

## **Sheltered Homeless Veterans**

in

**Boston (MA)** 

10/1/2011 - 9/30/2012

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
Submitted for the
Department of Housing and Urban Development's
2012 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress

#### Introduction

This report on sheltered homeless veterans is based on local data submitted to the 2012 Annual Homeless Assessment Report Veteran Supplemental Report (AHAR-VET). The AHAR Veteran Supplemental Report is a report to the U.S. Congress on the extent and nature of homeless veterans 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 veterans, service use patterns, and the capacity to house homeless veterans. Once published, the 2012 AHAR Veteran Supplemental Report will be found on HUD's Homeless Resource Exchange (<a href="http://www.hudhre.info">http://www.hudhre.info</a>).

The AHAR Veterans 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 veterans who used emergency shelter, transitional housing or permanent supportive housing programs during the 12-month period between Saturday, October 1, 2011 to Sunday, September 30, 2012. The data are collected in six categories: Veterans in Families in Emergency Shelter, Veterans in Families in Transitional Housing, Veterans in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing and Veterans in Permanent Supportive Housing

All data are based on unduplicated counts, such that each veteran is counted only once, regardless of how many different programs the veteran used. Data on length of stay represent the cumulative length of stay for each veteran 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 veterans and veterans 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.

Communities that submitted useable data to the 2012 AHAR were eligible to submit data to the AHAR-VET report. 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 veterans 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 veterans also used emergency shelter or transitional housing.

The report includes the following sections:

The Demographic Characteristics of Sheltered Homeless Veterans table provides the percentage of veterans reported in category by gender of adults, ethnicity, race, age, veterans 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 Veterans 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 Veterans and Veterans in Families table shows the percentage breakdown of length of stay for veterans 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 veterans in families, all sheltered veterans in families who are long-term stayers, all sheltered homeless veterans, and all sheltered veterans who are long-term stayers. Demographic information is given for gender of adults, ethnicity, age, veterans by household size and disability status (adults only). Graphs for each category are below the table.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 veterans, including those in multi-person households consisting of only adults or only children, are reported as single veterans.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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<sup>1</sup>

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	Veterans in Families in Emergency Shelters	Veterans in Families in Transitional Housing	Veterans in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing	Veterans in Emergency Shelters	Veterans in Transitional Housing	Veterans in Permanent Supportive Housing	Estimated Total Number of Homeless Veterans Across Reporting Categories*
	Total Estima	ated Yearly Co	ount <sup>2</sup>				
Estimated Total Count for Period				1,278	1,108	163	2,549
		Point-in-	Time Counts	3			
Estimated Total on an Average Night				104	324	138	566
On a single night in							
October 2011				120	303	140	563
January 2012				132	318	136	586
April 2012				100	335	140	575
July 2012				82	351	138	571
1 year count (October 1- September 30)		Number	r of Families <sup>4</sup>				
Point-in-Time Counts <sup>5</sup>							
October 29, 2011							
January 28, 2012							
April 29, 2012							
July 29, 2012							
	Esti	mated Utilizat	ion and Turno	ver Rates			
Estimated Average Utilization Rate <sup>6</sup>				400%	98%	234%	
Turnover Rate <sup>7</sup>				49.15	3.37	2.76	
	Es	stimated Coun	ts by Househol	ld Type <sup>8</sup>			
Individual adult male				1,230	1,064	150	
Individual adult female				49	42	11	
Adult in family, with child(ren)							
Households with only adults				0	0	2	
Missing this information				0	0	0	

## **Exhibit 1.2 Detailed Derivation of Estimated Homeless Count**<sup>1</sup>

Reporting Year: 10/1/2011 - 9/30/2012

Step	Description	Source	Veterans in Families in Emergency Shelters	Veterans in Families in Transitional Housing	Veterans in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing	Veterans in Emergency Shelters	Veterans in Transitional Housing	Veterans in Permanent Supportive Housing	
	Unduplicated number of veterans in participating in HMIS	HMIS data from providers that participate in HMIS	8	2	3	1,278	1,020	163	Veterans
2	Number of veteran designated, year-round equivalent beds in HMIS (i.e., bed capacity for participating providers)	SuperNOFA Housing Inventory Chart	0	0	0	26	303	59	Beds
3	Average number of clients served per bed	Step 1 ÷ Step 2				49.15	3.37	2.76	Veterans per Bed
4	Number of veteran designated, year-round equivalent beds not participating in HMIS (i.e., bed capacity for non- participating providers)	Housing Inventory	0	0	0	0	28	0	Beds
5	Estimated unduplicated number of veterans served by providers that do not participate in HMIS	Step 3 x Step 4				0	94	0	Veterans
	Estimated number of veterans served by participating and non- participating Providers. Note								

6	that this estimate double counts people who use participating and non- participating providers. This double count will be eliminated by the overlap adjustment below.	Step 1 + Step 5				1,278	1,114	163	Veterans
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)				0.00	0.01	0.00	is overlap factor
8	Number of veterans who used more than one HMIS participating provider in the category	HMIS data from providers that participate in HMIS	3	1	0	888	789	35	Veterans
9	Estimated number of veterans in families that used both participating and non-participating providers	Step 7 x Step 8				0	7	0	is overlap (cross-over) adjustment
10	Total estimate of number veterans that used either HMIS participating or non- participating Emergency Shelter	Step 6 – Step 9				1,278	1,108	163	Veterans

St	ep Description	Source	Veterans in Families in Emergency Shelters	Veterans in Families in Transitional Housing	Veterans in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing	Veterans in Emergency Shelters	Veterans in Transitional Housing	Veterans 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 veterans served by participating and non- participating providers.	Step 10 ÷ Step 1				1.0000	1.0858	1.0000	is the extrapolation factor for non- participating providers.
1	2 HMIS bed coverage rate	Step 2 ÷ (Step 2 + Step 4)				100%	92%	100%	% 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 veterans 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				1.0000	1.0924	1.0000	is the extrapolation factor for point-in-time counts.

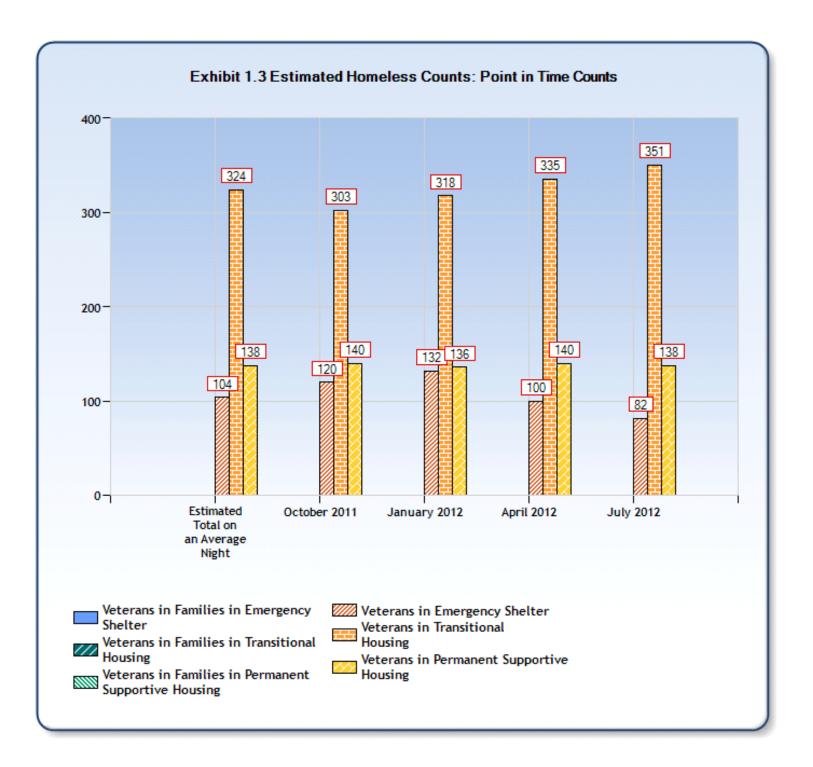
veterans using multiple providers.

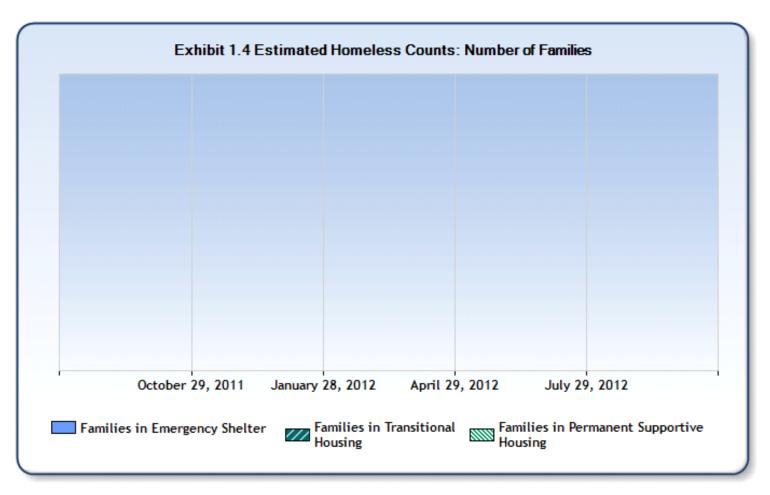
Adding values across categories will double count veterans who appeared in multiple types of programs.

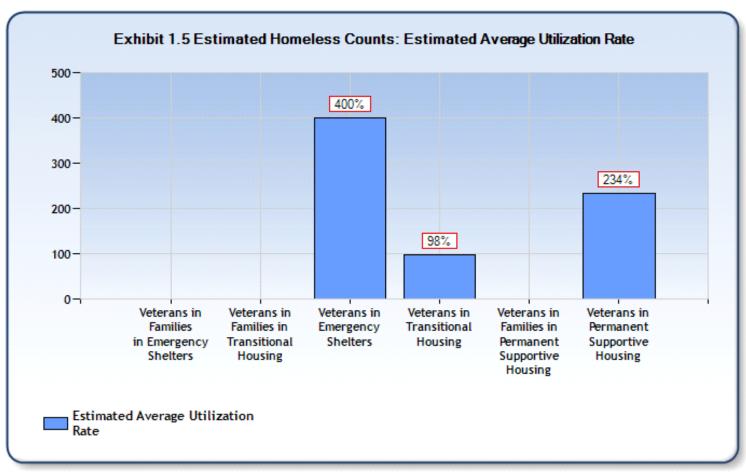
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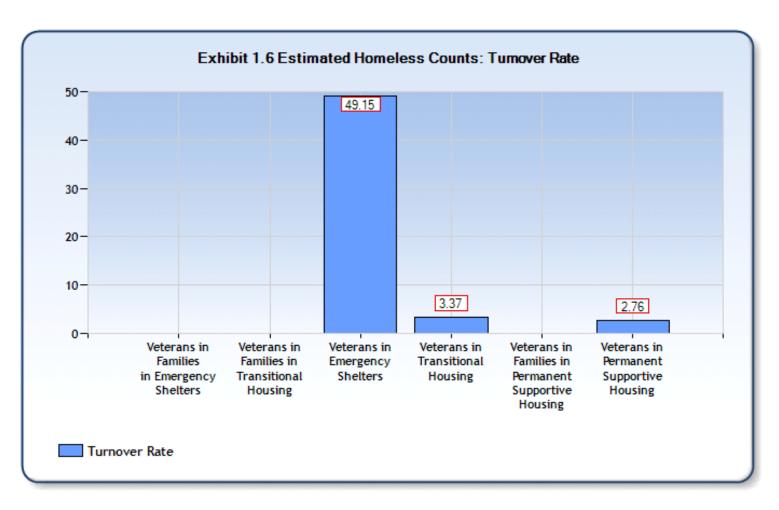
- <sup>2</sup> These results are generated by multiplying the HMIS data by the Extrapolation Factor (Step 11, in table 2.)
- <sup>3</sup> These values are generated by multiplying the HMIS data by the Point-In-Time Extrapolation Factor (Step 13, in table 2.)
- <sup>4</sup> These results are generated by multiplying the HMIS data by the Extrapolation Factor (Step 11, in table 2.)
- <sup>5</sup> These values are generated by multiplying the HMIS data by the Point-In-Time Extrapolation Factor (Step 13, in table 2.)
- <sup>6</sup> These results are generated by dividing the HMIS data on veterans on an average night by the total beds in HMIS.
- <sup>7</sup> These results represent the average number of people who use each bed. It is generated by dividing the unduplicated count of veterans recorded in HMIS, by the total number of beds in HMIS
- <sup>8</sup> 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 veterans in each category by an overlap factor, which accounts for veterans 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 veterans do not appear in multiple programs on the same night.

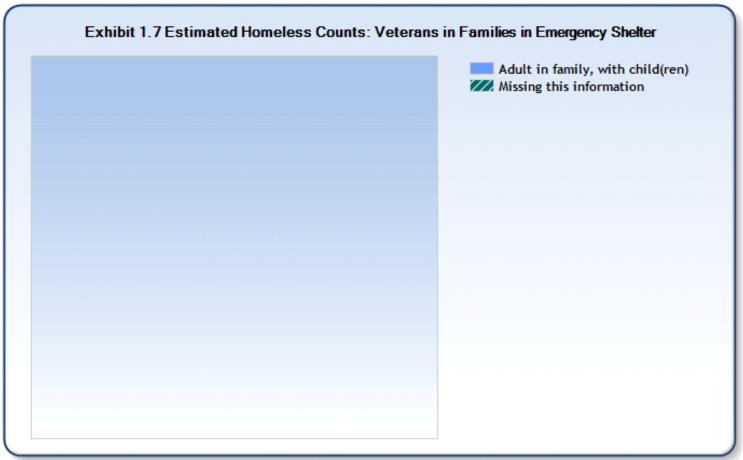
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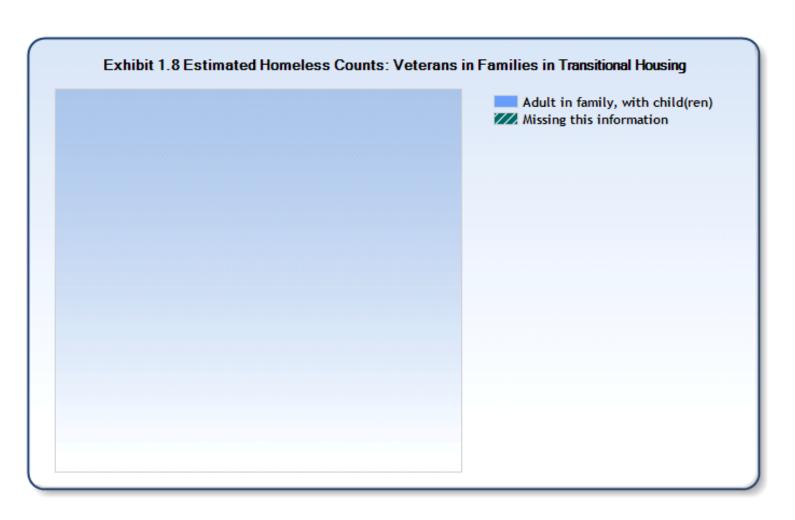




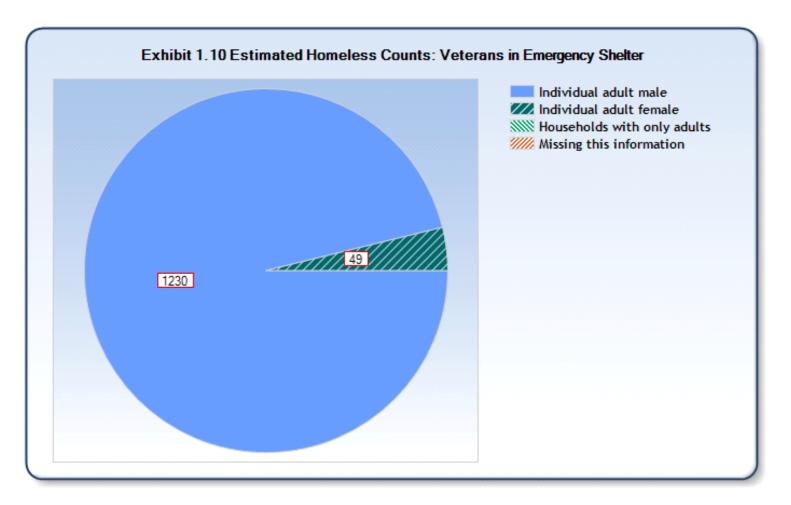


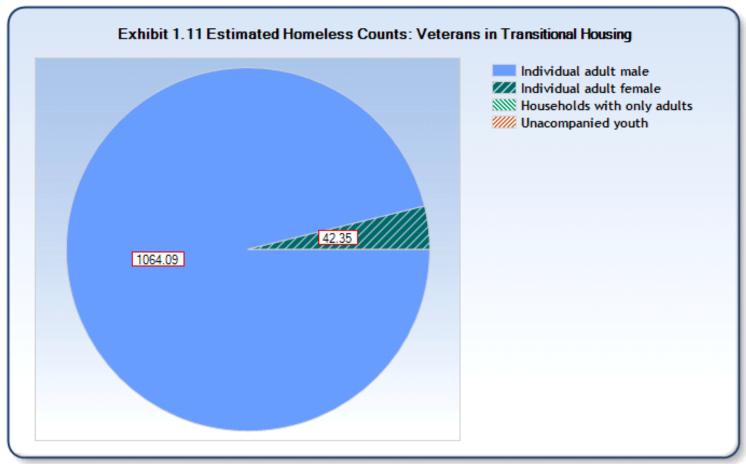


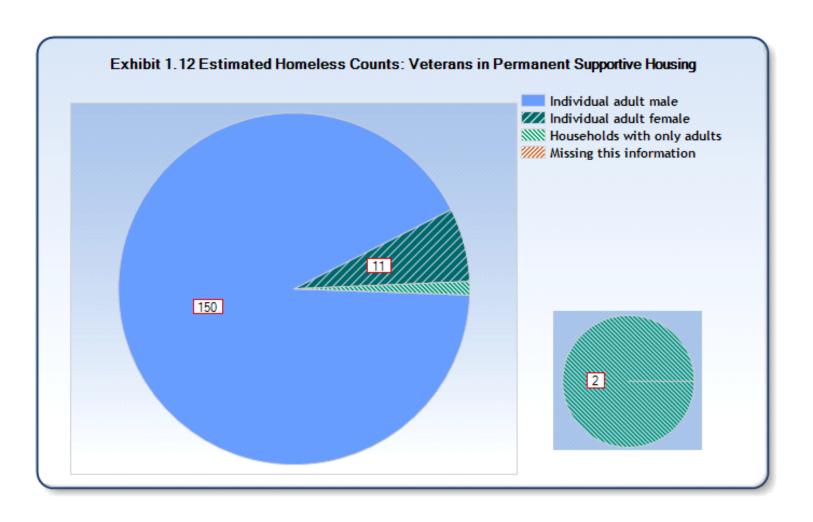












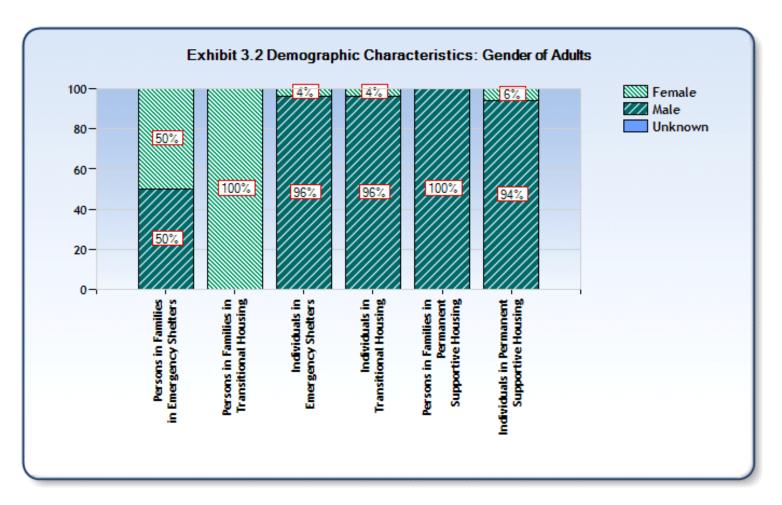
### **Exhibit 3.1 Demographic Characteristics of Sheltered Homeless Persons**

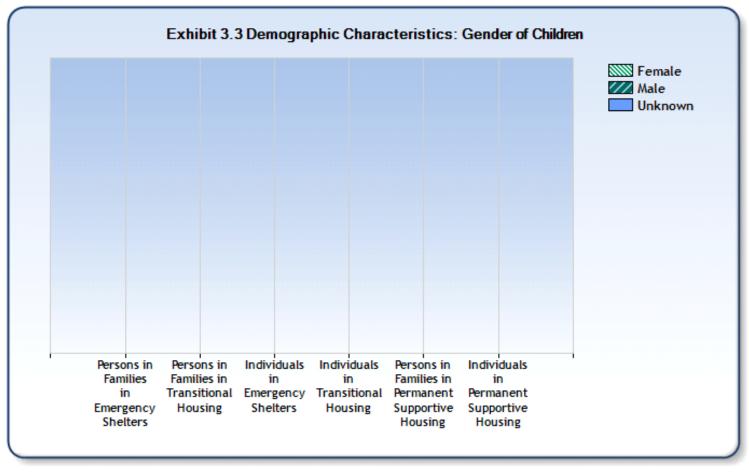
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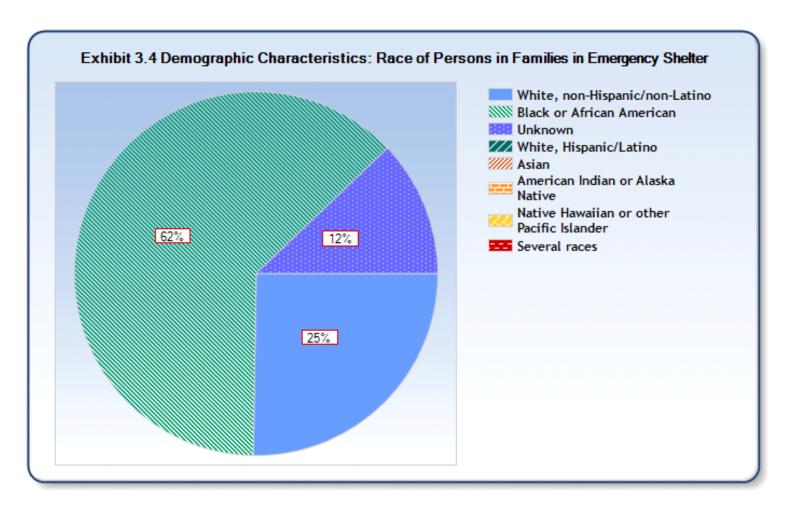
Characteristics	Persons in Families in Emergency Shelters	Persons in Families in Transitional Housing	Persons in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing	Individuals in Emergency Shelters	Individuals in Transitional Housing	Individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing
Number of Sheltered Homeless						
Persons <sup>1</sup>	8	2	3	1,278	1,020	163
Gender of Adults						
Female	50%	100%	0%	4%	4%	6%
Male	50%	0%	100%	96%	96%	94%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Ethnicity						
Non-Hispanic/non-Latino	88%	100%	100%	93%	94%	92%
Hispanic/Latino	13%	0%	0%	7%	7%	8%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Race						
White, non-Hispanic/non-Latino	25%	50%	100%	62%	66%	56%
White, Hispanic/Latino	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%	4%
Black or African American	63%	50%	0%	29%	25%	31%
Asian	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Several races	0%	0%	0%	5%	4%	6%
Unknown	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Age						
18 to 30	13%	100%	0%	8%	7%	0%
31 to 50	75%	0%	33%	37%	39%	25%
51 to 61	13%	0%	67%	43%	41%	50%
62 and older	0%	0%	0%	12%	12%	25%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

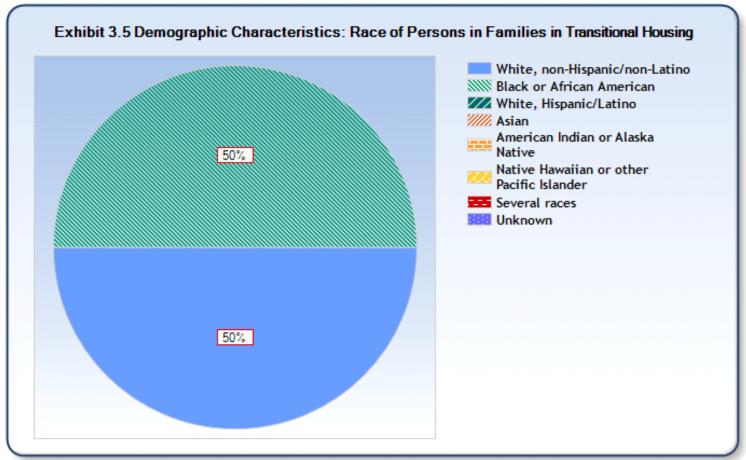
Characteristics	Persons in Families in Emergency Shelters	Persons in Families in Transitional Housing	Persons in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing	Individuals in Emergency Shelters	Individuals in Transitional Housing	Individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing
Persons by Household Size						
1 person	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%	99%
2 persons	13%	50%	33%	0%	0%	1%
3 persons	38%	50%	33%	0%	0%	0%
4 persons	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5 or more persons	50%	0%	33%	0%	0%	0%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Veteran (adults only)						
Yes	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Disabled (adults only)						
Yes	50%	50%	100%	80%	83%	96%
No	50%	50%	0%	8%	3%	3%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	13%	14%	1%

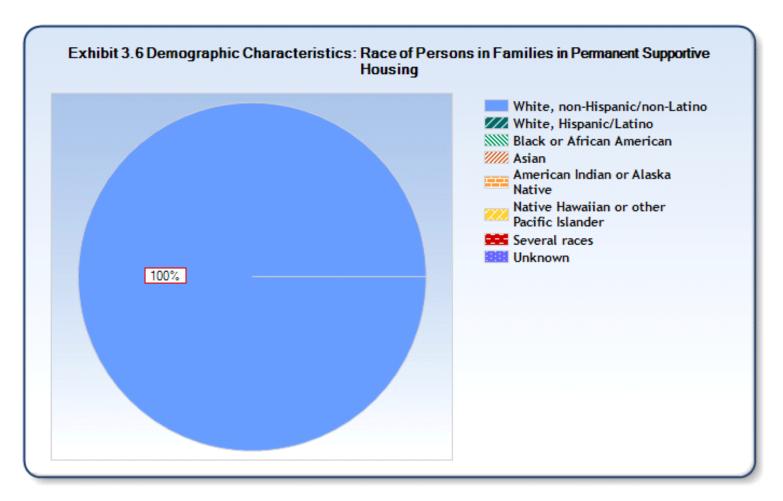
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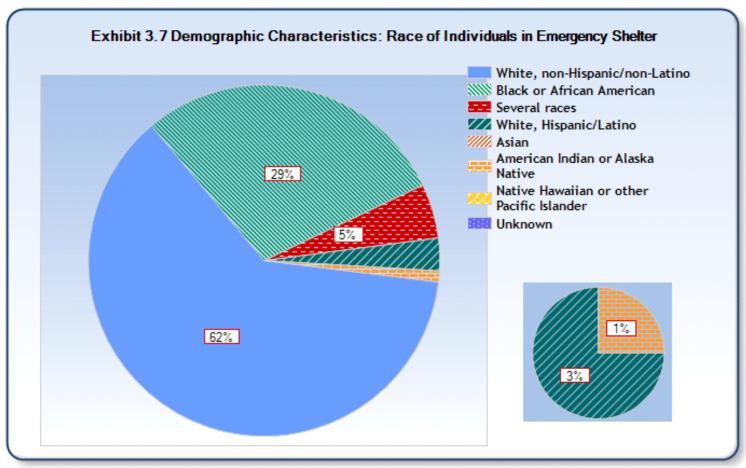


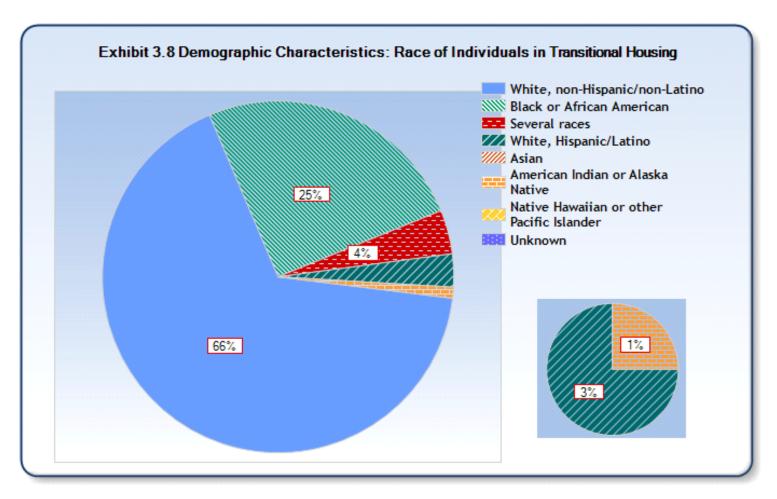


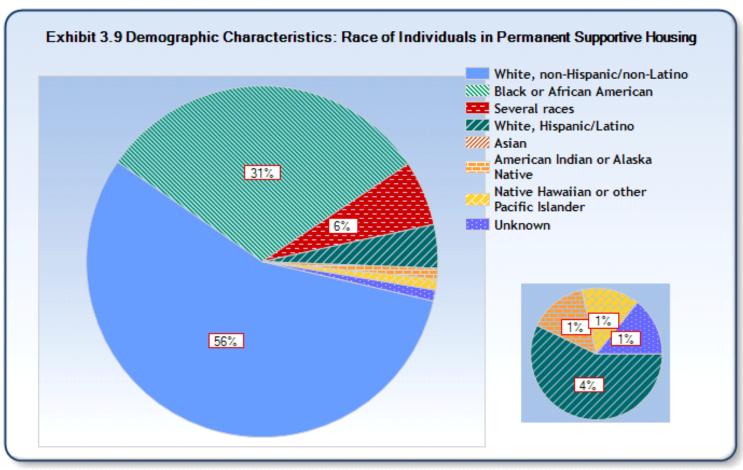


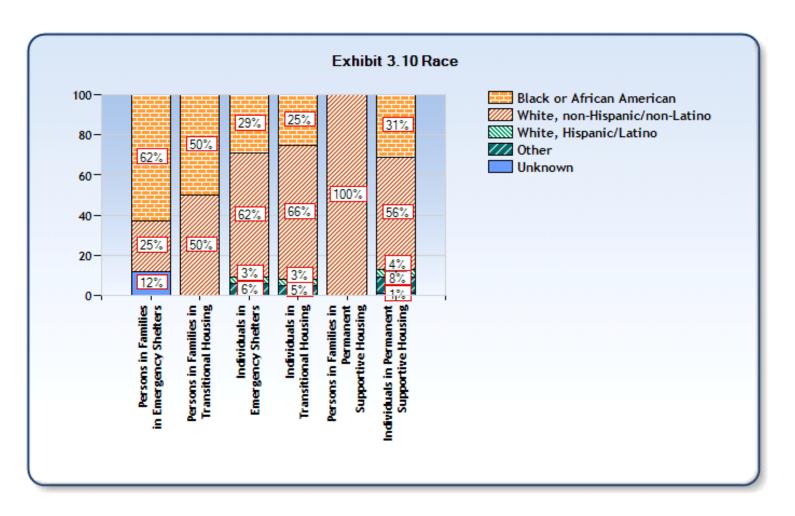


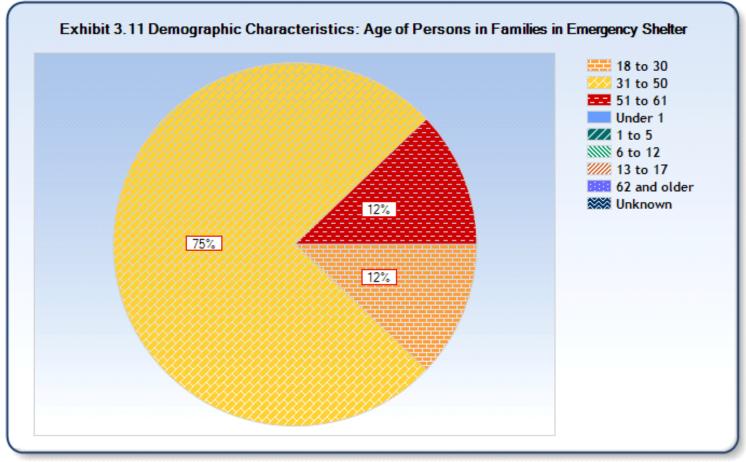


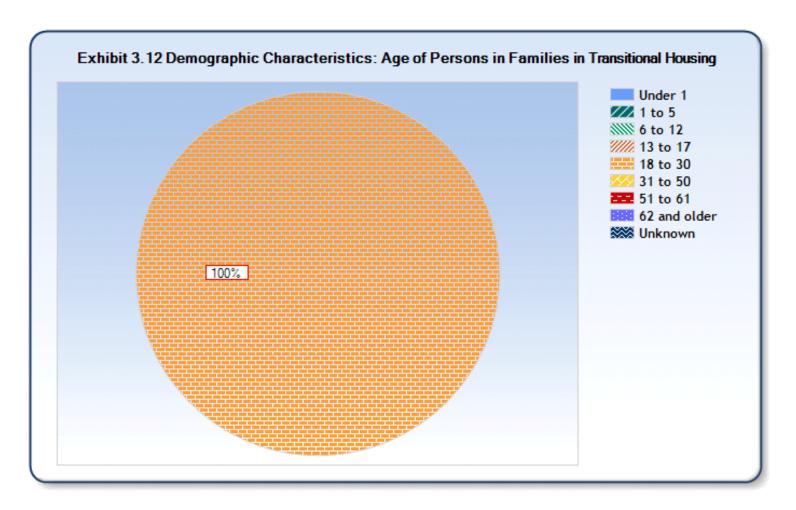


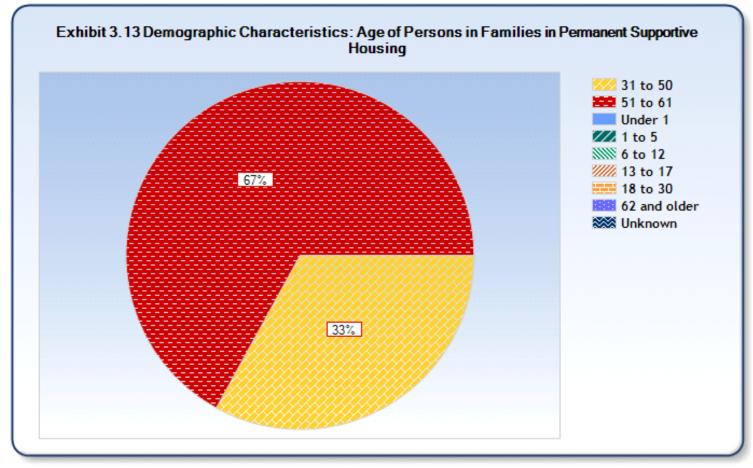


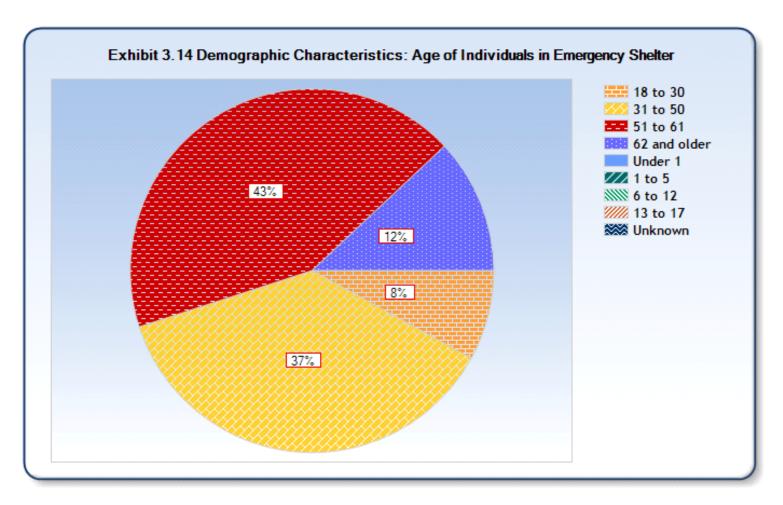


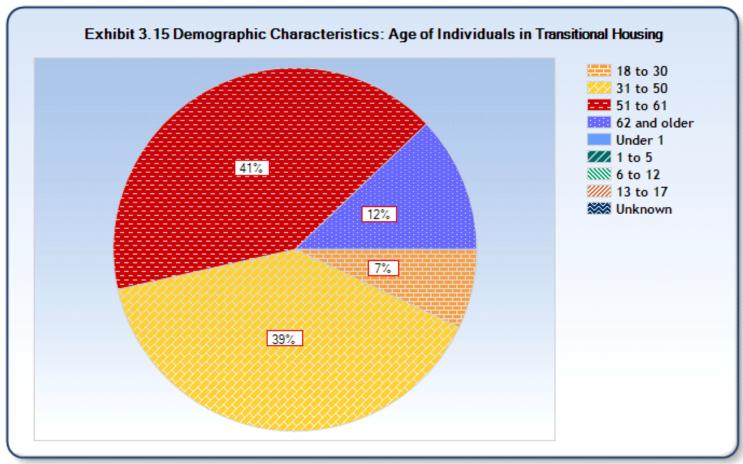


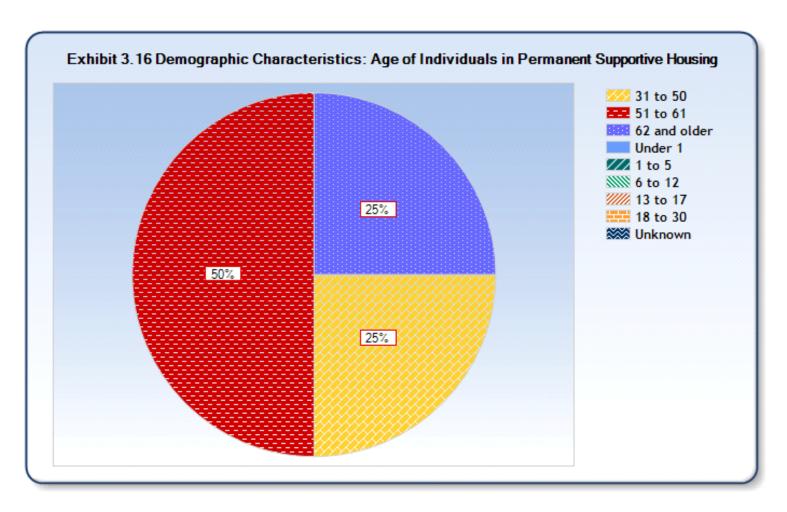


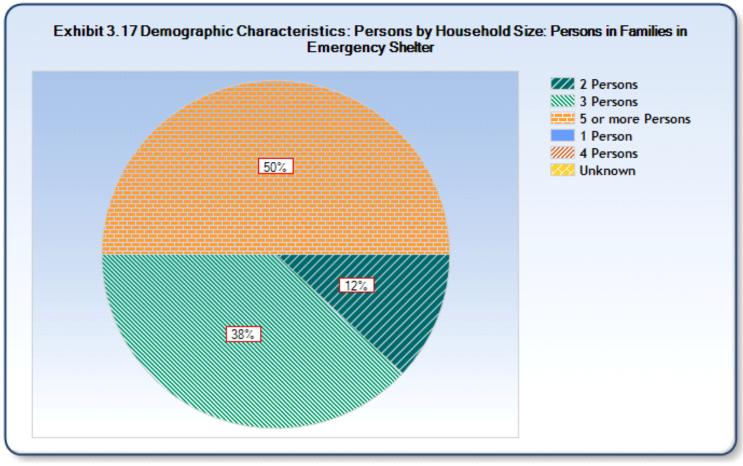


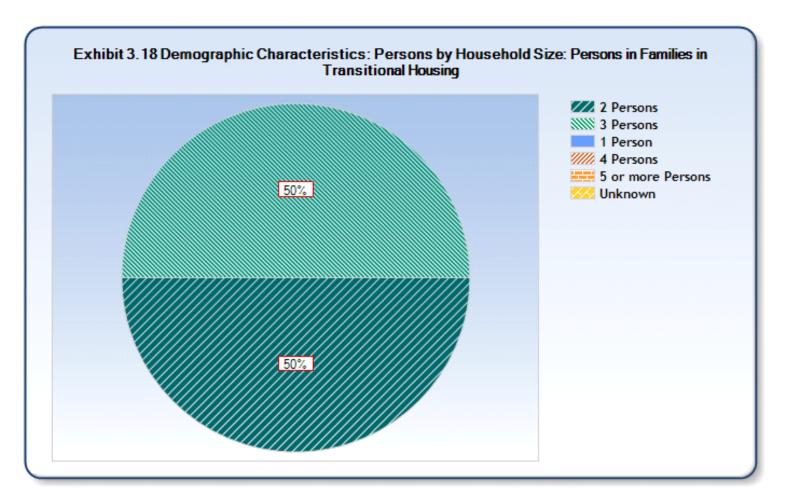


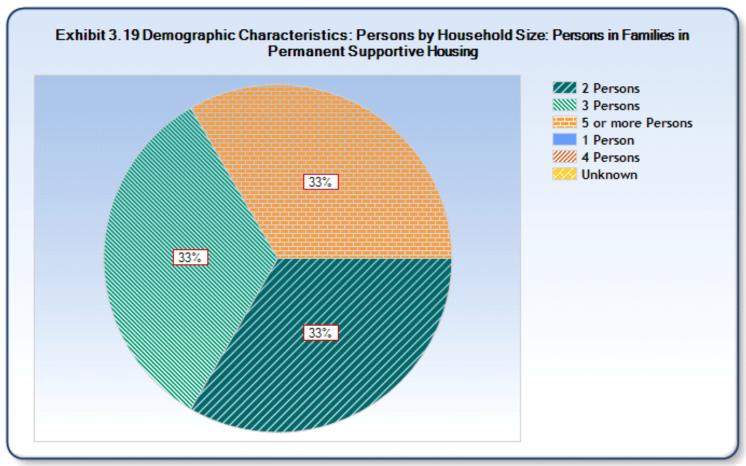


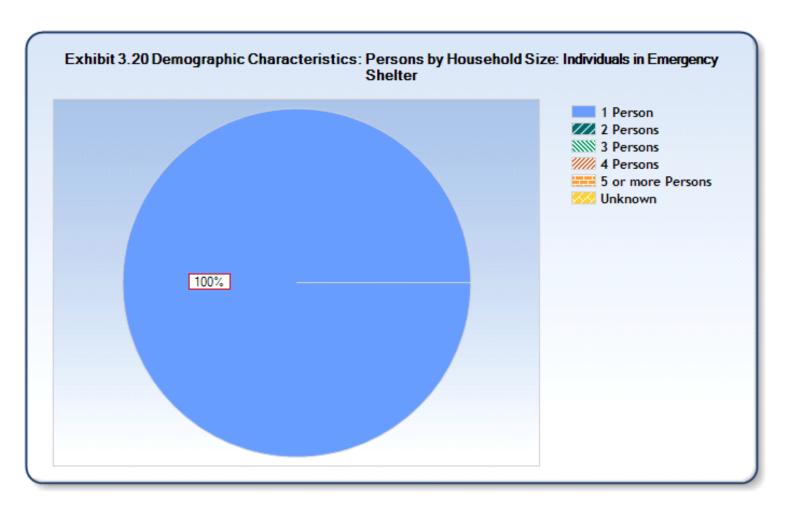


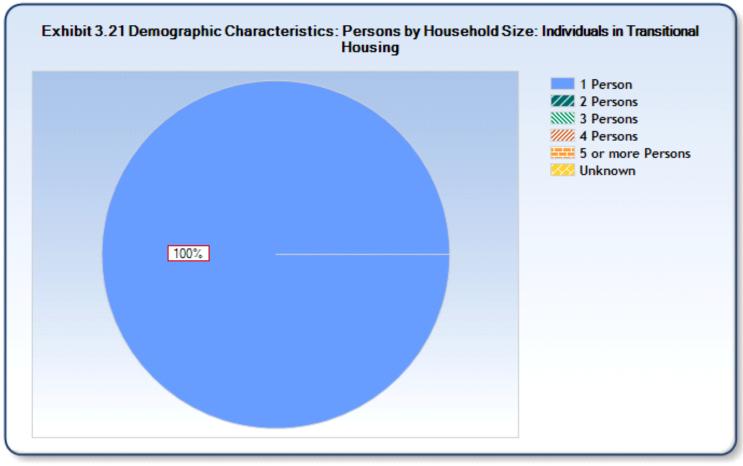


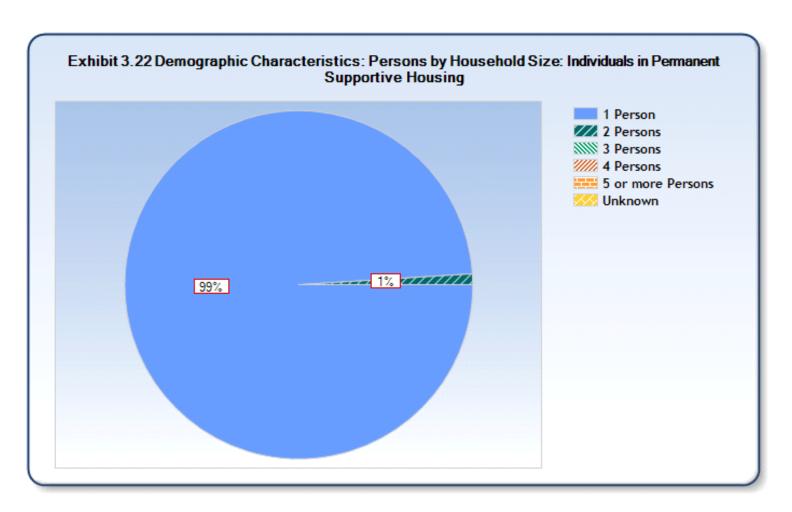


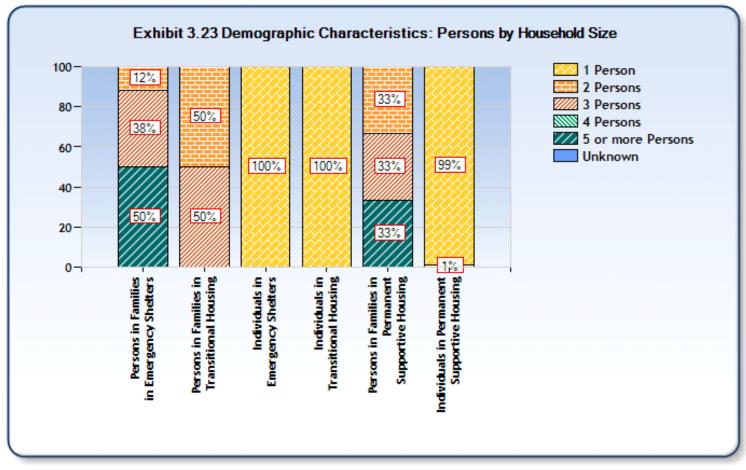


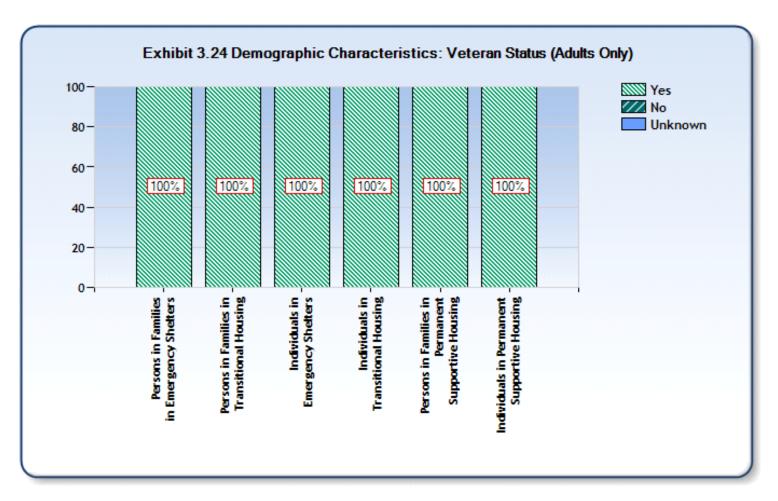


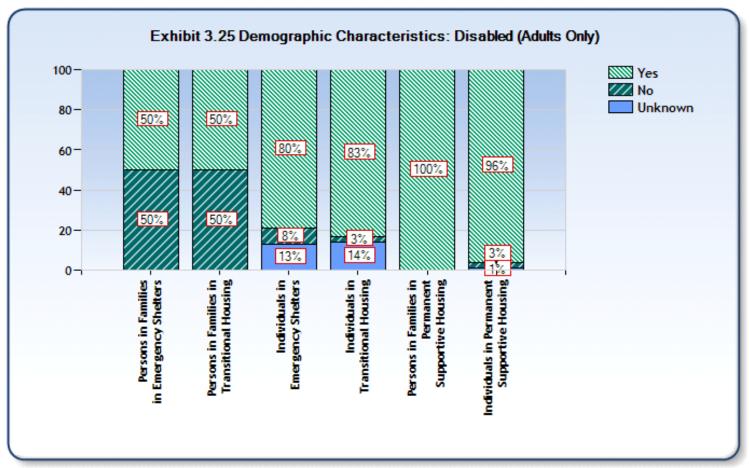








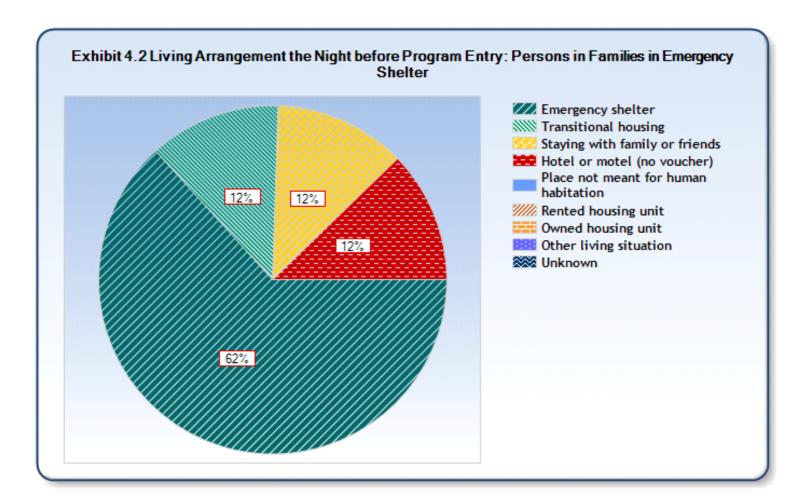


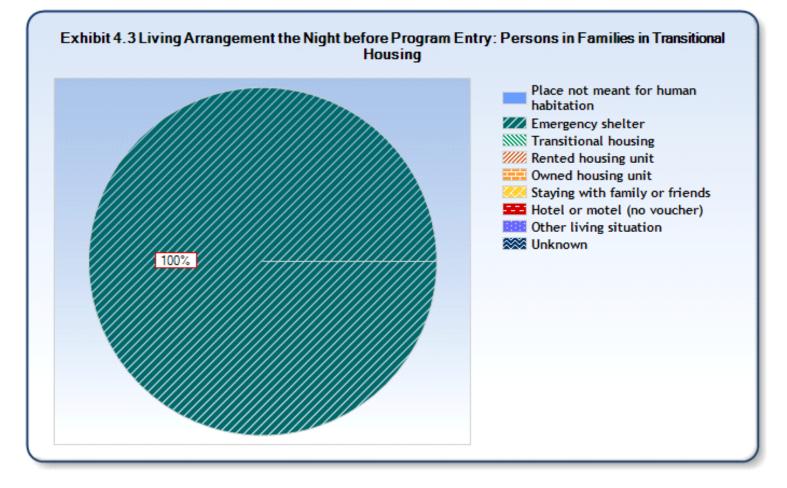


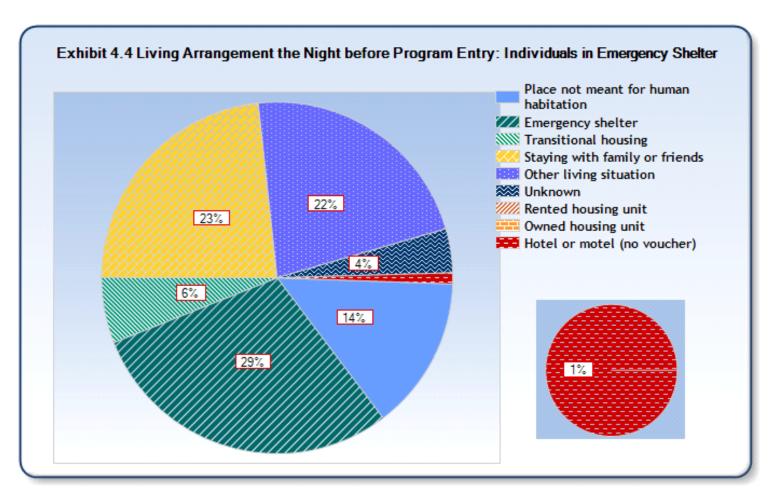
**Exhibit 4.1 Prior Living Situation of Persons Using Homeless Residential Services** 

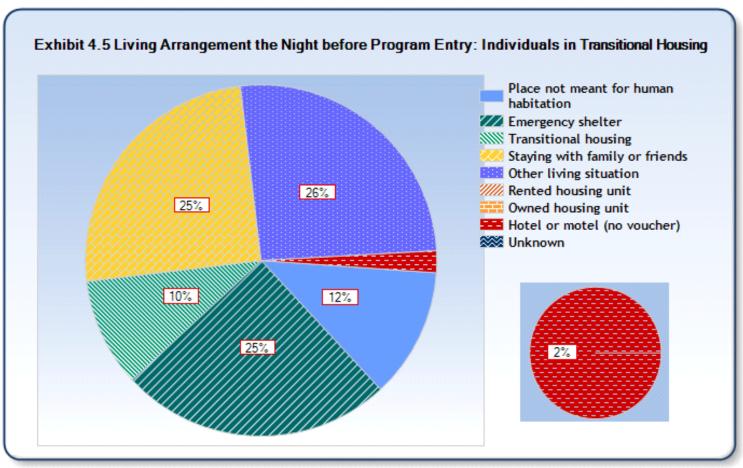
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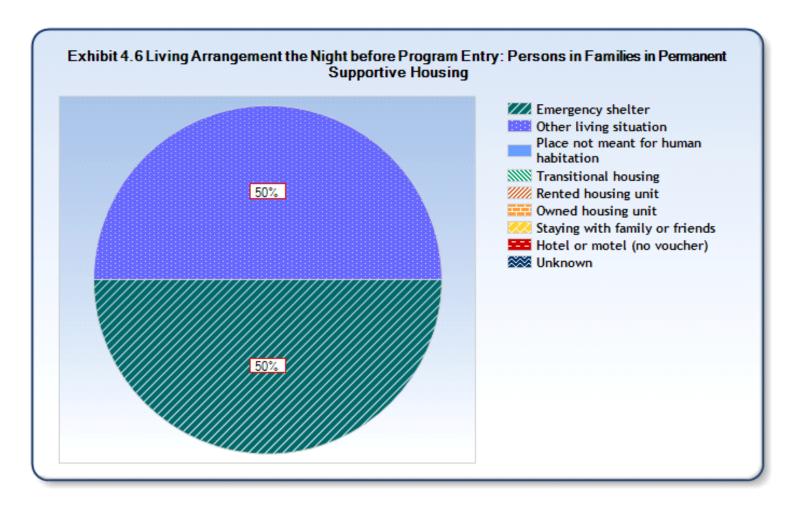
Prior Living Situation	Persons in Families in Emergency Shelters	Persons in Families in Transitional Housing	Persons in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing	Individuals in Emergency Shelters	Individuals in Transitional Housing	Individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing
<b>Number of Sheltered Homeless Persons</b>	8	2	3	1,278	1,020	163
Living Arrangement the Night before Program Entry						
<b>Total from Homeless Situation</b>						
Place not meant for human habitation	0%	0%	0%	14%	12%	12%
Emergency shelter	63%	100%	50%	29%	25%	58%
Transitional housing	13%	0%	0%	6%	10%	18%
<b>Total from Housing Situation</b>						
Permanent supportive housing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%
Rented housing unit	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Owned housing unit	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Staying with family or friends	13%	0%	0%	23%	25%	4%
<b>Total from Institutional Settings</b>						
Psychiatric facility	0%	0%	50%	3%	3%	1%
Substance abuse treatment center or detox	0%	0%	0%	7%	10%	1%
Hospital (non-psychiatric)	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	0%
Jail, prison, or juvenile detention	0%	0%	0%	5%	7%	0%
<b>Total from Other Situations</b>						
Hotel or motel (no voucher)	13%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%
Foster care home	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other living situation	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%	1%
Stability of Previous Night's Living Arrangements						
Stayed 1 week or less	0%	0%	0%	27%	35%	4%
Stayed more than 1 week, but less than a month	38%	0%	0%	12%	12%	1%
Stayed 1 to 3 months	0%	50%	0%	17%	16%	10%
Stayed more than 3 months, but less than a year	13%	0%	67%	16%	15%	26%
Stayed 1 year or longer	38%	50%	33%	24%	21%	47%
Unknown	13%	0%	0%	4%	1%	12%
Zip Code of Last Permanent Address						
Same jurisdiction as program locator	25%	50%	33%	28%	24%	51%
Different jurisdiction than program locator	63%	50%	67%	69%	76%	48%
Unknown	13%	0%	0%	4%	0%	1%

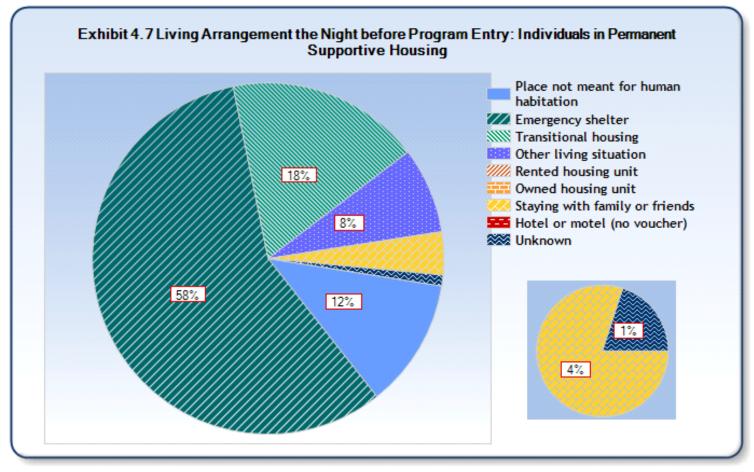


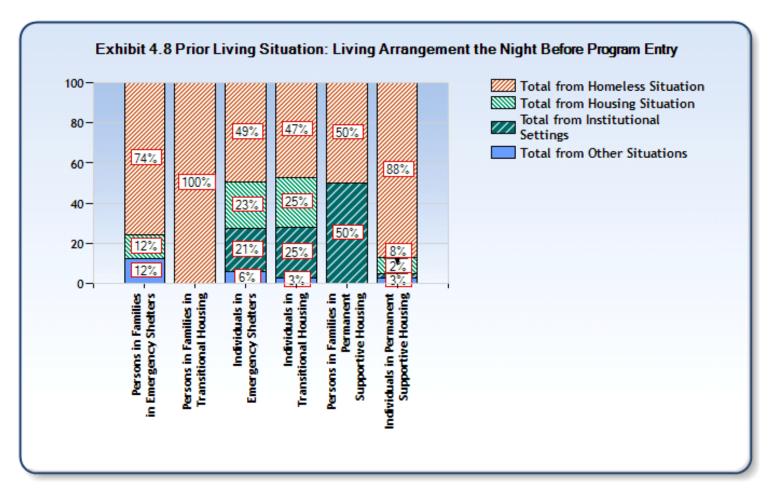








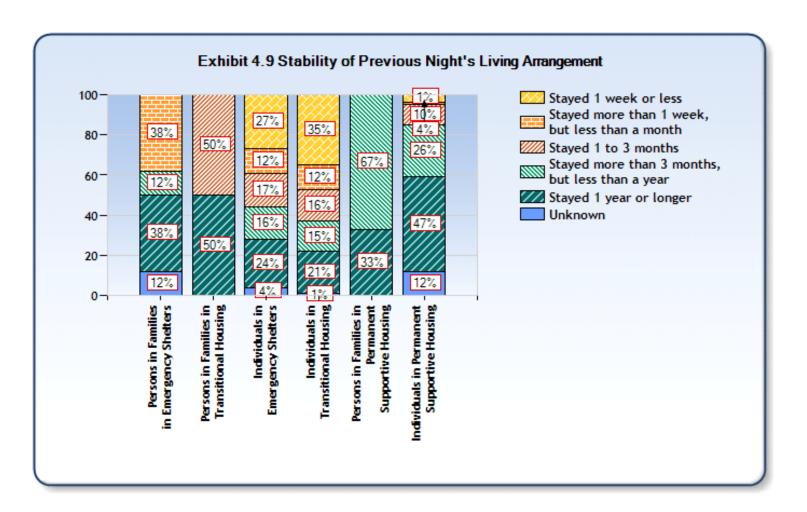




Other Situations: Hotel or motel (no voucher), Foster care home, Other living situation, Unknown Institutional Settings: Psychiatric facility, Substance abuse treatment center or detox, hospital (non-psychiatric), Jail, prison or juvenile detention

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



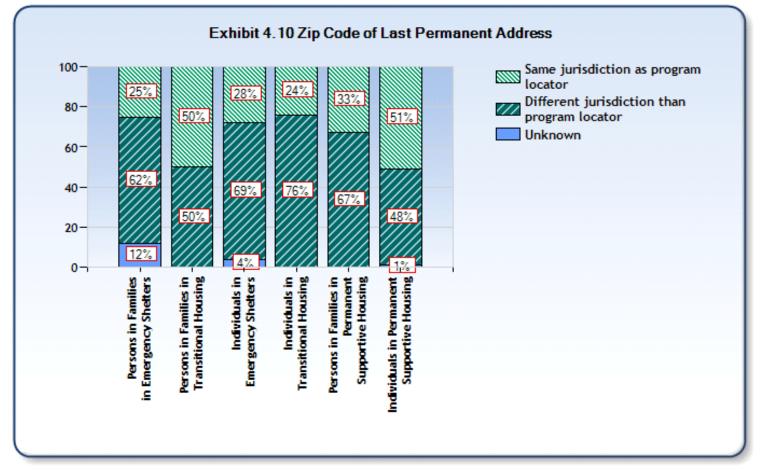
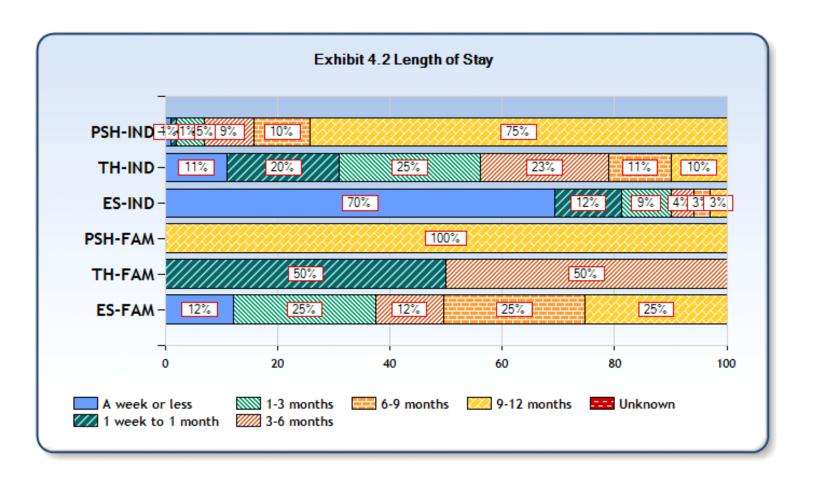


Exhibit 4.1 Length of Stay in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing for Persons

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Length of Stay	%	Cum. %	%	Cum. %	%	Cum. %	%	Cum. %	%	Cum. %	%	Cum. %
A week or less	13%	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%	70%	70%	11%	11%	1%	1%
1 wk. to 1 month	0%	13%	50%	50%	0%	0%	12%	81%	20%	30%	1%	2%
1 - 3 months	25%	38%	0%	50%	0%	0%	9%	90%	25%	56%	5%	7%
3 - 6 months	13%	50%	50%	100%	0%	0%	4%	94%	23%	79%	9%	15%
6 - 9 months	25%	75%	0%	100%	0%	0%	3%	97%	11%	90%	10%	25%
9 - 12 months	25%	100%	0%	100%	100%	100%	3%	100%	10%	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
<b>Number of Homeless Persons</b>	8	4	1,278	75
Gender of Adults				
Female	50%	25%	4%	3%
Male	50%	75%	96%	97%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%
Ethnicity				
Non-Hispanic/non-Latino	88%	75%	93%	93%
Hispanic/Latino	13%	25%	7%	7%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%
Race				
White, non-Hispanic/non-Latino	25%	25%	62%	51%
White, Hispanic/Latino	0%	0%	3%	1%
Black or African American	63%	50%	29%	41%
Asian	0%	0%	0%	0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%	0%	1%	0%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0%	0%	0%	0%
Several Races	0%	0%	5%	7%
Unknown	13%	25%	0%	0%
Age				
18 - 30	13%	0%	8%	3%
31 - 50	75%	100%	37%	29%
51 - 61	13%	0%	43%	68%
62 and older	0%		12%	
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%

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%	100%	100%
2 persons	13%	25%	0%	0%
3 persons	38%	25%	0%	0%
4 persons	0%	0%	0%	0%
5 or more persons	50%	50%	0%	0%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%
Number of Homeless Adults	8	4	1,277	75
Veteran (adults only)				
Yes	100%	100%	100%	100%
No	0%	0%	0%	0%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%
Disabled (adults only)				
Yes	50%	50%	80%	85%
No	50%	50%	8%	12%
Unknown	0%	0%	13%	3%

