



Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency,
Community Resource Program

2015 Homeless Count Report

Marion & Polk Counties



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A Reason to End Homelessness in Marion and Polk Counties:

“For many city officials, community leaders, and even direct service providers, it often seems that placing homeless people in shelters is the most inexpensive way to meet the basic needs of people experiencing homelessness; some may even believe that shelters are an ideal solution.

Research, however, has shown something surprisingly different.

The cost of homelessness can be quite high. Hospitalization, medical treatment, incarceration, police intervention, and emergency shelter expenses can add up quickly, making homelessness surprisingly expensive for municipalities and taxpayers.”

National Alliance to End Homelessness

Excerpt from “Cost of Homelessness”

Website – National Alliance to End Homelessness

Date Accessed: August 26, 2014

http://www.endhomelessness.org/pages/cost_of_homelessness

2015 Homeless Count Totals

Homeless Street Surveys	247
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<i>Individuals Surveyed</i>	192
<i>Observed (not surveyed)</i>	55

One Night Shelter Count	765
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<i>Individuals Sheltered in Emergency & Transitional</i>	582
<i>Individuals Sheltered in Rapid Re-Housing & Permanent Supportive</i>	140
<i>Individuals Turned Away</i>	43

Short Surveys	25
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Jail Surveys	132
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<i>Polk County Jail Survey</i>	25
<i>Marion County Jail Survey</i>	107

School Counts	491
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Polk County School Districts

<i>Central</i>	3
<i>Dallas</i>	26
<i>Falls City</i>	10
<i>Perrydale</i>	3
<i>Willamina</i>	15

Marion County School Districts

<i>Cascade</i>	0
<i>Gervais</i>	12
<i>Jefferson</i>	38
<i>Mt. Angel</i>	0
<i>North Marion</i>	4
<i>North Santiam</i>	68
<i>Salem-Keizer</i>	42
<i>Silver Falls</i>	74
<i>St Paul</i>	no report this year
<i>Woodburn (partial report)</i>	196

All school districts in the two-county area were contacted, but not all were able to participate.

2015 Homeless Count Total	1,660
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Chronically Homeless

346 of 774 (45%) of unsheltered and sheltered (residing in emergency or transitional shelter) individuals qualified as chronically homeless.

Definition of Chronically Homeless: An individual who 1) is homeless and lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and 2) has been homeless (in one of the above mentioned locations) for at least one year or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years; and 3) can be diagnosed with one or more of the following conditions: substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability, post-traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability.

Summary

Each year, on a designated day during the last ten days of January, Marion and Polk counties conduct a comprehensive count of the homeless population. Thousands of individuals across both counties experience homelessness each year. The vast majority of these are individuals for whom life has dealt a crushing blow: serious illness, abuse, addiction, inability to work, collapse of a family, and ultimately the loss of a place to live.



The Homeless Count serves the community in the following ways:

- Increases our understanding of homelessness, including information about the causes and impacts of homelessness.
- Provides us the information needed to plan and identify resources and services to better help individuals out of homelessness, and prevent it in the first place.
- Accurate homeless statistics are necessary to receive continued federal funding (almost one million dollars annually) for homeless programs in Marion and Polk counties.



The Count is a community-wide event facilitated by Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, and supported by numerous community-based organizations. More than seventy community volunteers and social service staff dedicated their time to assist with the surveys and provide outreach. The participation of partner organizations and volunteers is critical to the success of the Count, from the initial

planning meetings, to the day of the Count, and through the final stages of pulling the data together and reporting.

The following organizations participated on the 2015 Homeless Count Planning Committee, with many providing staff to serve as Team Leaders the day of the Count:

- ❖ City of Salem - Salem Housing Authority
- ❖ Marion-Polk Food Share
- ❖ Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
- ❖ Northwest Human Services
- ❖ Oregon Health Authority
- ❖ Rural Oregon Continuum of Care





- ❖ Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network
- ❖ Salem Leadership Foundation
- ❖ Salem Vet Center
- ❖ Serving our Veterans at Home
- ❖ Shangri-La Corporation
- ❖ St. Vincent de Paul
- ❖ Union Gospel Mission

The 2015 Homeless Count was conducted on Wednesday, January 28th and was comprised of the following components:

One Night Shelter Count: a one-night (point-in-time) count of the number of beds being utilized through emergency shelters, transitional housing facilities, and other programs that are designated to serve homeless individuals and families.

Homeless Street Surveys: included Street/Mobile Outreach teams and Stationary Sites. Small groups of people comprised the Outreach teams. They canvassed the streets, parks, under bridges, and in camps. Volunteers were also stationed at designated site locations, including:

- Aware Food Bank, Woodburn OR (for rural Marion County Count)
- Polk County Connect
- Cascade Gateway Park
- MWV Community Action – ARCHES Project
- MWV Community Action – HOME Youth and Resource Center
- Northwest Human Services – HOAP
- Wallace Marine Park
- West Salem United Methodist Church



Homeless Observed but not surveyed: Outreach teams kept a log of individuals that they observed as homeless but did not have the opportunity to interview. Teams used their best judgment regarding “the observation of homelessness”. For example, an individual at a secluded campsite not interested in participating in the survey would have been included in this count.

Short Surveys: conducted at the Salem Hospital, Department of Human Services – Keizer Branch, Silverton Area Community Aid, Jason Lee Food Bank, Trinity United Methodist Church – The Lord’s Cupboard, and People’s Church. Individuals and families seeking assistance were asked if they had already participated in the Count on January 28th (either through the Street Count or via the Shelter Count). If they responded no, they completed a brief version of the full survey.

Jail Surveys: Surveys were conducted at both the Marion County Jail and the Polk County Jail. All inmates were given the opportunity to be surveyed. Those respondents that reported they would be homeless upon release were included in the report.

School Counts: Survey includes reports from 14 school districts in Marion and Polk counties. The school count represents the total number of homeless students who were enrolled in the Homeless Education Program for each school district on the day of the Count. The total number of homeless students was reliant on each district’s definition of who is eligible for enrollment in their program.

Street Count Surveys

On January 28, 2015, over 70 community volunteers conducted interviews with people who were homeless, with no permanent place to reside in Marion and Polk counties. The interviews were conducted on the street, in parks, under bridges, in camps, and at area homeless service organizations. 192 individuals, in 153 households, participated in the survey. All participants were informed their participation was voluntary and their names would not be collected.

Demographics

- Street interviews resulted in data collected from 129 males, 59 females, and 3 that did not disclose.
- Single adults made up the majority of the household types, numbering 122 or 80% of all households.
- The largest number of participants fell into the 40-49 age group.
- 89% (141 of 158) of respondents described themselves as White for their Race, but 18% (34 of 192) did not respond to the question.
- 32% (57 of 177) of respondents did not complete high school or receive a GED.

<i>Household Type</i>	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
Single Adult	92	81%	30	75%
Adult Couple without children	12	11%	7	18%
Adult(s) with other adult family member(s)	6	5%	2	5%
Single parent with child(ren)	1	1%	0	0%
Two parents with child(ren)	0	0%	1	2%
Unaccompanied Youth	2	2%	0	0%
Households with only youth	0	0%	0	0%
No Response	0	0%	0	0%
Total Households	113	100%	40	100%

Age Groups

0- 17	2	1%	4	7%
18-29	27	19%	13	25%
30-39	17	12%	5	9%
40-49	40	29%	17	32%
50-59	34	25%	11	21%
60-69	15	11%	2	4%
70-79	2	1%	0	0%
80-89	2	1%	0	0%
No Response	0	0%	1	2%
Total	139	100%	53	100%

Gender

Male	96	69%	33	62%
Female	40	29%	19	36%
Transgender Male to Female	1	1%	0	0%
Transgender Female to Male	0	0%	0	0%
No Response	2	1%	1	2%
Total	139	100%	53	100%

Race

American Indian or Alaskan Native	11	8%	2	4%
Asian	0	0%	0	0%
Black or African American	1	1%	0	0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3	2%	0	0%
White	116	84%	25	47%
No Response	8	5%	26	49%
Total	139	100%	53	100%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	12	9%	1	2%
Non-Hispanic or Latino	117	84%	27	51%
Don't Know/Refused	10	7%	25	47%
Total	139	100%	53	100%

Education Level

Still in school	3	2%	2	4%
Non-High School Graduate	38	28%	14	27%
High School Graduate/GED	55	40%	18	34%
Some College	24	17%	6	11%
College Graduate	10	7%	7	13%
No Response	9	6%	6	11%
Total	139	100%	53	100%

Miscellaneous Categories

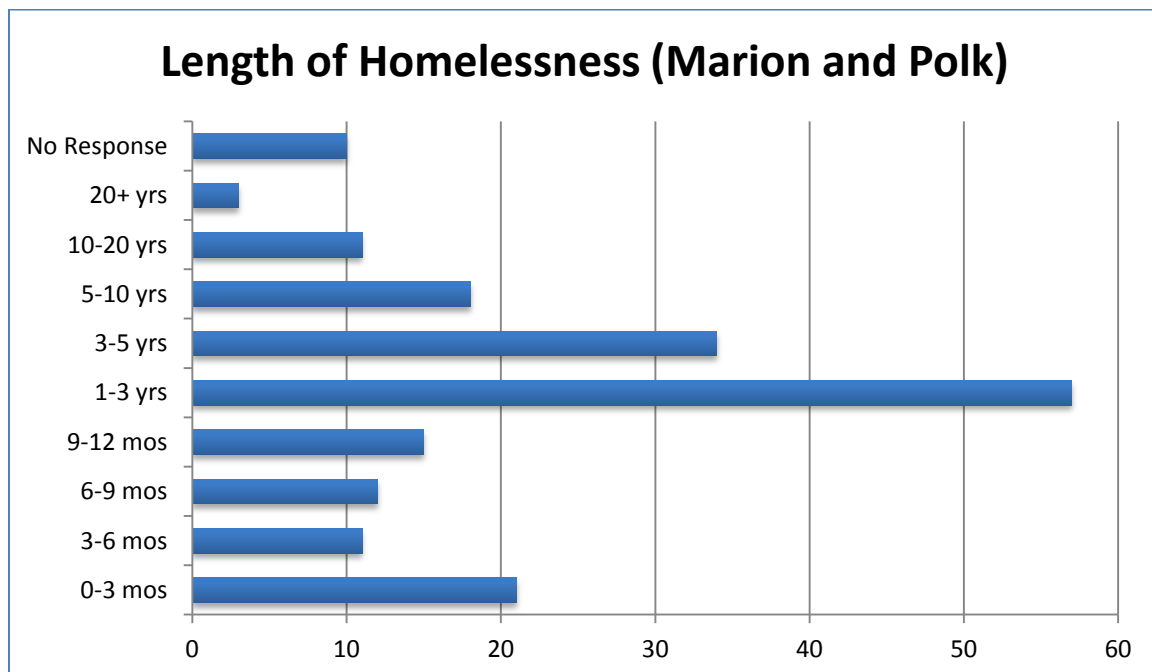
Veteran	26	19%	4	8%
Victim of Domestic Violence	28	20%	12	23%

Homeless Characteristics

- 57 (of 182) respondents (31%) indicated they have been homeless for 1-3 years.
- The majority of respondents, 73% (134 of 183) were staying on the street or camping on the night the survey was conducted.
- 40% (60 of 149) of respondents had no income. 38% (56 of 149) reported making between \$1 - \$500 a month.
- The most common sources of income reported were Food Stamps at 69% (123 of 177); 17% (31 of 177) receive Disability (SSI/SSDI); 13% (23 of 177) receive Social Security; 4% (8 of 177) receive TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) and 4% (7 of 177) received Veteran Benefits though 16% (30 of 192) report being a Veteran.
- Though the vast majority (76%, 140 of 185) of Street Count respondents report having a disabling condition only 17% (31 of 177) report receiving Disability (SSI/SSDI).
- 70% (126 of 180) of respondents indicated they are currently unemployed, and 26% are either unable to work or retired.

- The four most common reasons for homelessness, as reported by households, were “Unemployed” 41% (58 of 142 households), “Couldn’t Afford Rent” 23% (33 of 142 households), and “Homeless by choice” 17% (24 of 142 households), and “Mental or Emotional Disorder” 16% (23 of 142 households).
- Those that responded to the “Services Needed” question identified the following as most needed: Housing Assistance 64% (82 of 129 households); Food Assistance 43% (55 of 129 households); Transportation Assistance 40% (52 of 129 households), and Dental Treatment 37% (48 of 129 households).

<i>Length of Homelessness (in months)</i>	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
0-3 months	14	10%	7	13%
3-6 months	6	4%	5	9%
6-9 months	7	5%	5	9%
9-12 months	14	10%	1	2%
1-3 yrs	46	33%	11	21%
3-5 yrs	21	15%	13	25%
5-10 yrs	13	10%	5	9%
10-20 yrs	8	6%	3	6%
20+ yrs	3	2%	0	0%
No Response	7	5%	3	6%
Total	139	100%	53	100%



Episodes of homelessness

Experienced at least four episodes of homeless in the past three years	91	65%	30	57%
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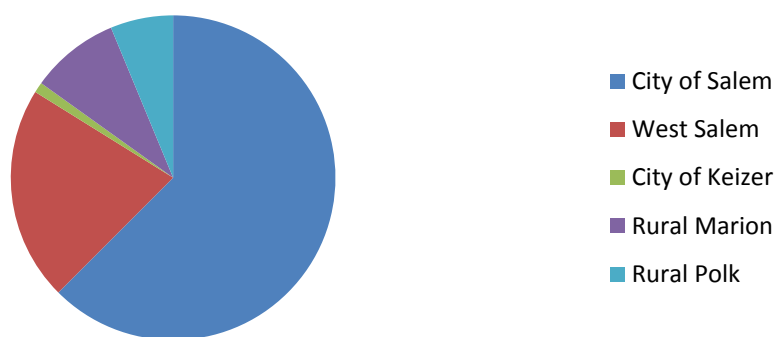
Where will you stay tonight?

Street	41	30%	2	4%
Squatting	4	3%	0	0%
Camping	49	35%	42	79%
Motel/Hotel	2	1%	1	2%
Car	29	21%	6	11%
Other	7	5%	0	0%
No Response	7	5%	2	4%
Total	139	100%	53	100%

Location that best describes where you will be staying tonight?

City of Salem	120	63%
West Salem	41	21%
City of Keizer	2	1%
Rural Marion	17	9%
Rural Polk	12	6%
Total	192	100%

Location where respondents will stay tonight



What is your job status?

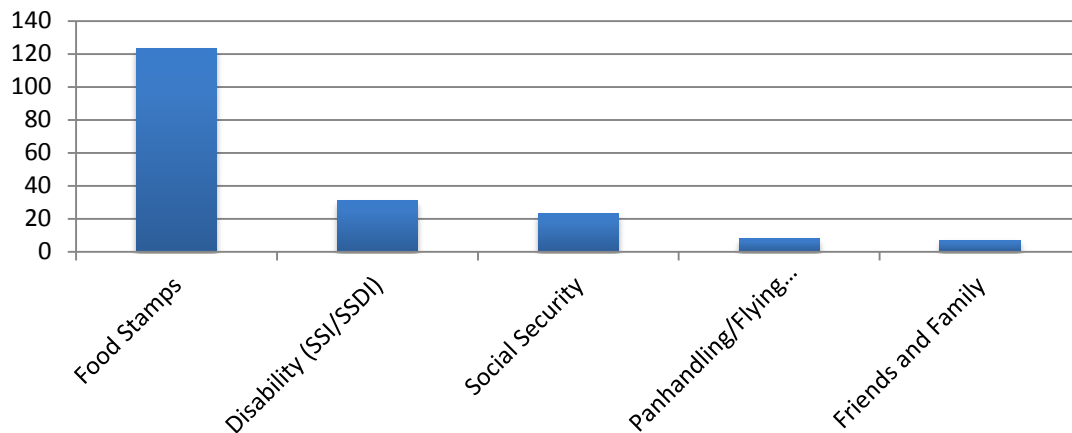
Full-time job	0	0%	1	2%
Part-time job	5	4%	0	0%
Temporary job	1	1%	0	0%
Retired	4	3%	1	2%
Unemployed	91	65%	35	66%
Unable to work	33	23%	9	17%
No Response	5	4%	7	13%
Total	139	100%	53	100%

Income Sources

Respondents may select more than one source

Employment	1	1%	1	2%
Social Security	19	14%	4	8%
Child Support	1	1%	0	0%
Disability (SSI/SSDI)	27	19%	4	8%
TANF	4	3%	4	8%
Friends/Family	7	5%	0	0%
Veteran Benefits	5	4%	2	4%
Food Stamps	89	64%	34	64%
Other (Panhandling/ Flying Sign)	7	5%	1	2%
No Response	2	16%	13	25%

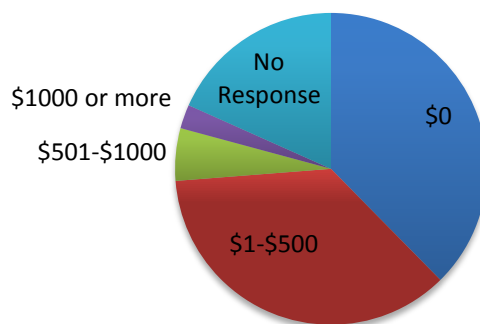
Top 5 Sources of Income (Marion and Polk)



How much income per month?

\$0	42	30%	18	34%
\$1-\$500	47	34%	9	17%
\$501-\$1000	19	14%	4	7.5%
\$1000 or more	6	4%	4	7.5%
No Response	25	18%	18	34%
Total	139	100%	53	100%

How much income per month?

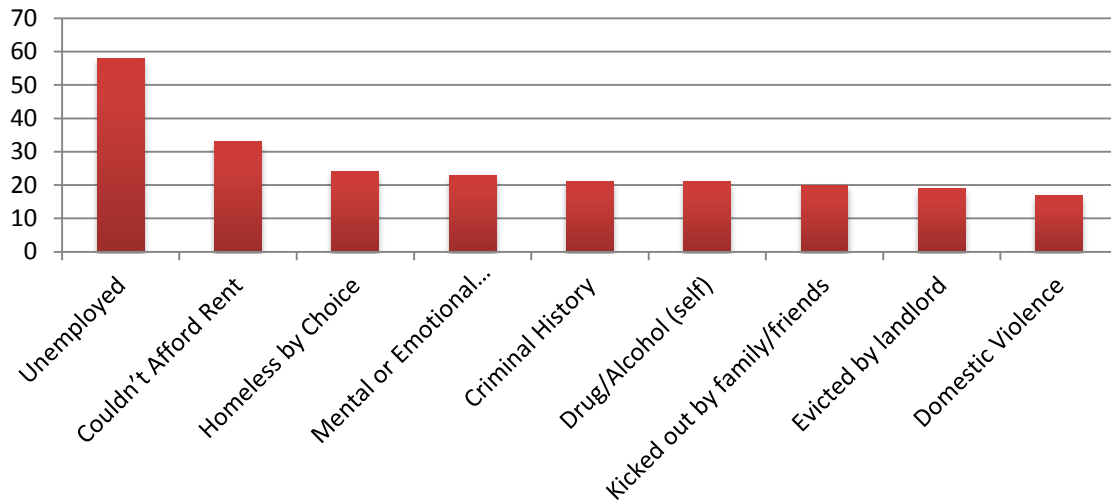


What caused you and/or your family to leave your last living arrangement?

Percentages (%) represent responses from each household. (e.g. 22% of Marion households left because they couldn't afford rent). Respondents could choose all factors that applied to their household experience.

Couldn't Afford Rent	25	22%	8	20%
Unemployed	42	37%	16	40%
Evicted by landlord	15	13%	4	10%
Kicked out by family/friends	16	14%	4	10%
Child Abuse	0	0%	0	0%
Domestic Violence	13	12%	4	10%
Criminal History	20	18%	1	3%
Drug/Alcohol at home	11	10%	2	5%
Drug/Alcohol (self)	19	17%	2	5%
Poor Rental History	6	5%	3	8%
Credit	10	9%	1	3%
Gambling	1	1%	0	0%
Mental or Emotional Disorder	19	17%	4	10%
Medical Problem	11	10%	5	13%
Pregnancy	1	1%	0	0%
Runaway	1	1%	0	0%
Homeless by choice	21	19%	3	8%
Property sold	0	0%	0	0%
Manufactured Park Closure	0	0%	0	0%
Home foreclosed on	1	1%	0	0%
Other: unable to work, widower, disability, bed bug infestation, divorce	17	15%	6	15%
No Response	6	5%	5	13%

Top 9 Reasons for Homelessness



Services Needed

Percentages (%) represent responses from each household. (e.g. 11% of Marion households identified needing substance abuse treatment. Respondents could choose all needed services that applied to their household experience.

Substance Abuse Treatment	12	11%	4	10%
Mental Health Services	23	20%	9	23%
Medical Treatment	32	28%	14	35%
Dental Treatment	33	29%	15	38%
Health Insurance	21	19%	14	35%
Disability Services	18	16%	4	10%
Housing Assistance	59	52%	23	58%
Food Assistance	38	34%	17	43%
Transportation Assistance	38	34%	14	35%
Job/Employment Training/Assistance	22	19%	14	35%
Veteran Services	8	7%	3	8%
Legal Services	11	10%	5	13%
Identification Assistance	26	23%	11	28%
Child Care	0	0%	0	0%
Other	1	1%	0	0%
No Response	22	19%	2	5%

What is the hardest part about being homeless?

Percentages (%) represent responses from each household. (e.g. 24% of Marion households identified the weather as being one of the hardest parts about being homeless). Respondents could list as many factors as applied to their household experience.

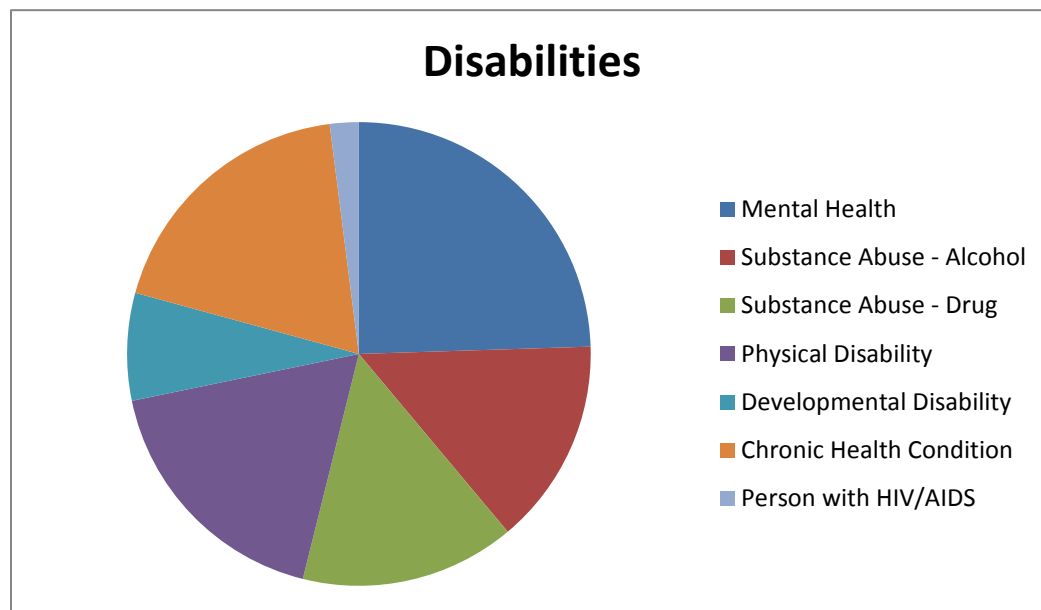
Weather/staying dry, warm, cool	24	21%	11	28%
Obtaining employment/ income	9	8%	1	3%
Loneliness/ being alone/ hopelessness/ uncertain future/ instability/ feeling invisible/ keeping morale up/ getting through the day/ stressed all the time/ not feeling normal	19	17%	2	5%
Being separated from family/ not seeing family/ no family support	5	4%	2	5%
Judged/ public perception/ no respect/ discrimination	7	6%	1	3%
Harassment by police	10	9%	2	5%
Violence/ safety concerns	9	8%	4	10%
Getting enough to eat/ finding food and water/ hunger	6	5%	6	15%
Finding a safe place to sleep/ constantly on the move/ no stable place to stay/ no safe place to camp/ no real bed to sleep in	21	19%	6	15%
Hygiene concerns/ no running water/ no access to laundry and showers/ unable to keep self and things clean/ no restroom	16	14%	9	23%
Day to day needs/clothing/ supplies	1	1%	4	10%
No transportation/ having to walk everywhere	3	3%	2	5%
No place to store belongings	3	3%	1	3%
No place to park vehicle	3	3%	0	0%
None/ Nothing	6	5%	0	0%
No Response	8	7%	2	5%

What can be done to improve your current situation?

Percentages (%) represent responses from each household. (e.g. 21% of Marion households reported a job/income would help).

Job/income/ money	24	21%	15	38%
Housing/ affordable rent/ housing programs/ roof over head/ place to live	40	35%	15	38%
Shelter-related (takes pets, for couples w/o kids)	2	2%	0	0%
Assistance obtaining Social Security Disability	5	4%	0	0%
Assistance with housing move-in costs	2	2%	0	0%
Hygiene supplies/ place to shower/ place to do laundry	3	3%	2	5%
Assistance obtaining ID	8	7%	3	8%
Assistance obtaining clothing	0	0%	2	5%
Medical/dental assistance/ health care	4	4%	0	0%
Mental Health Treatment	2	2%	2	5%
Addiction Treatment	1	1%	0	0%
Storage for belongings	1	1%	0	0%
Assistance with food	2	2%	0	0%
Transportation/ bus pass	8	7%	2	5%
Access to supplies: tent, propane, backpack, garbage bags	4	4%	2	5%
Legal help	1	1%	0	0%
Community awareness	2	2%	0	0%
Nothing/ unsure	9	8%	1	3%
No Response	16	14%	5	13%

<i>Persons with a Disability</i>					<i>Specific disabilities reported</i>				
	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>			<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
Yes	105	76%	35	66%	Mental Health	65	47%	20	38%
No	31	22%	14	26%	Substance Abuse – Alcohol	39	28%	11	21%
No Response	3	2%	4	8%	Substance Abuse – Drug	44	32%	8	15%
Total	139	100%	53	100%	Physical Disability	47	34%	15	28%
					Developmental Disability	20	14%	6	11%
					Chronic Health Condition	50	36%	15	28%
					Person with HIV/AIDS	4	3%	3	6%



Incarceration

- 77% (138 of 178) of respondents reported having been to jail previously. This was a 9% increase in the two counties over the past year.
- 29% (52 of 180) of respondents reported having been in prison, an increase of 7% from last year.

<i>Have you ever been to jail?</i>					<i>Have you ever been to prison?</i>			
	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>		<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
Yes	105	75%	33	62%	40	29%	12	23%
No	26	19%	14	27%	91	65%	37	70%
No Response	8	6%	6	11%	8	6%	4	7%
Total	139	100%	53	100%	139	100%	53	100%

Corrections release in last 90 days

	<i>Marion</i>			<i>Polk</i>	
Yes		16	11.5%	7	13%
No		107	77%	38	72%
No Response		16	11.5%	8	15%
Total		139	100%	53	100%

Discrimination & Violence

- A majority of households (72%, 106 of 148) reported they felt discriminated against because they were homeless.
- Almost half (49%, 70 of 143) said they have experienced violence since becoming homeless.

<i>Have you ever felt discriminated against because you are homeless?</i>					<i>Since you have been homeless, have you experienced any violence?</i>			
<i>Percentages (%) represent responses from each <u>household</u>.</i>								
	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>		<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
Yes	80	71%	26	65%	51	45%	19	48%
No	30	26%	12	30%	55	49%	18	45%
No Response	3	3%	2	5%	7	6%	3	7%
Total	113	100%	40	100%	113	100%	40	100%

Marion/Polk Shelter Count

The Sheltered Count includes the following shelters and housing programs designated to serve homeless:

- Emergency Shelter (ES)
- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

Organization	Individuals Sheltered	Individuals Turned away
Emergency Shelters (ES)		
Center for Hope and Safety (formerly Mid-Valley Women's Crisis)	19	*1
Homeless Alternative Respite Program	2	
Northwest Human Services – Street Outreach Shelter	7	
Polk County Parole & Probation	3	
Sable House	3	
Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network	15	*42
Union Gospel Mission – Men's Shelter	208	
Union Gospel Mission – Simonka Place	93	
Transitional Housing (TH)		
Home of the Brave	4	
Northwest Human Services – Transitional Living Program	5	
Salvation Army	32	
Shangri-La - New Options	18	
Shelly's House	17	
St. Francis Shelter	48	
St. Joseph - Family Shelter	22	
Titus 3	3	
Union Gospel Mission – Men's Shelter	44	
Union Gospel Mission – Restoration House	31	
Women at the Well – Grace House	8	
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)		
Mid –Willamette Valley Community Action Agency – ARCHES Housing Program	*66	
Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency – Emergency Solution Grant	*8	

Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency – Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)	*25	
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)		
Shangri-La – Supportive Housing Assistance Program, Bonus Project, Permanent Housing Expansion Project	*41	
TOTALS	722	43

**RRH client detail, PSH client detail, and individuals turned away are not included in demographic breakdowns.*

Shelter Surveys

On January 28, 2015, 493 households and 582 individuals were surveyed at 19 different emergency shelters and transitional shelter locations. (*Rapid Re-housing and Permanent Supportive Housing client detail is not available/not included in the following demographic breakdowns*). See all participating shelters/housing providers listed on page 19-20.

Demographics

- Single adults made up the majority of sheltered families.
- Approximately 14% of those sheltered were under 18 years of age.
- 66% (386 of 581) were male and 33% (192 of 581) were female; less than 1% reported as transgender or did not disclose.
- 7% (43 of 582) of the respondents were children of K-12 age, attending school.
- The majority (83%, 463 of 557) of respondents described themselves as White and 15% (81 of 558) were Hispanic or Latino.
- Over half of respondents (65%, 374 of 579) reported having a disability, the most common identified were: Substance Abuse-Drug (32%, 183 of 579), Mental Health (31%, 180 of 579), Physical (26%, 151 of 579), and a Chronic Health Condition (23%, 136 of 579).

<i>Household Type</i>	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
Single adult (1 adult in hh)	442	91%	9	100%
Adult only (2 or more adults in hh with no children)	1	<1%	0	0%
Adult and child(ren) (1 or more adult and 1 or more child in hh)	41	8%	0	0%
Youth/Child only	0	0%	0	0%
Total Households	484	100%	9	100%

Age Groups

0-17	80	14%	0	0%
18-29	93	16%	3	33%
30-39	88	15%	0	0%
40-49	128	22%	4	45%
50-59	124	22%	1	11%
60-69	55	10%	0	0%
70-79	5	1%	0	0%
80-89	0	0%	1	11%
No Response	0	0%	0	0%
Total	573	100%	9	100%

Gender

Male	383	67%	3	33%
Female	186	32%	6	67%
Transgender Male to Female	2	<1%	0	0%
Transgender Female to Male	1	<1%	0	0%
No Response	1	<1%	0	0%
Total	573	100%	9	100%

Race/Ethnicity

American Indian or Alaskan Native	47	8%	0	0%
Asian	4	1%	0	0%
Black or African American	34	6%	0	0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	9	2%	0	0%
White	454	79%	9	100%
No Response	25	4%	0	0%
Total	573	100%	9	100%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	79	14%	2	22%
Non-Hispanic or Latino	470	82%	7	78%
Refused/Unknown/Didn't Ask	24	4%	0	0%
Total	573	100%	9	100%

Miscellaneous Categories

Veteran	71	12%	1	11%
Farmworker	26	5%	0	0%
Victim of Domestic Violence	98	17%	3	33%
Children (K-12 age) still in school	42	7%	1	11%
Released Offender	53	9%	2	22%

Homelessness

Continually homeless for a year or more	264	46%	1	11%
Experienced at least four episodes of homeless in the past three years	171	30%	4	44%

Persons with a Disability

Specific disabilities reported

<i>Marion</i>					<i>Polk</i>				
Yes	365	63%	9	100%					
No	205	36%	0	0%					
No Response	3	1%	0	0%					
Total	573	100%	9	100%					
					Mental Health	173	30%	7	78%
					Substance Abuse – Alcohol	165	29%	4	44%
					Substance Abuse – Drug	178	31%	5	56%
					Physical Disability	147	26%	4	44%
					Developmental Disability	67	12%	2	22%
					Chronic Health Condition	133	23%	3	33%
					Person with HIV/AIDS	4	1%	0	0%

Short Surveys

Short surveys were conducted by volunteers at various locations around Marion/Polk counties. (See all locations on page 5). Households who reported they were homeless and had not participated in the Unsheltered or Sheltered surveys were included in this Count.

<i>Household Type</i>			<i>Age Groups</i>		
Single Adult	10	77%	0-17	9	36%
Couple w/o children	0	0%	18-29	1	4%
One Parent	0	0%	30-39	7	28%
Two Parents	3	23%	40-49	1	4%
Unaccompanied child	0	0%	50-59	2	8%
Total Households	13	100%	60-69	1	4%
			70+	1	4%
			No Response	3	12%
			Total Individuals	25	100%
<i>Gender</i>			<i>Where will you be staying on Wednesday January 28, 2015?</i>		
Male	13	52%	Car	5	20%
Female	7	28%	Hospital	4	16%
No Response	5	20%	Street	5	20%
Total	25	100%	Abandoned Building	0	0%
			Camping	8	32%
			Other	3	12%
			No Response	0	0%
			Total	25	100%
<i>Veteran</i>					
Yes	0	0%			
No/No Response	25	100%			
Total	25	100%			

Jail Surveys

Surveys were conducted at the Marion County and Polk County jails. All inmates were given the opportunity to participate in the survey. 304 surveys were completed at the Marion County jail and 58 surveys were completed at the Polk County jail. Of those surveyed, a total of 132 respondents reported they would be homeless with no designated place to live at the time of their release from jail, 107 (81%) in Marion and 25 (19%) in Polk.

Demographics

- 83% (105 of 126) of the respondents were males.
- 34% (44 of 130) of respondents did not complete high school or receive a GED.

<i>Gender</i>	<i>Marion</i>		<i>Polk</i>	
Male	86	80%	19	76%
Female	16	15%	5	20%
Transgender Male to Female	0	0%	0	0%
Transgender Female to Male	0	0%	0	0%
No Response	5	5%	1	4%
Total	107	100%	25	100%

<i>Education Level</i>				
Grade 1-9	12	11%	1	4%
Grade 10-12	28	26%	3	12%
GED	20	19%	6	24%
HS Graduate	18	17%	1	4%
Some College	21	19%	11	44%
College Graduate	6	6%	3	12%
No Response	2	2%	0	0%
Total	107	100%	25	100%

Miscellaneous Categories

Veteran	11	10%	3	12%
Been to prison	46	43%	11	44%

Race

American Indian or Alaskan Native	10	9%	5	20%
Asian	2	2%	0	0%
Black or African American	6	6%	0	0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	2	2%	0	0%
White	73	68%	19	76%
Refused/Unknown	14	13%	1	4%
Total	107	100%	25	100%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	22	21%	4	16%
Non-Hispanic or Latino	71	66%	20	80%
Refused/Unknown	14	13%	1	4%
Total	107	100%	25	100%

Before Incarceration

- 33% (43 of 132) of the respondents had a job immediately before incarceration, and 40% (53 of 132) had a permanent place to live.
- 20% (26 of 128) report being a parent in a household with a child, or children, prior to incarceration.
- 60% (79 of 132) of respondents reported being homeless or unstably housed prior to incarceration; 34% (35 of 104) reported living on the streets or camping and 22% (23 of 104) reported they were temporarily staying with family or friends.
- Participants were asked what led to their present circumstances, and Criminal History (33%, 43 of 132), Drug/Alcohol (self) (31%, 41 of 132), Unemployment (30%, 39 of 132), and Couldn't Afford Rent (23%, 30 of 132) were the most frequent answers.

Prior to incarceration...

Had a job	39	36%	4	16%
Had a permanent place to live	48	45%	5	20%

If you did not have a place to live, which best describes where you were staying immediately before your current arrest?

Percentages (%) calculated from total respondents. (e.g. 8% (9 of the 107 Marion respondents) were residing in Shelter prior to incarceration).

Shelter	9	8%	1	4%
Street	18	17%	9	36%
Squatting (abandoned building)	0	0%	0	0%
Camping	6	6%	2	8%
Motel/Hotel	2	2%	1	4%
Vehicle	5	5%	0	0%
Temporarily with family/friend	17	16%	6	24%
Other	0	0%	0	0%
No Response	2	2%	1	4%
Total	59	---	20	---

For those who identified having no permanent housing prior to incarceration - How long did you live in this situation?

Percentages (%) calculated from total respondents. (e.g. 16% (17 of the 107 Marion respondents) were living in a non-permanent living situation for 0-3 months prior to incarceration).

0-3 months	17	16%	4	16%
3-6 months	12	11%	3	12%
6-9 months	7	7%	1	4%
9-12 months	2	2%	2	8%
1-3 yrs	11	10%	4	16%
3-5 yrs	6	6%	3	12%
5-10 yrs	2	2%	0	0%
10-20 yrs	0	0%	2	8%

20+ yrs	1	1%	0	0%
No Response	1	1%	1	4%
Total	59	---	20	---

Household Type

Single Adult	67	63%	16	64%
Couple without children	10	9%	3	12%
Adult(s) with other adult family member(s)	4	4%	2	8%
Single Parent with child(ren)	9	8%	1	4%
Two parent with child(ren)	14	13%	2	8%
No Response	3	3%	1	4%
Total	107	100%	25	100%

Have you ever been in a treatment program?

Yes	76	71%	17%	68%
No	31	29%	7%	28%
No Response	0	0%	1%	4%
Total	107	100%	25	100%

Treatment programs accessed

Alcohol/Drug	66	62%	13	52%
Mental Health	24	22%	8	32%
Other	5	5%	3	12%

What led to your present circumstance?

Percentages (%) represent all respondents (e.g. 17% of Marion respondents could not afford rent which led to their present circumstance). *Respondents could list as many factors as applied to their circumstance.*

Couldn't afford rent	17	16%	13	52%
Drug/Alcohol (at home)	6	6%	7	28%
Drug/Alcohol (self)	30	28%	11	44%
Unemployment	24	22%	15	60%
Eviction from landlord	3	3%	4	16%

Medical problems	1	1%	5	20%
Kicked out by family/friends	8	7%	8	32%
Criminal History	37	35%	7	28%
DV/Relationship issue	6	6%	2	8%
Poor rental history	1	1%	4	16%
Homeless by choice	3	3%	2	8%
Credit Problems	2	2%	4	16%
Gambling	4	4%	1	4%
Mental or emotional disorder	11	10%	5	20%
Other	11	10%	2	8%

After Release from Incarceration

- When asked what they needed to remain clean, sober, and crime-free, the two most common responses were Housing Assistance and Employment Assistance.

Upon Release

Has a job to go to after release	22	21%	4	16%
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What do you need when you are released to stay clean, sober and crime free?

Percentages (%) represent all respondents (e.g. 80% of Marion respondents believe they need housing assistance after they're released to stay clean, sober, and crime-free). Respondents could list as many factors as applied to their circumstance.

Housing Assistance	86	80%	24	96%
Employment Assistance	73	68%	22	88%
Alcohol/Drug Treatment	35	33%	11	44%
Mental Health Treatment	26	24%	8	32%
Education Assistance	30	28%	10	40%
Credit Counseling	15	14%	5	20%
Community Resources	42	39%	12	48%
Food Stamps	67	63%	20	80%
Other: Lifeskills, OHP, SSI, Bridges to Change, ID, Medical	8	7%	4	16%

Disability

- 83% (109 of 132) of respondents reported having one or more disabilities.
- 54% (71 of 132) of respondents report struggling with Substance Abuse – Drug, while 32% (42 of 132) report Substance Abuse – Alcohol.
- 39% (51 of 132) of respondents report having a mental health disability.

Persons reporting one or more disabilities

Yes	87	81%	22	88%
No	20	19%	3	12%
No Response	0	0%	0	0%
Total	107	100%	25	100%

Disabling Conditions

Percentages (%) represent all respondents (e.g. 40% of Marion respondents report having a mental health condition). Respondents could list as many conditions as applied to their circumstance.

Mental Health	43	40%	8	32%
Substance Abuse - Alcohol	30	28%	12	48%
Substance Abuse - Drug	57	53%	14	56%
Physical Disability	20	19%	4	16%
Developmental Disability	14	13%	3	12%
Chronic Health Condition	24	22%	7	28%
Persons with HIV/AIDS	0	0%	0	0%
Victim of Domestic Violence	17	17%	5	20%



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