

Sheltered Homeless Persons

in

Boston (MA)

10/1/2010 - 9/30/2011

Families in Emergency Shelter
Families in Transitional Housing
Families in Permanent Supportive
Housing
Individuals in Emergency Shelter
Individuals in Transitional Housing
Individuals in Permanent Supportive
Housing

Data from the Homeless Management Information System
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Department of Housing and Urban Development's
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Introduction

This report on sheltered homeless persons is based on local data submitted to the 2011 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR). The AHAR is a report to the U.S. Congress on the extent and nature of homelessness in America, prepared by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It provides nationwide estimates of homelessness, including information about the demographic characteristics of homeless persons, service use patterns, and the capacity to house homeless persons. Once published, the 2011 AHAR will be found on HUD's Homeless Resource Exchange (http://www.hudhre.info) and HUD's Homeless Management Information System portal (www.humis.info).

The AHAR Local Report is meant to be a resource for stakeholders in each community to view their data in a variety of user friendly tables and charts. The report is based primarily on Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) data about homeless persons who used emergency shelter, transitional housing or permanent supportive housing programs during the 12-month period between Friday, October 01, 2010 to Friday, September 30, 2011. The data are collected in six categories: Persons in Families in Emergency Shelter, Individuals in Emergency Shelter, Persons in Families in Transitional Housing, Individuals in Transitional Housing, Persons in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing and Individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing

All data are based on unduplicated counts, such that each person is counted only once, regardless of how many different programs the person used. Data on length of stay represent the cumulative length of stay for each person within a particular category.

For communities that have all emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing providers using HMIS, the total counts reflect the numbers that those providers reported for the 12 month reporting period. For communities where not all emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing providers are using HMIS, this report provides estimates of the homeless individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing programs. The estimate is an "extrapolated count" and is based on the assumption that beds located in programs that do not participate in HMIS are occupied at the same rate and with the same amount of overlap as beds located in HMIS-participating programs.

Data were only included in the national AHAR if HMIS participation rates for a particular category exceeded 50 percent of total beds. The extent to which extrapolated data are representative of the entire community depends on the validity of the assumption that non-participating programs are similar to participating programs. Some programs may target specific sub-populations (such as veterans or women), and their inclusion or exclusion may skew the overall values in particular questions. This report does not include or purport to extrapolate about persons that are served by "victim service providers" including rape crisis centers, battered women's shelters, domestic violence transitional housing programs, and other programs whose primary mission is to provide services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. This report also does not include those who were living in places not meant for human habitation, such as on the street, in hotels or motels, or in doubled-up living situations, unless these persons also used emergency shelter or transitional housing.

The report includes the following sections:

The Estimated Homeless Counts during a One-Year Period table shows the total estimated yearly count for each reporting period, extrapolated point-in-time counts, estimated utilization and turnover rates, and estimated counts by household type. Further explanation of the extrapolated counts can be found in the Detailed Derivation of Estimated Homeless Counts table. This table explains the steps used to derive the extrapolated counts and includes both a description and source for where the data comes from. The Year (2011) to Year (2010) Estimated Homeless Counts during a One-Year Period table shows the percentage change of the 2011 community data compared to 2010 community data. Further explanation of the extrapolated counts can be found in the Year (2011) to Year (2010) Detailed Derivation of Estimated Homeless Counts table.

The Demographic Characteristics of Sheltered Homeless Persons table provides the percentage of persons reported in category by gender of adults, gender of children, ethnicity, race, age, persons by household size, veteran status (adults only) and disability status (adults only). Graphs for each category are below the table.

The Prior Living Situation of Persons Using Homeless Residential Services table shows the percentage breakdowns of the prior living situation data in each category. The data is categorized by living arrangement from the night before program entry. Living arrangements are categorized by homeless situations, housing situations, institutional settings, and other settings. This table also shows the percentage of the stability of the previous night's living arrangements and the zip code of last permanent address. Graphs for each category are below the table.

The Length of Stay in Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing for Families and Individuals table shows the percentage breakdown of length of stay for individuals and families in emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing. In each category an individual percentage is given for a specific length of stay as well as a cumulative percentage that show the individual percentages accruing. A graph comparing the categories is below the table.

The Long-Term Stay Demographics: Emergency Shelter Stay of More than 180 Days table provides the demographic percentages of all sheltered homeless persons in families, all sheltered persons in families who are long-term stayers, all sheltered homeless individuals, and all sheltered individuals who are long-term stayers. Demographic information is given for gender of adults, gender of children, ethnicity, age, persons by household size, veteran status (adults only) and disability status (adults only). Graphs for each category are below the table.

¹ Families are defined as any household that includes at least one adult over 18 years old and one child who is younger than 18 years old. All other persons, including those in multi-person households consisting of only adults or only children, are reported as single individuals.

² Other factors, such as nightly counts that far exceeded the reported number of beds in the community, may also have caused data to have been excluded from the AHAR.

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Exhibit 1.1 Estimated Homeless Counts during a One-Year Period^1

Reporting Year: 10/1/2010 - 9/30/2011

	Persons in Families in Emergency Shelters	Persons in Families in Transitional Housing	Persons in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing	Individuals in Emergency Shelters	Individuals in Transitional Housing	Individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing	Estimated Total Number of Homeless Persons Across Reporting Categories*
	Total Estima	ated Yearly Co	ount ²				
Estimated Total Count for Period	4,352	720	893	10,496	2,996	4,088	23,545
		Point-in-	Time Counts ³	3			
Estimated Total on an Average Night	2,082	340	804	1,345	993	3,525	9,089
On a single night in							
October 2010	2,066	337	779	1,335	968	3,423	8,908
January 2011	2,089	347	794	1,409	1,003	3,449	8,297
April 2011	2,101	343	797	1,383	1,054	3,566	9,244
July 2011	2,113	332	833	1,322	985	3,617	9,202
		Number	of Families ⁴				
1 year count (October 1- September 30)	1,455	270	297				
Point-in-Time Counts ⁵							
October 29, 2010	655	125	268				
January 28, 2011	669	123	272				
April 29, 2011	680	112	273				
July 29, 2011	682	108	280				
	Esti	mated Utilizati	ion and Turno	ver Rates			
Estimated Average Utilization Rate ⁶	83%	78%	87%	104%	88%	98%	
Turnover Rate ⁷	1.74	1.67	0.97	8.15	2.71	1.18	
	Es	timated Count	s by Househol	d Tyne ⁸			
Individual adult male	25		5 0 J 110 4 5 5 110 1	7,781	2,517	2,416	
Individual adult female				2,094	401	1,317	
Adult in family, with child(ren)	1,738	284	352	_,~,		2,00	
Children in families, with adults	2,609	436	298				
Households with only adults	,			80	5	181	
Households with only children				45	29	48	
Unaccompanied child				121	31	35	
Missing this information	4	0	243	374	14	92	

Exhibit 1.2 Detailed Derivation of Estimated Homeless Count¹

Reporting Year: 10/1/2010 - 9/30/2011

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Step	Description	Source	Persons in Families in Emergency Shelters	Persons in Families in Transitional Housing	Persons in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing	Individuals in Emergency Shelters	Individuals in Transitional Housing	Individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing	
	Unduplicated number of persons in participating in HMIS	HMIS data from providers that participate in HMIS	4,061	550	864	10,118	2,518	2,577	Persons
2	Number of emergency, year-round equivalent beds in HMIS (i.e., bed capacity for participating providers)	SuperNOFA Housing Inventory Chart	2,336	330	894	1,242	929	2,182	Beds
3	Average number of clients served per bed	Step 1 ÷ Step 2	1.74	1.67	0.97	8.15	2.71	1.18	Persons per Bed
4	Number of year-round equivalent beds for not participating in HMIS (i.e., bed capacity for non- participating providers)	SuperNOFA Housing Inventory Chart	168	105	30	47	199	1,409	Beds
5	Estimated unduplicated number of persons served by providers that do not participate in HMIS	Step 3 x Step 4	292	175	29	383	539	1,664	Persons
	Estimated number of persons served by participating and non- participating Providers. Note that this estimate double								

6	counts people who use participating and non-participating providers. This double count will be eliminated by the overlap adjustment below.	Step 1 + Step 5	4,353	725	893	10,501	3,057	4,241	Persons
7	Overlap factor is the square of [(Bed capacity for HMIS non- participating providers)/ (Bed capacity for HMIS participating providers)]	(Step 4 ÷ Step 2) x (Step 4 ÷ Step 2)	0.01	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.42	is overlap factor
8	Number of persons who used more than one HMIS participating provider in the category	HMIS data from providers that participate in HMIS	260	53	5	3,527	1,335	367	Persons
9	Estimated number of persons in families that used both participating and non- participating providers	Step 7 x Step 8	1	5	0	5	61	153	is overlap (cross-over) adjustment
10	Total estimate of number persons that used either HMIS participating or non-participating Emergency Shelter	Step 6 – Step 9	4,352	720	893	10,496	2,996	4,088	Persons

St	ep Description	Source	Persons in Families in Emergency Shelters	Persons in Families in Transitional Housing	Persons in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing	Individuals in Emergency Shelters	Individuals in Transitional Housing	Individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing	
1	Extrapolation Factor for non- participating providers: This is the factor applied to calculations that are based only on participating providers. It is used to estimate total number of persons served by participating and non- participating providers.	Step 10 ÷ Step 1	1.0716	1.3084	1.0336	1.0373	1.1899	1.5864	is the extrapolation factor for non-participating providers.
1	2 HMIS bed coverage rate	Step 2 ÷ (Step 2 + Step 4)	93%	76%	97%	96%	82%	61%	% of beds participating in the HMIS
1	Point-In-Time Extrapolation Factor. This is the factor applied to calculations that are based only on participating providers. It is used to estimate total number of persons served by participating and non- participating providers for values that report Point-in- time numbers. In contrast to the standard "Extrapolation Factor," the point-in-time Extrapolation fact does not include an adjustment for	Step 6 ÷ Step 1	1.0719	1.3182	1.0336	1.0378	1.2142	1.6457	is the extrapolation factor for point-in-time counts.

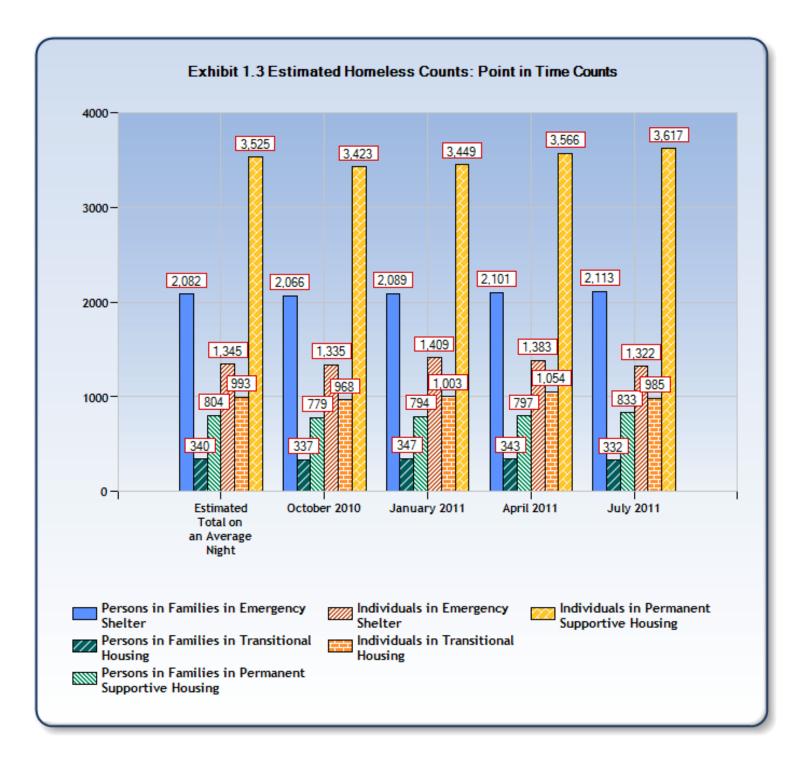
persons using multiple providers.

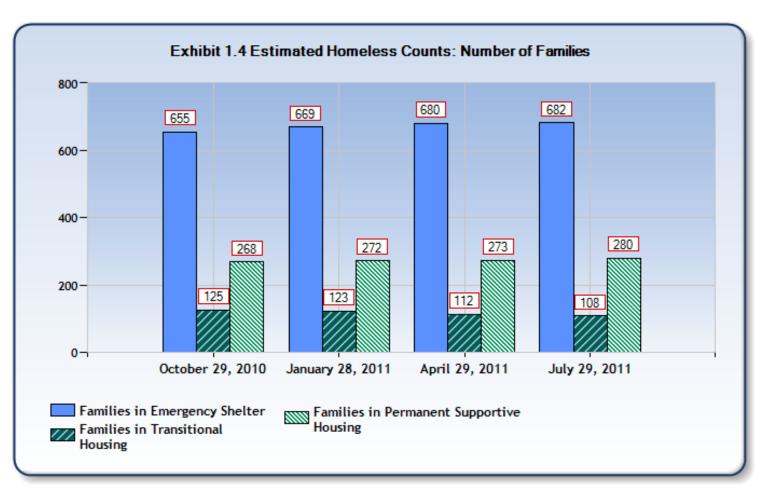
Adding values across categories will double count persons who appeared in multiple types of programs.

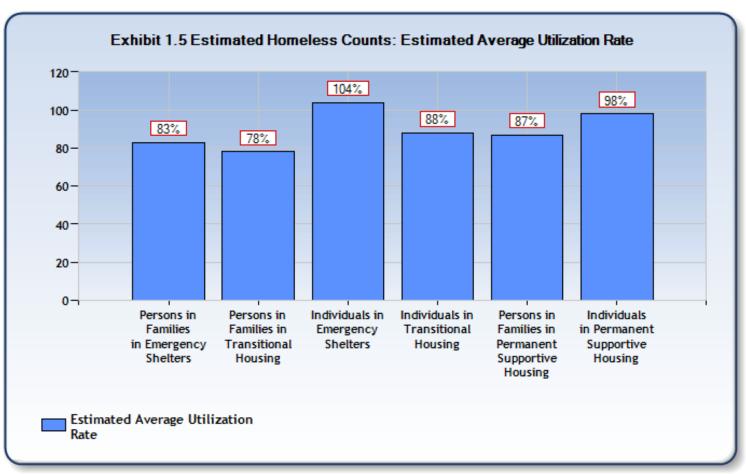
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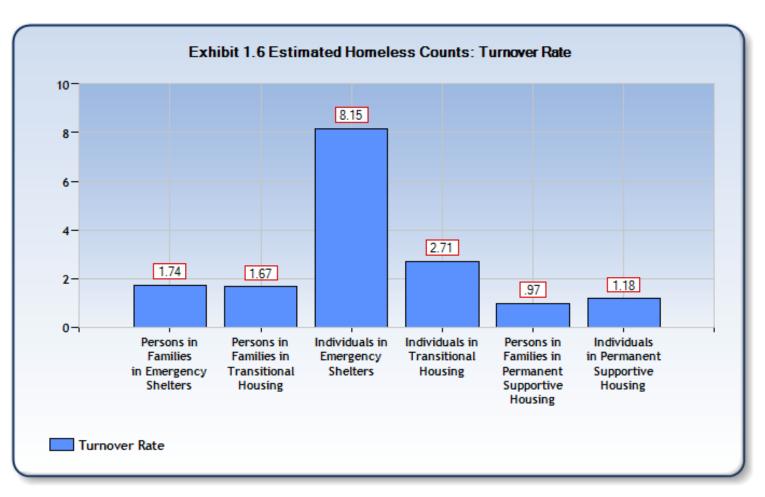
- ² These results are generated by multiplying the HMIS data by the Extrapolation Factor (Step 11, in table 2.)
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- ⁵ These values are generated by multiplying the HMIS data by the Point-In-Time Extrapolation Factor (Step 13, in table 2.)
- ⁶ These results are generated by dividing the HMIS data on persons on an average night by the total beds in HMIS.
- ⁷ These results represent the average number of people who use each bed. It is generated by dividing the unduplicated count of persons recorded in HMIS, by the total number of beds in HMIS
- ⁸ These results are generated by multiplying the HMIS data by the Extrapolation Factor (Step 11, in table 2).
- * This value is generated by multiplying the sum of the extrpolated number of persons in each category by an overlap factor, which accounts for persons who use multiple categories. This value is based on the overlap rates among participating programs and adjusted to account for possible overlap in non-participating providers. In this site the adjustment factor is: For the PIT. These values are generated by adding the point in time counts across categories. It is assumed that persons do not appear in multiple programs on the same night.

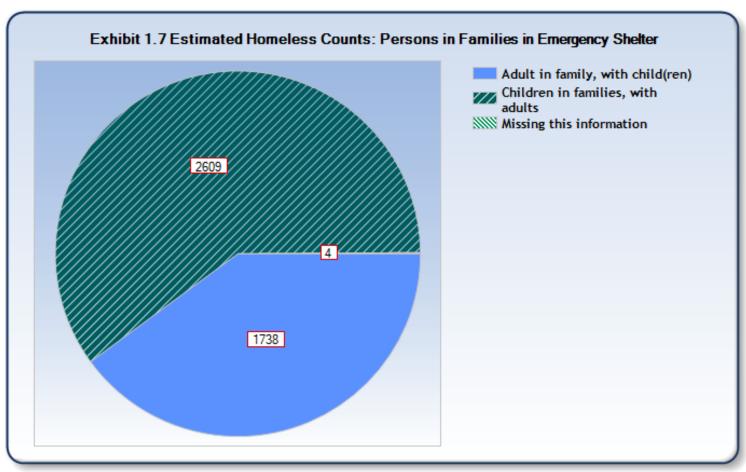
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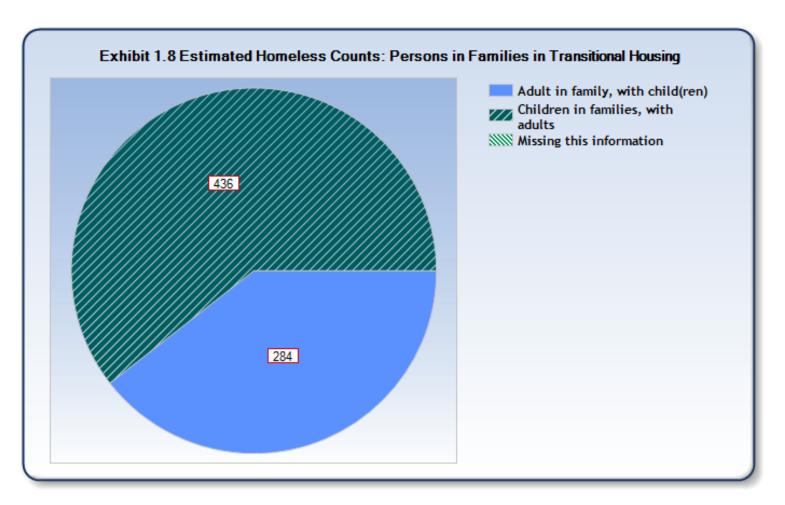


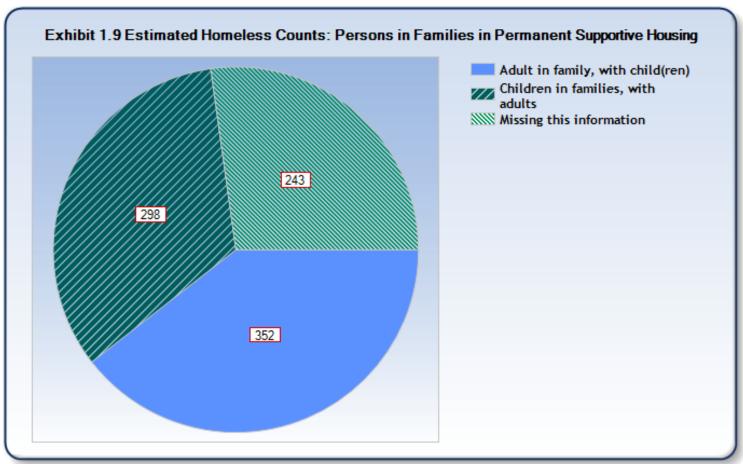


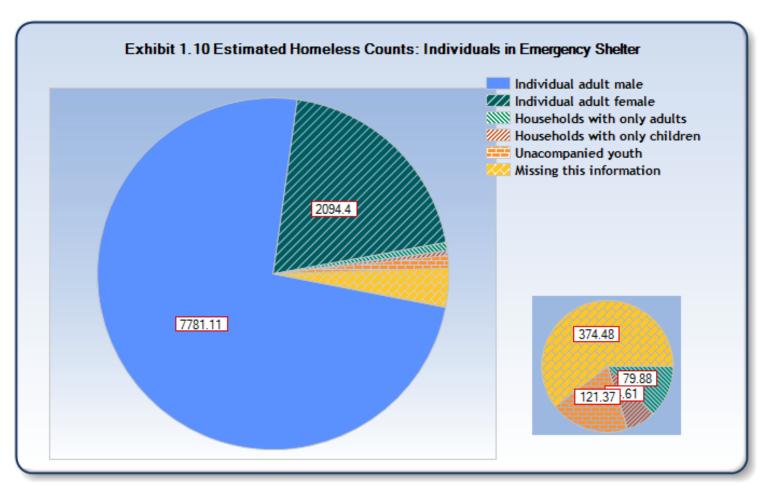


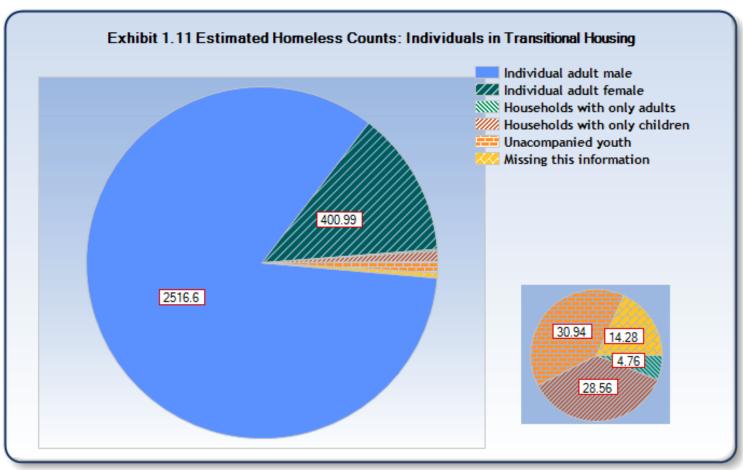












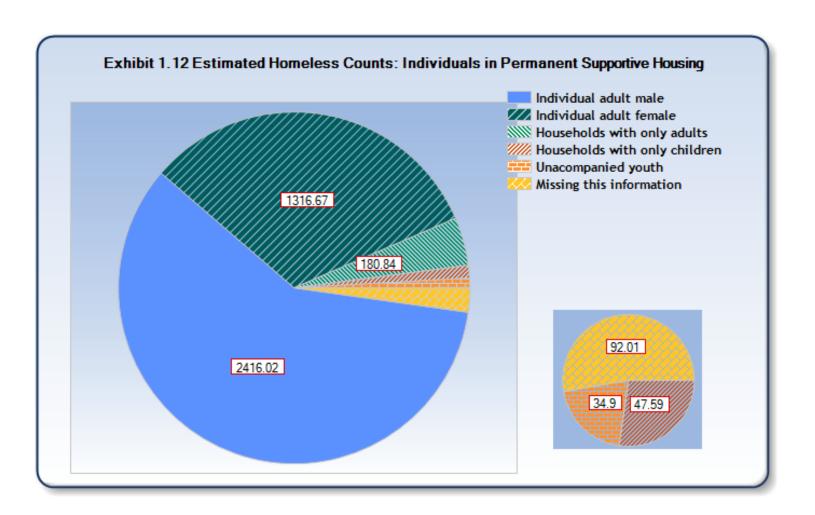


Exhibit 3.1 Demographic Characteristics of Sheltered Homeless Persons

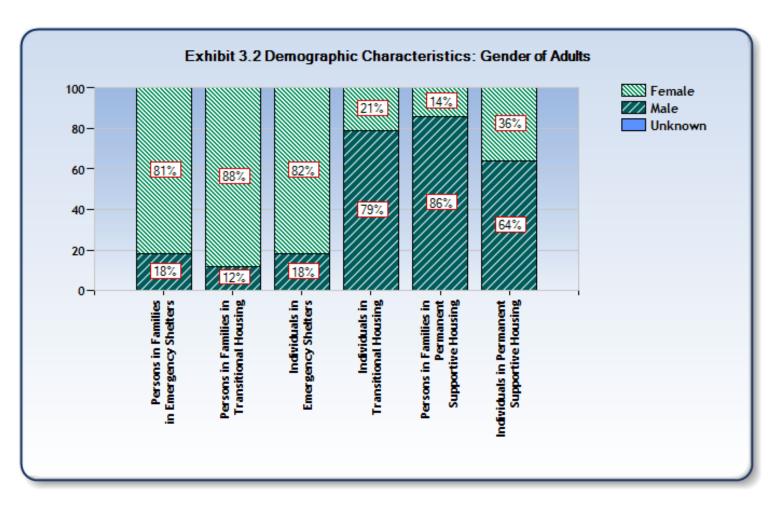
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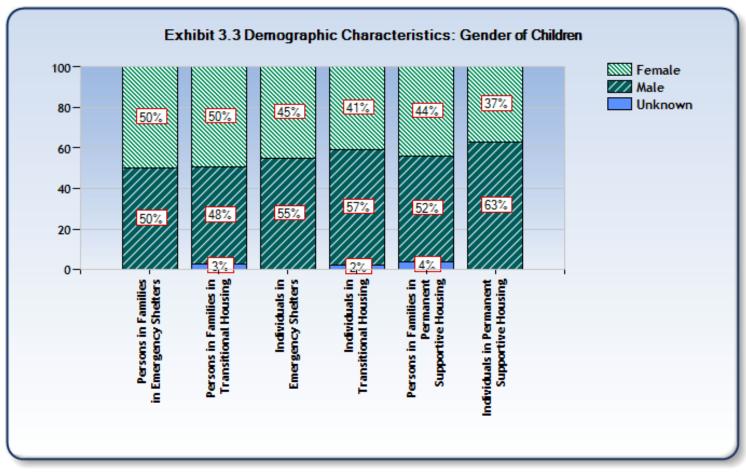
Site: Boston (MA)	ı				1	
Characteristics	Persons in Families in Emergency Shelters	Persons in Families in Transitional Housing	Persons in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing	Individuals in Emergency Shelters	Individuals in Transitional Housing	Individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing
	Shellers	Housing	Housing	Shellers	Housing	nousing
Number of Sheltered Homeless Persons ¹	4,061	550	864	10,118	2,518	2,577
Number of Sheltered Adults ²	1,622	217	341	9,592	2,456	2,465
Number of Sheltered Children	2,435	333	288	160	50	52
Gender of Adults						
Female	81%	88%	82%	21%	14%	36%
Male	18%	12%	18%	79%	86%	64%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Gender of Children						
Female	50%	50%	45%	41%	44%	37%
Male	50%	48%	55%	58%	52%	63%
Unknown	0%	3%	0%	2%	4%	0%
Ethnicity						
Non-Hispanic/non-Latino	56%	58%	64%	75%	85%	84%
Hispanic/Latino	39%	38%	36%	20%	20%	15%
Unknown	5%	4%	0%	5%	2%	1%
Race						
White, non-Hispanic/non-Latino	8%	9%	14%	38%	53%	38%
White, Hispanic/Latino	7%	1%	12%	3%	3%	5%
Black or African American	40%	42%	47%	33%	29%	42%
Asian	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Several races	21%	27%	20%	20%	10%	10%
Unknown	23%	19%	3%	5%	3%	2%
Age						
Under 1	8%	8%	2%	0%	1%	0%
1 to 5	24%	30%	12%	1%	1%	1%
6 to 12	18%	17%	12%	1%	1%	1%
13 to 17	10%	6%	7%	0%	0%	1%
18 to 30	22%	25%	15%	21%	14%	10%
31 to 50	17%	14%	21%	47%	50%	39%
51 to 61	1%	0%	3%	21%	28%	32%
62 and older	0%	0%	0%	6%	6%	15%
Unknown	0%	0%	27%	3%	0%	2%

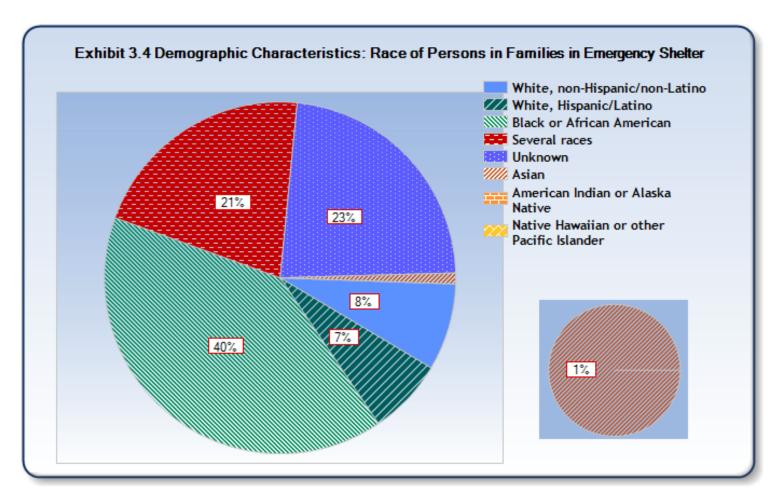
Characteristics	Persons in Families in Emergency Shelters	Persons in Families in Transitional Housing	Persons in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing	Individuals in Emergency Shelters	Individuals in Transitional Housing	Individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing
Persons by Household Size						
1 person	0%	0%	0%	99%	99%	93%
2 persons	29%	42%	26%	1%	1%	5%
3 persons	26%	22%	33%	0%	0%	1%
4 persons	24%	21%	23%	0%	0%	0%
5 or more persons	21%	15%	18%	0%	0%	0%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Veteran (adults only)						
Yes	1%	0%	0%	13%	37%	6%
No	72%	91%	57%	73%	60%	60%
Unknown	28%	9%	43%	14%	2%	33%
Disabled (adults only)						
Yes	12%	12%	42%	61%	80%	65%
No	72%	77%	20%	24%	14%	8%
Unknown	16%	10%	38%	15%	6%	27%

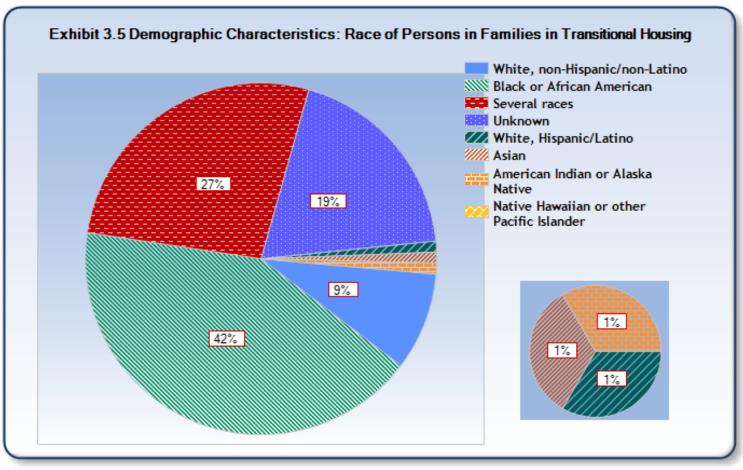
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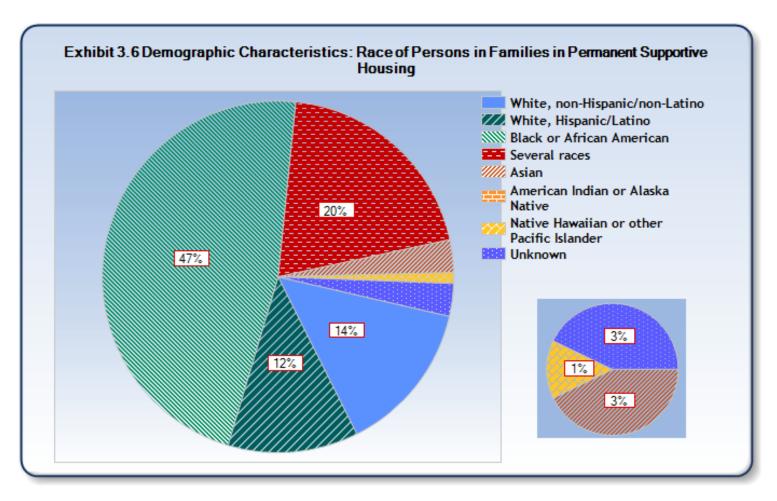
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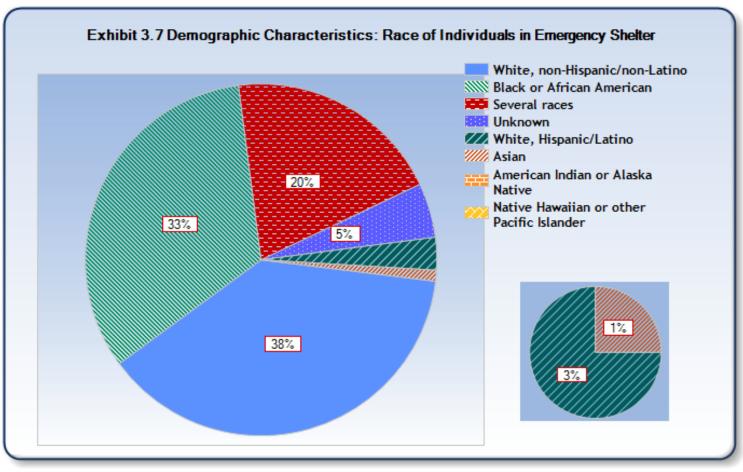


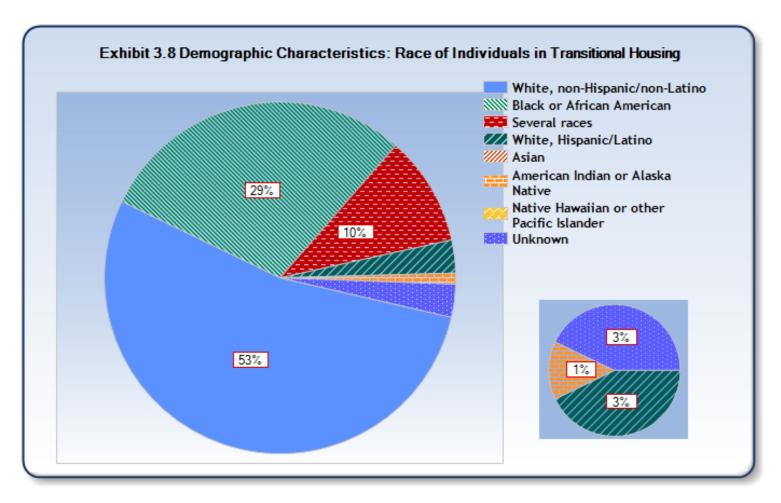


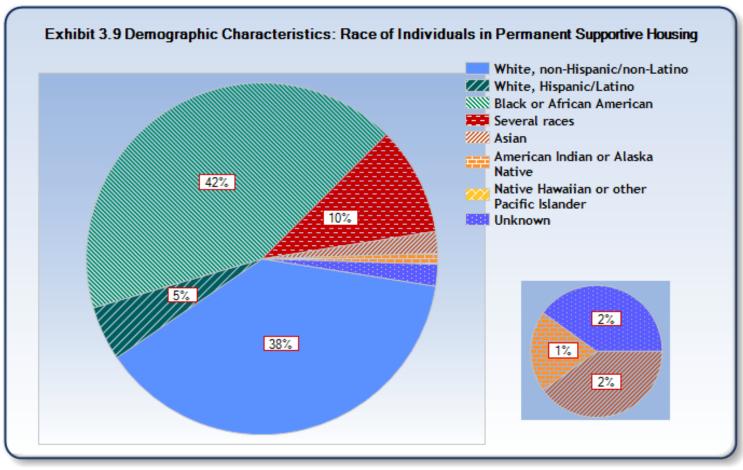


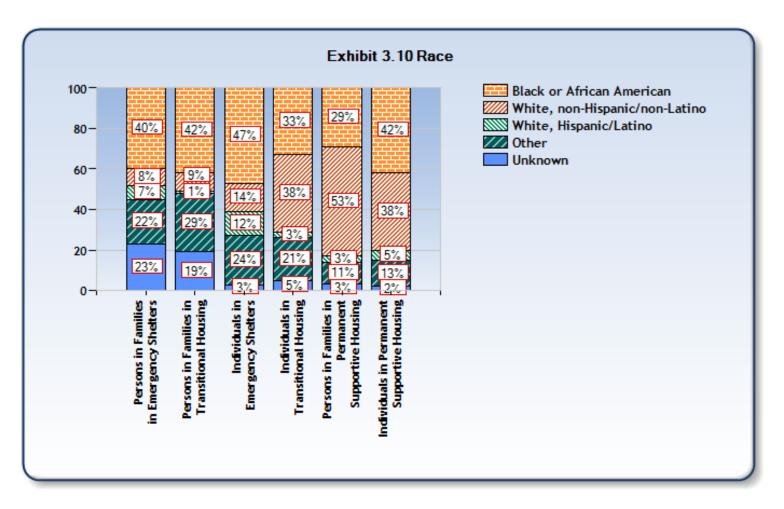


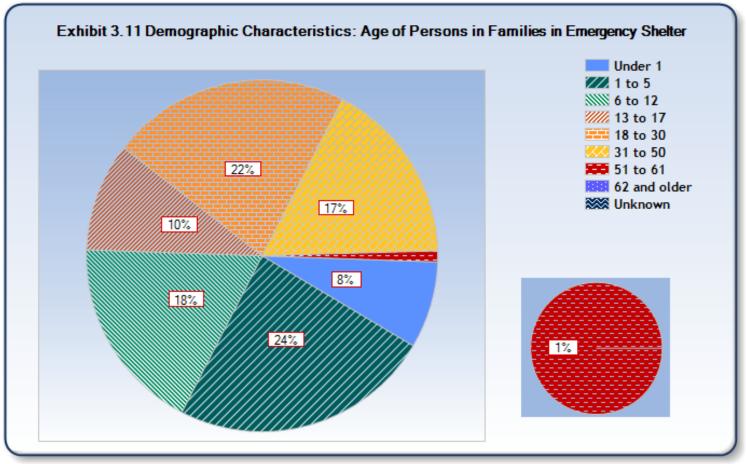


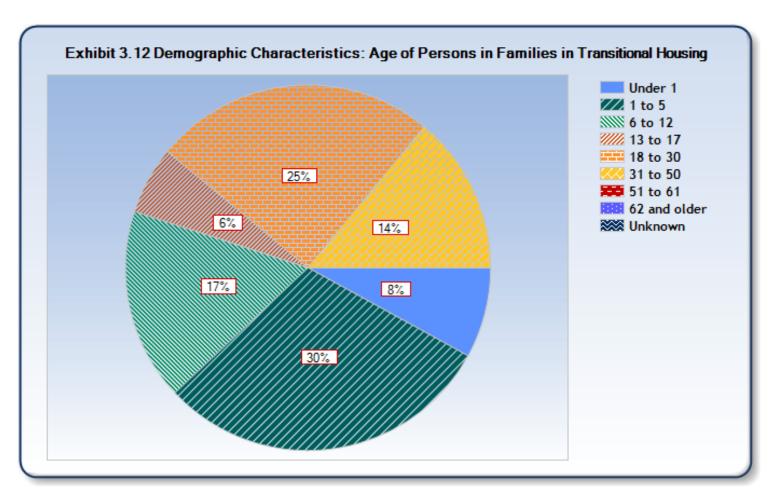


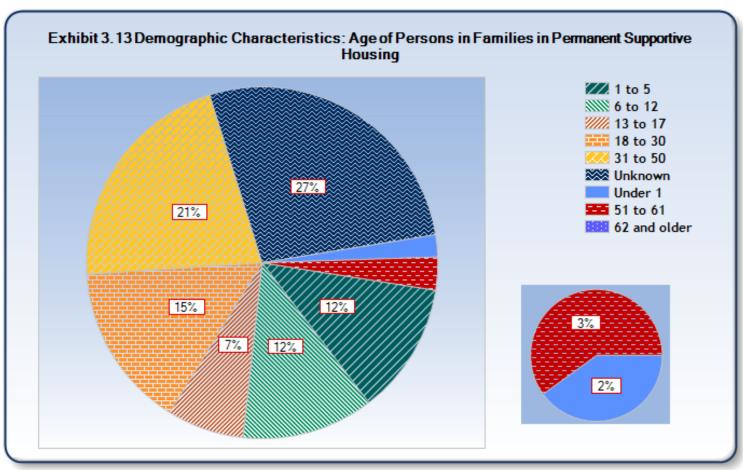


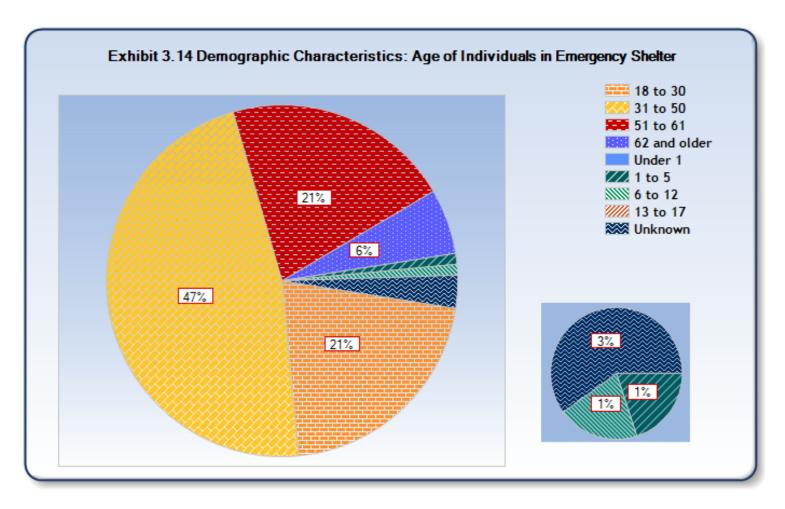


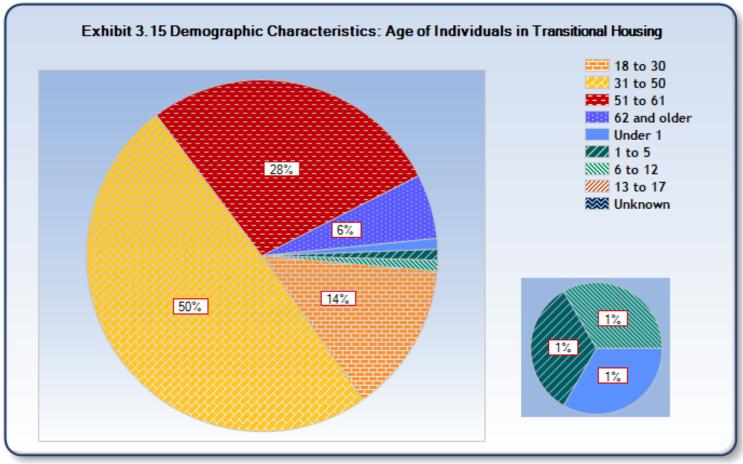


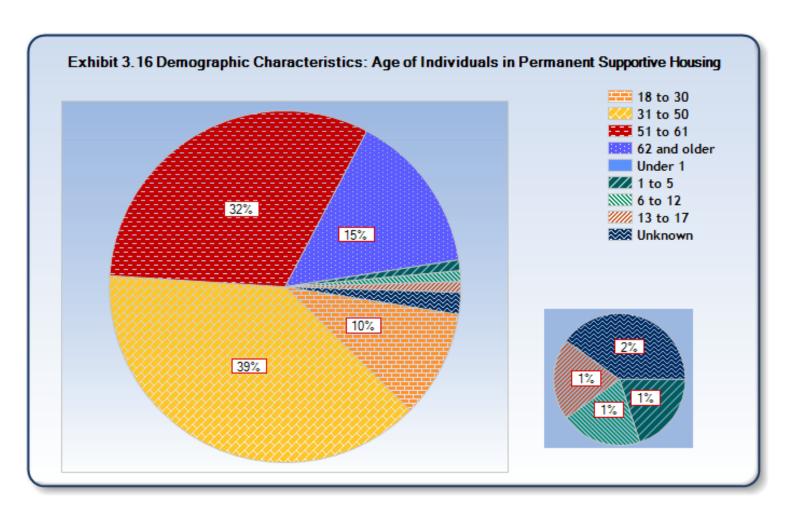


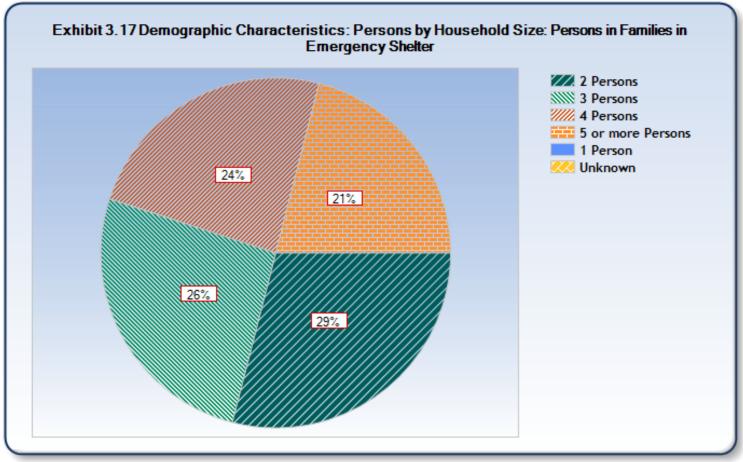


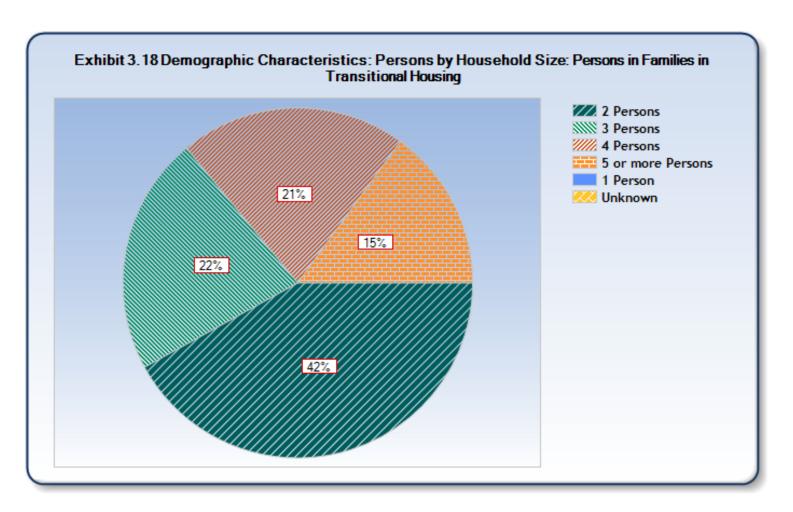


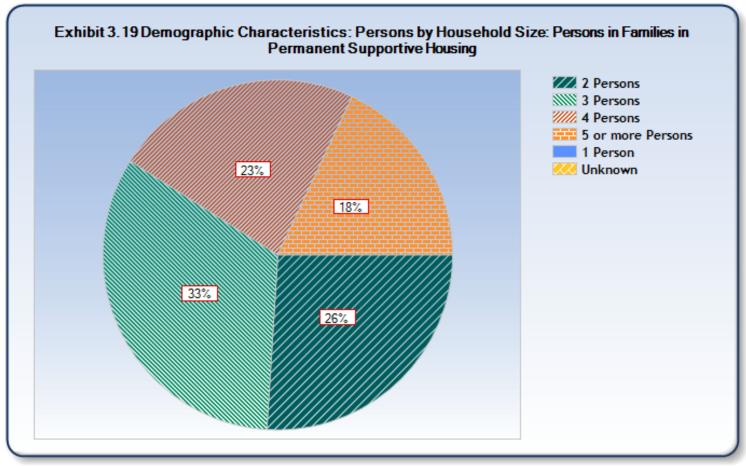


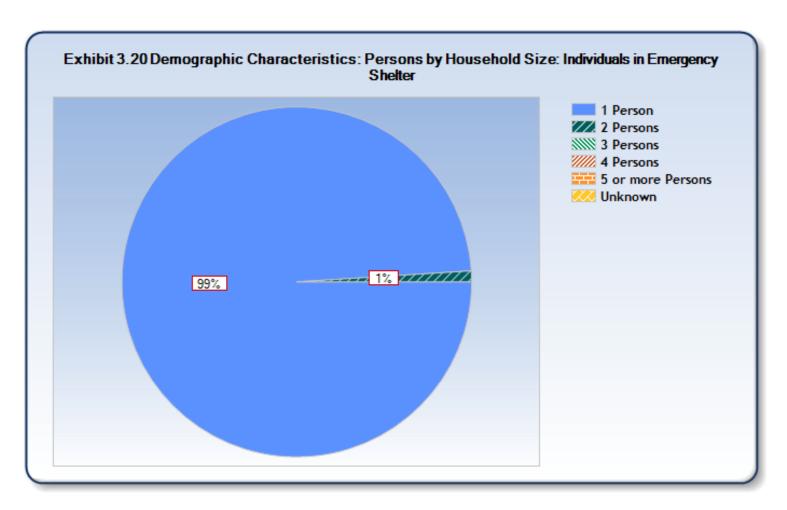


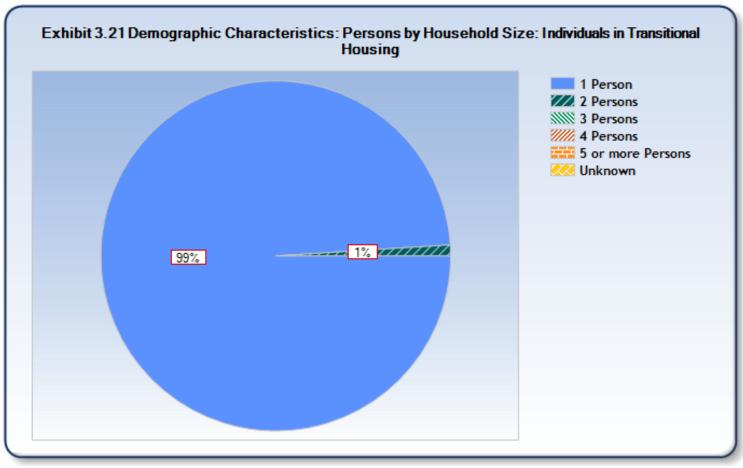


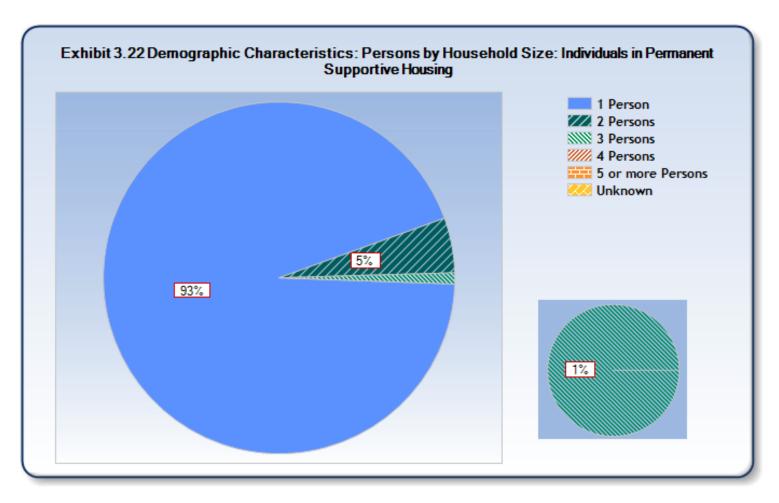


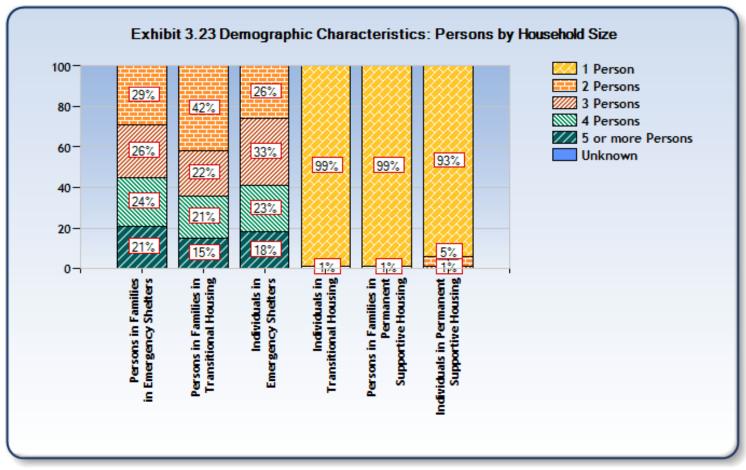


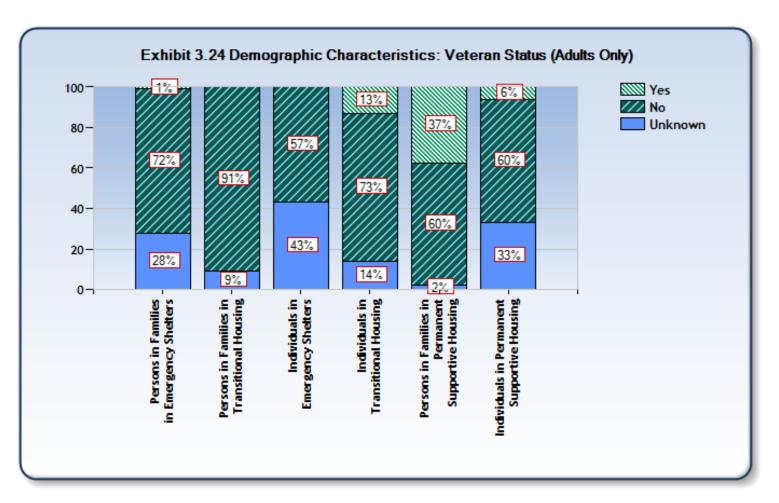












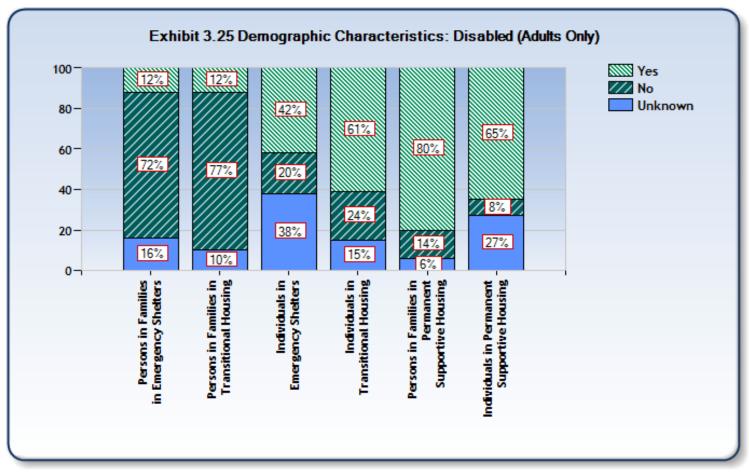
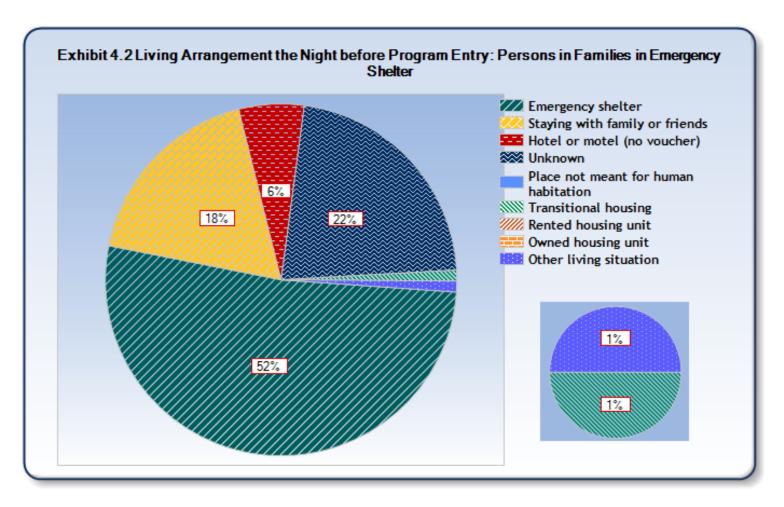
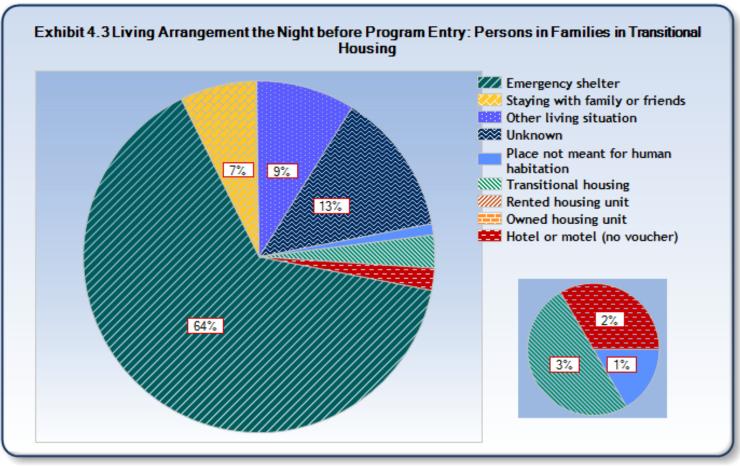


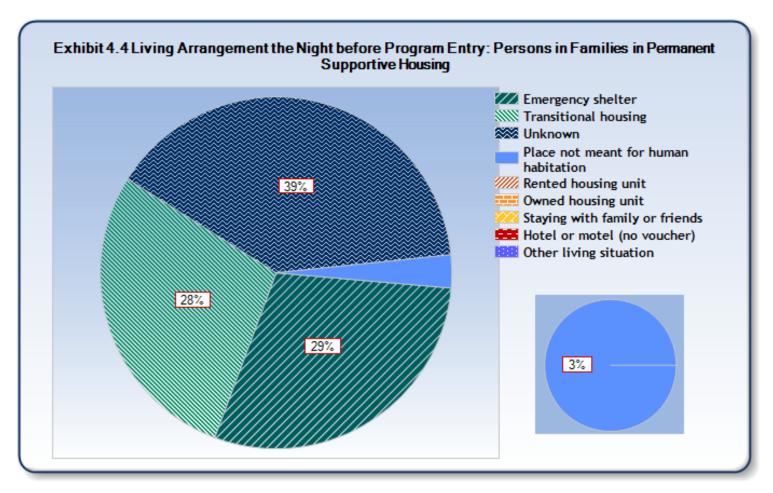
Exhibit 4.1 Prior Living Situation of Persons Using Homeless Residential Services

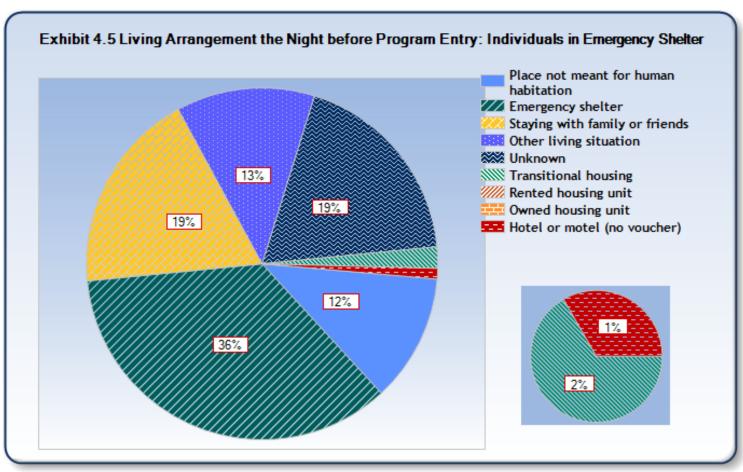
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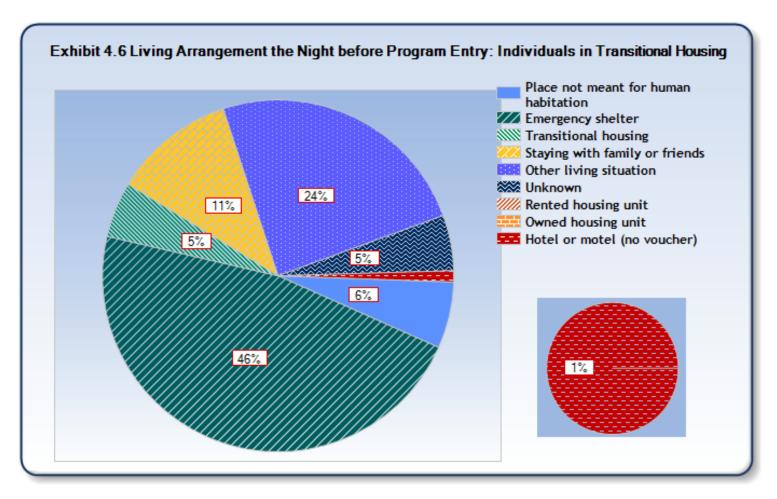
Prior Living Situation	Persons in Families in Emergency Shelters	Persons in Families in Transitional Housing	Persons in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing	Individuals in Emergency Shelters	Individuals in Transitional Housing	Individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing
Number of Sheltered Homeless Persons	4,061	550	864	10,118	2,518	2,577
Living Arrangement the Night before Program Entry						
Total from Homeless Situation						
Place not meant for human habitation	0%	1%	3%	12%	6%	6%
Emergency shelter	52%	64%	29%	36%	46%	48%
Transitional housing	1%	3%	28%	2%	5%	8%
Total from Housing Situation						
Permanent supportive housing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Rented housing unit	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Owned housing unit	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Staying with family or friends	18%	7%	0%	19%	11%	3%
Total from Institutional Settings						
Psychiatric facility	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%
Substance abuse treatment center or detox	0%	9%	0%	4%	17%	1%
Hospital (non-psychiatric)	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%
Jail, prison, or juvenile detention	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%	0%
Total from Other Situations						
Hotel or motel (no voucher)	6%	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%
Foster care home	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other living situation	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Unknown	22%	13%	39%	19%	5%	30%
Stability of Previous Night's Living Arrangements						
Stayed 1 week or less	14%	11%	0%	25%	32%	1%
Stayed more than 1 week, but less than a month	14%	12%	2%	9%	9%	2%
Stayed 1 to 3 months	18%	20%	10%	12%	13%	9%
Stayed more than 3 months, but less than a year	22%	22%	15%	11%	16%	15%
Stayed 1 year or longer	9%	16%	30%	25%	22%	36%
Unknown	23%	20%	42%	19%	8%	37%
Zip Code of Last Permanent Address						
Same jurisdiction as program locator	46%	41%	15%	32%	30%	25%
Different jurisdiction than program locator	27%	36%	46%	54%	65%	43%
Unknown	26%	23%	39%	14%	5%	32%

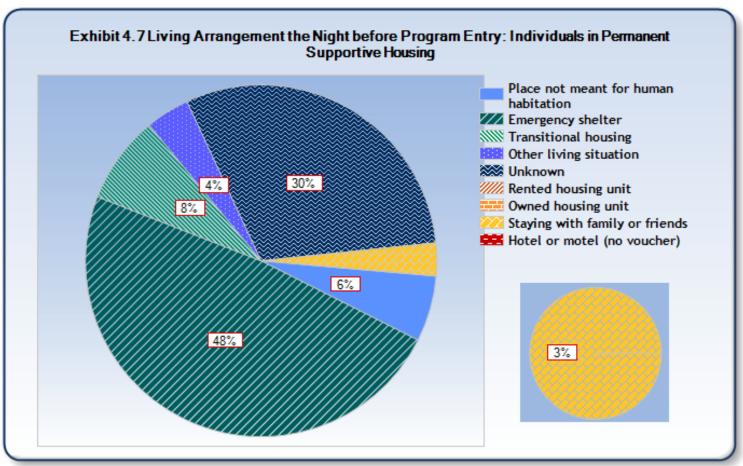


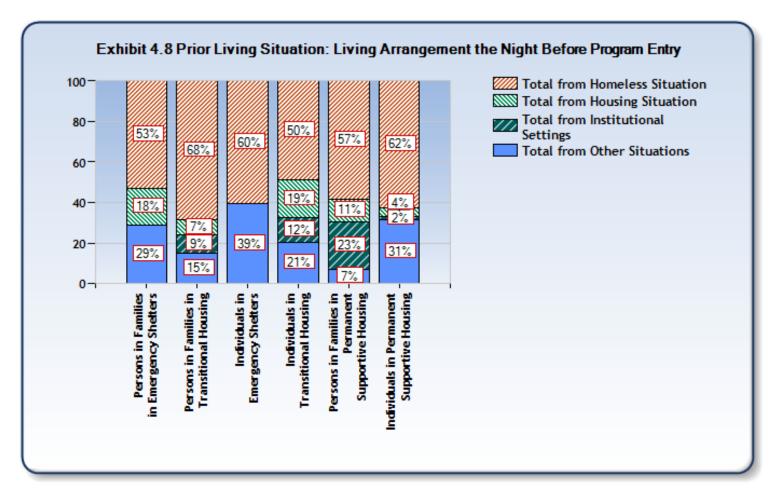






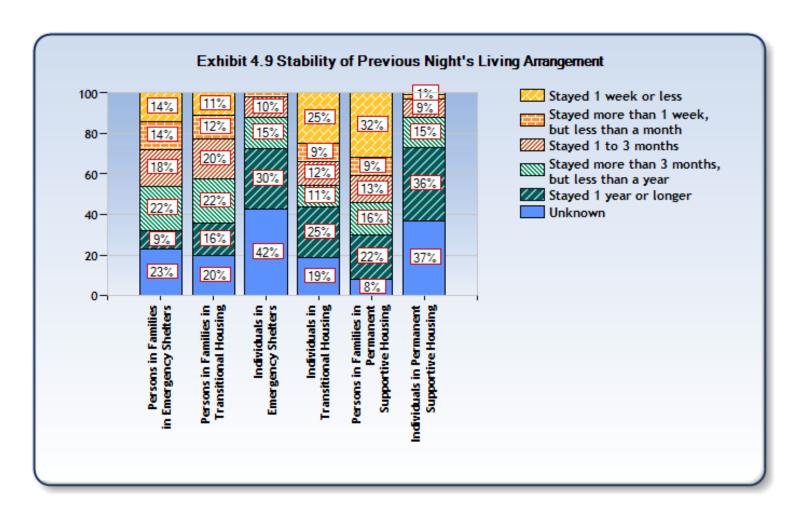






Other Situations: Hotel or motel (no voucher), Foster care home, Other living situation, Unknown Institutional Settings: Psychiatric facility, Substance abuse treatment center or detox, hospital (non-psychiatric), Jail, prison or juvenile detention

Housing Situation: Permanent supportive housing, Rented housing unit, Owned housing unit, Staying with family or friends *Homeless Situation:* Place not meant for human habitation, Emergency shelter, Transitional housing



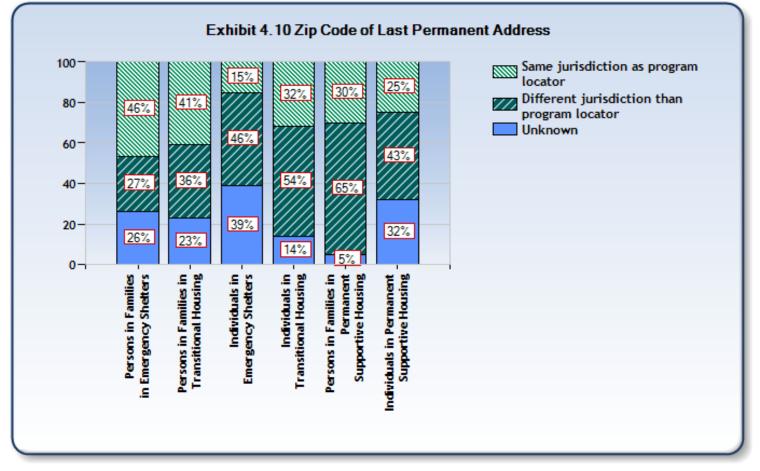


Exhibit 4.1 Length of Stay in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing for Persons

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Length of Stay	%	Cum. %	%	Cum. %	%	Cum. %	%	Cum. %	%	Cum. %	%	Cum. %
A week or less	6%	6%	4%	4%	0%	0%	49%	49%	12%	12%	1%	1%
1 wk. to 1 month	8%	14%	13%	17%	2%	3%	19%	67%	18%	30%	2%	3%
1 - 3 months	21%	35%	16%	33%	1%	4%	15%	82%	24%	55%	5%	8%
3 - 6 months	22%	57%	21%	55%	5%	9%	9%	92%	19%	73%	8%	16%
6 - 9 months	13%	70%	19%	73%	4%	12%	4%	96%	12%	85%	9%	25%
9 - 12 months	30%	100%	27%	100%	88%	100%	4%	100%	15%	100%	75%	100%
Unknown	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%

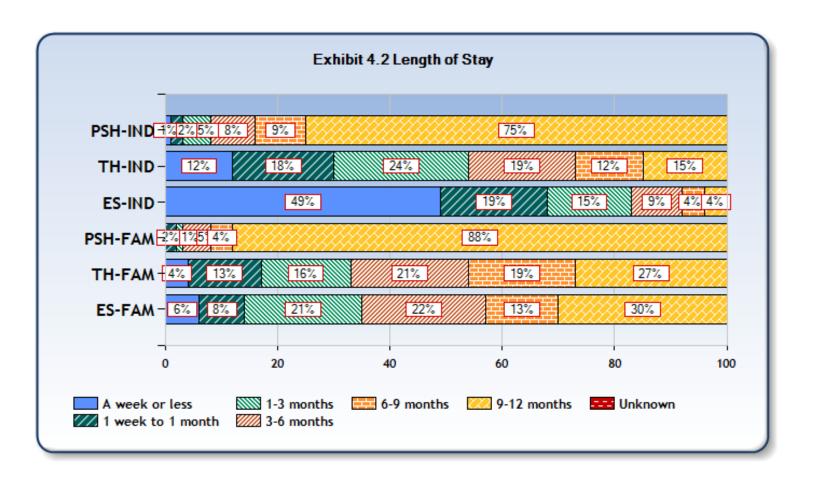


Exhibit 6.1 Long-term Stay Demographic Characteristics: Emergency Shelter Stay of More Than 180 Days

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Characteristics	Percentage of All Sheltered Homeless Persons in Families	Percentage of All Persons in Families Who Are Long-Stayers	Percentage of All Sheltered Homeless Individuals	Percentage of All Individuals Who Are Long-Stayers
Number of Homeless Persons	4,061	1,726	10,118	831
Gender of Adults				
Female	81%	80%	21%	25%
Male	18%	20%	79%	75%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%
Gender of Children				
Female	50%	50%	41%	48%
Male	50%	50%	58%	52%
Unknown	0%	0%	2%	0%
Ethnicity				
Non-Hispanic/non-Latino	56%	57%	75%	74%
Hispanic/Latino	39%	41%	20%	23%
Unknown	5%	2%	5%	3%
Race				
White, non-Hispanic/non-Latino	8%	9%	38%	31%
White, Hispanic/Latino	7%	8%	3%	4%
Black or African American	40%	42%	33%	38%
Asian	1%	1%	1%	2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%	0%	0%	0%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0%	0%	0%	0%
Several Races	21%	14%	20%	17%
Unknown	23%	26%	5%	8%
Age				
Under 1	8%	5%	0%	0%
1 - 5	24%	24%	1%	2%
6 - 12	18%	21%	1%	4%
13-17	10%	13%	0%	1%
18 - 30	22%	17%	21%	13%
31 - 50	17%	20%	47%	39%
51 - 61	1%	1%	21%	39%
62 and older	0%		6%	
Unknown	0%	0%	3%	2%

Characteristics	Percentage of All Sheltered Homeless Persons in Families	Percentage of All Persons in Families Who Are Long-Stayers	Percentage of All Sheltered Homeless Individuals	Percentage of All Individuals Who Are Long-Stayers
Persons by Household Size				
1 person	0%	0%	99%	94%
2 persons	29%	21%	1%	5%
3 persons	26%	25%	0%	1%
4 persons	24%	28%	0%	0%
5 or more persons	21%	27%	0%	0%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%
Number of Homeless Adults	1,622	641	9,592	754
Veteran (adults only)				
Yes	1%	1%	13%	10%
No	72%	77%	73%	83%
Unknown	28%	23%	14%	7%
Disabled (adults only)				
Yes	12%	11%	61%	60%
No	72%	75%	24%	33%
Unknown	16%	14%	15%	7%

