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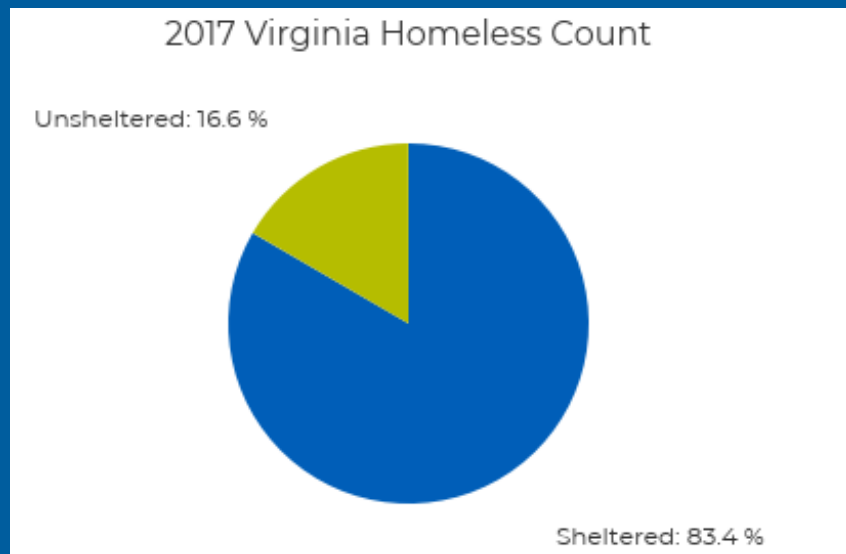
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About this Report

Point-in-Time (PIT) counts of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness is conducted yearly in each jurisdiction in Virginia, and across the country. This count offers a snapshot of homelessness on a single night in late January. In order to qualify for federal homeless assistance funds, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires communities to conduct this task. The Blue Ridge Interagency Council on Homelessness, the governance body for homeless services in the region, is the lead entity that conducts this PIT count.

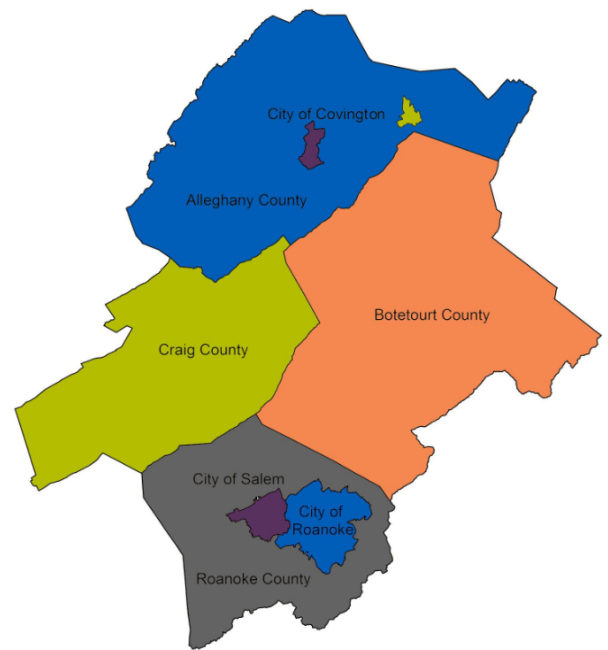
The data collected provide valuable information to area service providers, policy makers, and the general public on the individual and family challenges and barriers associated with homelessness. Included data available for analysis are estimates of the number of people experiencing homelessness within particular populations, such as people with chronic patterns of homelessness, families with children, veterans experiencing homelessness, and people under the age of 25 who are experiencing homelessness on their own, not in the company of their parent or guardian. Changes over time in the overall count and in certain demographic characteristics of people experiencing homelessness is another strength of our data collection efforts.

Homelessness directly affects thousands of Virginians annually. According to the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in 2017 there were 6,067 homeless people in Virginia during a 24-hour count taken in January by localities statewide. This represents a decrease of 3.2% over those counted in 2016. Of the 6,067 counted in 2017, the vast majority (83.4%) were sheltered.



Methodology

This 2018 Point-in-Time Count and Homeless Survey Report presents data obtained on a single night in January from sheltered and unsheltered people in the Blue Ridge Continuum of Care Region of Virginia: Alleghany County, Botetourt County, Craig County, Roanoke County and the cities of Covington, Roanoke and Salem. The instruments used to collect survey data were the Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) v2.0 for single adults, the VI-SPDAT v2.0 for families, and 16 supplemental questions. The survey was administered voluntarily. Families with children were surveyed as a household. Adults in households without children were surveyed individually. In addition, the 2018 report includes data obtained directly from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for most programs.



The VI-SPDAT v2.0, the Continuum of Care’s primary common assessment instrument, is administered to all homeless individuals and/or families upon entry into the region’s coordinated system of care to determine 1) the level of vulnerability for a homeless person or family; and 2) to prioritize services based on vulnerability. Data from the VI-SPDAT are entered into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) in addition to other essential elements such as demographic characteristics; homelessness and housing histories; and income and benefit amounts.

Individuals fleeing domestic violence were counted and surveyed by program case workers outside of the HMIS (N=16). These data were then aggregated with the overall count and other survey responses. Data for individuals identified as unsheltered (N=11) were obtained and recorded on paper forms used by homeless service providers from the City of Roanoke’s Homeless Assistance Team (HAT), the Salem VA Medical Center, Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, and physician assistant students from the Jefferson College of Health Sciences. This dedicated group searched the streets, under bridges, in doorways and other places to identify, count and interview the unsheltered on the night of January 24, 2018. Volunteers in the Alleghany Highlands also worked to identify unsheltered individuals in the rural areas of the region. No unsheltered individuals were identified in the rural communities.

Part One: 2018 Point-in-Time Count Key Findings

All Homeless People

- On January 24 2018, 317 people were experiencing homelessness in the Roanoke Region. A majority, 96.5%, (306) were staying in emergency shelters, and 3.5% (11) were in unsheltered locations.
- 18.3 percent (58) of people experiencing homelessness were children, 74.4% (236) were over the age of 24, and 5.7 percent (18) were between the ages of 18 and 24.
- Between 2017 and 2018, the number of people experiencing homelessness in the Roanoke Region (including Alleghany County) increased by 18.7%. (267 in 2017 to 317 in 2018). Homelessness decreased among people staying in unsheltered locations by 35.3%. (17 in 2017 to 11 in 2018)
- A trend of decreasing numbers since 2012 in the Roanoke Region shows that homelessness has decreased by 43.5% (561 in 2012 to 317 in 2018).

Homeless by Household Type

- There were 228 people experiencing homelessness in adult only households, accounting for 72.0% percent of the homeless population. Most (92.5%) were over the age of 24. Five percent were between 18 and 24 (12).
- There were 89 people in families with children experiencing homelessness, representing 28 percent of the homeless population. Of people in families with children, 65.2 percent (58) were under the age of 18, 28 percent were over 24, and seven percent were between 18 and 24 (6).
- Between 2017 and 2018, homelessness among individuals increased by 15.7 percent. Declines in the numbers of unsheltered individuals (17 in 2017 and 11 in 2018) were offset by increases in the numbers of sheltered individuals (250 in 2017 and 306 in 2018).
- Homelessness among people in families with children counted on a single night increased by 27.1% between 2017 (70) and 2018 (89). The number of homeless family households increased by 21.7% between 2017 (23) and 2018 (28).

Homeless by Subpopulation

- In January 2018, 37 veterans were experiencing homelessness, representing an increase of 15.6% over 2017 (32). All were homeless in households without children and all were staying in shelters.
- There were 27 individuals in households without children and 8 people in families with children with chronic patterns of homelessness.
- Chronic homelessness declined by 25.0 percent between 2017 (48) and 2018 (36), and by 75.8 percent between 2012 (149) and 2018.
- There were 11 unaccompanied homeless youth between the ages of 18 and 24 counted in January 2018 (1 was unsheltered). There were 11 total individuals in four parenting youth households (4 youth); all were sheltered.

Point-in-Time Count by Program

The chart below shows the number of individuals and families counted and sorted by the programs and agencies that served them when the count was conducted on January 24, 2018.

Program	Individuals in Families	in Households Without Children	Number of Veterans	Number of Chronically Homeless	Total Number of Individuals
ARCH BRBH	0	1	0	0	1
ARCH Families and Single Women	0	10	1	2	10
ARCH Veterans Housing/GPD Contract	0	12	12	0	12
Family Promise Housing for Families with Children	8	0	0	0	8
Rescue Mission Men's Shelter	0	117	20	19	117
Rescue Mission Women & Children's Center (WCC)	68	62	1	9	130
Red Shield Lodge	0	12	3	1	12
Safe Home Systems	8	1	0	4	9
Turning Point	5	2	0	0	7
Unsheltered	0	11	0	1	11
Totals:	89	228	37	36	317

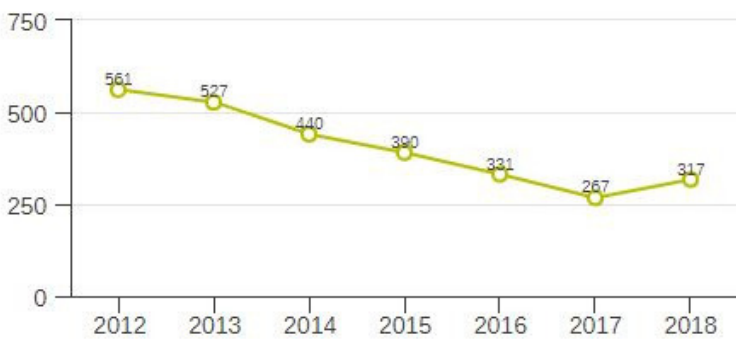


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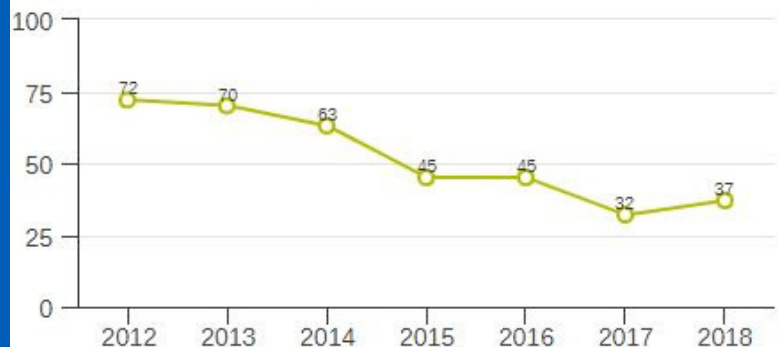
Trends in Homeless Count - All Populations

In 2012, the Blue Ridge Continuum of Care began a transformation of its service system that included changes in strategies to more effectively reduce homelessness. Based on national research, the new strategies focused on providing targeted homelessness prevention services and rapidly re-housing those who found themselves in a homeless condition and then providing them with the support services needed for them to maintain housing stability in the long-term. The Housing First model is one component of an ongoing effort by the Blue Ridge Interagency Advisory Council and the Continuum of Care to improve services and efficiencies. Between 2012 and 2018, the number of people experiencing homelessness has been reduced by 43.5% from 561 to 317.

43.5% Reduction in Overall Homelessness



48.6% Reduction in Veteran Homelessness



Trends in Veteran Homelessness

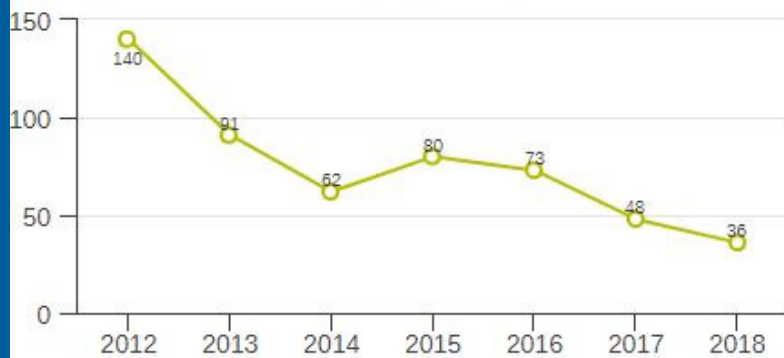
The number of veterans experiencing homelessness in 2018 increased by 15.6% over last year but has declined by 47.1% since 2013. Initiatives such as Michelle Obama's Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness in 2014 and Roanoke's participation brought additional attention and resources to ending homelessness among the veteran population. In 2018 there were 37 veterans counted, all were sheltered and four were identified as chronically homeless.

Trends Over Time: 2012 to 2018

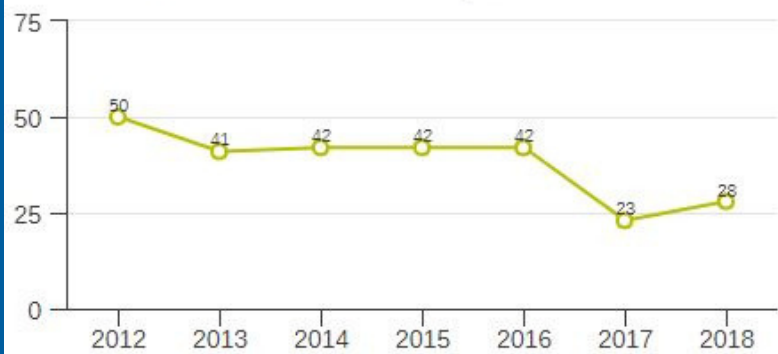
Trends in Chronic Homelessness

In 2018 there were 36 chronically homeless individuals counted. Chronic homelessness refers to an individual with a disability who has been continuously homeless for a year or more or has experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the last three years where the combined length of time homeless was at least 12 months. Chronic homelessness is challenging in that individuals and families in this category typically have mental health, substance abuse or other underlying problems that causes homelessness and that require intense service interventions. Reducing chronic homelessness has been a priority for the Blue Ridge Continuum of Care and new strategies and targeted resources have been introduced as part of the systems transformation begun in 2012. One such strategy is use of a “by-name” list where case managers from a variety of service providers come together on a regular basis to identify the needs of the chronically homeless and to prioritize housing placements utilizing objective scoring tools designed to measure vulnerability and level of service needs. Individuals with the most severe needs are prioritized for services first. Housing resources dedicated to those experiencing chronic homeless have been implemented this year, contributing to the reduction in the number of individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.

74.3% Reduction in Chronic Homelessness



44.0% Reduction in Family Homelessness



Trends in Family Homelessness

The impact of rapid re-housing strategies on families has been well researched and proven effective. The Family Options Study published by HUD in 2015 showed that rapid re-housing reduced episodes of homelessness in emergency shelter and that both housing subsidies and rapid re-housing services were cost effective. Over the period of 2012 to 2018, the Blue Ridge Continuum of Care’s efforts to reduce family homelessness through rapid re-housing and other interventions have proven to be both cost and program effective. Since 2012, homelessness among families has been reduced from 50 families in 2012 to 28 families in 2018, a 44% reduction. The number of people in families with children has declined by 32.6% over the same period (from 132 in 2012 to 89 in 2018).

Part Two: 2018 Point-in-Time Survey Key Findings

There were a total of 255 individuals and households that were eligible to participate in the survey. Of those, 56.5% (n=144) chose to participate. The survey instruments used to collect data are 1) the Vulnerability Index & Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) v2.0 for single adults, 2) the Vulnerability Index & Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) v2.0 for families, and 3) a supplemental survey designed to capture additional data regarding characteristics. The average VI-SPDAT score for single adults was 5.4 (out of 17); the average VI-SPDAT score for families was 7.3 (out of 22). These scores indicate a "medium" level of service need and would fall into the rapid re-housing (a medium level intervention) recommendation category based on our community's prioritization policies.

Housing and Homelessness

- Singles: 45.8% (38 of 83) indicated that it had been one year or more since living in permanent stable housing (49.6% (71 of 143) in 2017)
- Families: 1 of 9 (11.1%) responded that it had been one year or more since living in permanent stable housing (1 of 16 (6.25%) in 2017)
- Singles: 9 of 83 (10.8%) reported having 4 or more episodes of homelessness in the last three years (16 of 143 (11.2%) in 2017). Two individuals reported having more than 10 episodes of homelessness in the last three years.
- Families: 0 of 9 (0%) reported having 4 or more episodes of homelessness in the last three years (1 of 16 (6.25%) in 2017)

Incarceration

- 100% (3 of 3) of unsheltered individuals participating in the survey reported a history of jail incarcerations.
- 105 of 144 (73.0%) of the total number of individuals surveyed reported a history of jail incarcerations (115 of 163 (70.5%) in 2017); 34 of the 144 (23.6%) reported having been to prison (38 of 163 (23.3%) in 2017).

Coming to Roanoke

- 48 of the 111 (43.2%) individuals participating in the supplemental survey reported living outside of the Continuum of Care's service area prior to becoming homeless (65 of 163 (39.9%) in 2017).

"It is not a good experience to be homeless. It's like being stepped on by society. It's feeling defeated all the time. Being disabled doubles that for me. It's a struggle to be happy. I don't do drugs."

Part Two: 2018 Point-in-Time Count Key Findings (continued)

Health Care and Emergency Room Usage

- 65 of the 144 (45.14%) individuals surveyed reported having no health insurance (78 of 163 (47.9%) in 2017).
- 18 of the 83 (21.7%) single adults surveyed reported receiving health care at an emergency room 3 or more times in the last six months. These individuals used the ER a total of 122 times in six months (6.8 visits per individual). Six individuals reported visiting more than 10 times in the last 6 months).
- In 2017, 45 of 163 (27.6%) individuals surveyed reported receiving health care at an emergency room 3 or more times in the last six months. These individuals used the ER a total of 185 times in six months (4.1 visits per individual – one individual reported visiting more than 10 times in the last six months).

Income

- Singles: 37 of the 83 (44.6%) single adults surveyed reported having some form of income.
- Families: 6 of the 9 (66.7%) families surveyed reported having some form of income. (76 of 163 (46.6%) in 2017).

Educational Attainment

- Post-graduate: 2 (1.4%)
- College graduate: 1 (0.7%)
- Some college: 16 (11.1%)
- High school diploma/GED: 58 (40.3%)
- No diploma/GED: 45 (31.3%)
- Refused: 22 (15.3%)

Disabilities

- 18.8% (27 of 144 individuals) reported having a permanent physical disability that limits his/her mobility (14% (23 of 163 individuals) in 2017).



Conclusion

This year is the first year since 2012 that homelessness has increased in the Roanoke Region. Likely contributors to the 18.7% increase are funding cuts to vital links in our community's coordinated response to individuals experiencing a housing crisis. Funding for homelessness prevention services from private sources, including the United Way, decreased by more than 50% in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Emergency financial assistance for rent and utility payments through the City of Roanoke's Department of Social Services was eliminated this year, creating additional burdens on our homelessness response system. If these funds are not replaced or are cut further, our community should anticipate continuing challenges in providing effective prevention and diversion services for individuals and families on the brink of homelessness.

Even with the increase in overall homelessness this year, there are several notable achievements and reasons for optimism. Unsheltered homelessness was down 35% this year over last and chronic homelessness decreased by 25%. Chronic homelessness has decreased 74.3% since 2012. Chronically homeless individuals typically have the highest level of service needs and cost our system the most to serve. Our community has instituted structural systems to better target resources to individuals experiencing chronic homelessness and have increased the availability of permanent supportive housing resources dedicated to this population that have contributed to this progress.

Perhaps the most significant achievement this year is the Roanoke Rescue Mission's full participation in the community's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). For the first time, all non-domestic violence emergency shelter data for the Point-in-Time Count was pulled directly from the HMIS. Because the Rescue Mission has 68% of the emergency shelter beds in our community and 78% of the individuals counted in this year's PIT Count were staying at the Rescue Mission, having data in our HMIS is game-changing. This data will provide new ways for our community to be innovative in community-level planning, service coordination and resource targeting. Opportunities for obtaining additional resources in the community will be more abundant. The Rescue Mission's role as our community's largest emergency shelter provider is becoming even more prominent, as evidenced by this year's PIT data.

While we still have work to do, collaboration in our community remains strong. Next steps include conducting a housing capacity needs assessment, continuing to prioritize funding for projects aligning with the Housing First model, seeking funding to replace our homelessness prevention funding losses and pursuing additional funding opportunities for permanent housing resources.

Appendix A: Definition of Terms

Chronically Homeless Individual refers to an individual with a disability who has been continuously homeless for 1 year or more or has experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the last 3 years where the combined length of time homeless on those occasions is at least 12 months.

Chronically Homeless People in Families refers to people in families in which the head of household has a disability and has either been continuously homeless for 1 year or more or has experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the last 3 years where the combined length of time homeless on those occasions is at least 12 months.

Continuums of Care (CoC) are local planning bodies responsible for coordinating the full range of homelessness services in a geographic area, which may cover a city, county, metropolitan area, or an entire state.

Emergency Shelter is a facility with the primary purpose of providing temporary shelter for homeless people.

Homeless describes a person who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. Individual refers to a person who is not part of a family with children during an episode of homelessness. Individuals may be homeless as single adults, unaccompanied youth, or in multiple-adult or multiple-child households.

Other Permanent Housing is housing with or without services that is specifically for formerly homeless people, but that does not require people to have a disability.

Parenting Youth are people under age 25 who are the parents or legal guardians of one or more children (under age 18) who are present with or sleeping in the same place as that youth parent, where there is no person over age 24 in the household.

Parenting Youth Household is a household with at least one parenting youth and the child or children for whom the parenting youth is the parent or legal guardian.

Rapid Re-housing is a housing model designed to provide temporary housing assistance to people experiencing homelessness, moving them quickly out of homelessness and into permanent housing.

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is a program designed to provide housing (project- and tenant-based) and supportive services on a long-term basis to formerly homeless people. HUD McKinney-Vento-funded programs require that the client have a disability for program eligibility, so the majority of people in PSH have disabilities.

People in Families with Children are people who are homeless as part of households that have at least one adult (age 18 and older) and one child (under age 18).

Point-in-Time Counts are unduplicated 1-night estimates of both sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations. The 1-night counts are conducted by Continuums of Care nationwide and occur during the last week in January of each year.

Safe Havens are projects that provide private or semi-private long-term housing for people with severe mental illness and are limited to serving no more than 25 people within a facility. People in safe havens are included in the 1-night PIT count but, at this time, are not included from the 1-year shelter count.

Sheltered Homelessness refers to people who are staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, or safe havens.

Transitional Housing Programs provide people experiencing homelessness a place to stay combined with supportive services for up to 24 months.

Unaccompanied Youth (under 18) are people who are not part of a family with children or accompanied by their parent or guardian during their episode of homelessness, and who are under the age of 18.

Unaccompanied Youth (18 to 24) are people who are not part of a family with children or accompanied by their parent or guardian during their episode of homelessness, and who are between the ages of 18 and 24.

Unsheltered Homelessness refers to people whose primary nighttime residence is a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for people (for example, the streets, vehicles, or parks).

Veteran refers to any person who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States. This includes Reserves and National Guard members who were called up to active duty.

Appendix B: 2018 Point-in-Time Data Detail

ALL HOUSEHOLDS

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	2018 Total	2017 Total	Percent Change
	Emergency	Transitional				
Total Number of Households	244	0	11	255	220	15.9%
Total Number of Persons (Adults and Children)	306	0	11	317	267	18.7%
Number of Children (Under Age 18)	58	0	0	58	45	28.9%
Number of Young Adults (Age 18-24)	17	0	1	18	21	-14.3%
Number of Adults (Over Age 24)	226	0	10	236	201	17.4%
Number of Persons with Missing DOB	5	0	0	5	0	0

Gender (adults and children)

Female	121	0	2	123
Male	179	0	9	188
Transgender	1	0	0	1
Does Not Identify as Male/Female/Transgender	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	5	0	0	5

Ethnicity (adults and children)

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	278	0	10	288
Hispanic/Latino	16	0	1	17
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	12	0	0	12

Race (adults and children)

White	155	0	8	163
Black or African-American	105	0	2	107
Asian	1	0	0	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	0	1	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0	0	1
Multiple Races	24	0	0	24
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	18	0	0	18

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Households	30	1	31	45	-31.1%
Total Number of Persons	35	1	36	48	-25.0%

Veterans

Total Number of Households	37	0	37	32	15.6%
Total Number of Persons	38	0	38	32	18.8%
Total Number of Veterans	37	0	37	32	15.6%

ALL HOUSEHOLDS

Households with at least one Adult and one Child

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	2018 Total	2017 Total	% Change
	Emergency	Transitional				
Total Number of Households	28	0	0	28	23	21.7%
Total Number of Persons (Adults and Children)	89	0	0	89	70	27.1%
Number of Children (Under Age 18)	58	0	0	58	45	28.9%
Number of Young Adults (Age 18-24)	6	0	0	6	3	100.0%
Number of Adults (Over Age 24)	25	0	0	25	22	13.6%
Number of Persons with Missing DOB	0	0	0	0	0	0

Gender (adults and children)

Female	53	0	0	53
Male	36	0	0	36
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Does Not Identify as Male/Female/Transgender	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity (adults and children)

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	74	0	0	74
Hispanic/Latino	11	0	0	11
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	4	0	0	4

Race (adults and children)

White	39	0	0	39
Black or African-American	32	0	0	32
Asian	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	10	0	0	10
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	8	0	0	8

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Households	3	0	3	2	50.0%
Total Number of Persons	8	0	8	5	60.0%

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	2018 Total	2017 Total	% Change
	Emergency	Transitional				
Total Number of Households	216	0	11	227	197	15.2%
Total Number of Persons (Adults)	217	0	11	228	197	15.7%
Number of Young Adults (Age 18-24)	11	0	1	12	18	-33.3%
Number of Adults (Over Age 24)	201	0	10	211	179	17.9%
Number of Persons with Missing DOB	5	0	0	5	0	> 500%

Gender

Female	68	0	2	70
Male	143	0	9	152
Transgender	1	0	0	1
Does Not Identify as Male/Female/Transgender	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	5	0	0	5

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	204	0	10	214
Hispanic/Latino	5	0	1	6
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	8	0	0	8

Race

White	116	0	8	124
Black or African-American	73	0	2	75
Asian	1	0	0	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	0	1	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0	0	1
Multiple Races	14	0	0	14
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	10	0	0	10

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Persons	27	1	28	43	-34.9%
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Households with Only Children (under age 18)

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	2018 Total	2017 Total	% Change
	Emergency	Transitional				
Total Number of Households	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Number of Children (Under 18)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Gender

Female	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Does Not Identify as Male/Female/Transgender	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0	0	0	0
Hispanic/Latino	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Race

White	0	0	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Persons	0	0	0	0	0.0%
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VETERAN HOUSEHOLDS ONLY

Veteran Households with at least one Adult and one Child	Sheltered		Unsheltered	2018 Total	2017 Total	% Change
	Emergency	Transitional				
Total Number of Households	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Number of Persons (Adults and Children)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Number of Veterans	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Gender (veterans only)

Female	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Does Not Identify as Male/Female/Transgender	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity (veterans only)

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0	0	0	0
Hispanic/Latino	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Race (veterans only)

White	0	0	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Chronically Homeless (veterans only)

Total Number of Households	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Number of Persons	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Veteran Households without Children

Total Number of Households
 Total Number of Persons
 Total Number of Veterans

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	2018 Total	2017 Total	% Change
	Emergency	Transitional				
Total Number of Households	37	0	0	37	32	15.6%
Total Number of Persons	38	0	0	38	32	18.8%
Total Number of Veterans	37	0	0	37	32	15.6%

Gender (veterans only)

Female
 Male
 Transgender
 Does Not Identify as Male/Female/Transgender
 Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused
 Missing / Non-HUD

Female	3	0	0	3
Male	34	0	0	34
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Does Not Identify as Male/Female/Transgender	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity (veterans only)

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino
 Hispanic/Latino
 Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused
 Missing / Non-HUD

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	35	0	0	35
Hispanic/Latino	1	0	0	1
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	1	0	0	1

Race (veterans only)

White
 Black or African-American
 Asian
 American Indian or Alaska Native
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 Multiple Races
 Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused
 Missing / Non-HUD

White	22	0	0	22
Black or African-American	13	0	0	13
Asian	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	1	0	0	1
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	1	0	0	1

Chronically Homeless (veterans only)

Total Number of Persons

4	0	4	0	> 400%
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UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH HOUSEHOLDS

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	2018 Total	2017 Total	% Change
	Emergency	Transitional				
Total Number of Unaccompanied Youth Households	10	0	1	11	3	266.7%
Total Number of Unacc Youth	10	0	1	11	3	266.7%
Number of Unacc Youth (under 18)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Number of Unacc Youth (18 - 24)	10	0	1	11	3	266.7%

Gender (unacc youth)

Female	5	0	0	5
Male	4	0	1	5
Transgender	1	0	0	1
Does Not Identify as Male/Female/Transgender	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity (unacc youth)

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	10	0	1	11
Hispanic/Latino	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Race (unacc youth)

White	6	0	1	7
Black or African-American	2	0	0	2
Asian	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	1	0	0	1
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	1	0	0	1

Chronically Homeless (unacc youth)

Total Number of Households	1	0	1	2	3	-33.3%
Total Number of Persons	1	0	1	2	3	-33.3%

PARENTING YOUTH HOUSEHOLDS

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	2018 Total	2017 Total	% Change
	Emergency	Transitional				
Total Number of Parenting Youth Households	4	0	0	4	2	100.0%
Total Number of Persons in Parenting Youth Households	11	0	0	11	4	175.0%
Number of Parenting Youth (youth parents only)	4	0	0	4	0	> 400%
Number of Parenting Youth (under 18)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Number of Parenting Youth (18 - 24)	4	0	0	4	2	100.0%
Number of Children with Parenting Youth (children under 18 with parents under 25)	7	0	0	7	2	250.0%
Number of Persons Missing HoH	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Gender (youth parents only)

Female	4	0	0	4
Male	0	0	0	0
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Does Not Identify as Male/Female/Transgender	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity (youth parents only)

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	3	0	0	3
Hispanic/Latino	1	0	0	1
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Race (youth parents only)

White	2	0	0	2
Black or African-American	2	0	0	2
Asian	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't Know / Client Refused	0	0	0	0
Missing / Non-HUD	0	0	0	0

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Households	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Number of Persons	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Homeless Subpopulations

	Sheltered			Sheltered Total	Unsheltered
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Adults with a Serious Mental Illness	22	0	0	22	1
Adults with a Substance Use Disorder	22	0	0	22	4
Adults with HIV/AIDS	1	0	0	1	0
Victims of Domestic Violence (Optional)	23	0	0	23	2

Appendix C: Survey Instruments

- Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Tool v2.0 for Single Adults
- Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Too v2.0 for Families
- Supplemental Questionnaire

Administration

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- that any question can be skipped or refused
- where the information is going to be stored
- that if the participant does not understand a question or the assessor does not understand the question that clarification can be provided
- the importance of relaying accurate information to the assessor and not feeling that there is a correct or preferred answer that they need to provide, nor information they need to conceal

Basic Information

First Name _____	Nickname _____	Last Name _____
In what language do you feel best able to express yourself? _____		
Date of Birth DD/MM/YYYY ___/___/____	Age _____	Social Security Number _____
		Consent to participate <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

IF THE PERSON IS 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, THEN SCORE 1.

SCORE:

A. History of Housing and Homelessness

1. Where do you sleep most frequently? (check one)

- Shelters
- Transitional Housing
- Safe Haven
- Outdoors**
- Other (specify):**

Refused

IF THE PERSON ANSWERS ANYTHING OTHER THAN "SHELTER", "TRANSITIONAL HOUSING", OR "SAFE HAVEN", THEN SCORE 1.

SCORE:

2. How long has it been since you lived in permanent stable housing? _____

Refused

3. In the last three years, how many times have you been homeless? _____

Refused

IF THE PERSON HAS EXPERIENCED 1 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF HOMELESSNESS, AND/OR 4+ EPISODES OF HOMELESSNESS, THEN SCORE 1.

SCORE:

B. Risks

4. In the past six months, how many times have you...

a) Received health care at an emergency department/room? _____

Refused

b) Taken an ambulance to the hospital? _____

Refused

c) Been hospitalized as an inpatient? _____

Refused

d) Used a crisis service, including sexual assault crisis, mental health crisis, family/intimate violence, distress centers and suicide prevention hotlines? _____

Refused

e) Talked to police because you witnessed a crime, were the victim of a crime, or the alleged perpetrator of a crime or because the police told you that you must move along? _____

Refused

f) Stayed one or more nights in a holding cell, jail or prison, whether that was a short-term stay like the drunk tank, a longer stay for a more serious offence, or anything in between? _____

Refused

IF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INTERACTIONS EQUALS 4 OR MORE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE USE.

SCORE:

5. Have you been attacked or beaten up since you've become homeless? Y N Refused

6. Have you threatened to or tried to harm yourself or anyone else in the last year? Y N Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR RISK OF HARM.

SCORE:

7. Do you have any legal stuff going on right now that may result in you being locked up, having to pay fines, or that make it more difficult to rent a place to live? Y N Refused

IF "YES," THEN SCORE 1 FOR LEGAL ISSUES.

SCORE:

8. Does anybody force or trick you to do things that you do not want to do? Y N Refused

9. Do you ever do things that may be considered to be risky like exchange sex for money, run drugs for someone, have unprotected sex with someone you don't know, share a needle, or anything like that? Y N Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR RISK OF EXPLOITATION.

SCORE:

C. Socialization & Daily Functioning

10. Is there any person, past landlord, business, bookie, dealer, or government group like the IRS that thinks you owe them money? Y N Refused

11. Do you get any money from the government, a pension, an inheritance, working under the table, a regular job, or anything like that? Y N Refused

IF "YES" TO QUESTION 10 OR "NO" TO QUESTION 11, THEN SCORE 1 FOR MONEY MANAGEMENT.

SCORE:

12. Do you have planned activities, other than just surviving, that make you feel happy and fulfilled? Y N Refused

IF "NO," THEN SCORE 1 FOR MEANINGFUL DAILY ACTIVITY.

SCORE:

13. Are you currently able to take care of basic needs like bathing, changing clothes, using a restroom, getting food and clean water and other things like that? Y N Refused

IF "NO," THEN SCORE 1 FOR SELF-CARE.

SCORE:

14. Is your current homelessness in any way caused by a relationship that broke down, an unhealthy or abusive relationship, or because family or friends caused you to become evicted? Y N Refused

IF "YES," THEN SCORE 1 FOR SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS.

SCORE:

D. Wellness

15. Have you ever had to leave an apartment, shelter program, or other place you were staying because of your physical health? Y N Refused
16. Do you have any chronic health issues with your liver, kidneys, stomach, lungs or heart? Y N Refused
17. If there was space available in a program that specifically assists people that live with HIV or AIDS, would that be of interest to you? Y N Refused
18. Do you have any physical disabilities that would limit the type of housing you could access, or would make it hard to live independently because you'd need help? Y N Refused
19. When you are sick or not feeling well, do you avoid getting help? Y N Refused
20. *FOR FEMALE RESPONDENTS ONLY:* Are you currently pregnant? Y N N/A or Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **PHYSICAL HEALTH**.

SCORE:

21. Has your drinking or drug use led you to being kicked out of an apartment or program where you were staying in the past? Y N Refused
22. Will drinking or drug use make it difficult for you to stay housed or afford your housing? Y N Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **SUBSTANCE USE**.

SCORE:

23. Have you ever had trouble maintaining your housing, or been kicked out of an apartment, shelter program or other place you were staying, because of:
- a) A mental health issue or concern? Y N Refused
- b) A past head injury? Y N Refused
- c) A learning disability, developmental disability, or other impairment? Y N Refused
24. Do you have any mental health or brain issues that would make it hard for you to live independently because you'd need help? Y N Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **MENTAL HEALTH**.

SCORE:

IF THE RESPONDENT SCORED 1 FOR **PHYSICAL HEALTH** AND 1 FOR **SUBSTANCE USE** AND 1 FOR **MENTAL HEALTH**, SCORE 1 FOR **TRI-MORBIDITY**.

SCORE:

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25. Are there any medications that a doctor said you should be taking that, for whatever reason, you are not taking? Y N Refused

26. Are there any medications like painkillers that you don't take the way the doctor prescribed or where you sell the medication? Y N Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, SCORE 1 FOR MEDICATIONS.

SCORE:

27. **YES OR NO:** Has your current period of homelessness been caused by an experience of emotional, physical, psychological, sexual, or other type of abuse, or by any other trauma you have experienced? Y N Refused

IF "YES", SCORE 1 FOR ABUSE AND TRAUMA.

SCORE:

Scoring Summary

DOMAIN	SUBTOTAL	RESULTS
PRE-SURVEY	/1	Score: Recommendation: 0-3: no housing intervention 4-7: an assessment for Rapid Re-Housing 8+: an assessment for Permanent Supportive Housing/Housing First
A. HISTORY OF HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS	/2	
B. RISKS	/4	
C. SOCIALIZATION & DAILY FUNCTIONS	/4	
D. WELLNESS	/6	
GRAND TOTAL:	/17	

Follow-Up Questions

On a regular day, where is it easiest to find you and what time of day is easiest to do so?	place: _____ time: ___ : ___ or _____
Is there a phone number and/or email where someone can safely get in touch with you or leave you a message?	phone: (____) _____ - _____ email: _____
Ok, now I'd like to take your picture so that it is easier to find you and confirm your identity in the future. May I do so?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused

Communities are encouraged to think of additional questions that may be relevant to the programs being operated or your specific local context. This may include questions related to:

- military service and nature of discharge
- ageing out of care
- mobility issues
- legal status in country
- income and source of it
- current restrictions on where a person can legally reside
- children that may reside with the adult at some point in the future
- safety planning

Finally, I'd like to ask you some questions to help us better understand homelessness and improve housing and support services.

What is your gender?	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender female to male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender male to female <input type="checkbox"/> Refused <input type="checkbox"/> Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)
Race <i>(check all that apply)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Ethnicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Highest level of education attained	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> K-8 <input type="checkbox"/> Some High School <input type="checkbox"/> High School Grad <input type="checkbox"/> GED <input type="checkbox"/> Some College (incl. technical/community college) <input type="checkbox"/> College Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Post Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
How many dependent children do you have with you?	<hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Have you ever served in the U.S. Military?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
If yes, were you in combat?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
If yes, what was the character of your discharge?	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable <input type="checkbox"/> Other than Honorable <input type="checkbox"/> Bad Conduct <input type="checkbox"/> Dishonorable <input type="checkbox"/> Uncharacterized <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Where did you live prior to becoming homeless? <i>(If other, please specify)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Roanoke City <input type="checkbox"/> Salem <input type="checkbox"/> Roanoke County/Vinton <input type="checkbox"/> Botetourt County <input type="checkbox"/> Clifton Forge <input type="checkbox"/> Alleghany County <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Have you ever been in foster care?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Have you ever been in jail?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Have you ever been in prison?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Are you currently fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Do you have a permanent physical disability that limits your mobility? <i>(i.e., wheelchair, amputation, unable to climb stairs, etc.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
How do you mainly get around? <i>(check all that apply; if other, please specify)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Motorized Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Valley Metro Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Walk <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle/Scooter <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair/Mobility Device <input type="checkbox"/> Ride with friends/family <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
What kind of health insurance do you have, if any? <i>(check all that apply; if other, please specify)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare <input type="checkbox"/> VA <input type="checkbox"/> Private Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Please share any comments or thoughts you have about being without housing.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

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Basic Information

PARENT 1	First Name _____	Nickname _____	Last Name _____
	In what language do you feel best able to express yourself? _____		
	Date of Birth DD/MM/YYYY ___/___/____	Age _____	Social Security Number _____
		Consent to participate <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
PARENT 2	<input type="checkbox"/> No second parent currently part of the household		
	First Name _____	Nickname _____	Last Name _____
	In what language do you feel best able to express yourself? _____		
Date of Birth DD/MM/YYYY ___/___/____	Age _____	Social Security Number _____	Consent to participate <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
IF EITHER HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD IS 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, THEN SCORE 1.			SCORE: <div style="border: 1px solid white; width: 50px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>

Children

1. How many children under the age of 18 are currently with you? _____ Refused
2. How many children under the age of 18 are not currently with your family, but you have reason to believe they will be joining you when you get housed? _____ Refused
3. **IF HOUSEHOLD INCLUDES A FEMALE:** Is any member of the family currently pregnant? Y N Refused
4. Please provide a list of children’s names and ages:

First Name	Last Name	Age	Date of Birth
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

IF THERE IS A SINGLE PARENT WITH 2+ CHILDREN, AND/OR A CHILD AGED 11 OR YOUNGER, AND/OR A CURRENT PREGNANCY, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **FAMILY SIZE**. **SCORE:**

IF THERE ARE TWO PARENTS WITH 3+ CHILDREN, AND/OR A CHILD AGED 6 OR YOUNGER, AND/OR A CURRENT PREGNANCY, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **FAMILY SIZE**.

A. History of Housing and Homelessness

5. Where do you and your family sleep most frequently? (check one)
 - Shelters
 - Transitional Housing
 - Safe Haven
 - Outdoors**
 - Other (specify):** _____
 - Refused**

IF THE PERSON ANSWERS ANYTHING OTHER THAN “SHELTER”, “TRANSITIONAL HOUSING”, OR “SAFE HAVEN”, THEN SCORE 1. **SCORE:**

6. How long has it been since you and your family lived in permanent stable housing? _____ Refused
7. In the last three years, how many times have you and your family been homeless? _____ Refused

IF THE FAMILY HAS EXPERIENCED 1 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF HOMELESSNESS, AND/OR 4+ EPISODES OF HOMELESSNESS, THEN SCORE 1. **SCORE:**

B. Risks

8. In the past six months, how many times have you or anyone in your family...

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- c) Been hospitalized as an inpatient? Refused
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SCORE:

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20. Do you or anyone in your family have any chronic health issues with your liver, kidneys, stomach, lungs or heart? Y N Refused

21. If there was space available in a program that specifically assists people that live with HIV or AIDS, would that be of interest to you or anyone in your family? Y N Refused

22. Does anyone in your family have any physical disabilities that would limit the type of housing you could access, or would make it hard to live independently because you'd need help? Y N Refused

23. When someone in your family is sick or not feeling well, does your family avoid getting medical help? Y N Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR PHYSICAL HEALTH. SCORE:

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24. Has drinking or drug use by you or anyone in your family led your family to being kicked out of an apartment or program where you were staying in the past? Y N Refused

25. Will drinking or drug use make it difficult for your family to stay housed or afford your housing? Y N Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **SUBSTANCE USE**.

SCORE:

26. Has your family ever had trouble maintaining your housing, or been kicked out of an apartment, shelter program or other place you were staying, because of:

a) A mental health issue or concern? Y N Refused

b) A past head injury? Y N Refused

c) A learning disability, developmental disability, or other impairment? Y N Refused

27. Do you or anyone in your family have any mental health or brain issues that would make it hard for your family to live independently because help would be needed? Y N Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **MENTAL HEALTH**.

SCORE:

28. *IF THE FAMILY SCORED 1 EACH FOR PHYSICAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE, AND MENTAL HEALTH:* Does any single member of your household have a medical condition, mental health concerns, **and** experience with problematic substance use? Y N N/A or Refused

IF "YES", SCORE 1 FOR **TRI-MORBIDITY**.

SCORE:

29. Are there any medications that a doctor said you or anyone in your family should be taking that, for whatever reason, they are not taking? Y N Refused

30. Are there any medications like painkillers that you or anyone in your family don't take the way the doctor prescribed or where they sell the medication? Y N Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, SCORE 1 FOR **MEDICATIONS**.

SCORE:

31. *YES OR NO:* Has your family's current period of homelessness been caused by an experience of emotional, physical, psychological, sexual, or other type of abuse, or by any other trauma you or anyone in your family have experienced? Y N Refused

IF "YES", SCORE 1 FOR **ABUSE AND TRAUMA**.

SCORE:

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32. Are there any children that have been removed from the family by a child protection service within the last 180 days? **Y** N Refused

33. Do you have any family legal issues that are being resolved in court or need to be resolved in court that would impact your housing or who may live within your housing? **Y** N Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, SCORE 1 FOR FAMILY LEGAL ISSUES.

SCORE:

34. In the last 180 days have any children lived with family or friends because of your homelessness or housing situation? **Y** N Refused

35. Has any child in the family experienced abuse or trauma in the last 180 days? **Y** N Refused

36. **IF THERE ARE SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN:** Do your children attend school more often than not each week? Y **N** N/A or Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF QUESTIONS 34 OR 35, OR "NO" TO QUESTION 36, SCORE 1 FOR NEEDS OF CHILDREN.

SCORE:

37. Have the members of your family changed in the last 180 days, due to things like divorce, your kids coming back to live with you, someone leaving for military service or incarceration, a relative moving in, or anything like that? **Y** N Refused

38. Do you anticipate any other adults or children coming to live with you within the first 180 days of being housed? **Y** N Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, SCORE 1 FOR FAMILY STABILITY.

SCORE:

39. Do you have two or more planned activities each week as a family such as outings to the park, going to the library, visiting other family, watching a family movie, or anything like that? Y **N** Refused

40. After school, or on weekends or days when there isn't school, is the total time children spend each day where there is no interaction with you or another responsible adult...

a) 3 or more hours per day for children aged 13 or older? **Y** N Refused

b) 2 or more hours per day for children aged 12 or younger? **Y** N Refused

41. **IF THERE ARE CHILDREN BOTH 12 AND UNDER & 13 AND OVER:** Do your older kids spend 2 or more hours on a typical day helping their younger sibling(s) with things like getting ready for school, helping with homework, making them dinner, bathing them, or anything like that? **Y** N N/A or Refused

IF "NO" TO QUESTION 39, OR "YES" TO ANY OF QUESTIONS 40 OR 41, SCORE 1 FOR PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT.

SCORE:

Scoring Summary

DOMAIN	SUBTOTAL	RESULTS
PRE-SURVEY	/2	Score: Recommendation: 0-3 no housing intervention 4-8 an assessment for Rapid Re-Housing 9+ an assessment for Permanent Supportive Housing/Housing First
A. HISTORY OF HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS	/2	
B. RISKS	/4	
C. SOCIALIZATION & DAILY FUNCTIONS	/4	
D. WELLNESS	/6	
E. FAMILY UNIT	/4	
GRAND TOTAL:	/22	

Follow-Up Questions

On a regular day, where is it easiest to find you and what time of day is easiest to do so?	place: _____ time: ____ : ____ or _____
Is there a phone number and/or email where someone can safely get in touch with you or leave you a message?	phone: (____) _____ - _____ email: _____
Ok, now I'd like to take your picture so that it is easier to find you and confirm your identity in the future. May I do so?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused

Communities are encouraged to think of additional questions that may be relevant to the programs being operated or your specific local context. This may include questions related to:

- military service and nature of discharge
- ageing out of care
- mobility issues
- legal status in country
- income and source of it
- current restrictions on where a person can legally reside
- children that may reside with the adult at some point in the future
- safety planning

Finally, I'd like to ask you some questions to help us better understand homelessness and improve housing and support services.

What is your gender?	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender female to male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender male to female <input type="checkbox"/> Refused <input type="checkbox"/> Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)
Race <i>(check all that apply)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Ethnicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Highest level of education attained	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> K-8 <input type="checkbox"/> Some High School <input type="checkbox"/> High School Grad <input type="checkbox"/> GED <input type="checkbox"/> Some College (incl. technical/community college) <input type="checkbox"/> College Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Post Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
How many dependent children do you have with you?	 <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Have you ever served in the U.S. Military?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
If yes, were you in combat?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
If yes, what was the character of your discharge?	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable <input type="checkbox"/> Other than Honorable <input type="checkbox"/> Bad Conduct <input type="checkbox"/> Dishonorable <input type="checkbox"/> Uncharacterized <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Where did you live prior to becoming homeless? <i>(If other, please specify)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Roanoke City <input type="checkbox"/> Salem <input type="checkbox"/> Roanoke County/Vinton <input type="checkbox"/> Botetourt County <input type="checkbox"/> Clifton Forge <input type="checkbox"/> Alleghany County <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Have you ever been in foster care?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Have you ever been in jail?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Have you ever been in prison?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Are you currently fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Do you have a permanent physical disability that limits your mobility? <i>(i.e., wheelchair, amputation, unable to climb stairs, etc.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
How do you mainly get around? <i>(check all that apply; if other, please specify)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Motorized Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Valley Metro Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Walk <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle/Scooter <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair/Mobility Device <input type="checkbox"/> Ride with friends/family <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
What kind of health insurance do you have, if any? <i>(check all that apply; if other, please specify)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare <input type="checkbox"/> VA <input type="checkbox"/> Private Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Please share any comments or thoughts you have about being without housing.	