

Pinellas County Coalition for the Homeless 2005 Annual Homelessness Survey Comparison Report Chronic vs. Not-chronic Homelessness

48.3% reported that their current period of homelessness was over 1 year or that they had had 4 episodes of homelessness in the past 3 years. Disability status, another component of the HUD's definition of chronic homelessness, is not used to distinguish the populations in this report. However, self-reported disability status is included in the report.

A.1. Have you completed this survey earlier this week?

Duplicates removed.

A.2. First name, last initial (with birth date, used as identifier)

A.3. Where did you stay last night. (see below)

A.4. Will you be forced to leave the place you stated within the next week?

	Chronic Homelessness		Not-chronic	
	Stayed last night	Forced to leave place within week	Stayed last night	Forced to leave place within week
A.3. Car, Boat or Other Vehicle	3%	48%	2.5%	41.2%
Friend's or Relative's Home	8%	0%	7.2%	32.7%
Hospital	2%	27%	2.2%	40.0%
Jail	7%	38%	3.5%	29.2%
Motel/Hotel	4%	54%	1.8%	33.3%
My own home	3%	6%	2.8%	15.8%
Shelter	18%	87%	24.5%	28.0%
Street	11%	36%	6.3%	34.9%
Transitional Housing	22%	3%	27.4%	2.1%
Treatment Facility	14%	5%	16.6%	8.8%
Woods	6%	27%	3.1%	42.9%
Other	2%	17%	2.2%	26.7%

A. 5. Are you:

Male	73.6%	64.8%
Female	26.4%	35.2%

A.6. What is your birth date? (used as identifier with name)

A. 7. Are you Hispanic or Latino

Yes	5%	6.6%
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A. 7a What is your race?

American Indian /Alaskan Native	5.9%	4.7%
Asian	0.5%	0.3%
Black/African American	24.2%	28.9%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Islander	0.5%	0.6%
White	67.0%	62.5%
Other	2.0%	3.1%

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A.8. Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. military?

Yes	20.1%		18.2%
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A.9. Are you:


Single and never married	48.8%		41.5%
Divorced, separated or widowed	46.5%		51.6%
Married or have a partner	4.7%		7.0%

Section B Please answer these questions about your experience.


B.1. How many times homeless in past 3 years

1 time	16.4%		49.5%
2-3 times	14.3%		50.5%
4 or more times	69.3%		


B.2. How long since you last had a regular place to stay?

1 week or less	3.7%		16.6%
More than 1 week, but less than 1 month	4.6%		13.6%
1 to 3 months	8.1%		30.8%
More than 3 months, but less than 1 year	19.5%		38.9%
1 year or longer	64.1%		

B.3. How long have you been in Pinellas County?

1 week or less	1.7%		2.8%
Over 1 week to 4 weeks	4.6%		6.4%
Over 1 month to 6 months	8.2%		14.6%
Over 6 months to 1 year	8.3%		10.8%
Over 1 year to 2 years	12.6%		2.8%
Over 2 to 5 years	25.7%		27.4%
More than 5 years	38.9%		35.1%

B.4. What are the main reasons why you first came to Pinellas County?

Born or grew up here	16.6%		21.7%
Thought jobs were here	20.3%		22.2%
Family or friends are here	28.9%		31.9%
Thought good shelters and services here	12.2%		10.1%
Visited here and decided to stay	20.1%		15.7%
Good weather	17.4%		18.2%
Veteran's hospital	8.0%		8.0%
Health care	6.3%		4.6%
Child care	0.6%		0.6%

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B.5. In what city/town do you mainly stay?

B.6. In what city/town did you last have a permanent place to stay?

	Mainly Stay	Last Place	Mainly Stay	Last Place
Clearwater	15.4%	9.0%	14.1%	12.1%
Largo	4.2%	4.4%	5.1%	7.0%
Pinellas Park	2.7%	2.6%	3.3%	1.8%
St. Petersburg	60.9%	39.1%	52.9%	36.7%
Other Pinellas City	3.6%	4.4%	5.1%	7.8%
"Pinellas"	2.1%	1.4%	6.2%	1.2%
Tampa and Hillsborough Co.	3.7%	7.0%	3.9%	6.4%
New Port Richey and Pasco	1.3%	3.4%	1.1%	2.1%
Manatee and Sarasota Co.	1.7%	2.0%	0.5%	1.6%
Other Florida	0.4%	7.6%	2.1%	8.6%
Southern State	1.3%	7.2%	1.1%	4.3%
Northeast State	0.8%	3.2%	2.0%	3.9%
Midwest State	1.5%	5.8%	2.0%	4.3%
Other State	0.4%	2.8%	0.7%	2.1%

B.7. What led you to lose your permanent place to stay?

Not enough income to meet basic needs	45.3%	35.7%
Evicted	16.2%	13.9%
Unemployed/lost job	36.0%	29.0%
Locked out of house	5.4%	2.0%
Retired	1.9%	1.3%
Temporary arrangement ended	11.0%	9.8%
Welfare benefits ended	1.9%	1.1%
Released from jail/prison or hospital	14.6%	10.3%
Lack of job training or education	12.5%	8.5%
Left shelter or other program	5.4%	4.6%
Money management problems	20.0%	13.9%
Physical/medical problems	18.3%	13.3%
No jobs available	13.9%	10.1%
Mental health or emotional problems	29.5%	23.2%
I choose not to work	2.7%	1.6%
Alcohol or drug problems	42.8%	30.8%
Break-up, divorce or separation	18.1%	17.2%
Ordered to leave by police or court	5.2%	2.9%
Moved out to escape abuse	12.5%	12.8%
Arrested or involuntarily hospitalized	11.2%	7.4%
Was staying in abandoned building	4.8%	1.5%
Left/ran away from home	5.4%	3.9%
Other:	8.3%	9.7%

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B.8. During the past year, have you at any time:

Stayed in public housing	20.2%	14.6%
Had a child or children taken away by police/protective services	6.6%	5.6%
Gone to a hospital emergency room for basic medical care	59.9%	49.6%
Been tested for HIV/AIDS	55.5%	47.0%
Been tested for Hepatitis	53.9%	44.8%
Had Medicaid or other health insurance coverage	36.6%	39.9%
Had benefits denied because you had no mailing address	14.8%	10.3%
Been arrested because you had nowhere to stay	21.0%	5.7%
Been in jail or prison	52.8%	32.7%
Been in detox or a crisis unit	38.7%	30.6%

B.9. Have you worked anytime during the past month?

Yes	40.5%	40.6%
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B.10. How many days did you work this past week?

some days	34.1%	35.0%
1 day	7.9%	4.4%
2 days	6.0%	4.4%
3 days	3.5%	4.9%
4 days	2.7%	3.8%
5 days	9.6%	11.0%
6 or more days	4.4%	6.5%

B.11. What are your sources of household income?

Income from work	20.4%	18.0%
Income from day labor	13.4%	6.1%
SSI/SSDI - Disability	20.9%	14.2%
Veteran's benefits	7.2%	4.4%
Food stamps/welfare	31.8%	15.5%
Unemployment benefits	1.0%	0.0%
Child support	1.5%	1.5%
Money from relatives, friends	8.5%	5.4%
Social Security retirement	2.5%	1.8%
Rent vouchers	4.2%	2.3%
None	29.9%	23.1%
Other	3.3%	3.4%


B.12. What was your household income including cash and benefits last month?

Less than \$1	33.8%	34.0%
\$1 to 250	25.6%	16.2%
\$251- \$500	14.4%	16.7%
\$501- \$1000	19.9%	21.8%
\$1001 - \$2000	4.0%	8.7%
\$2000 or more	2.2%	2.7%

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B.13. Do you have a disabling condition?

Yes	52.0%		44.3%
If yes, check all that apply			
Physical/medical problems	34.8%		27.5%
HIV/AIDS	2.0%		1.5%
Mental health/emotional prob.	40.4%		32.7%
Alcohol or drug problems	34.6%		23.3%
Co-occurring MH & AOD	18.6%		13.7%

Section C Please tell us about the services you received

C.1. Please check the services that you received last year.

Emergency Shelter	36.2%		33.0%
Transitional Housing	25.2%		20.3%
Permanent Housing	6.6%		8.8%
Education/job training	6.0%		10.5%
Health care	34.2%		33.2%
Alcohol and Drug Treatment	34.4%		27.7%
Mental Health Treatment	37.4%		32.2%
Child Care Services	2.6%		4.2%
Drop-In Center	24.0%		11.7%
Financial Assistance	17.8%		19.5%
Food or Meals	62.6%		38.8%

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