

**Homeless Outreach Coordinating Committee  
Chronically Homeless Survey of Winter 2004**

As of 3/15/04

**1. Location Survey Taken**

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| A. Severe Weather Emergency Shelter | 40% (19) |
| B. Wellspring Drop-In Center        | 29% (14) |
| C. Market Square                    | 25% (12) |
| D. 902 Clinic                       | 4% (2)   |

**2. Gender**

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| A. Male    | 87% (41) |
| B. Female  | 10% (5)  |
| C. Unknown | 2% (1)   |

**3. Length of Homelessness**

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| A. 0-6 months      | 17% (8)  |
| B. 7-12 months     | 12% (6)  |
| C. 1-3 years       | 31% (15) |
| D. 4-6 years       | 12% (6)  |
| E. 7 or more years | 17% (8)  |
| F. Unknown         | 8% (4)   |

**4. Greatest Need (at time survey was taken)**

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| A. Housing     | 76% (36) |
| B. Food        | 57% (27) |
| C. Health Care |          |
| Medical        | 51% (24) |
| Dental         | 36% (17) |
| Detox          | 10% (5)  |
| Mental Health  | 12% (6)  |
| Foot           | 6% (3)   |
| Eyeglasses     | 42% (20) |
| Other          | 0% (0)   |
| D. Work        | 46% (22) |

**5. Income Source**

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| A. Employment            | 6% (3)   |
| B. Unemployment Benefits | 0% (0)   |
| C. Public Assistance     | 12% (6)  |
| D. Medical Assistance    | 8% (4)   |
| E. Social Security       | 27% (13) |
| F. Other                 |          |
| Food Stamps              | 10% (5)  |
| Pension                  | 2% (1)   |
| G. None                  | 48% (23) |

**6. Are you familiar with the shelters and where they are?**

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| A. Yes | 91% (43) |
| B. No  | 8% (4)   |

**7. If there was a bed somewhere else this evening, would you have gone to it?**

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| A. Yes | 78% (37) |
| B. No  | 21% (10) |

Reason:

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|-----------------|---------|
| Choice          | 10% (1) |
| Bad Environment | 30% (3) |
| Camp out        | 10% (1) |
| No Answer       | 50% (5) |

**8. Do you know about the teams of people who help people on the streets with blankets and medicine?**

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|--------------|----------|
| A. Yes       | 78% (37) |
| B. No        | 6% (3)   |
| C. No Answer | 14% (7)  |

**9. How can we help you now?**

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|------------------------|----------|
| A. Housing             | 51% (24) |
| B. Employment          | 19% (9)  |
| C. Food                | 17% (8)  |
| D. Medical             | 12% (6)  |
| E. Government Benefits | 10% (5)  |
| F. Money               | 6% (3)   |
| G. Clothes             | 6% (3)   |
| H. Housing Voucher     | 4% (2)   |
| I. Filling Out Forms   | 4% (2)   |
| J. Eyeglasses          | 2% (1)   |
| K. Mental Health       | 2% (1)   |
| L. Left Alone          | 2% (1)   |
| M. No Answer           | 12% (6)  |

**10. How can we help you after the Cold Weather Shelter shuts down?**

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|---------------------------|----------|
| A. Housing                | 40% (19) |
| B. Employment             | 10% (5)  |
| C. Food                   | 6% (3)   |
| D. Medical                | 4% (2)   |
| E. Information & Referral | 2% (1)   |
| F. No help                | 2% (1)   |
| G. No Answer              | 36% (17) |

**11. Have you lost valuables in the city sweeps?**

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|--------|----------|
| A. Yes | 40% (19) |
| B. No  | 59% (28) |

**12. Do you know where to retrieve your lost property and valuables?**

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|--------------|----------|
| A. Yes       | 44% (21) |
| B. No        | 48% (23) |
| C. No Answer | 6% (3)   |

**13. Have you tried to retrieve the lost items?**

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|-------------------|----------|
| A. Yes            | 12% (6)  |
| B. No             | 38% (18) |
| C. If no, why?    |          |
| Useless           | 16% (3)  |
| Never returned    | 5% (1)   |
| No response       | 77% (14) |
| D. Not applicable | 27% (13) |
| E. No answer      | 21% (10) |