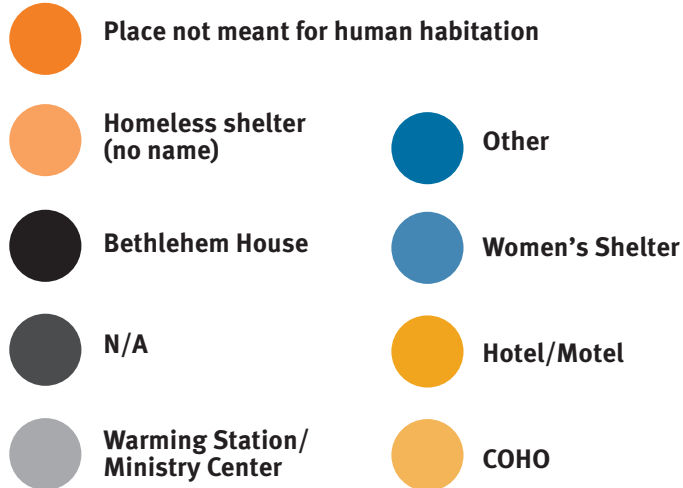› Female: 40% of total homeless population

Adult Disabling Conditions

Legend:
- N/A
- Mental Illness
- Chronic Drug/Alcohol Abuse
- Physical Disability

12%
17%
46%
25%

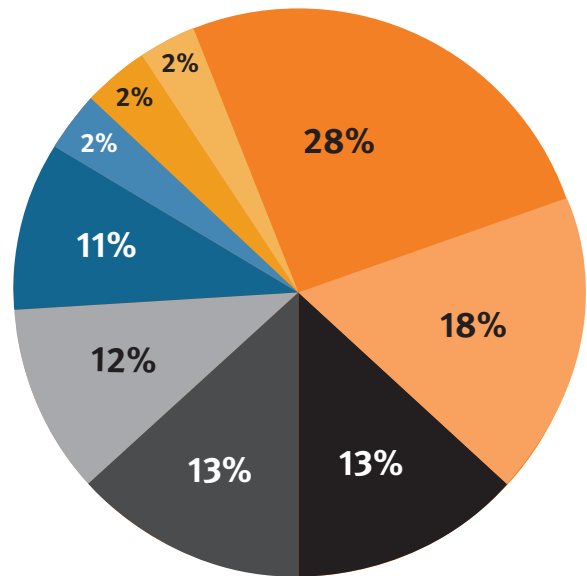| Adult Disabling Conditions	# of Responding
Physical Disability	17
Mental Illness	35
Chronic Drug/Alcohol Abuse	24
N/A	66

*142 of 191 reporting
*4 repeats from the Mental Illness Category excluded
*1 repeat from the Physical Disability Category (who also reported Mental Illness) excluded
*1 repeat from the Chronic Drug/Alcohol Abuse Category (who also reported Mental Illness) excluded

Place not meant for human habitation

Homeless shelter (no name)

Other

Bethlehem House

Women's Shelter

N/A

Hotel/Motel

Warming Station/ Ministry Center

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*142 of 191 reporting age
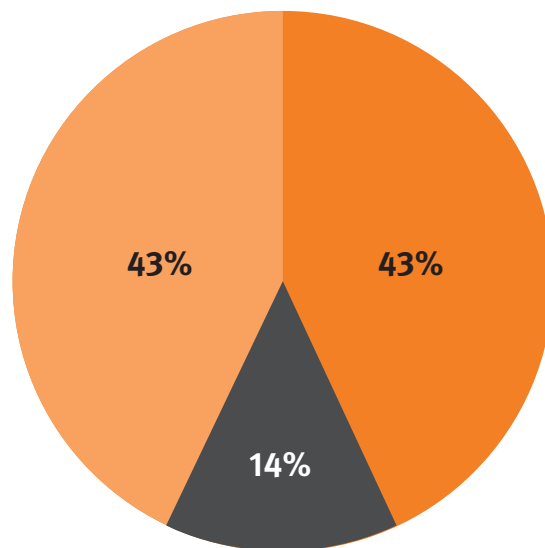
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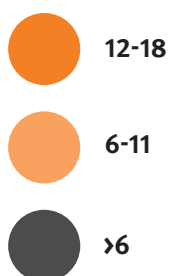18%
13%
13%
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National Averages for Adult Resting Place
› Sheltered: 68% of total homeless population
› Unsheltered: 32% of total homeless population
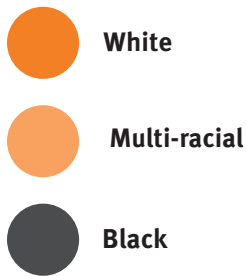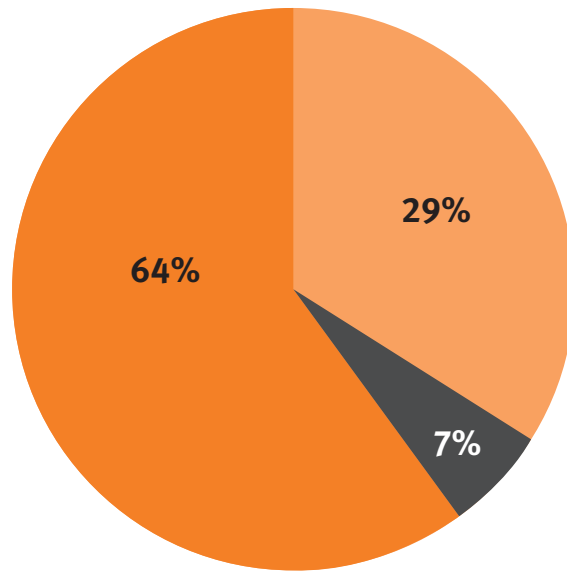
Child Demographics

Child Age

43%
43%
14%

12-18

6-11

›6

Child Age Range	# of Responding
>6	1
6-11	3
12-18	3

National Averages of Homeless Child Age

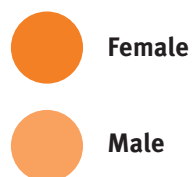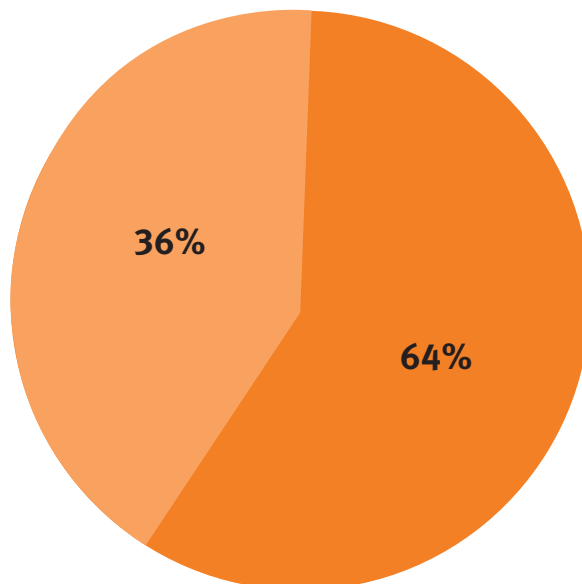› 60% of homeless families have children under the age of 18

Child Race

White 64%
Multi-racial 29%
Black 7%

*Reporting 14 of 14

Child Race	# of Responding
White	9
Multi-racial	1
Black	4

National Averages of Homeless Child Race

› 46% of homeless families with children are African American

› 39% of homeless families with children are White

› 10% of homeless families with children are multi-racial

› 5% of homeless families with children are Asian, Native American, or Pacific Islander

Child Gender

Female 64%
Male 36%

*Reporting 14 of 14

Adult Gender Identity	# of Responding
Male	5
Female	9

National Averages of Homeless Child Gender

› 39% of homeless families include male children

› 61% of homeless families include female children

Notes for the future

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