

Salem County Annual Homeless Assessment Report January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012

I. Introduction

The following report provides Salem County Continuum of Care with a look at the HMIS data that was used for the 2012 Southern New Jersey Regional Homeless Assessment Report. This report includes the same categories and population breakdowns that were presented in the Regional Report and can be used for individual comparison.

Identical to the Regional Report, this report is based on unduplicated numbers in which a family is a household with at least one child age 17 or younger and at least one adult age 18 or older. Adult couples were also considered families for this report. All others were considered homeless individuals. Again identical to the Southern Regional Report, a person was considered a youth if they were between the ages of 18 – 24 and were identified as the head of household.

All percentages are based on the total number of actual responses, an answer of “don’t know” or missing data were not represented or calculated in this report.

In order for a HMIS program to be included in this report they needed to be designated in HMIS as a “homeless only” program and have a program category of emergency shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing.

III. Findings for Total Population Served

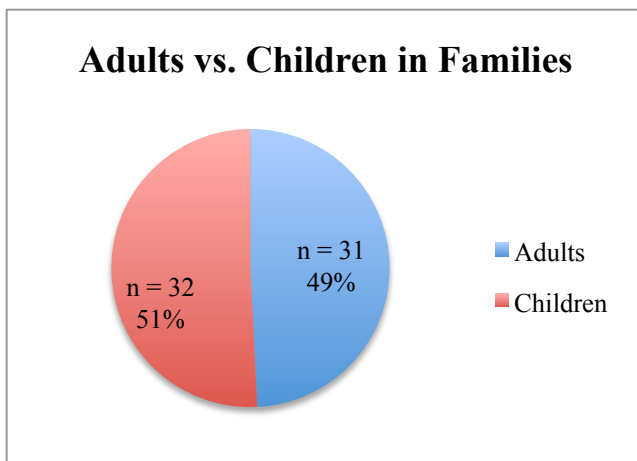
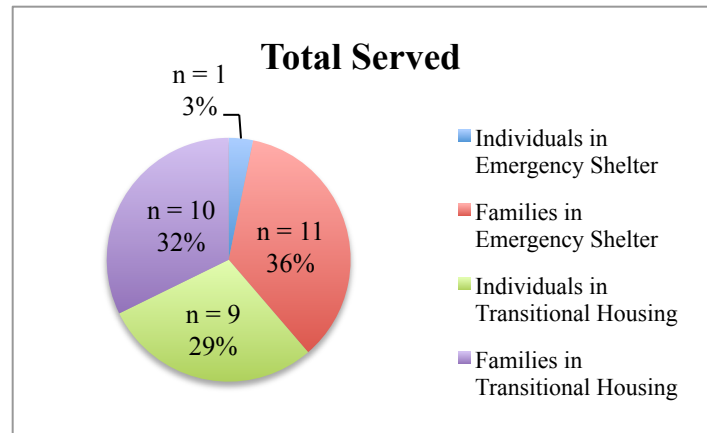
Key Findings:

- A total of 31 households were served in HMIS participating emergency shelters and transitional housing programs during the January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012 report period
- A total of 3 individuals were identified as chronically homeless
- 22% of the total population including children and adults either served as individuals or families identified having a disability
- Among children served as part of a family, 47% were under the age of six
- 65% of the head of households served had obtained their high school diploma/GED or higher education
- 59% of families and 33% of individuals moved on to permanent housing upon discharge

Total Homeless Population.

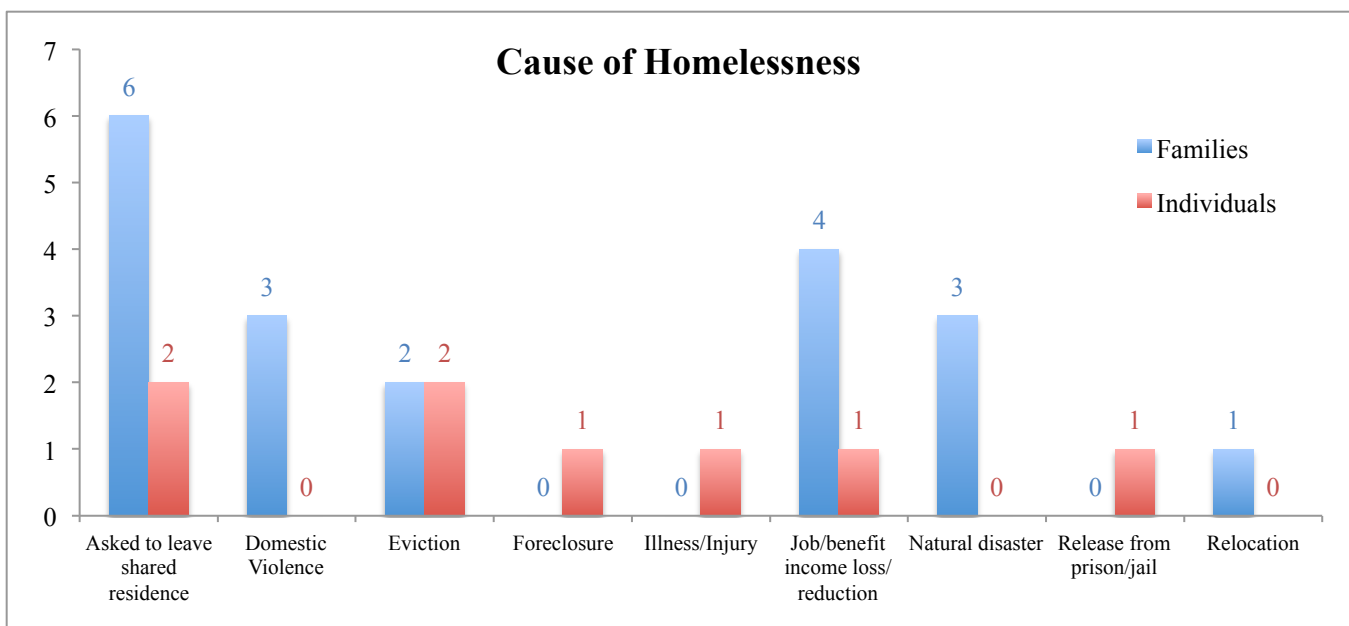
	Salem County	Southern New Jersey	New Jersey
Total Persons Served	73	5,616	25,870
Emergency Shelter	30	4,555	17,776
Individuals	1	3,152	12,163
Families	29	1,403	5,613
Transitional Housing	43	704	4,837
Individuals	9	519	2,072
Families	34	221	2,765
Permanent Housing	0	321	3,257
Individuals	0	225	2,217
Families	0	96	1,040

A total of 31 households involving 73 persons were housed in Salem County. This represents 1% of all 4,481 households as well as 1% of all 5,616 persons who were homeless throughout Southern New Jersey.

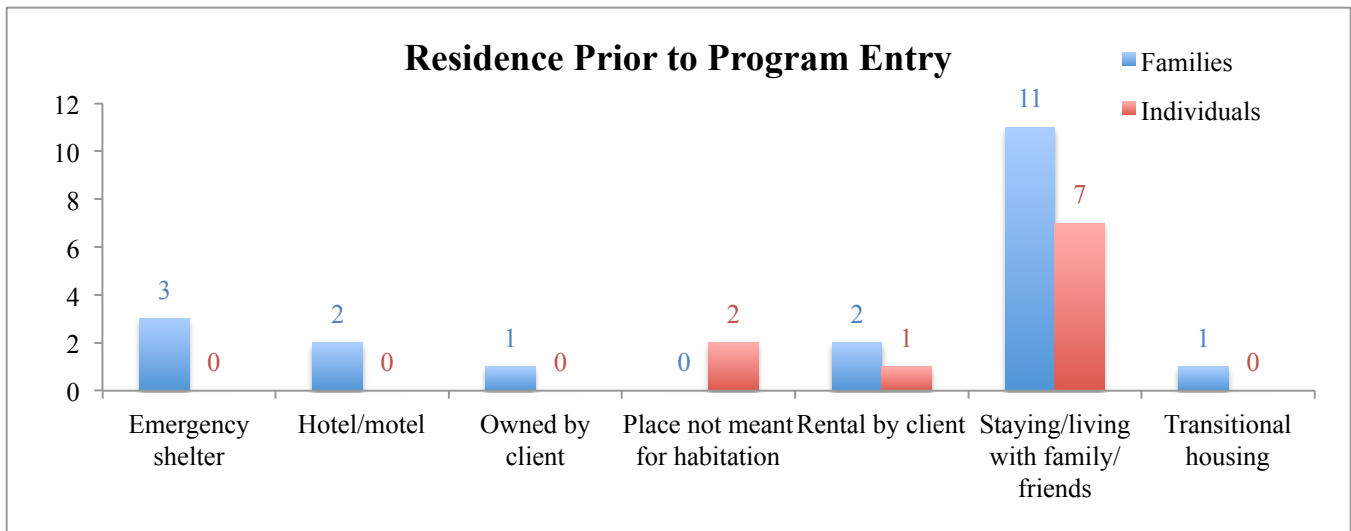


Adults vs. Children in Families. The average size of a homeless family in Salem County is 3 persons in emergency shelter and 4 persons in transitional housing. The average age of children in families in emergency shelter is 6, while the average age of children in families served in transitional housing is 9 years old.

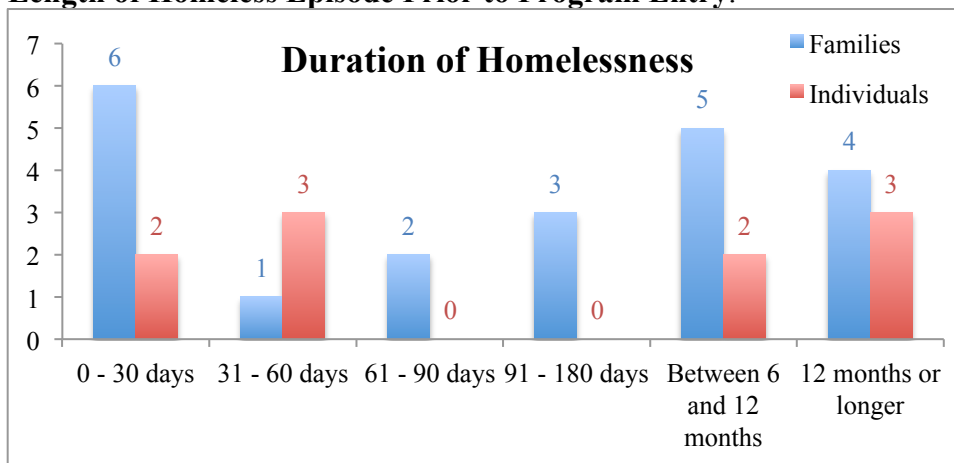
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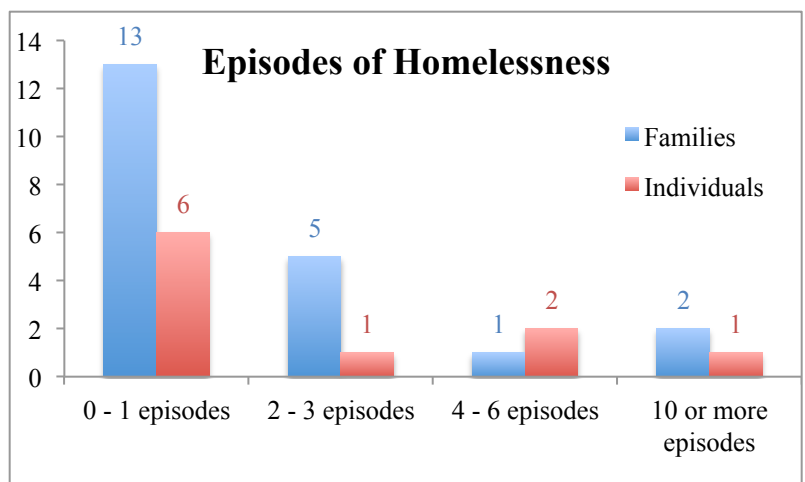
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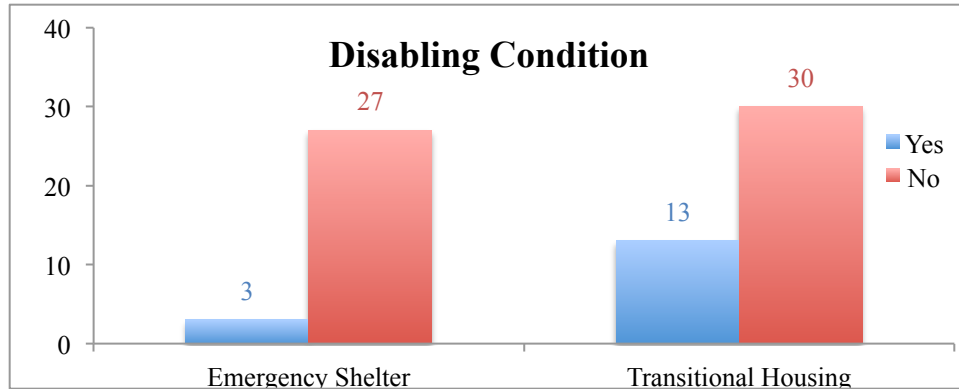
Length of Homeless Episode Prior to Program Entry.



Episodes of Homelessness and Chronic Homelessness. Out of all individuals served, a total of 3 or 30% were identified as chronically homeless.



Disabling Condition.

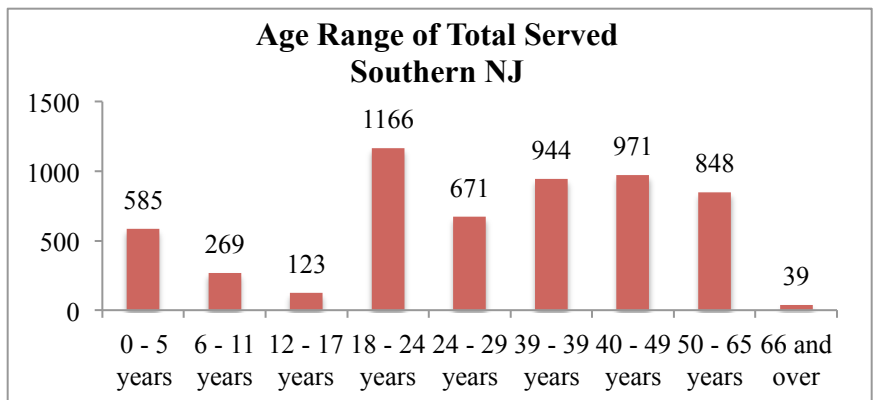
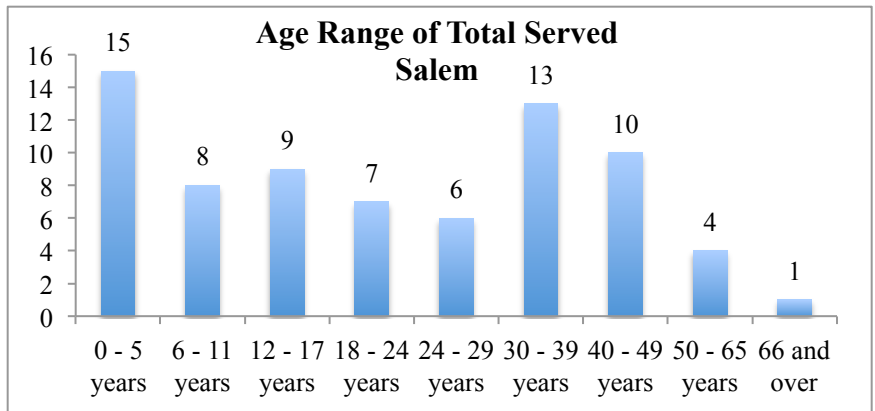
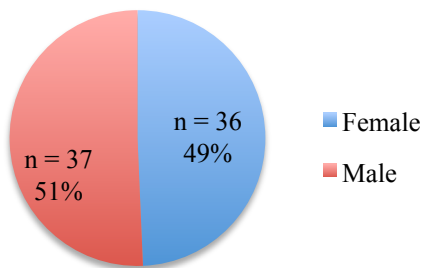


For those whom indicated a disabling condition, the breakdown is as follows:

Disabling Condition	Individuals	%	Families	%
Yes	2	25%	6	75%
Yes – Chronic physical illness or disability	1	13%	2	25%
Yes – Developmental disability	1	13%	0	0%
Yes – Diagnosable substance use disorder	0	0%	0	0%
Yes – Dually diagnosed	1	13%	0	0%
Yes – Serious mental illness	3	38%	0	0%
Total	8	100%	8	100%

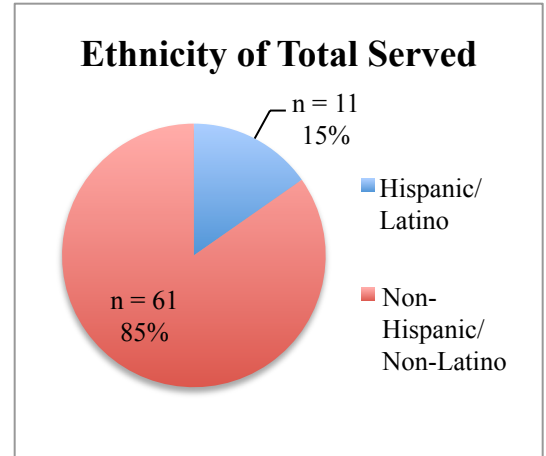
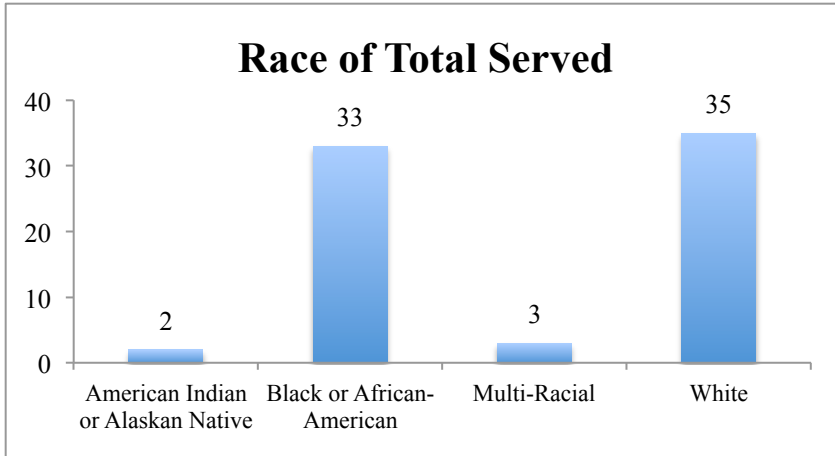
Gender and Age Range.

Gender of Total Served

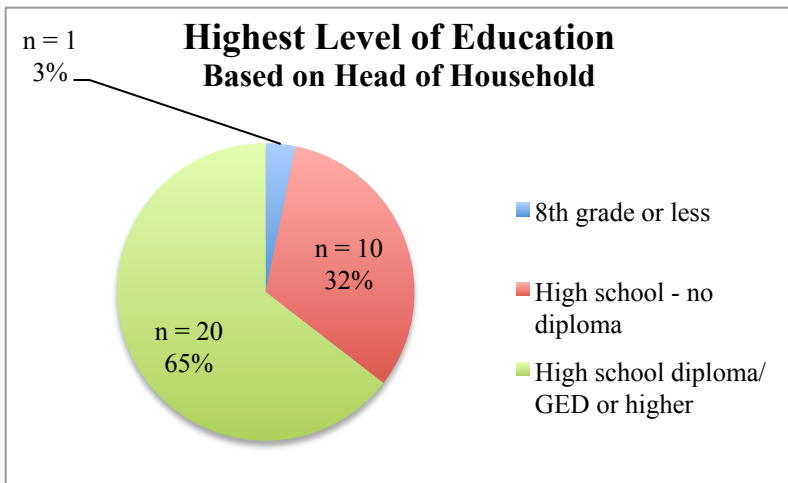


Veteran Status. There were no veterans identified as being served in Salem’s emergency shelters or transitional housing programs included in this report.

Race and Ethnicity.



Level of Education and Access to Cash-Income/Non-Cash Benefits.

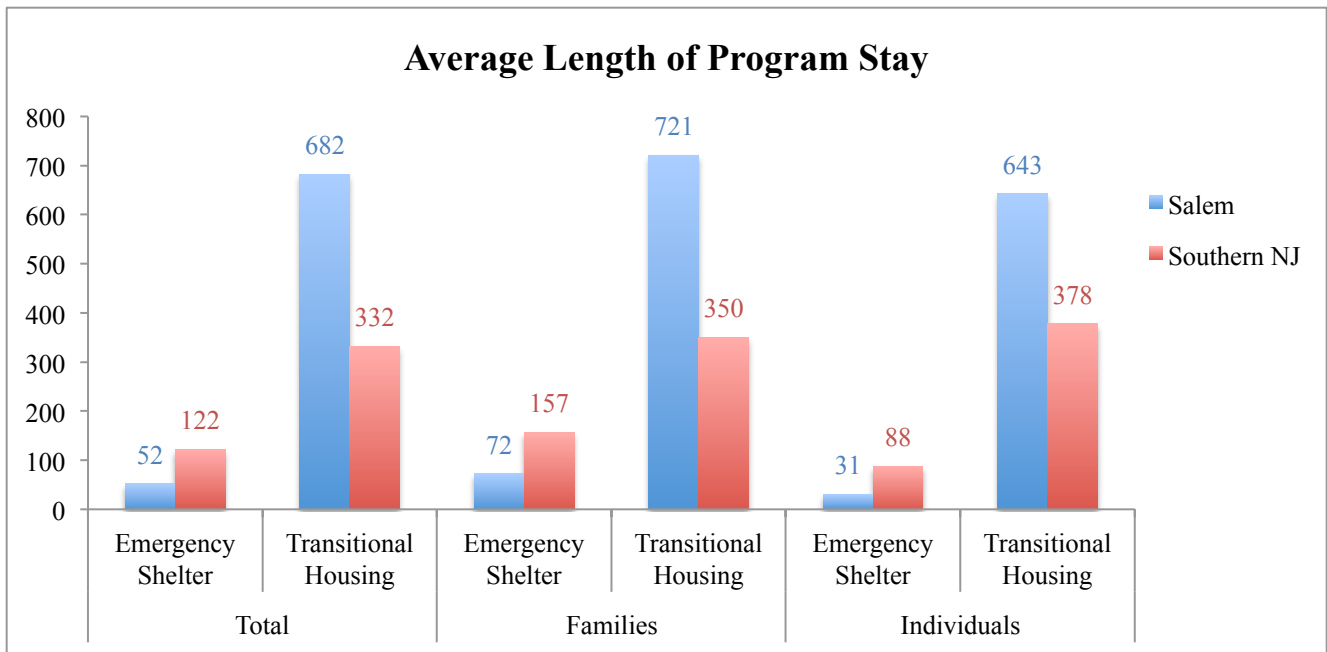


All persons served throughout Salem County during this time frame had access to at least one cash-income or non-cash benefit.

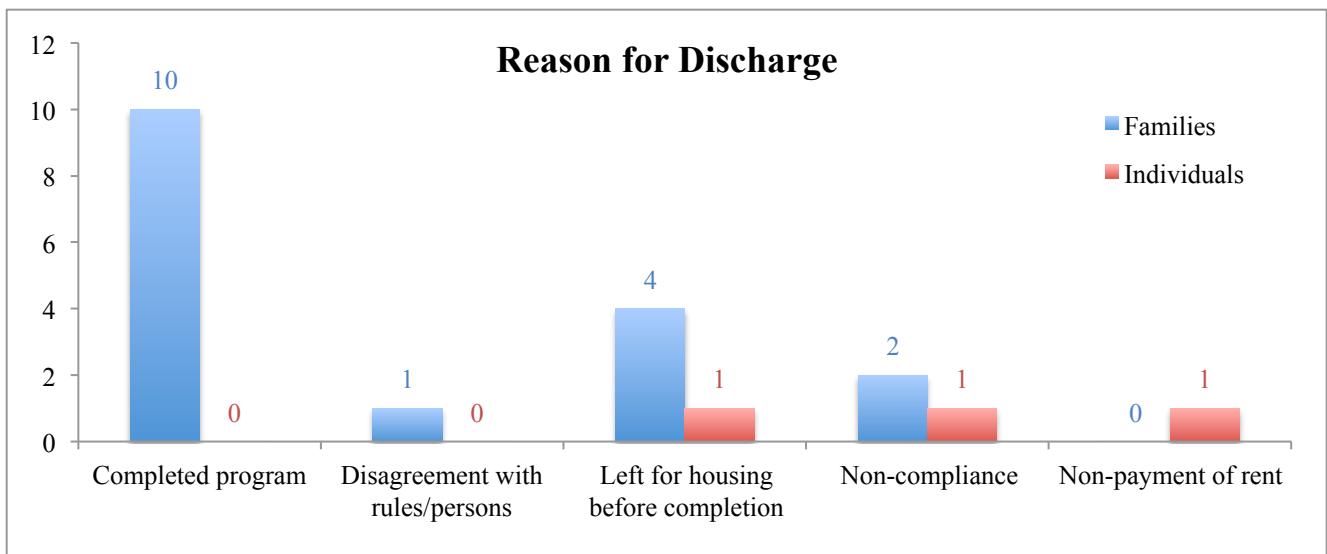
Earned income was the most reported cash-income with a total of 29% of all households served having earned income.

The most reported non-cash benefit for all households was Food Stamps with 74% of households receiving Food Stamps.

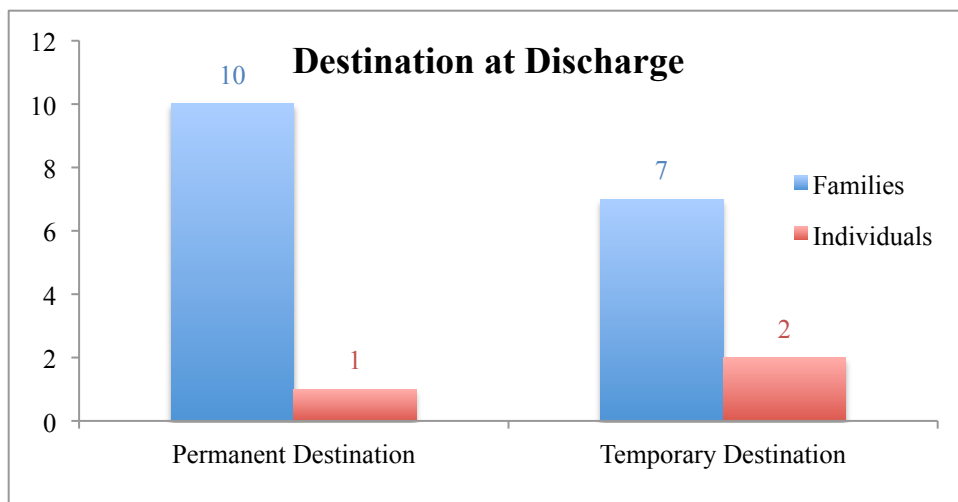
Average Length of Program Stay.



Reason and Destination at Discharge.



A total of 20 households were discharged during the 2012 reporting period. A permanent housing destination includes a unit owned or rented by a client, permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless person, or living with a family member or friend permanently. The most common permanent housing response was rental by client with 45% of total households moving into a rental. This rental could be with or without a subsidy. A temporary discharge destination includes an emergency shelter, hotel or motel, place not meant for habitation, staying with a family member or friend temporarily, or transitional housing for homeless persons. The most common form of temporary destination was staying with family/friends temporarily, which involved 40% of the total population.



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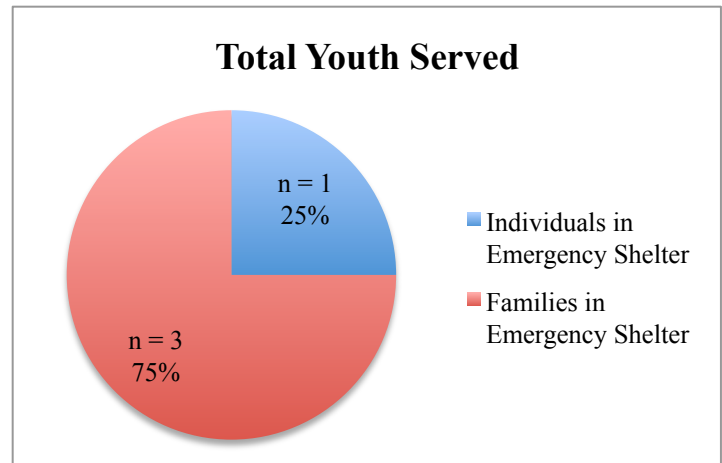
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IV. Findings for Youth Population

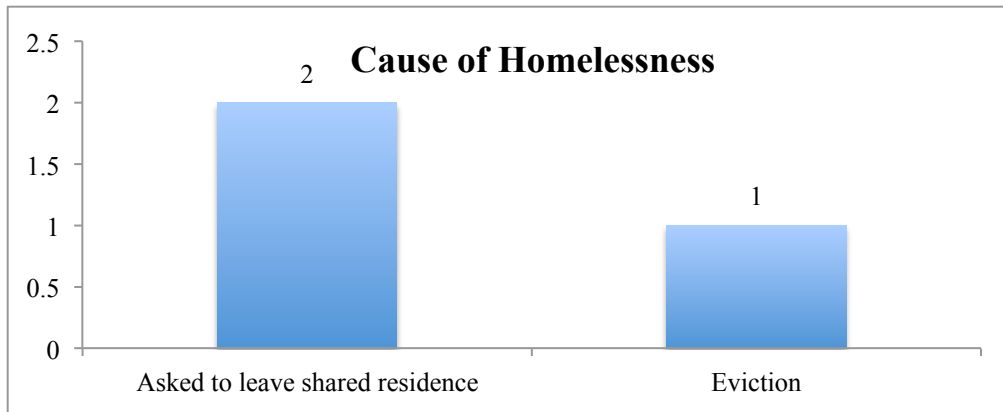
Key Findings

- A total of 4 homeless youth were served in HMIS participating emergency shelters during the January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012 report period
- Youth households represented 33% of those served in emergency shelters
- 100% of youth served were female
- Youth had longer program stays on average in emergency shelter when compared to the total population
- 50% of youth were discharged into permanent upon exiting the program

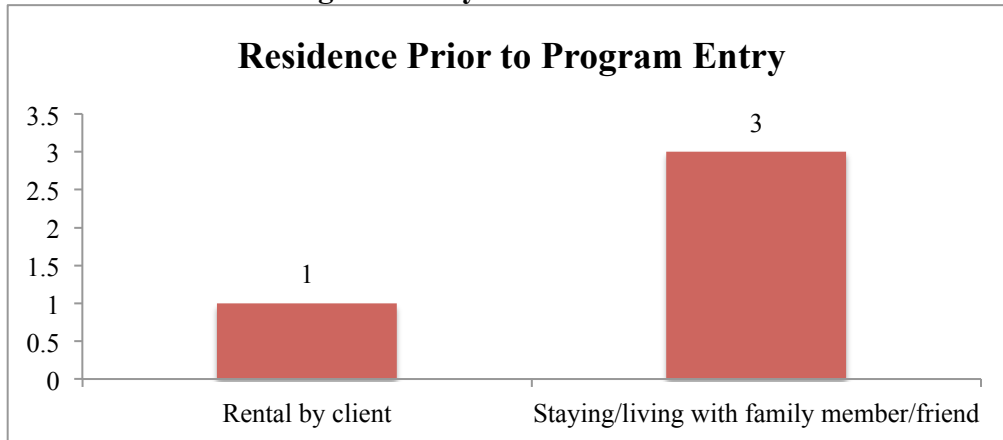
Total Served. A total of 4 youth were served as a head of household in Salem County during the January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012 reporting period. Youth households represent 33% (4) of households served in emergency shelters. The average age of youth served in emergency shelters was 22 years old.



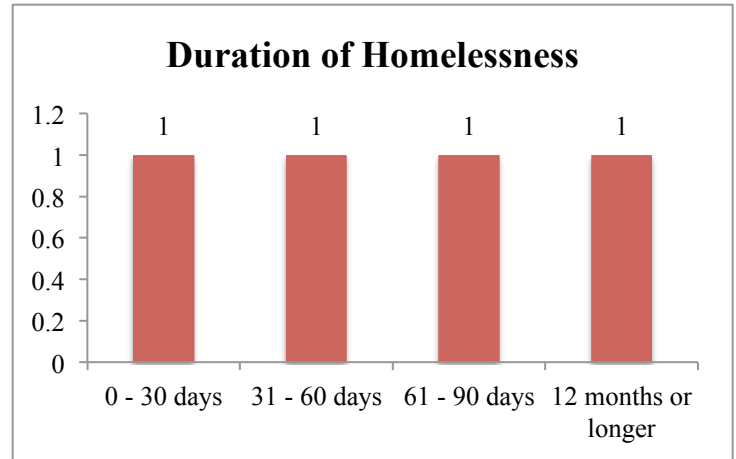
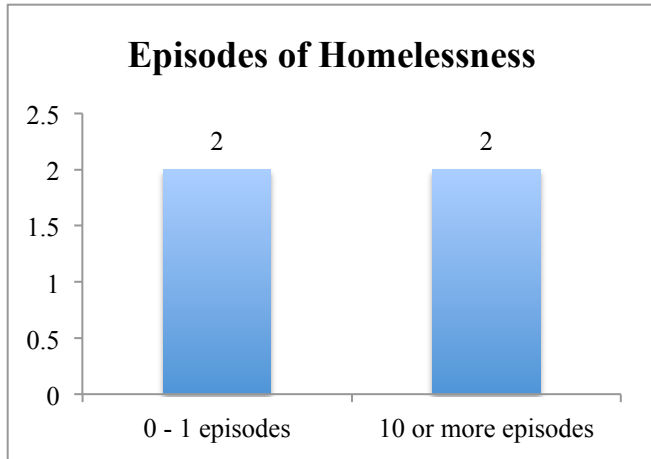
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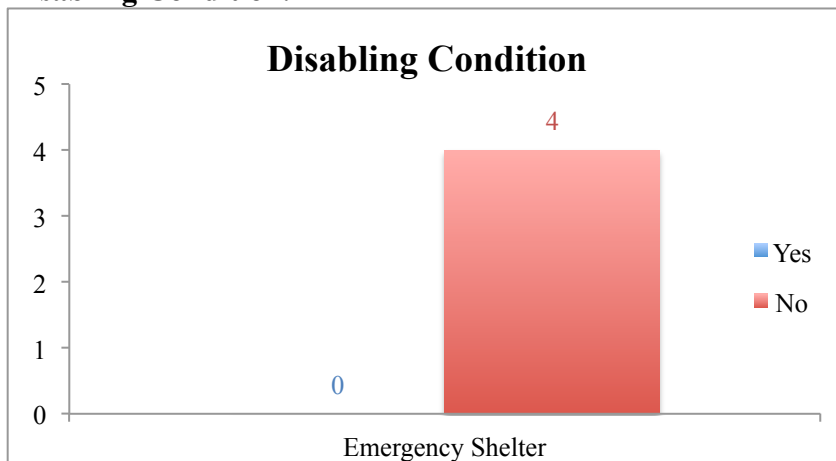
Residence Prior to Program Entry.



Episodes and Duration of Homelessness and Chronic Homelessness. There were no homeless youth that were identified as chronically homeless during this reporting period.

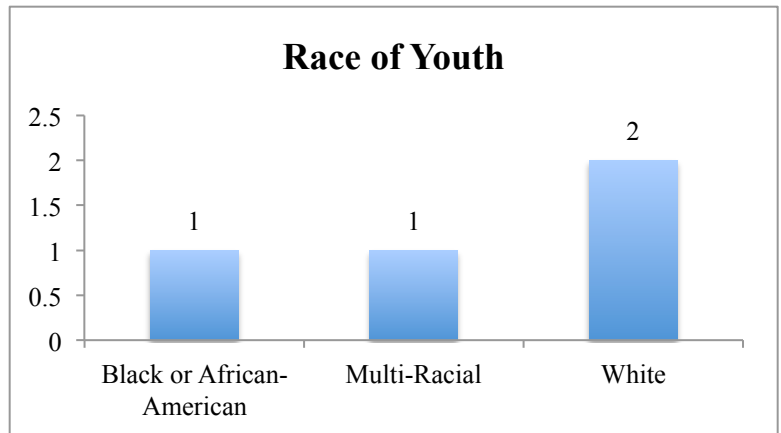


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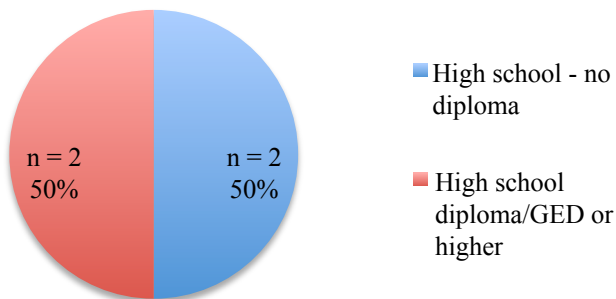


Gender and Veterans Served. 2 homeless youth served throughout Salem County identified themselves as veterans. This accounts for 1% of the total veterans served. All youth served throughout the time frame identified their gender as female.

Race and Ethnicity. All youth served throughout Salem County during the year of 2012 identified their ethnicity as Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino.



Highest Level of Education

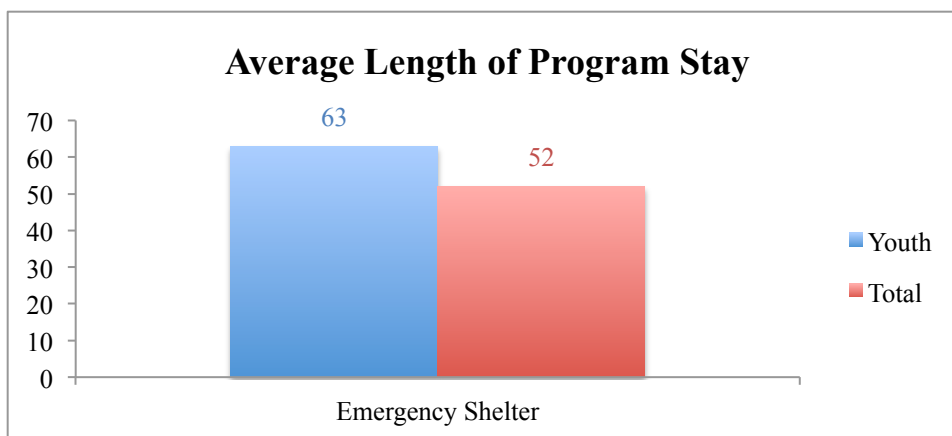


Level of Education and Cash-Income Sources/Non-Cash Benefits. All youth served had access to at least one cash-income or non-cash benefit.

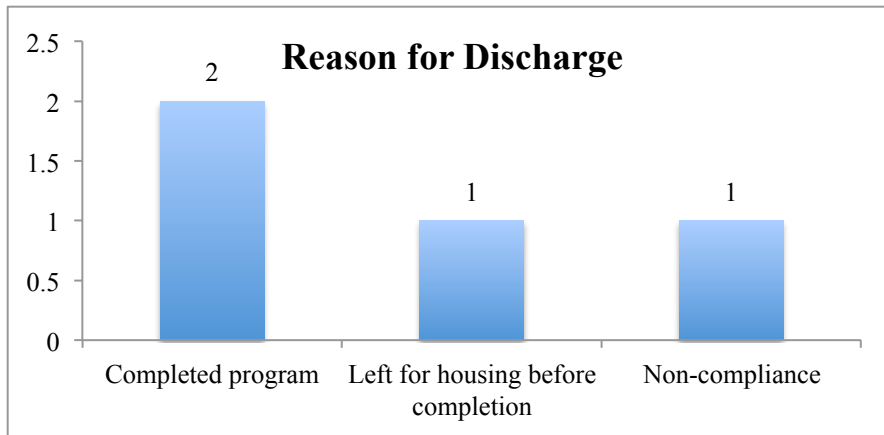
The most commonly reported cash-income for youth was TANF with 50% of the youth served receiving TANF.

The most commonly reported non-cash benefit by youth was Food Stamps with 75% of the youth population receiving Food Stamps.

Average Length of Program Stay.



Reason and Destination at Discharge. A total of 4 youth were discharged from emergency shelters and transitional housing programs during the 2012 reporting period. A permanent housing destination includes a unit owned or rented by a client, permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless, or living with a family member or friend permanently. The most common permanent destination at discharge was rental by client which accounted for 50% of the total responses. A temporary discharge destination includes an emergency shelter, hotel or motel, place not meant for habitation, staying with a family member or friend temporarily, or transitional housing for the homeless. The most common temporary destination was staying with family/friends temporarily which accounted for 50% of the total responses.



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