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# Mercer County's 2015 Point-In-Time Count of the Homeless

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## I. Introduction

### NJ Counts 2015

*NJ Counts 2015*, New Jersey's annual Point-In-Time (PIT) Count of the Homeless, provides a statewide snapshot of homeless households in our communities; where they find shelter, what their needs are, and what factors contribute to making them homeless. The 2015 Count reveals important demographic and other information about families and individuals who were homeless on the night of Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 or Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 (depending on the community, see limitations below), and was carried out with the help of government agencies, community-based organizations, and local volunteers.

In New Jersey, each County's count is planned, coordinated, and carried out locally, and the information gathered enables each community to better allocate housing resources and services in order to prevent and end homelessness. The PIT Count is the only opportunity throughout the year for most communities to take a comprehensive look at the total homeless population, and is especially crucial in assessing the needs of the unsheltered homeless.

### Acknowledgements

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### This Report

The findings in this report are presented in the following sections:

1. Total homeless population;
2. Those experiencing chronic homelessness (families and individuals that have been homeless for a year or longer, or who have experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the last three years, and have a disabled head of household); and

### 3. Unsheltered families and individuals;

The structure of this report is intended to provide not only an overall snapshot of the homeless population counted in the Point-In-Time, but also to focus attention on the homeless subpopulations that are the most in need, and those that represent federal funding priorities set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

In addition to the main findings presented in the body of this report, Appendix A includes charts illustrating the responses to all survey questions that were part of the 2015 Point-In-Time Count.

## II. Data Collection and Methodology

### Requirements for the Count

As part of its Continuum of Care (CoC) application for homelessness funding, HUD requires that jurisdictions across the nation conduct a statistically reliable and unduplicated count of the homeless for one overnight period during the last 10 days of January. New Jersey's Continuums of Care (regional networks of organizations, agencies, and community stakeholders that plan local efforts to help the homeless) conduct an annual count of sheltered homeless persons (i.e. persons in emergency shelter, transitional housing for the homeless, and Safe Haven programs) and at least a biennial count of unsheltered homeless persons. 2015 was a HUD-required full count year.

In their Point-In-Time Count, CoCs must count and report all individuals and families who meet the criteria in paragraph (1)(i) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 91.5 of HUD's Homeless Definition Rule on the night designated for the count. This includes individuals and families who are:

- **Sheltered**, or "living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangement (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals)," or
- **Unsheltered**, "with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground."

Because this report focuses on those respondents who meet HUD's definition of homeless, it does not include information about those who may be at risk of homelessness, precariously housed, or considered homeless under other federal statutes. Persons who, on the night of the count, were living doubled up with another household, living in illegal or overcrowded units, being discharged from a jail or health facility with no subsequent

residence, scheduled to be evicted, or paying for its own motel unit were not considered homeless. All survey information collected for respondents who were at risk of homelessness or precariously housed was preserved and shared with each community for local planning purposes, but is not included in this report unless otherwise noted.

## Data Collection Methods

Monarch Housing Associates provided each of New Jersey's 21 counties with in-person training, online video and print training guides, a practice online survey tool, and technical assistance to aid in the data collection process for New Jersey's 2015 Point-In-Time Count. Point-In-Time Coordinators in each county disseminated PIT training materials and helped facilitate local planning around implementation of the PIT count in their communities.

For the second year, the count of homeless persons who were sheltered on the night of the point in time was primarily taken from New Jersey's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), while the count for the unsheltered and those sheltered by non-HMIS programs was conducted using a Paper Survey tool, personal interviews, and agency client records. This strategy was designed in accordance with HUD guidance regarding conducting both sheltered and unsheltered Point-In-Time Counts.

The 2015 PIT Survey tool closely mirrors information collected in HMIS so that the data was comparable for important factors such as household characteristics, income, services needed, and factors contributing to homelessness. Agencies updated all HMIS data to accurately reflect the night of the count, and those with programs that were non-HMIS-participating submitted information from interviews utilizing the Paper Survey tool through SurveyMonkey.

## Limitations

1. HUD requires a count of sheltered homeless persons and families annually, but only a biennial count of those who are unsheltered. Even though New Jersey conducts both a sheltered and unsheltered count each year, the comprehensiveness of the unsheltered count may be influenced during the non-HUD required full count years. This report includes comparison data from 2011 to 2015. 2012 and 2014 were not HUD required full reporting years while 2011, 2013 and 2015 were.
2. The winter of 2014 to 2015 was particularly cold, with parts of New Jersey seeing significant snow accumulation. NJ Counts 2015 was originally scheduled to take place Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Unfortunately, there was a blizzard predicted for the night of the PIT, which led to about half of the Counties in the State postponing the PIT activities to the following week, Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. This weather led to half the communities counting the households that were homeless on the night of January 27<sup>th</sup> and the other half counting those that were homeless on the night of February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Besides leaving the date of the count inconsistent, this winter weather forced many

communities to set up emergency warming stations or shelters for the unsheltered. While this means that many more people are able to sleep in a warm place, it may skew Point-In-Time data to show fewer unsheltered households than are actually present in communities on a regular basis.

3. The information presented in this report is based on survey interviews and agency HMIS records. In some cases, survey respondents did not answer every question completely, and homeless provider agencies did not report all client information on the night of the count. For this reason, all charts presented in this report will be based on the responses received, while all percentages will be based on the total households or individuals served and may not equal 100% in each category due to possible missing data.
4. Because the Point-In-Time Count represents only one night during the last ten days of January, it is widely accepted that the PIT will undercount the overall homeless population. Undercounting may occur due to difficulty finding those living on the street, incomplete information for people who do not agree to complete the survey, a shortage of volunteers to cover a geographic area, or homeless persons choosing not to seek housing services on the night of the count. This data should not be viewed as a comprehensive measurement of all families and individuals who experience homelessness throughout the year, but rather as a minimum number of persons who experience homelessness in New Jersey on a given night.

## De-duplication

Monarch Housing Associates collected and merged all HMIS and SurveyMonkey Point-In-Time data from each community into its combined database. Monarch generated two unique identifiers, one more general and one more in-depth, based on the identifying information for each individual record. Using a formula, these unique identifiers were compared to all identifiers for other records in the database to identify potential duplicates.

All duplicates detected through comparison of unique identifiers were then de-duplicated by the following process:

1. Multiple HMIS records where all fields match – a single record was preserved, and all duplicates were removed;
2. Multiple SurveyMonkey records where all fields match – a single record was preserved, and all duplicates were removed;
3. Comparing HMIS to SurveyMonkey records where unique identifiers, disabilities, income sources, household size, and location on the night of the count all match – the HMIS record was preserved and the SurveyMonkey duplicates were removed.

Following this de-duplication of the data, communities were given preliminary data to review all identified duplicates and records with missing data. Communities were then able to update records with missing information and/or request any additional de-duplication they determined prudent. Monarch then updated and removed additional records based on community feedback prior to completing its final analysis and report.

### III. Findings for Total Homeless Population

#### Key Findings

- On the night of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 a total of 493 households, including 600 persons, were experiencing homelessness in Mercer County, according to the 2015 Point-In-Time Count.
- A total of 75 persons in 74 households were identified as chronically homeless.
- 105 persons, in 105 in adult-only households, were unsheltered on the night of the count.

#### Total Homeless Population

On the night of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 a total of 600 persons, in 493 households, were experiencing homelessness in Mercer County, according to the 2015 Point-In-Time Count. This is a decrease of 32 persons (5%) and a decrease of 7 households (1.4%) from 2014. Mercer County had 5.9% of New Jersey's statewide homeless population in 2015.

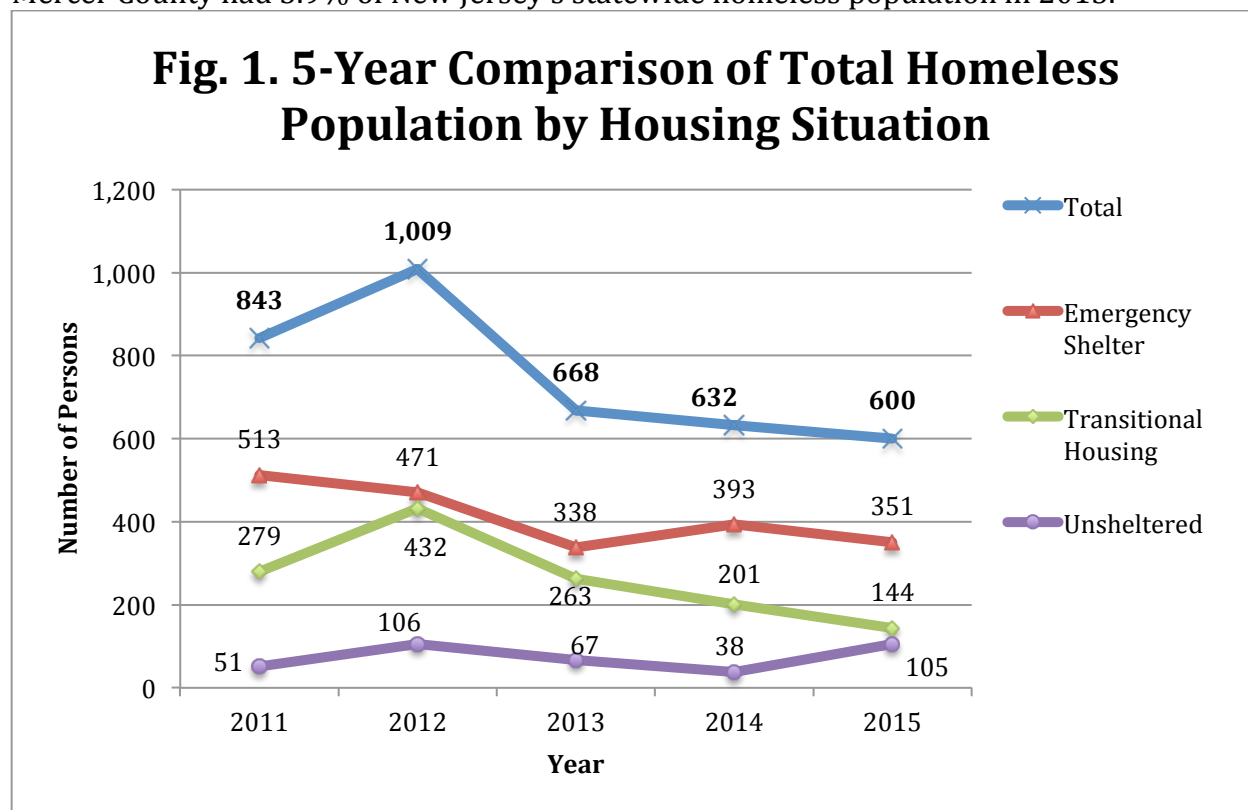
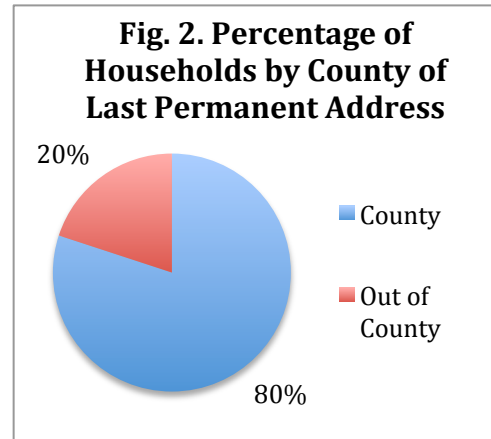


Figure 1 shows that, in 2015, 351 homeless persons stayed in emergency shelters, 144 stayed in transitional housing, and 105 were living unsheltered on the night of the count. The number of those in emergency shelters shows a decrease of 42 persons (10.7%). The total for transitional housing also showed a decrease from 2014, with 57 (28.4%) fewer persons in transitional housing. The number of unsheltered persons counted in 2015 increased by 67, a 176.3 percent increase from 2014.

Figure 1 also shows that, over the past five years, the total number of homeless persons has been trending downward in Mercer County, with the exception of 2012. During the five-year period from 2011 to 2015, the overall number of homeless persons in Mercer County is down by 243 persons (28.8%). The number of homeless persons in emergency shelter and transitional housing situations has all gone down since 2011 as well, while the number of unsheltered persons has fluctuated.

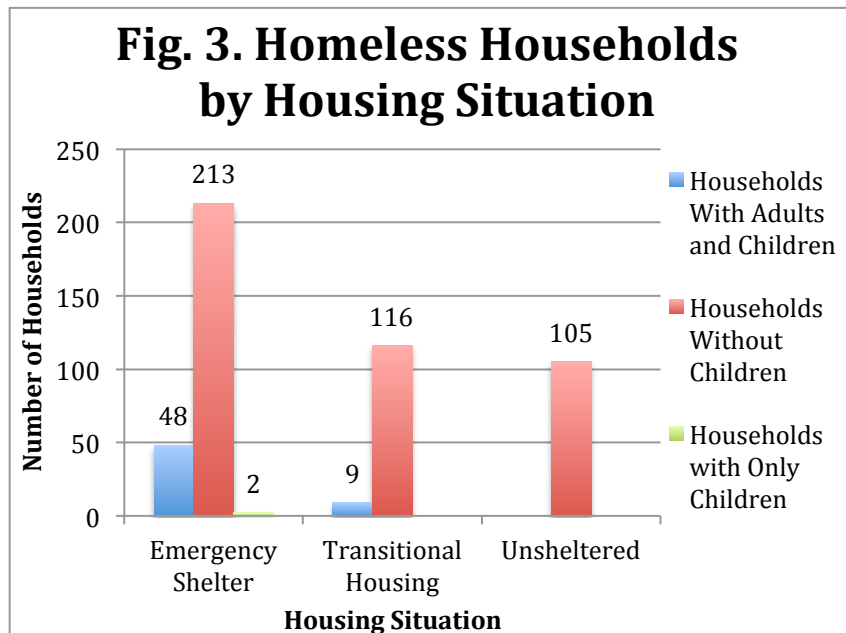


As Figure 2 shows, 20% of the homeless households in Mercer County in 2015 reported that their last permanent address prior to becoming homeless was outside of the county.

### Homeless Families and Individuals

When reading the data regarding different types of homeless households, it is important for the reader to remember that, in this report, 'household' means "any group of persons who, if they were able to attain permanent housing, would choose to live together; and, shared the same sleeping arrangements on the night of the count." Three different types of households are discussed below: households with adults and children under 18 ('families'), households without children ('individuals'), and households with only children under 18 ('unaccompanied youth').

Of the 493 homeless households counted in Mercer County in 2015, 57 (9.5%) were families with at least one child under the age of 18 and one adult. These families included 162 persons, 96 children under age 18, and 66 adults. The average family size was 3.2 persons. Figure 3 shows that 48 families were staying in emergency shelter (84.2%), and 9 were in transitional housing programs for the homeless (15.8%). There were no unsheltered families



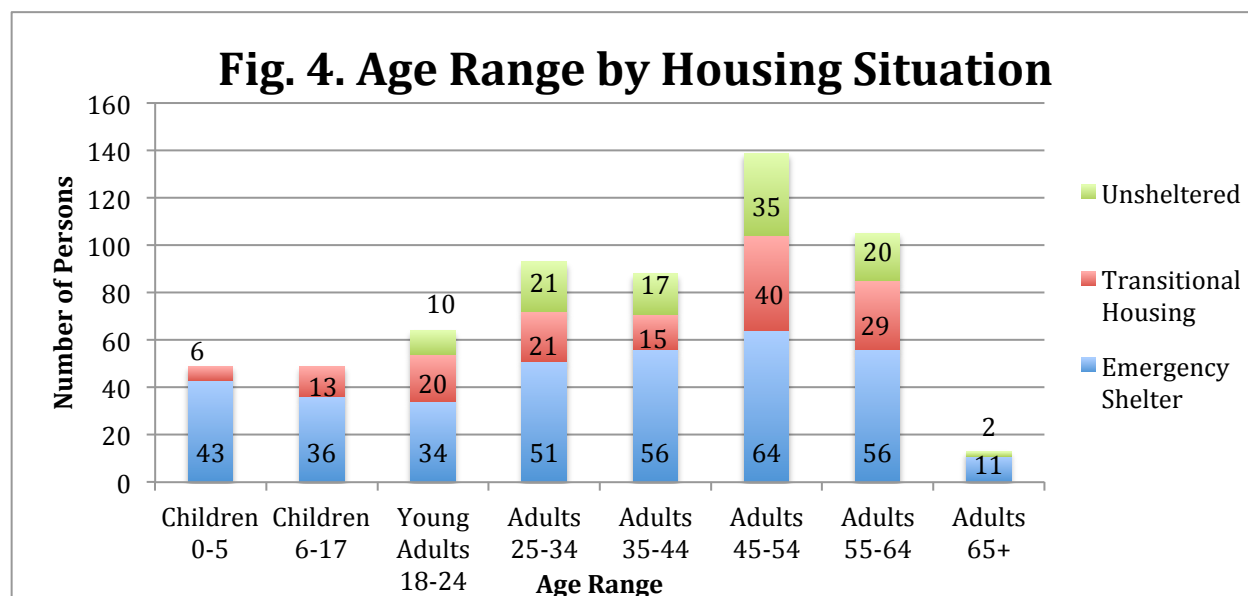


with adults and children identified on the night of the count. In 2015, Mercer County counted 14 fewer homeless families than in 2014, a decrease of 19.7%. Compared to 2011, the number of homeless families has fallen by 101, a decrease of 64%.

88% (434) of the homeless households in Mercer County were households without children under 18, and they were composed of 436 adult individuals. 213 (49%) of these adult-only households were staying in emergency shelters, 116 (26.7%) were in transitional housing, and 105 (24%) were unsheltered. Mercer County has seen the number of adult-only homeless households increase by 5 (1%) since 2014, but over the years since 2012 the number has gone down by 115 (20.9%).

There were 2 households with only children under 18 years old identified in 2015, an increase from 2014 when there were none counted. Both youth households were composed of 1 youth, and were staying in emergency shelters specifically designated for homeless youth.

## Demographics



There were a total of 64 (10.6%) homeless adults between 18 and 24 years old, 438 (73%) adults over age 24, and 98 (16.3%) children under 18 years old experiencing homelessness on the night of the count. Figure 4 shows that half of homeless children who were under the age of 18 were between 0 and 5 years of age (49), and half were between 6 and 17 (49). The age range most represented is adults between 45 and 54 (139 persons, 23.1%).

65.7% (394 persons) of homeless respondents were male, 34% (204) were female, and 0.3% (2 persons) were transgendered.

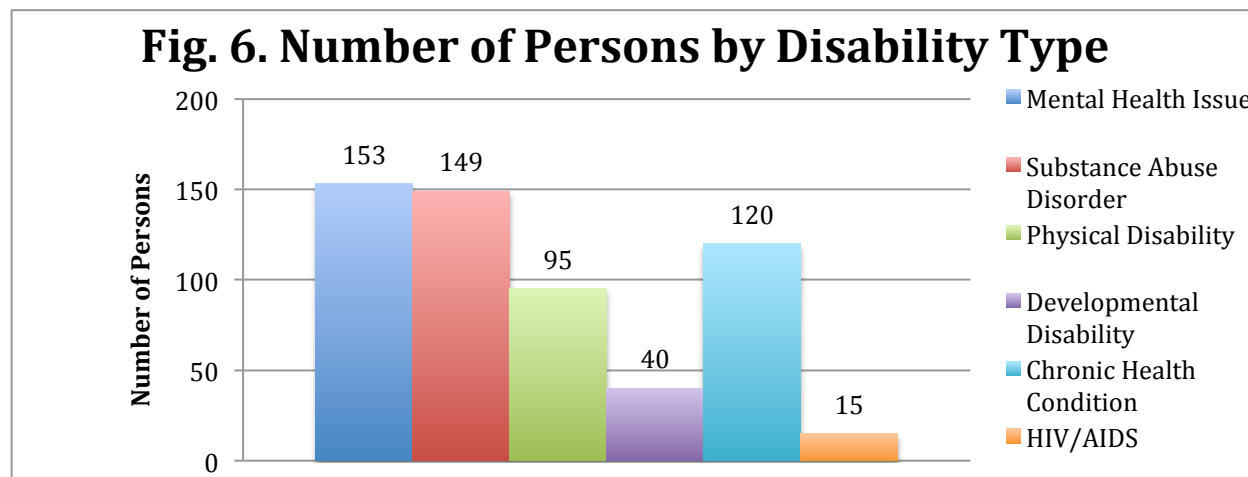
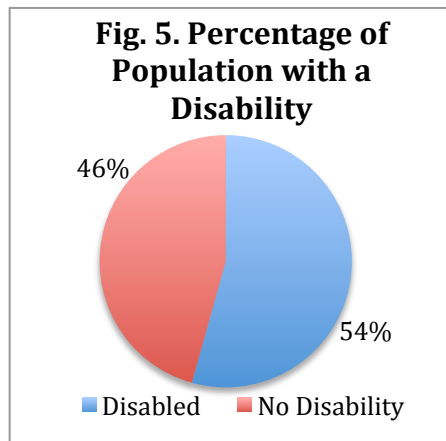
68.5% of respondents identified their race as Black or African-American, making that the largest racial subgroup of homeless persons reported. The next largest group self-identified

as White (27%), followed by those identifying as Pacific Islander (0.5%), Asian (0.5%) and Multi-Racial (0.3%). With regard to ethnicity, 14.5% of respondents identified themselves as Hispanic.

### Disabilities

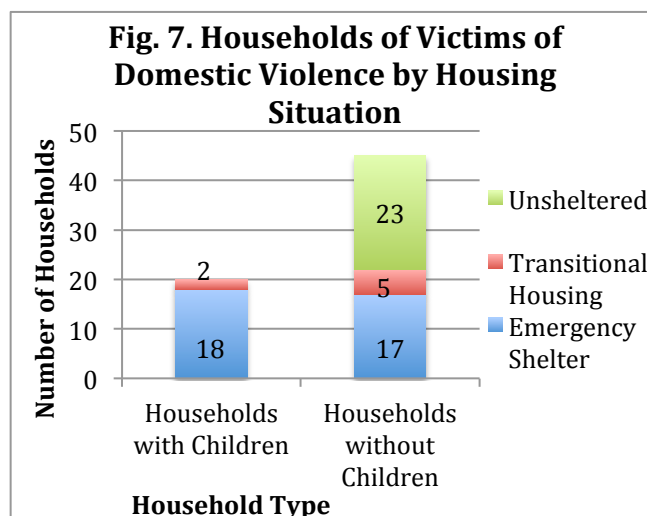
Figure 5 illustrates that 54% of homeless persons reported having some type of disability. 61.7% of adults 18 or older reported some type of disability compared to 16.3% of children. Figure 6 shows the number of the homeless persons that identified as having various disabilities. The most common disabilities included mental health issues and substance abuse disorders.

Among disabled adults, 49.3% reported mental health issues making this the most prevalent disability (30.5% of all homeless adults). More disabled homeless children reported a developmental disability (68.7%) than any other type of disability.



### Victims of Domestic Violence

On the night of the count, in Mercer County, 65 homeless households (13.2% of all households) identified as victims of domestic violence. This means that a total of 100 homeless persons who were members of those households were impacted. The majority (69.2%) of these households were adult-only households. 20 (30.8%) of the victim households were families with at least 1 adult and 1 child.



## Veterans

In its plan, *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*, the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) prioritized ending homelessness among veterans by 2015. Many communities in New Jersey have also been working hard to end homelessness among our country's servicemen and women.

31 homeless veterans were counted on the night of the count, 7 fewer (18.4%) than in 2014. All were single individuals. The largest contingent of homeless veterans was found to be staying in Emergency Shelter (58.1%). In addition, 11 veterans were unsheltered (35.5%), and 2 were in transitional housing (6.4%).

Veterans experiencing homelessness in Mercer County were predominantly male (96.8%), and the most common racial background identified among them (22 veterans, 71%) was Black or African American; 9 (29%) identified as White.

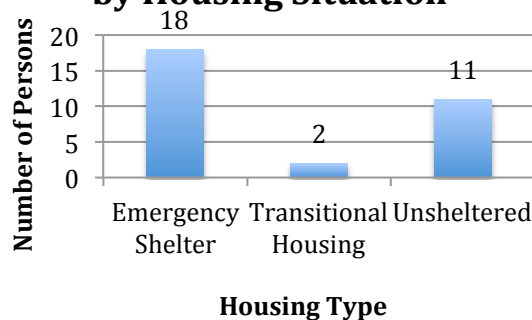
Figure 9 illustrates the age ranges of homeless persons in households with veterans.

4 of the veterans (12.9%) reported being victims of domestic violence. 20 of the 31 veterans, 64.5%, reported having some kind of disability. The most common disability among these were substance abuse disorders which affected 11 veterans (35.5%). 8 veterans (25.8%) said they had mental health issues, 9 (29%) reported chronic health conditions, and 6 (19.3%) reported having a physical disability. Only 1 veteran was connected to VA pension benefits and 6 veterans (19.4%) were connected to VA healthcare benefits. About 51% of veterans reported no source of income and 22.6% indicated they were not connected to any mainstream benefits.

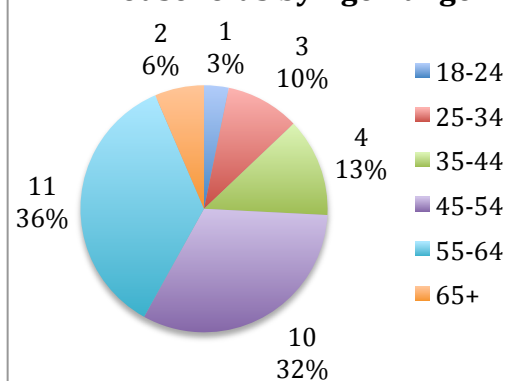
## Income and Benefits

Among all homeless households on the night of the count, 50.5% had no source of income and only 4.2% reported receiving earned income. The three most common sources of income among respondent households were SSI and General

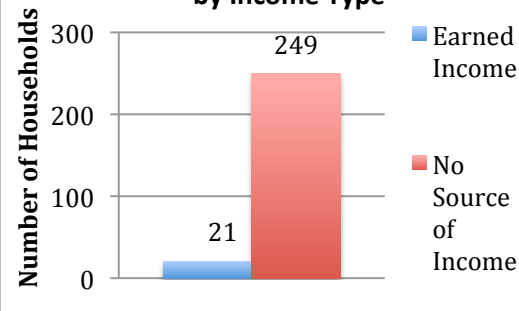
**Fig. 8. Number of Persons in Veteran's Households by Housing Situation**



**Fig. 9. Persons in Veterans' Households by Age Range**



**Fig. 10. Number of Households by Income Type**



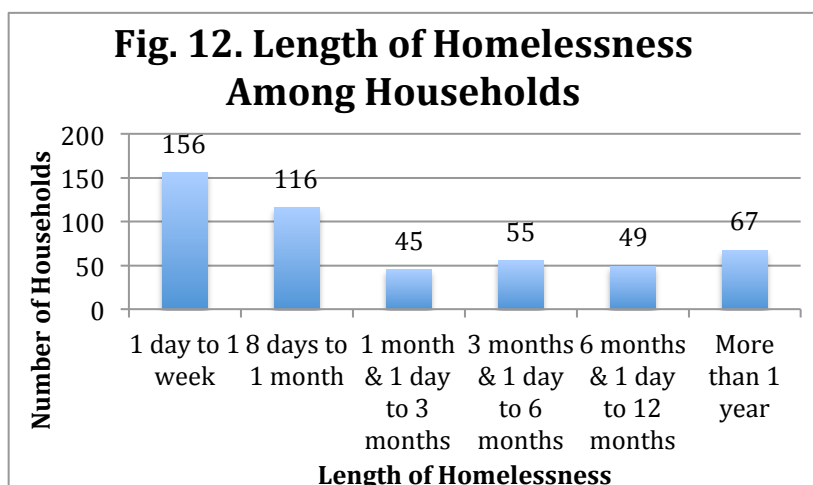
Assistance (GA) with 26%, and 17% receiving each, respectively. 5.3% were also receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); 4% were receiving SSDI. Figure 11 shows the average monthly income for all homeless households by housing situation.

<b>Figure 11. Average Monthly Income For Households by Housing Situation</b>			
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered
Average for All Households	\$572.96	\$348.04	\$208.88

29.8% of respondent households reported they were not connected to any kind of non-cash benefit on the night of the count. Food Stamps, or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), was the most reported non-cash benefit, and was received by 38.5% of households. 34.9% of households were receiving Medicaid, and 5.9% were receiving Medicare.

### Length of Homelessness

As Figure 12 shows, 156 (31.6%) of the homeless households reported that their most recent, continuous episode of homelessness had lasted from 1 day to 1 week, and 317 households (64.3%) said they had been homeless for less than 3 months. 13.6% of households reported they had been homeless more than 1 year.

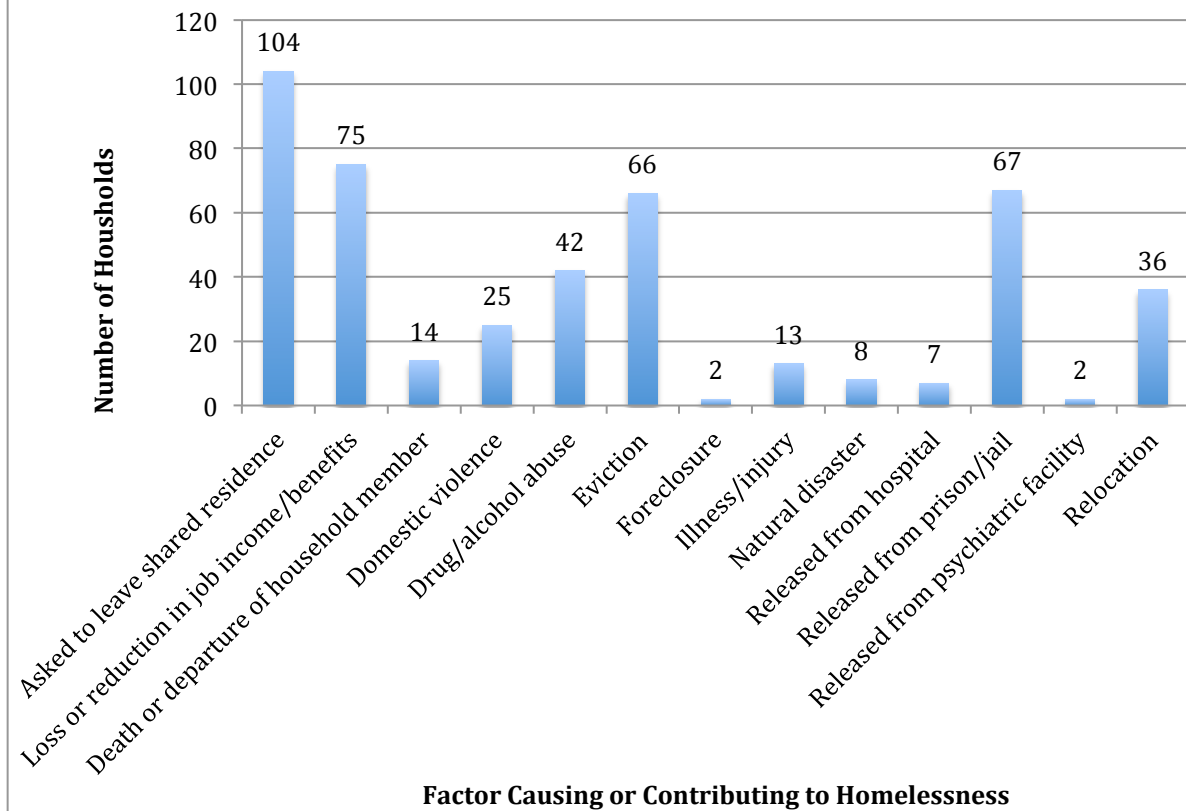


### Cause of Homelessness

When asked to share the primary factor that contributed to, or caused, their homelessness, more households attributed their homelessness to being asked to leave a shared residence (131 households, 26.2%) than any other cause. As Figure 13 shows, the next most common factor reported was a loss or reduction of job income or benefits (19.8%) followed by eviction (11.8%) and release from prison or jail (11.4%).

When respondents were asked 'what was your residence prior to your current living situation?' more said they were staying or living with friends or family (39%) than any other type of residence. 16.8% reported residing in emergency shelter prior to their current living situation.

**Fig. 13. Cause of Homelessness by Household**



#### IV. Findings for the Chronically Homeless

Someone with a long-term disabling condition, who has been continually homeless for a year or more, or at least four times in the past three years, meets HUD’s definition of chronically homeless. Any family with one adult that meets this definition is considered a chronically homeless family.

HUD has established a goal of ending chronic homelessness by 2017. This goal reflects the urgency of helping to house those persons who have not been able to remain stably housed over the course of an extended period of time. Chronically Homeless persons are among the most vulnerable homeless groups, and providing effective supportive services and case management may be required in order to help some stay in the housing they need. Prioritization of new Continuum of Care funding opportunities has recently been giving some communities in New Jersey new resources for housing this subgroup.

## Total Chronically Homeless Population

74 households, made up of 75 persons, were chronically homeless in Mercer County, according to the 2015 Point-In-Time Count. This is an increase of 11 persons (17%) from 2014. The rate of chronic homelessness as a percentage of overall homelessness increased from 10.1% to 12.5%.

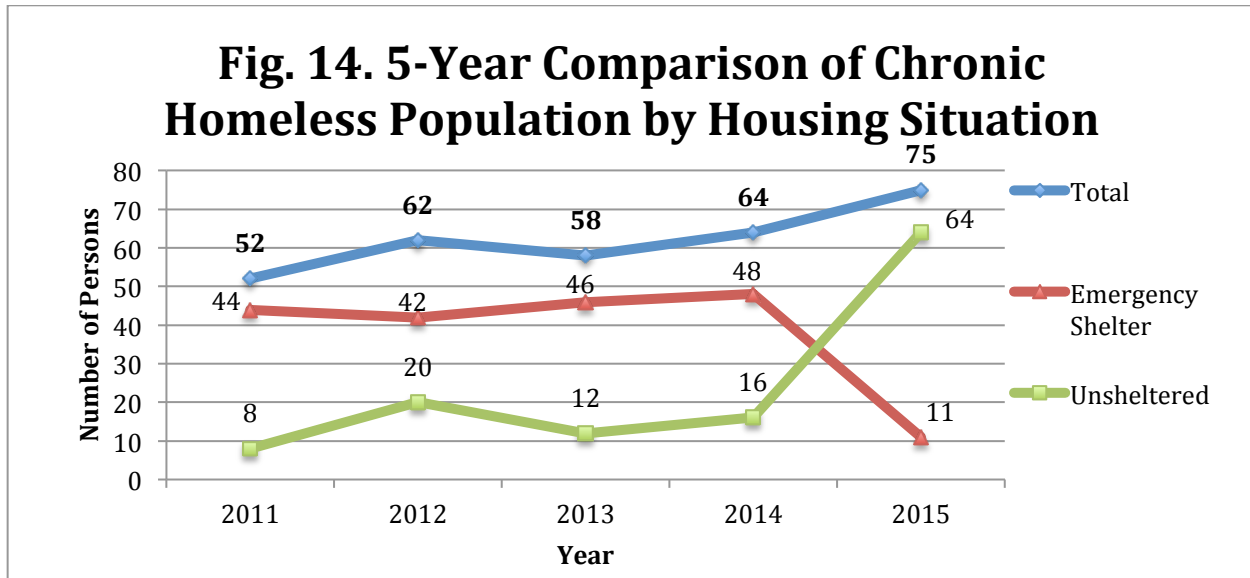
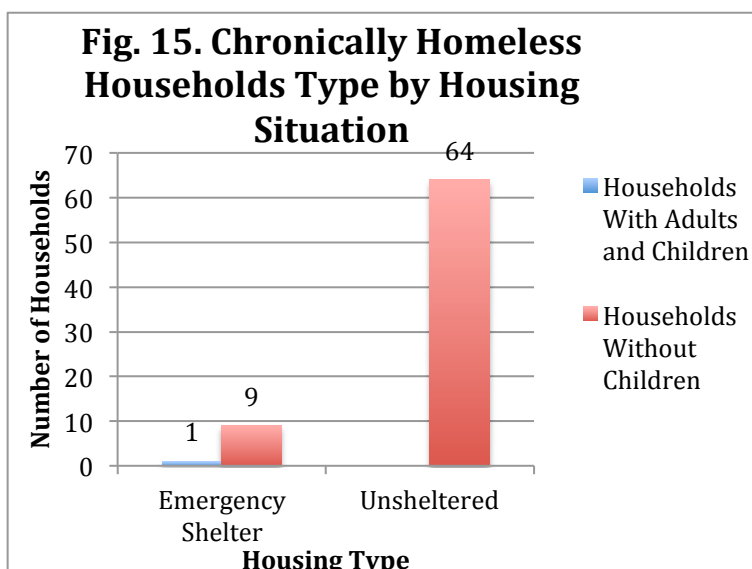


Figure 14 shows the number of chronically homeless respondents who were in emergency shelters or living unsheltered in Mercer County from 2011 to 2015. Over the past five years, while the numbers have fluctuated, the total of chronically homeless persons has increased overall (by 23 persons, 44.2%). Between 2014 and 2015, the number of unsheltered chronically homeless persons counted increased by 300%, from 16 to 64 persons, while the chronically homeless population in emergency shelters decreased by 77.1%, from 48 to 11.

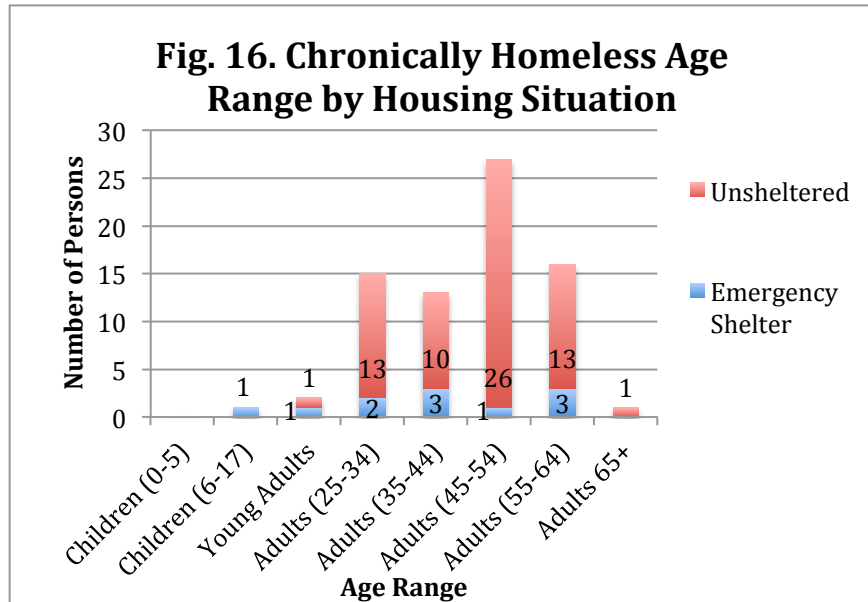
## Families and Individuals



Of the 74 chronically homeless households counted in 2014, only 1 (1.3%) was a family with 1 adult and 1 child living in an emergency shelter. There were 73 chronically homeless households with only adult individuals. There were 64 (87.6%) of these households living unsheltered, an increase from 16 in 2014 (300% increase). 9 (12.3%) chronically homeless individuals were in emergency shelters on the night of the count, a decrease of 77.1% from 2014.

## Demographics

Of the 75 total chronically homeless persons, 1 (1.3%) was a child between 6 and 17 years old. The largest number of chronically homeless persons (27, 36%) in a single category fell between the ages of 45 and 54 years of age. Figure 16 shows that 1.3% of chronically homeless persons were over the age of 65.

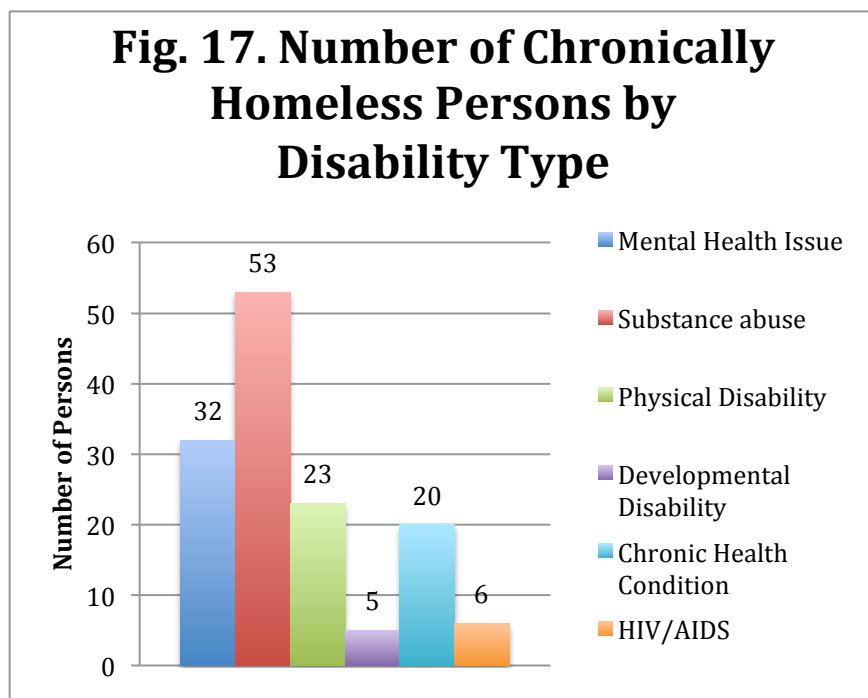


72% of chronically homeless respondents were male, and 28% were female.

The largest racial subgroup of homeless persons reported their race as Black or African-American (66.7%), and the next largest group of persons self-identified as White (26.7%). With regard to ethnicity, 4% of chronically homeless respondents identified themselves as Hispanic.

## Disabilities

In order to meet the definition of chronically homeless, at least one adult in each household must have some kind of disability. The disabilities most commonly identified were substance abuse disorders (70.7%) and mental health issues (42.7%). The complete numbers of reported disabilities among the chronically homeless can be seen in Figure 17.



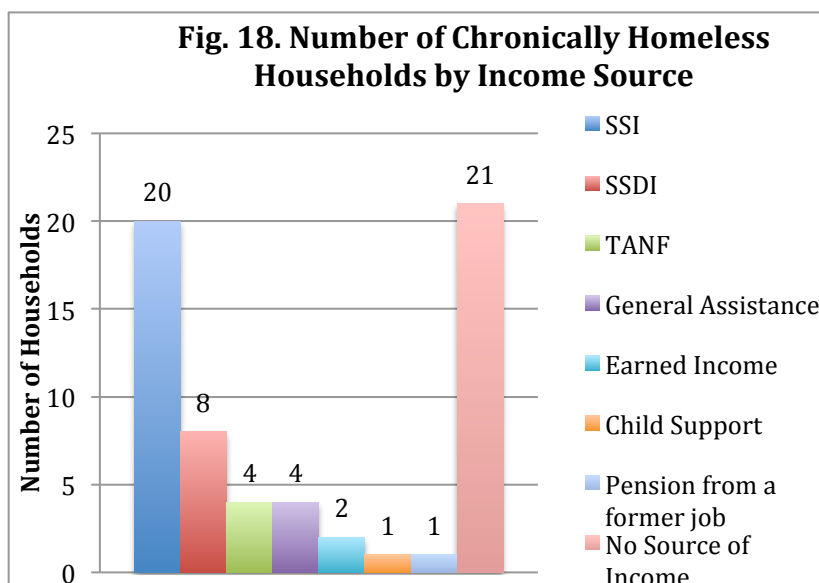
## Subpopulations

On the night of the count, 22 chronically homeless persons in Mercer County reported being victims of domestic violence (31.1%). 3 (13.6%) of these victims were staying in emergency shelters and 19 (86.4%) were unsheltered.

There were 6 veteran individuals identified as chronically homeless on the night of the count (8%). All 6 of these veterans were unsheltered.

## Income and Benefits

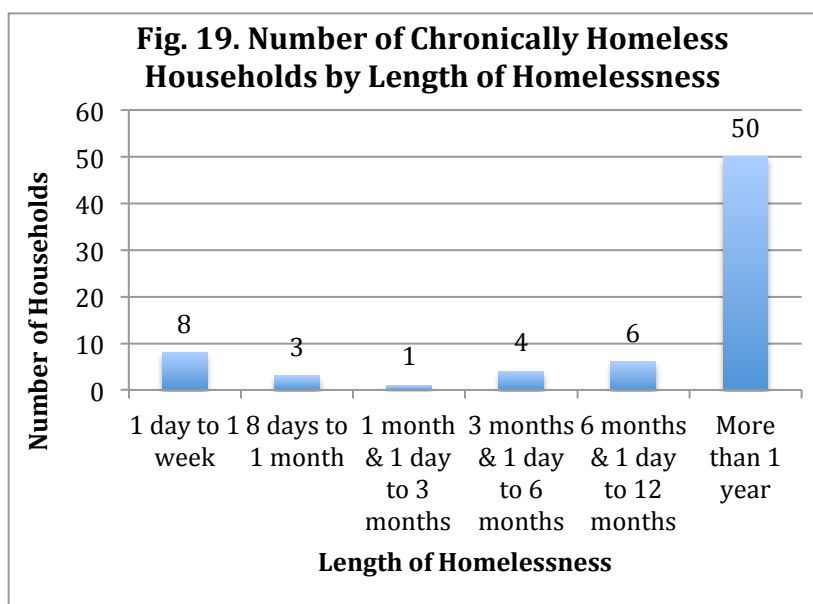
Among all the chronically homeless respondents on the night of the count, 28.4% reported receiving no type of cash income. Figure 18 shows the sources of income received. The most common source of cash income among all chronically homeless respondents was SSI, which was received by 27%. 2 household (2.7%) reported having earned income.



16.2% of chronically homeless households reported they were not receiving any type of non-cash benefit on the night of the count. Food Stamps (SNAP) and Medicaid were the top reported non-cash benefits among this population, with 22.9% and 13.5% reporting receiving each, respectively.

## Length of Homelessness

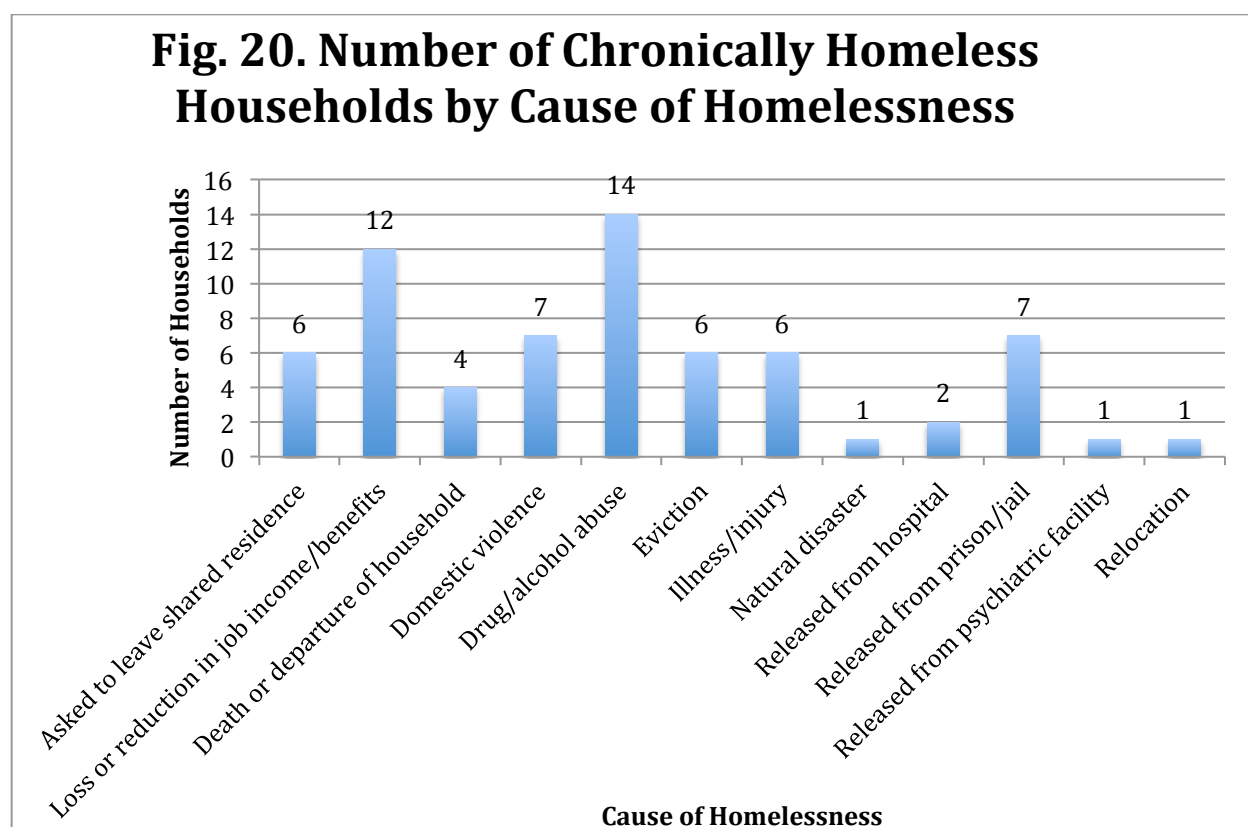
Figure 19 shows that 8 chronically homeless households (10.8%) said that their most recent, continuous episode of homelessness had lasted between 1 day and 1 week. 14.9% of households reported being homeless for less than 1 month. 67.6% reporting being homeless more than 1 year.





## Cause of Homelessness

When asked to share the primary factor that contributed to, or caused, their homelessness, the primary factors identified were drug and alcohol abuse (18.9%) and loss or reduction of benefits or job income (16.2%). An equal number of households reported release from prison or jail and domestic violence as contributing factors. Figure 20 shows, all factors reported by chronically homeless households.



## V. Findings for the Unsheltered Homeless

HUD’s definition of “unsheltered homeless” applies to any individual or family “with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground.”

Unsheltered homeless individuals and families are among those with the most critical housing needs in a community. The unsheltered are especially vulnerable in the cold weather and the elements, which are in evidence at the end of January when the Count takes place. The Point-In-Time survey can play an important role in helping communities

understand why some of the homeless remain unsheltered, and who is included in this group.

### Total Unsheltered Homeless Population

105 households, made up of 105 persons, were living unsheltered in Mercer County, according to the 2015 Point-In-Time Count. This is an increase of 71 households (208.8%) and 67 persons (176.3%) from 2014.

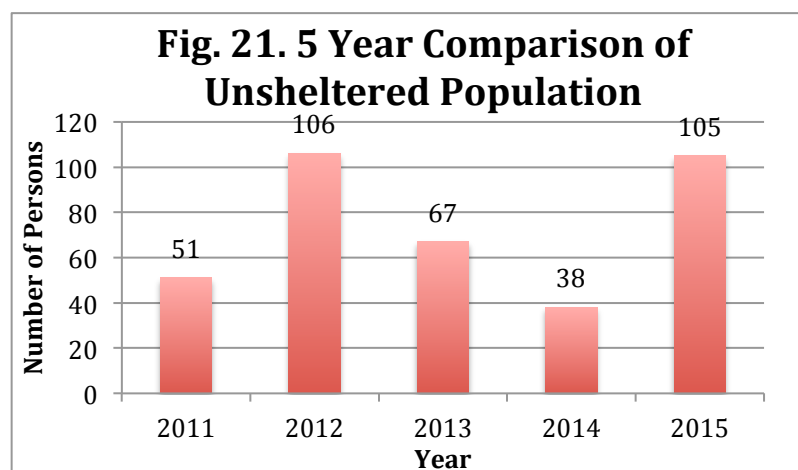


Figure 21 shows the number of unsheltered respondents from 2011 to 2015. Over the past five years, while the numbers have fluctuated, the total number of unsheltered persons has increased overall. Since 2011, the number of unsheltered homeless persons counted has gone up by 54 persons, or 105.8%.

### Families and Individuals

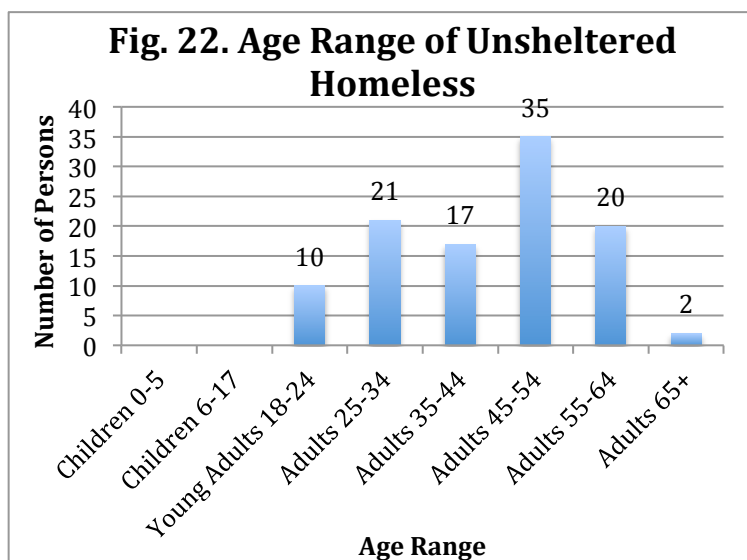
There were no families, with at least 1 adult and 1 child counted as unsheltered on the night of the count.

All of the unsheltered households counted in 2015 were adult-only individual households.

### Demographics

The largest portion of the 105 unsheltered persons counted in 2015, 33.3%, was between 45 and 54 years old. There were no unsheltered children counted. 2% were 65 or older.

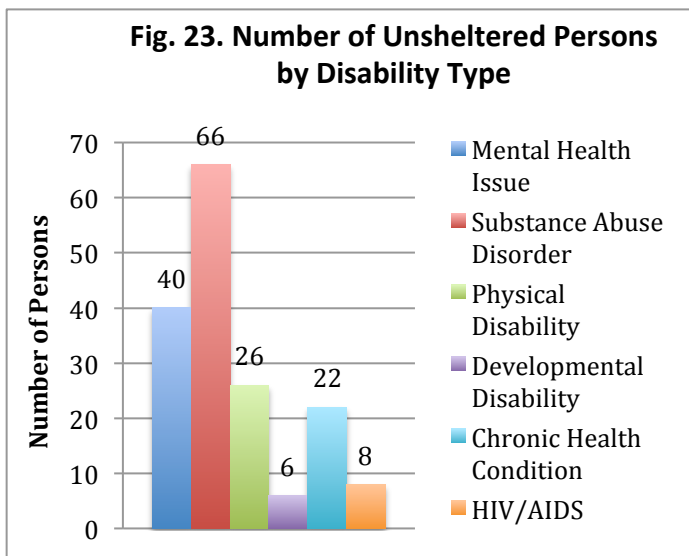
75 of the 105 unsheltered persons were male (71.4%), and 30 (28.6%) were female. 72 (68.5%) identified their race as Black or African-American and 24 (22.6%) identified as White. 6.7% of



unsheltered respondents identified as Hispanic.

### Disabilities

88 of the 105 unsheltered persons (83.3%) reported having some disability. The disabilities most commonly identified were substance abuse disorders (62.9%) and mental health issues (38.1%). The complete numbers of reported disabilities among the unsheltered can be seen in Figure 23.



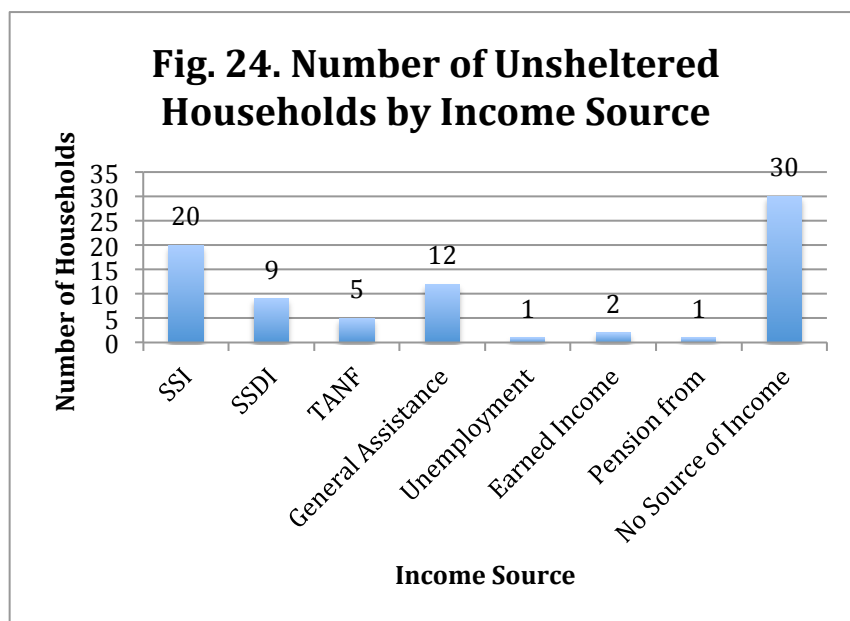
### Subpopulations

On the night of the count, 23 unsheltered homeless persons (21.9%) reported being victims of domestic violence. All of these were single adults. This represents a 475% (19 persons) in those identifying as victims of domestic violence as compared to 2014.

There were 11 unsheltered veterans identified on the night of the count. All of the veterans were male, and 2 of the veterans identified as victims of domestic violence.

### Income and Benefits

Among all the unsheltered households on the night of the count, 30 (28.6%) reported having no source of cash income. The average monthly income among unsheltered households was approximately \$209. 19% of unsheltered households received Supplemental Security Income (SSI), making it the most common source of income. Figure 24 shows all sources of income reported.

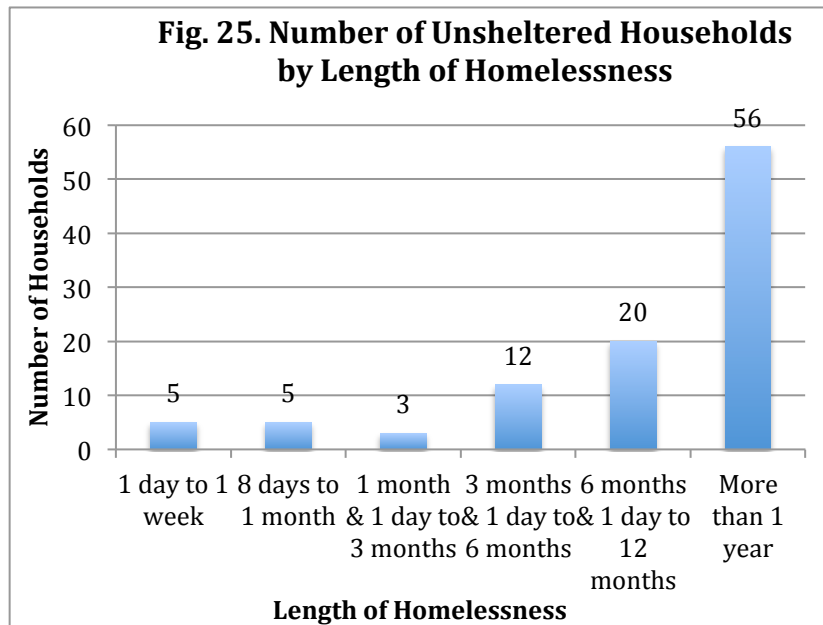


12 unsheltered households (11.4%) reported they were not receiving any type of non-cash benefit on the night of the count. Food Stamps (SNAP) and Medicaid were the top reported

non-cash benefit among this group, with 20% and 12.4% receiving each of these benefits, respectively.

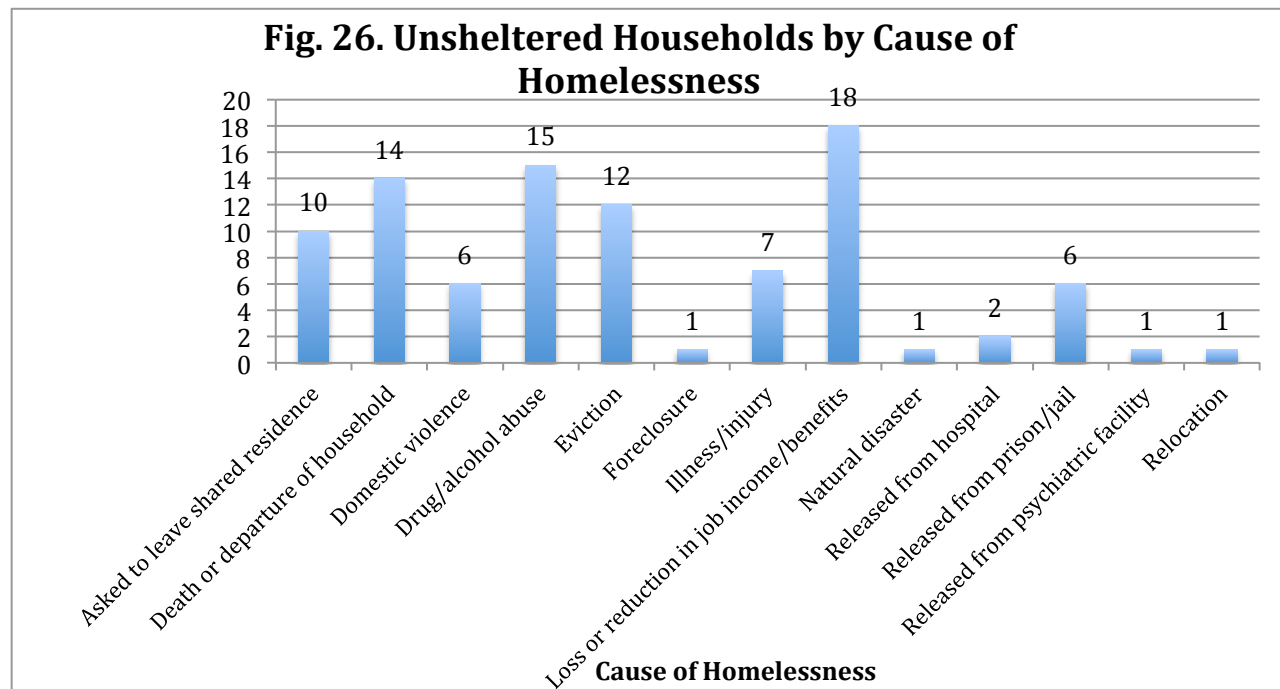
### Length of Homelessness

As shown in Figure 25, more unsheltered homeless respondents reported that their households' most recent, continuous episode of homelessness had lasted for over a year than any other length of time (53.3%). 19% of households reported they had been homeless between 6 months and 1 year. In all, 72.3% of unsheltered households had been homeless for more than 6 months.



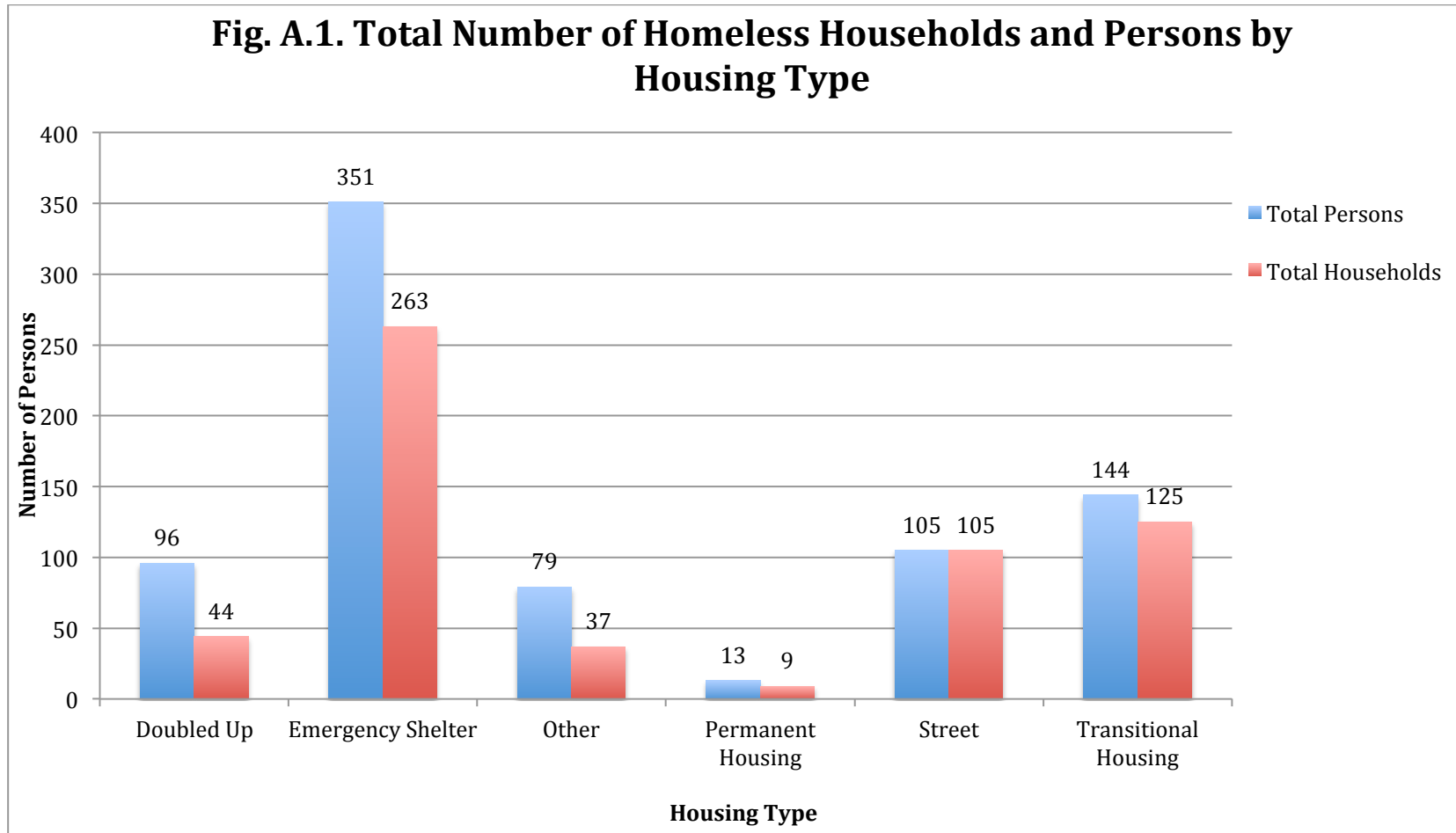
### Cause of Homelessness

When asked to share the primary factor that contributed to, or caused, their homelessness, more unsheltered respondents said loss or reduction of job income or benefits (29.4%) than any other factor. As Figure 26 shows, other common factors reported included drug or alcohol abuse and death or departure of a household member.



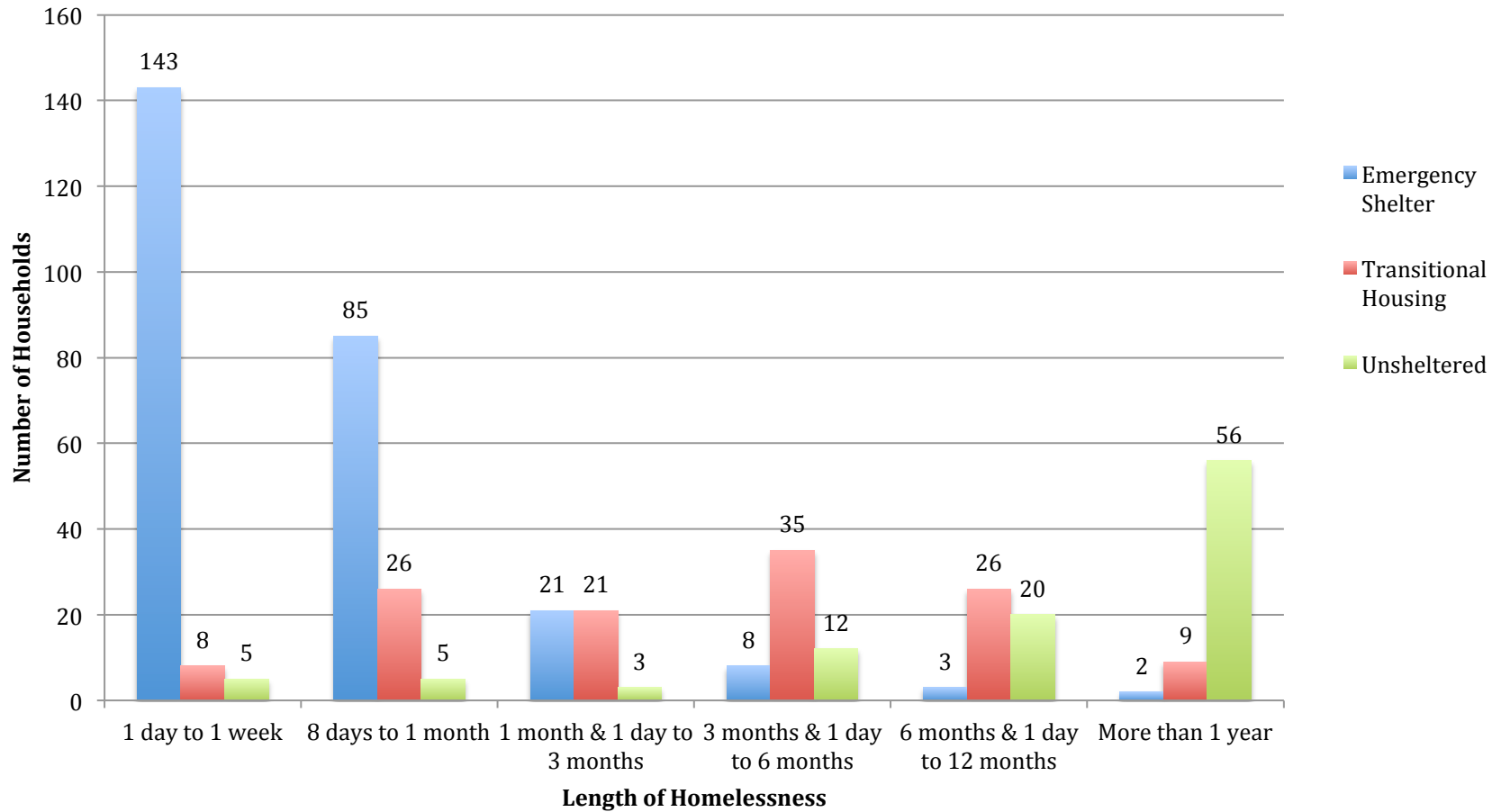
## VI. Appendix

Where did you spend the night of Tuesday, February 3, 2015?



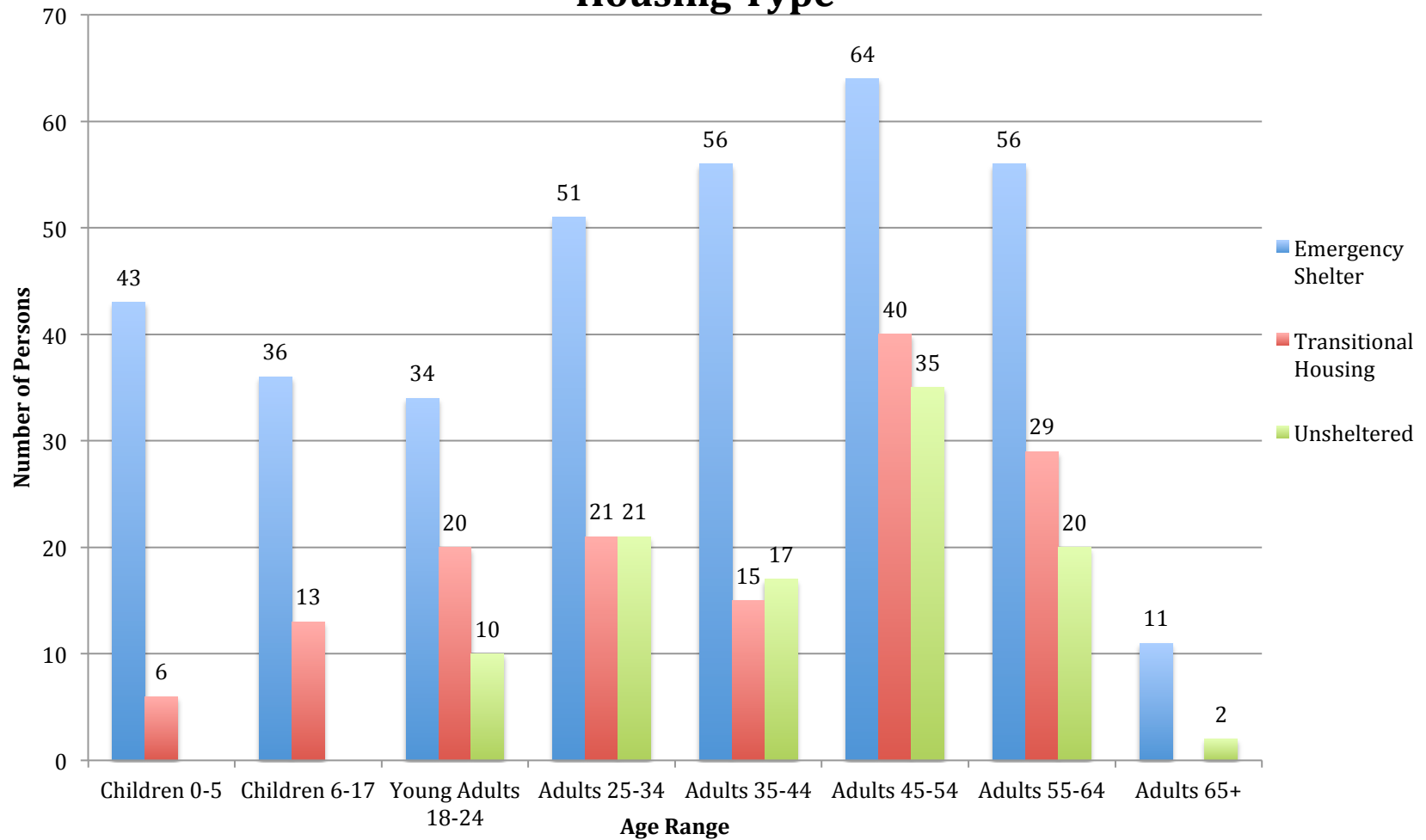
How long have you been in your current living situation?

**Fig. A.2. Homeless Households by Length of Homelessness and Housing Type**

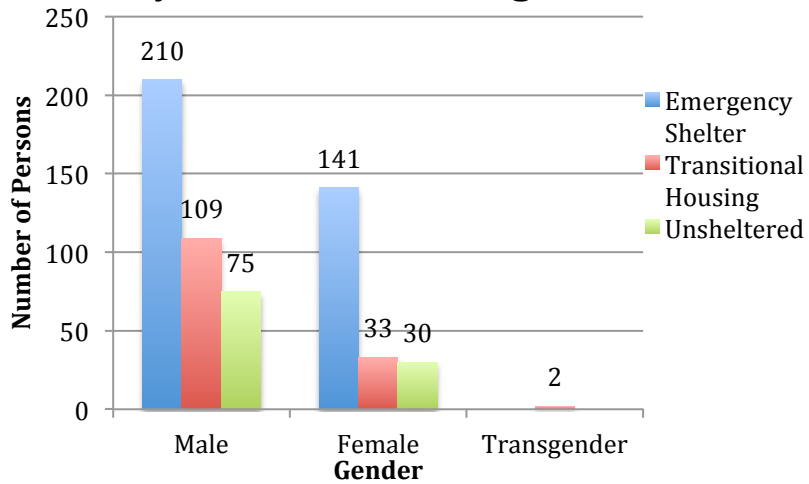


Who was homeless with you on the night of January 28<sup>th</sup>?

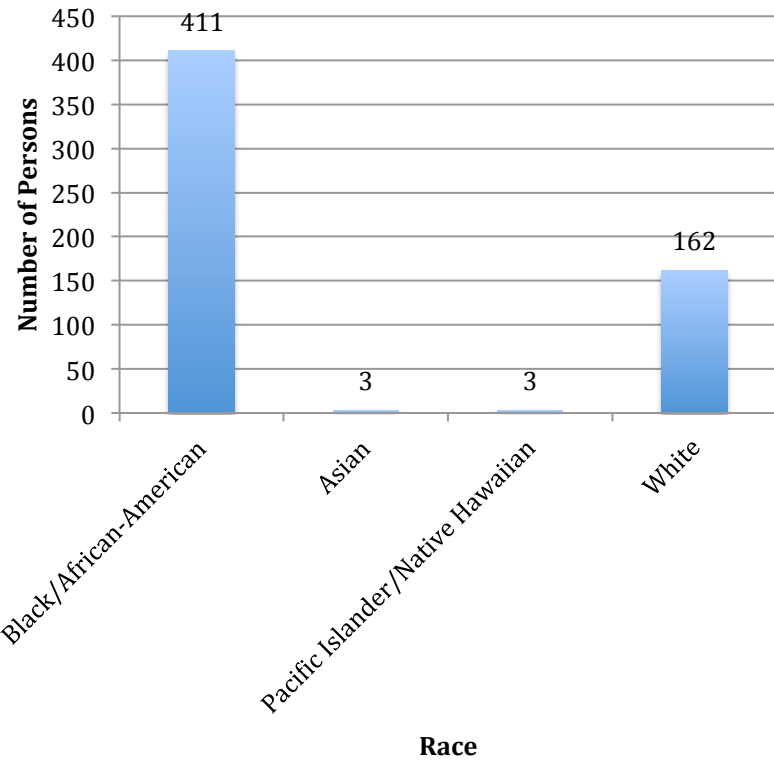
**Fig. A.3. Number of Homeless Persons by Age Range and Housing Type**



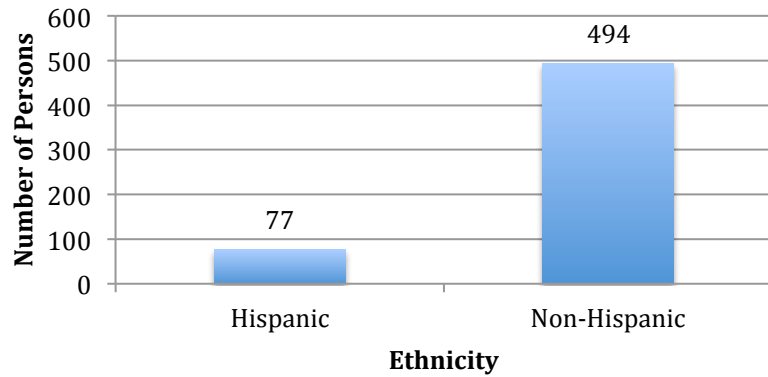
**Fig. A.4. Number of Homeless Persons by Gender and Housing Situation**



**Fig. A.5. Number of Homeless Persons by Race**



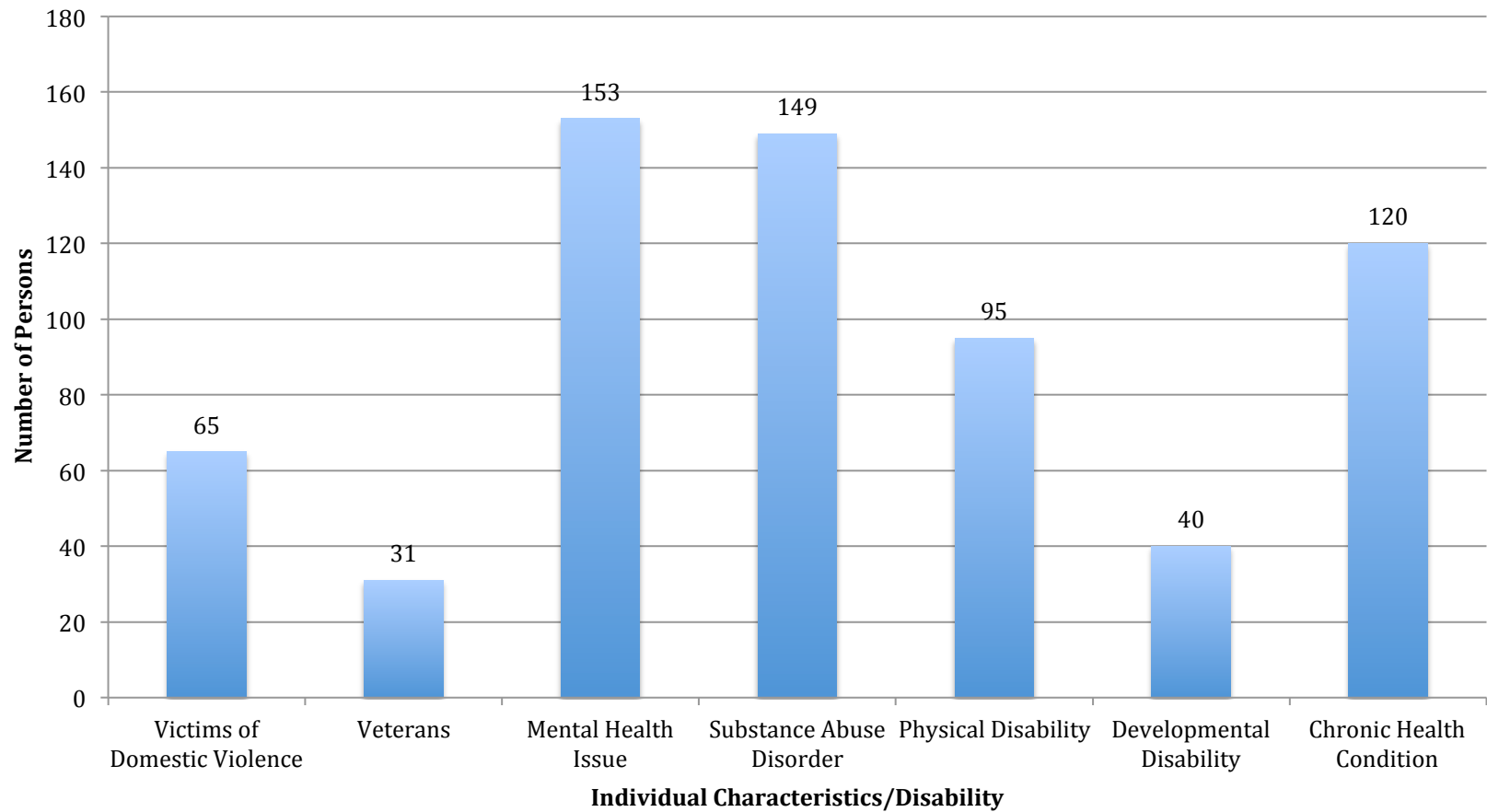
**Fig. A.6. Number of Homeless Persons by Ethnicity**





Household Characteristics - check all that apply to each person

**Fig. A.7. Number of Homeless Persons by Victims of Domestic Violence, Veteran Status, and Disability**



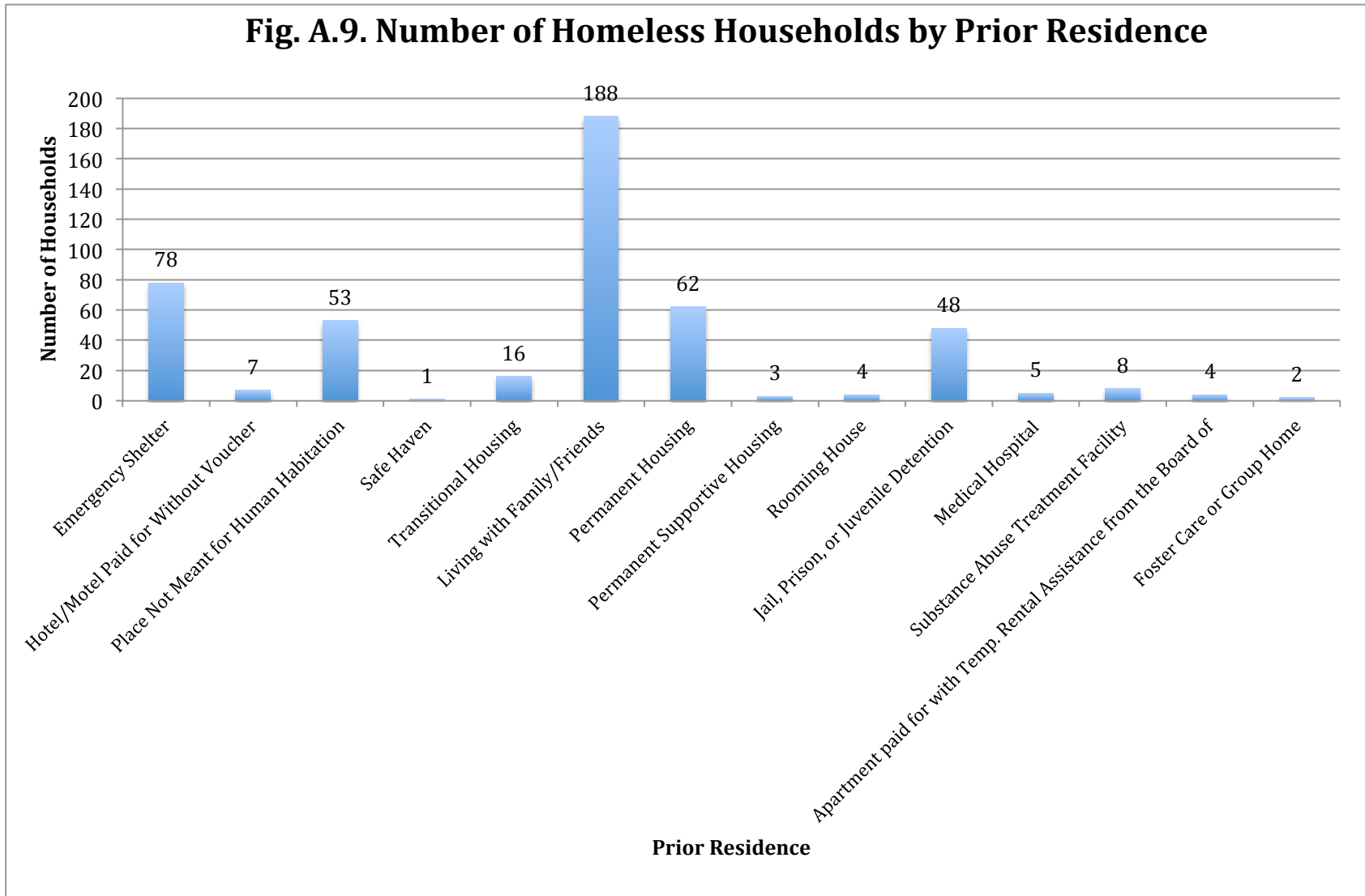
**Where was your last permanent address before becoming homeless?**

**Fig. A.8. Number of Homeless Households by County or State of Last Permanent Address**

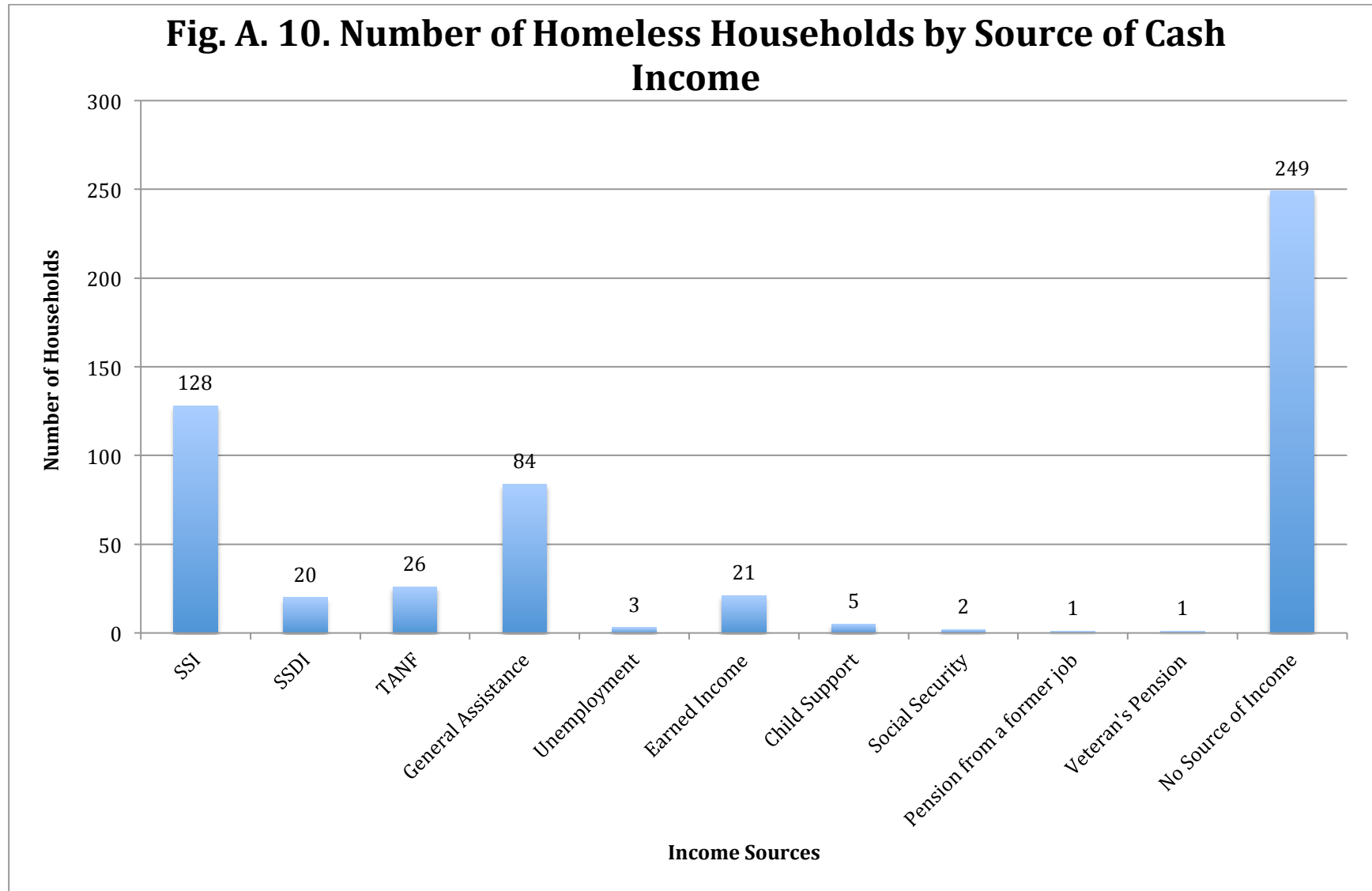
<b>Last Permanent Address – County/State</b>	<b>Number of Households</b>
Atlantic County	2
Burlington County	13
California	2
Camden County	17
Connecticut	2
Cumberland County	1
Essex County	7
Florida	4
Georgia	1
Gloucester County	2
<b>Mercer County</b>	<b>353</b>
Middlesex County	3
Missouri	1
Monmouth County	7
New York	1
Ocean County	4
Ohio	1
Passaic County	1
Pennsylvania	9
Puerto Rico	2
Salem County	1
Somerset County	1
South Carolina	3
Sussex County	1
Virginia	1
Warren County	1
Washington D.C.	1

What was your residence prior to your current living situation?

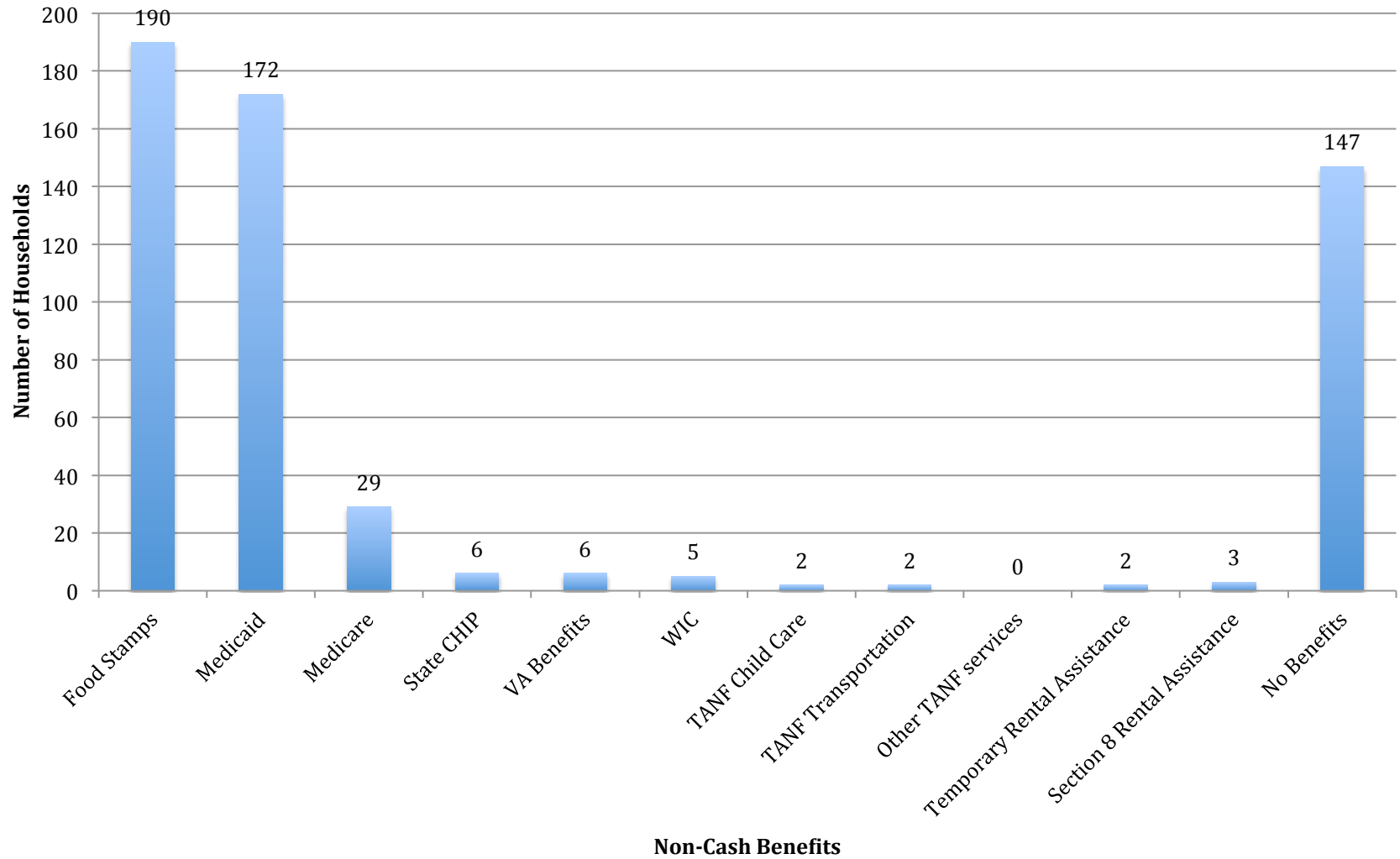
**Fig. A.9. Number of Homeless Households by Prior Residence**



Which of the following sources of income or non-cash benefits do you, or anyone in your household, receive?

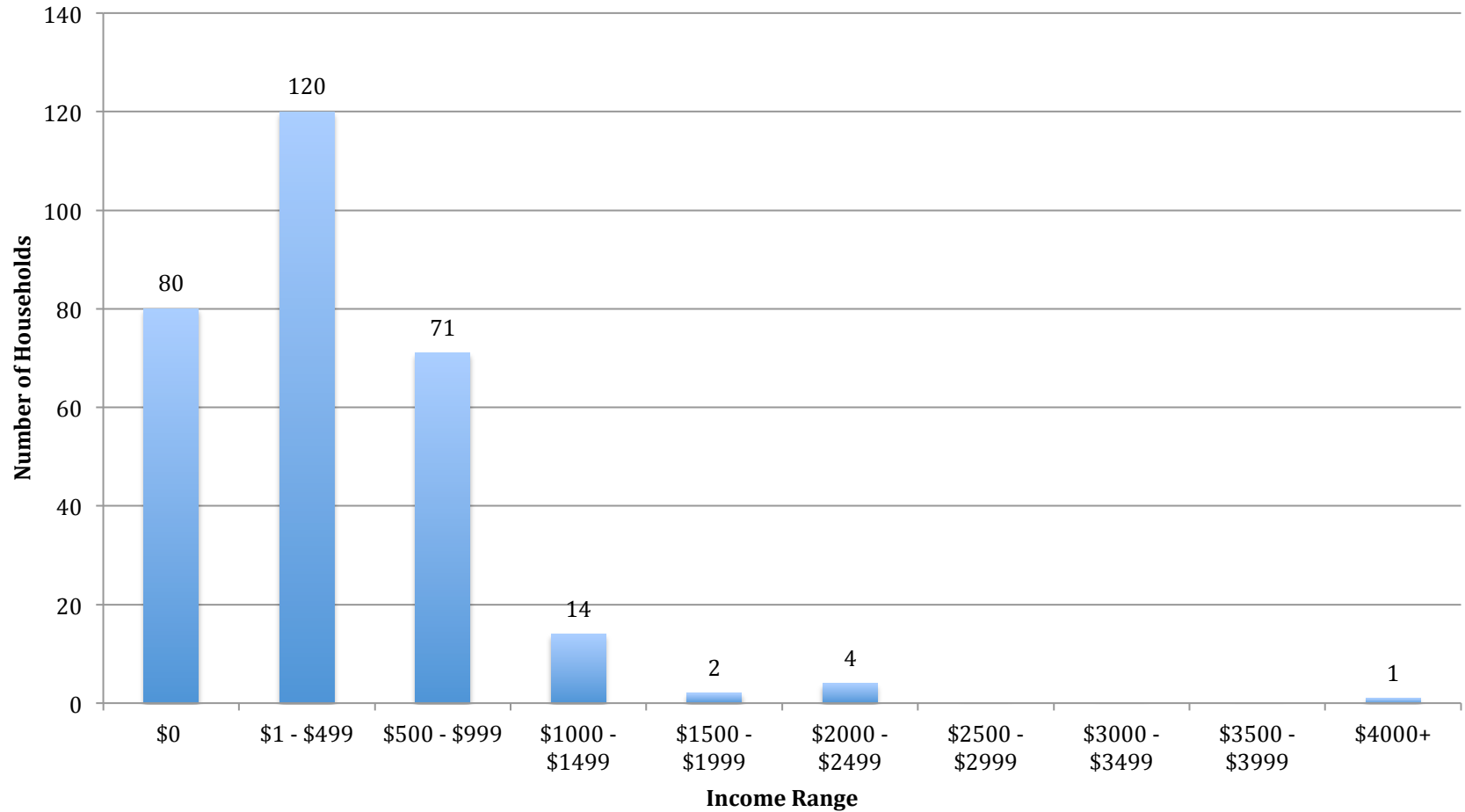


**Fig. A. 11. Number of Homeless Households by Sources of Non-Cash Benefits**



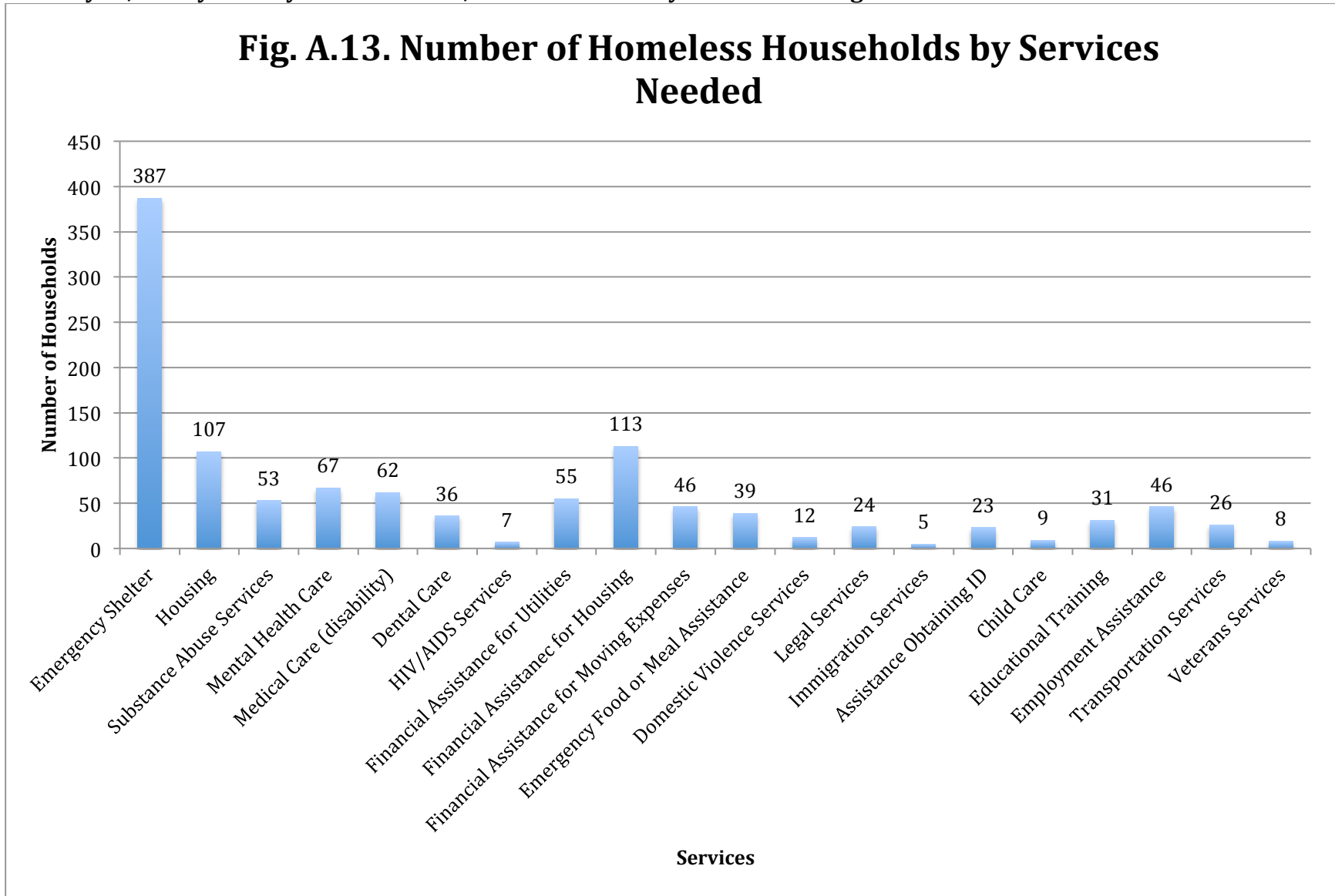
What is your monthly household income?

**Fig. A.12. Number of Homeless Households by Monthly Income Range**



Would you, or anyone in your household, like to receive any of the following services?

**Fig. A.13. Number of Homeless Households by Services Needed**



What was the primary factor that contributed to, or caused, your current living situation?

**Fig. A.14. Number of Homeless Households by Cause of Homelessness**

