

2015 Homeless Veterans (Federal definition of Veterans) - Minnesota statewide survey data

BACKGROUND AND NOTES ON THE 2015 TABLES FOR VETERANS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

These tables provide detailed survey results from the October 2015 Minnesota Homeless Study. These tables include information about a subset of the overall population: Veterans experiencing homelessness (as identified through survey responses). The data are provided to help planners and service providers develop summary information about the characteristics of homeless Veterans, their experiences and needs, and the barriers that prevent them from obtaining housing.

For actual **counts** of people who were homeless on October 22, 2015, see the report *Statewide and Region Counts of Homeless People* found at http://mnhomeless.org/minnesota-homeless-study/detailed-data-counts/2015/All-2015-Homeless-Counts_3-16.pdf. Other reports regarding the 2015 homeless study are published at www.mnhomeless.org as they are available.

VETERAN STATUS – FEDERAL DEFINITION

There are several definitions of Veteran status used to determine eligibility for various services and benefits. Individuals are included in this report if they reported they served on active duty for at least one day. This definition was chosen to increase inclusiveness and maintain consistency with past Veterans reports from the Minnesota Homeless Study. This is based on a definition used by the federal government. In Minnesota, the State's definition of Veteran is more specific (MN Statute 197.447). The state's definition includes fewer Veterans than reported in these tables. Data tables that include only the subset of Veterans who meet the Minnesota definition can be found at www.mnhomeless.org.

The data tables that follow are based on interviews with 298 Veterans who were experiencing homelessness including 267 men and 31 women. In the data tables, survey results have been weighted to represent 422 Veterans; 379 men and 43 women.

NOTES FOR INTERPRETING THE DATA TABLES

The tables contain weighted estimates. This means that the survey results have been statistically adjusted to reflect the actual populations residing in emergency shelters, domestic violence shelters, transitional housing programs, and a few Rapid Rehousing programs that continue to function as transitional housing on the day of the survey. (We interviewed a large sample, not every person in each shelter.)

For non-shelter locations, the data are not weighted. We do not adjust the numbers for non-sheltered respondents, because the actual numbers of men, women, and children on the streets or in non-shelter locations on the day of the survey is unknown.

You should use the percentages, not the frequencies, when interpreting these tables. Sample weighting, such as we have performed with these data, uses calculations that can result in "fractional" persons. When we use computer rounding to adjust for this, the numbers do not always add up exactly to the total for each category.

The total number of responses is different for each question, based on the number of valid responses to that question. Missing data (cases when a respondent did not answer a question) are not reported or included in the percentages.

There may be small difference in the medians reported in these tables versus those reported in aggregate reports. This is due to inconsistencies in how medians are calculated within the statistical software (SPSS).

Unaccompanied minors (under 18) are not included in these tables. They will be included in separate tables about the characteristics of homeless youth ages 24 and younger, when available.

WEIGHTING TECHNIQUES

The percentages apply only to the respondents who were qualified to answer that question. Some tables report data that were collected only from those who answered a previous question in a certain way. For example, many questions about children are asked only of those adults who have children with them, so the percentages apply only to that group.

The Metro region includes the following seven counties: Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington. The 2015 survey data were weighted to reflect the actual number of sheltered homeless persons, as indicated by specific site counts of people in shelters throughout the state on October 22, 2015. Only sites from which there were completed interviews were used in the weighting. The actual number of homeless persons in non-sheltered locations cannot be accurately estimated, so these cases were given a weight of 1.0.

The weightings were calculated by a sample-balancing program available in the Princeton Statistical Program (P-Stat). Individual case weights were computed based on:

- Individual sites.
- Gender (male, female).
- Region (northwest, northeast, central, west central, southwest, southeast, Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Scott/Carver, Ramsey, Washington, and St. Louis County).
- Shelter type (emergency, transitional/Rapid Rehousing, domestic violence shelter).

Weightings were used to estimate the characteristics of homeless persons in Minnesota's temporary housing programs on the night of the survey based on the sample of 2,416 interviews with adults. The actual number of adults in temporary housing programs on the night of the survey was 4,426. When this is combined with the results of the 1,112 interviews completed with adults in non-shelter locations, the total sample for which estimates are available is 5,538.

If questions on weighting techniques, contact the research staff at brian.pittman@wilder.org.

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116. Are you currently employed?

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<i>By Shelter Type</i>	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations			
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	47	30.8%	10	40.9%	57	40.4%	4	37.4%	13	15.7%	3	37.5%
No	105	69.2%	14	59.1%	83	59.6%	7	62.6%	70	84.3%	5	62.5%
Total	152	100%	24	100%	140	100%	12	100%	83	100%	8	100%

116. Are you currently employed?
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Statewide Veterans Totals

<i>By Geographic Comparisons</i>	Greater Minnesota						Metro						Statewide					
	Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	43	35.7%	7	58.5%	50	37.8%	73	28.8%	10	31.6%	83	29.1%	116	31.0%	17	39.3%	133	31.9%
No	77	64.3%	5	41.5%	83	62.2%	181	71.2%	21	68.4%	202	70.9%	259	69.0%	26	60.7%	285	68.1%
Total	120	100%	12	100%	133	100.0%	255	100%	31	100%	285	100.0%	375	100%	43	100%	418	100.0%

117. For those who are employed, how many hours, on average, do you work per week?

Statewide Veterans

<i>By Shelter Type</i>	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations			
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1-15 hours	10	23.0%	-	-	4	7.0%	-	-	5	38.5%	-	-
16-24 hours	7	14.9%	3	26.5%	6	11.2%	2	52.5%	2	15.4%	-	-
25-34 hours	7	14.5%	1	14.1%	13	23.4%	-	-	4	30.8%	-	-
35-40 hours	14	29.8%	6	59.5%	26	47.8%	2	47.5%	2	15.4%	-	-
41 or more hours	8	17.8%	-	-	6	10.5%	-	-	-	-	2	100%
Total	45	100%	10	100%	53	100%	4	100%	13	100%	2	100%
Part-time (1-34 hours / week)	24	52.4%	4	40.5%	22	41.6%	2	52.5%	11	84.6%	-	-
Full-time (35+ hours / week)	22	47.6%	6	59.5%	31	58.4%	2	47.5%	2	15.4%	2	100%
Total	45	100%	10	100%	53	100%	4	100%	13	100%	2	100%

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117. For those who are employed, how many hours, on average, do you work per week?
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Statewide Veterans Totals

By Geographic Comparisons	Greater Minnesota						Metro						Statewide					
	Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1-15 hours	8	21.0%	-	-	8	17.7%	11	15.1%	-	-	11	13.5%	19	17.1%	-	-	19	15.0%
16-24 hours	7	17.8%	3	35.3%	9	20.6%	8	10.8%	2	26.0%	10	12.4%	15	13.2%	5	30.2%	20	15.3%
25-34 hours	5	14.0%	1	18.8%	7	14.8%	18	24.1%	-	-	18	21.5%	23	20.6%	1	8.5%	24	19.1%
35-40 hours	11	29.0%	2	32.2%	13	29.5%	30	40.8%	5	62.6%	35	43.1%	41	36.7%	8	48.8%	49	38.2%
41 or more hours	7	18.2%	1	13.8%	8	17.5%	7	9.2%	1	11.4%	8	9.4%	14	12.3%	2	12.5%	16	12.3%
Total	38	100%	7	100%	46	100.0%	73	100%	9	100%	82	100.0%	112	100%	16	100%	128	100.0%
Part-time (1-34 hours / week)	20	52.9%	4	54.1%	24	53.1%	37	50.0%	2	26.0%	39	47.5%	57	51.0%	6	38.7%	63	49.5%
Full-time (35+ hours / week)	18	47.1%	3	45.9%	21	46.9%	37	50.0%	6	74.0%	43	52.5%	55	49.0%	10	61.3%	65	50.5%
Total	38	100%	7	100%	46	100.0%	73	100%	9	100%	82	100.0%	112	100%	16	100%	128	100.0%

118. For those who are employed, what is your current hourly rate for your main job?

Statewide Veterans

<i>By Shelter Type</i>	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations			
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than \$7.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7.7%	1	33.3%
\$7.25 - \$7.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
\$8.00 - \$9.99	12	28.9%	1	12.7%	16	30.8%	1	24.4%	7	53.8%	1	33.3%
\$10.00 - \$11.99	14	33.0%	5	47.3%	12	23.8%	2	52.5%	2	15.4%	1	33.3%
\$12.00 - \$15.99	11	25.3%	4	40.0%	12	22.6%	1	23.1%	2	15.4%	-	-
\$16.00 or more	4	8.8%	-	-	11	20.4%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paid by the job or on commission	2	4.1%	-	-	1	2.4%	-	-	1	7.7%	-	-
Total	43	100%	10	100%	52	100%	4	100%	13	100%	3	100%

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118. For those who are employed, what is your current hourly rate for your main job?
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Statewide Veterans Totals

By Geographic Comparisons	Greater Minnesota						Metro						Statewide					
	Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than \$7.25	1	2.5%	1	13.8%	2	4.3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.9%	1	5.9%	2	1.6%
\$7.25 - \$7.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
\$8.00 - \$9.99	17	43.3%	1	16.9%	18	39.2%	18	26.7%	2	21.1%	20	26.0%	36	32.8%	3	19.3%	39	31.0%
\$10.00 - \$11.99	12	29.3%	3	36.8%	14	30.4%	17	24.8%	5	53.2%	22	28.3%	29	26.4%	8	46.2%	36	29.1%
\$12.00 - \$15.99	9	22.4%	2	32.5%	11	24.0%	16	23.0%	3	25.7%	18	23.4%	25	22.8%	5	28.6%	30	23.6%
\$16.00 or more	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	21.1%	-	-	14	18.5%	14	13.3%	-	-	14	11.5%
Paid by the job or on commission	1	2.5%	-	-	1	2.1%	3	4.4%	-	-	3	3.8%	4	3.7%	-	-	4	3.2%
Total	40	100%	7	100%	47	100.0%	69	100%	10	100%	78	100.0%	108	100%	17	100%	125	100.0%

119. For those who are employed, has your main job lasted for at least 3 months?

Statewide Veterans

<i>By Shelter Type</i>	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations			
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	24	61.3%	5	53.8%	42	84.7%	2	47.5%	4	40.0%	1	50.0%
No	15	38.7%	4	46.2%	8	15.3%	2	52.5%	6	60.0%	1	50.0%
Total	39	100%	10	100%	50	100%	4	100%	10	100%	2	100%

119. For those who are employed, has your main job lasted for at least 3 months?
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Statewide Veterans Totals

<i>By Geographic Comparisons</i>	Greater Minnesota						Metro						Statewide					
	Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	20	60.0%	4	59.1%	24	59.9%	50	76.5%	5	46.8%	55	72.6%	70	70.9%	8	51.6%	79	68.2%
No	13	40.0%	3	40.9%	16	40.1%	15	23.5%	5	53.2%	21	27.4%	29	29.1%	8	48.4%	37	31.8%
Total	34	100%	6	100%	40	100.0%	65	100%	10	100%	75	100.0%	99	100%	16	100%	115	100.0%

120. For those who are not employed, have you been laid off, terminated, or had your job eliminated in the last 6 months?

Statewide Veterans

By Shelter Type	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations			
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	9	8.7%	5	33.3%	15	18.8%	1	11.1%	7	10.8%	-	-
No	93	91.3%	9	66.7%	66	81.2%	6	88.9%	58	89.2%	5	100%
Total	102	100%	14	100%	82	100%	7	100%	65	100%	5	100%

120. For those who are not employed, have you been laid off, terminated, or had your job eliminated in the last 6 months?
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Statewide Veterans Totals

By Geographic Comparisons	Greater Minnesota						Metro						Statewide					
	Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	14	17.6%	1	23.8%	15	18.0%	18	10.3%	4	20.1%	22	11.4%	31	12.6%	5	20.8%	37	13.4%
No	64	82.4%	4	76.2%	67	82.0%	154	89.7%	17	79.9%	171	88.6%	217	87.4%	21	79.2%	238	86.6%
Total	77	100%	5	100%	82	100.0%	172	100%	21	100%	193	100.0%	249	100%	26	100%	275	100.0%

121. For those who are not employed, how long has it been since you last held a job?

Statewide Veterans

<i>By Shelter Type</i>	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations			
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than 6 months	20	20.0%	5	33.3%	21	25.3%	3	54.1%	9	14.3%	-	-
6-12 months	4	3.8%	-	-	14	17.6%	-	-	10	15.9%	1	25.0%
13-24 months	10	9.8%	-	-	11	13.2%	-	-	3	4.8%	-	-
25-36 months	6	6.1%	2	12.8%	5	6.4%	2	45.9%	5	7.9%	-	-
37-48 months	6	5.6%	1	8.9%	4	5.2%	-	-	2	3.2%	-	-
Over 48 months	54	54.6%	6	45.1%	27	32.4%	-	-	33	52.4%	3	75.0%
Never held a job	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.6%	-	-
Total	99	100%	14	100%	82	100%	5	100%	63	100%	4	100%

	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter		Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing		Non-shelter locations	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Mean (days)	2272	2083	1874	457	2511	2425
Median (days)	1825	1275	730	60	1825	2555

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121. For those who are not employed, how long has it been since you last held a job?
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By Geographic Comparisons	Greater Minnesota						Metro						Statewide					
	Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than 6 months	20	26.2%	3	61.2%	23	28.4%	30	17.6%	4	23.7%	34	18.2%	50	20.3%	7	32.1%	57	21.3%
6-12 months	13	17.1%	-	-	13	16.0%	15	9.0%	1	5.6%	16	8.7%	28	11.5%	1	4.3%	29	10.9%
13-24 months	6	7.5%	-	-	6	7.0%	18	10.6%	-	-	18	9.6%	24	9.6%	-	-	24	8.8%
25-36 months	3	4.3%	-	-	3	4.0%	13	7.8%	4	23.0%	17	9.2%	16	6.7%	4	17.8%	20	7.6%
37-48 months	2	3.0%	-	-	2	2.8%	10	5.7%	1	6.9%	11	5.8%	12	4.9%	1	5.4%	13	4.9%
Over 48 months	32	41.9%	2	38.8%	34	41.7%	82	48.7%	7	40.8%	89	47.9%	114	46.6%	9	40.4%	123	46.0%
Never held a job	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.6%	-	-	1	0.5%	1	0.4%	-	-	1	0.4%
Total	76	100%	5	100%	81	100.0%	168	100%	18	100%	186	100.0%	244	100%	23	100%	267	100.0%

	Greater Minnesota			Metro			Statewide		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Mean (days)	2156	1377	2107	2218	1904	2187	2198	1786	2163
Median (days)	730	120	730	1460	1095	1460	1275	1095	1245

122. For those who are not employed, are you currently looking for work?

Statewide Veterans

<i>By Shelter Type</i>	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations			
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	41	40.7%	4	31.9%	36	43.3%	7	100%	24	37.5%	1	20.0%
No	60	59.3%	10	68.1%	47	56.7%	-	-	40	62.5%	4	80.0%
Total	100	100%	14	100%	82	100%	7	100%	64	100%	5	100%

122. For those who are not employed, are you currently looking for work?
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Statewide Veterans Totals

<i>By Geographic Comparisons</i>	Greater Minnesota						Metro						Statewide					
	Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	33	42.8%	3	61.2%	36	44.0%	68	39.8%	10	45.4%	78	40.4%	101	40.7%	13	48.5%	113	41.5%
No	43	57.2%	2	38.8%	45	56.0%	103	60.2%	12	54.6%	114	59.6%	146	59.3%	14	51.5%	160	58.5%
Total	76	100%	5	100%	81	100.0%	171	100%	21	100%	192	100.0%	247	100%	26	100%	273	100.0%

123. For those who are not employed, what do you feel are the biggest barriers or problems to getting a job now?

Statewide Veterans

<i>By Shelter Type</i>	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations			
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Physical health	33	34.9%	8	57.9%	27	34.9%	1	16.0%	17	27.0%	2	66.7%
Transportation	17	18.4%	6	46.0%	12	15.3%	2	45.9%	10	15.9%	-	-
Mental health	13	14.0%	4	27.0%	13	17.0%	-	-	12	19.0%	1	33.3%
Housing	9	9.5%	5	33.4%	7	9.5%	-	-	16	25.4%	2	66.7%
Criminal history	11	11.4%	-	-	12	15.0%	-	-	10	15.9%	1	33.3%
Miscellaneous other barrier(s)	5	5.6%	-	-	18	22.9%	-	-	8	12.7%	-	-
Age (too old or too young)	10	10.8%	2	11.4%	12	15.6%	-	-	4	6.3%	-	-
Resources needed to work or look for work	6	6.6%	-	-	7	9.3%	-	-	6	9.5%	-	-
Job experience / history	4	4.1%	-	-	4	5.7%	2	45.9%	5	7.9%	1	33.3%
Personal reasons (e.g. motivation, time, family problems, etc.)	6	6.8%	-	-	4	5.4%	2	38.1%	3	4.8%	1	33.3%
Employment opportunities	11	12.2%	-	-	1	1.4%	1	16.0%	1	1.6%	-	-
Education	1	1.3%	-	-	4	4.9%	-	-	3	4.8%	1	33.3%
Discrimination / prejudice / race	2	1.9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3.2%	-	-
Child care	-	-	1	8.8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	94	100%	14	100%	77	100%	5	100%	63	100%	3	100%

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123. For those who are not employed, what do you feel are the biggest barriers or problems to getting a job now?
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Statewide Veterans Totals

By Geographic Comparisons	Greater Minnesota						Metro						Statewide					
	Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Physical health	24	36.1%	1	24.1%	25	35.4%	52	31.4%	10	55.4%	62	33.8%	77	32.8%	11	49.5%	87	34.2%
Transportation	10	15.1%	1	29.5%	11	15.9%	29	17.4%	8	42.1%	36	19.8%	39	16.7%	9	39.7%	48	18.7%
Mental health	18	26.2%	2	53.6%	20	27.8%	21	12.4%	3	14.3%	23	12.5%	38	16.3%	5	21.7%	43	16.8%
Housing	11	16.4%	-	-	11	15.4%	21	12.7%	7	37.3%	28	15.1%	32	13.8%	7	30.2%	39	15.2%
Criminal history	12	18.4%	-	-	12	17.3%	20	11.9%	1	5.6%	21	11.3%	32	13.8%	1	4.5%	33	13.0%
Miscellaneous other barrier(s)	9	13.7%	-	-	9	12.9%	22	13.0%	-	-	22	11.8%	31	13.2%	-	-	31	12.1%
Age (too old or too young)	2	3.2%	-	-	2	3.0%	24	14.4%	2	8.9%	26	13.8%	26	11.2%	2	7.2%	28	10.8%
Resources needed to work or look for work	5	7.9%	-	-	5	7.5%	14	8.4%	-	-	14	7.6%	19	8.3%	-	-	19	7.6%
Job experience / history	4	5.3%	1	24.1%	5	6.3%	10	5.8%	2	13.0%	12	6.5%	13	5.6%	3	15.1%	17	6.5%
Personal reasons (e.g. motivation, time, family problems, etc.)	2	3.5%	2	46.4%	4	6.0%	11	6.7%	1	5.6%	12	6.6%	14	5.8%	3	13.3%	16	6.4%
Employment opportunities	5	6.9%	-	-	5	6.5%	9	5.4%	1	4.5%	10	5.3%	14	5.8%	1	3.7%	14	5.6%
Education	2	3.1%	-	-	2	2.9%	6	3.6%	1	5.6%	7	3.8%	8	3.4%	1	4.5%	9	3.5%
Discrimination / prejudice / race	1	1.5%	-	-	1	1.4%	3	1.7%	-	-	3	1.5%	4	1.6%	-	-	4	1.5%
Child care	-	-	1	29.5%	1	1.7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5.6%	1	0.5%
Total	67	100%	4	100%	71	100.0%	166	100%	18	100%	184	100.0%	234	100%	22	100%	256	100.0%