

2015 Homeless Veterans (Minnesota 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 – MINNESOTA DEFINITION

There are several definitions of Veteran status used to determine eligibility for various services and benefits. These tables reflect the state of Minnesota's definition, which is defined as "a citizen of the United States or a resident alien who has been separated under honorable conditions from any branch of the armed forces of the United States after having served on active duty for 181 consecutive days or by reason of disability incurred while serving on active duty, or who has met the minimum active duty requirement as defined by Code of Federal Regulations, title 38, section 3.12a, or who has active military service certified under section 401, Public Law 95-202. The active military service must be certified by the United States secretary of defense as active military service and a discharge under honorable conditions must be issued by the secretary." (MN Statute 197.447). These Veterans are a subset of the Veterans who meet the federal definition.

The data tables that follow are based on interviews with 251 Veterans who were experiencing homelessness including 225 men and 26 women. In the data tables, survey results have been weighted to represent 351 Veterans; 314 men and 36 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.

2015 Homeless Veterans - State of MN definition
Employment

116. Are you currently employed?

Statewide Veterans (State of MN definition)

<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	35	28.3%	10	44.0%	54	45.9%	2	22.1%	9	12.9%	3	60.0%
No	90	71.7%	12	56.0%	64	54.1%	7	77.9%	61	87.1%	2	40.0%
Total	125	100%	22	100%	117	100%	9	100%	70	100%	5	100%

116. Are you currently employed?
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Statewide Veterans Totals (State of MN definition)

<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	38	36.8%	7	63.6%	45	39.5%	61	28.8%	7	30.0%	68	28.9%	98	31.4%	15	40.6%	113	32.4%
No	64	63.2%	4	36.4%	69	60.5%	150	71.2%	17	70.0%	167	71.1%	214	68.6%	22	59.4%	236	67.6%
Total	102	100%	11	100%	113	100.0%	210	100%	25	100%	235	100.0%	312	100%	36	100%	348	100.0%

2015 Homeless Veterans - State of MN definition
Employment

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

Statewide Veterans (State of MN definition)

<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	6	17.3%	-	-	4	7.4%	-	-	3	33.3%	-	-
16-24 hours	5	15.4%	3	26.5%	6	11.8%	-	-	2	22.2%	-	-
25-34 hours	7	19.4%	1	14.1%	10	19.4%	-	-	3	33.3%	-	-
35-40 hours	8	24.1%	6	59.5%	26	50.4%	2	100%	1	11.1%	-	-
41 or more hours	8	23.9%	-	-	6	11.1%	-	-	-	-	2	100%
Total	34	100%	10	100%	51	100%	2	100%	9	100%	2	100%
Part-time (1-34 hours / week)	18	52.0%	4	40.5%	20	38.5%	-	-	8	88.9%	-	-
Full-time (35+ hours / week)	16	48.0%	6	59.5%	31	61.5%	2	100%	1	11.1%	2	100%
Total	34	100%	10	100%	51	100%	2	100%	9	100%	2	100%

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Employment

117. For those who are employed, how many hours, on average, do you work per week?
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Statewide Veterans Totals (State of MN definition)

<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	%
1-15 hours	5	14.9%	-	-	5	12.2%	8	12.7%	-	-	8	11.4%	13	13.4%	-	-	13	11.7%
16-24 hours	7	20.7%	3	35.3%	9	23.3%	6	10.5%	-	-	6	9.5%	13	14.1%	3	18.6%	16	14.7%
25-34 hours	5	16.3%	1	18.8%	7	16.8%	14	23.1%	-	-	14	20.9%	19	20.7%	1	9.9%	21	19.3%
35-40 hours	9	27.0%	2	32.2%	11	27.9%	26	42.6%	5	84.6%	31	46.7%	35	37.1%	8	56.9%	43	39.6%
41 or more hours	7	21.1%	1	13.8%	8	19.8%	7	11.1%	1	15.4%	8	11.5%	14	14.7%	2	14.6%	16	14.6%
Total	33	100%	7	100%	40	100.0%	61	100%	6	100%	67	100.0%	94	100%	14	100%	107	100.0%
Part-time (1-34 hours / week)	17	51.9%	4	54.1%	21	52.3%	28	46.3%	-	-	28	41.8%	45	48.2%	4	28.6%	49	45.7%
Full-time (35+ hours / week)	16	48.1%	3	45.9%	19	47.7%	33	53.7%	6	100%	39	58.2%	48	51.8%	10	71.4%	58	54.3%
Total	33	100%	7	100%	40	100.0%	61	100%	6	100%	67	100.0%	94	100%	14	100%	107	100.0%

2015 Homeless Veterans - State of MN definition
Employment

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

Statewide Veterans (State of MN definition)

<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	33.3%
\$7.25 - \$7.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
\$8.00 - \$9.99	10	30.7%	1	12.7%	13	27.1%	1	51.4%	4	44.4%	1	33.3%
\$10.00 - \$11.99	9	29.2%	5	47.3%	12	25.1%	-	-	2	22.2%	1	33.3%
\$12.00 - \$15.99	7	22.6%	4	40.0%	12	23.8%	1	48.6%	2	22.2%	-	-
\$16.00 or more	4	12.0%	-	-	11	21.6%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paid by the job or on commission	2	5.6%	-	-	1	2.5%	-	-	1	11.1%	-	-
Total	32	100%	10	100%	50	100%	2	100%	9	100%	3	100%

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Employment

118. For those who are employed, what is your current hourly rate for your main job?
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Statewide Veterans Totals (State of MN definition)

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	13.8%	1	2.4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.8%	1	1.0%
\$7.25 - \$7.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
\$8.00 - \$9.99	15	43.8%	1	16.9%	16	39.1%	12	21.6%	2	27.5%	14	22.3%	27	30.1%	3	22.3%	30	29.0%
\$10.00 - \$11.99	12	33.9%	3	36.8%	14	34.4%	12	21.5%	3	38.9%	15	23.6%	24	26.2%	6	37.9%	29	27.9%
\$12.00 - \$15.99	7	19.5%	2	32.5%	9	21.7%	14	25.5%	3	33.5%	17	26.5%	21	23.2%	5	33.0%	26	24.6%
\$16.00 or more	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	25.9%	-	-	14	22.9%	14	16.0%	-	-	14	13.8%
Paid by the job or on commission	1	2.9%	-	-	1	2.4%	3	5.4%	-	-	3	4.7%	4	4.4%	-	-	4	3.8%
Total	34	100%	7	100%	42	100.0%	56	100%	7	100%	63	100.0%	90	100%	15	100%	105	100.0%

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Employment

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

Statewide Veterans (State of MN definition)

<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	18	63.4%	5	53.8%	39	83.8%	2	100%	3	42.9%	1	50.0%
No	11	36.6%	4	46.2%	8	16.2%	-	-	4	57.1%	1	50.0%
Total	29	100%	10	100%	47	100%	2	100%	7	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 (State of MN definition)

<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	19	65.1%	4	59.1%	23	64.0%	42	77.7%	5	61.1%	46	75.6%	61	73.2%	8	60.1%	69	71.4%
No	10	34.9%	3	40.9%	13	36.0%	12	22.3%	3	38.9%	15	24.4%	22	26.8%	5	39.9%	28	28.6%
Total	30	100%	6	100%	36	100.0%	54	100%	7	100%	61	100.0%	83	100%	14	100%	97	100.0%

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Employment

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 (State of MN definition)

<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	8	8.8%	3	24.4%	10	16.3%	1	11.1%	7	12.3%	-	-
No	79	91.2%	9	75.6%	53	83.7%	6	88.9%	50	87.7%	2	100%
Total	86	100%	12	100%	64	100%	7	100%	57	100%	2	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 (State of MN definition)

<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	11	17.5%	1	29.5%	12	18.3%	14	9.6%	3	14.9%	16	10.2%	25	12.1%	4	17.7%	29	12.6%
No	53	82.5%	3	70.5%	56	81.7%	129	90.4%	15	85.1%	144	89.8%	182	87.9%	18	82.3%	200	87.4%
Total	64	100%	4	100%	68	100.0%	143	100%	17	100%	160	100.0%	207	100%	22	100%	228	100.0%

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Employment

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

Statewide Veterans (State of MN definition)

<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	17	20.7%	3	24.4%	10	16.8%	3	54.1%	8	14.0%	-	-
6-12 months	1	1.5%	-	-	11	17.6%	-	-	9	15.8%	-	-
13-24 months	9	10.2%	-	-	6	10.3%	-	-	2	3.5%	-	-
25-36 months	6	7.3%	2	14.5%	5	8.5%	2	45.9%	5	8.8%	-	-
37-48 months	4	4.6%	1	10.0%	4	6.9%	-	-	2	3.5%	-	-
Over 48 months	46	55.7%	6	51.1%	25	40.0%	-	-	30	52.6%	2	100%
Never held a job	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.8%	-	-
Total	83	100%	12	100%	62	100%	5	100%	57	100%	2	100%

	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter		Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing		Non-shelter locations	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Mean (days)	2236	2351	2317	457	2541	3468
Median (days)	1825	1825	1020	60	1825	3468

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Employment

121. For those who are not employed, how long has it been since you last held a job?
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Statewide Veterans Totals (State of MN definition)

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	14	21.4%	3	75.9%	17	24.8%	22	15.9%	3	17.0%	25	16.0%	36	17.6%	6	29.6%	41	18.7%
6-12 months	10	14.9%	-	-	10	14.0%	12	8.4%	-	-	12	7.6%	21	10.5%	-	-	21	9.6%
13-24 months	6	8.9%	-	-	6	8.4%	11	8.1%	-	-	11	7.3%	17	8.4%	-	-	17	7.6%
25-36 months	3	5.1%	-	-	3	4.8%	13	9.4%	4	26.9%	17	11.2%	16	8.1%	4	21.2%	20	9.2%
37-48 months	2	3.5%	-	-	2	3.3%	8	5.7%	1	8.1%	9	5.9%	10	5.0%	1	6.4%	11	5.1%
Over 48 months	30	46.2%	1	24.1%	31	44.8%	72	51.8%	7	47.9%	79	51.4%	101	50.0%	8	42.8%	109	49.4%
Never held a job	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.7%	-	-	1	0.7%	1	0.5%	-	-	1	0.5%
Total	64	100%	4	100%	68	100.0%	138	100%	15	100%	154	100.0%	202	100%	19	100%	222	100.0%

	Greater Minnesota			Metro			Statewide		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Mean (days)	2338	1093	2263	2349	2213	2336	2346	1973	2313
Median (days)	1095	120	1095	1825	1275	1825	1825	1095	1460

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Employment

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

Statewide Veterans (State of MN definition)

<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	36	42.3%	3	22.8%	25	39.4%	7	100%	22	39.3%	-	-
No	49	57.7%	10	77.2%	38	60.6%	-	-	34	60.7%	2	100%
Total	85	100%	12	100%	62	100%	7	100%	56	100%	2	100%

122. For those who are not employed, are you currently looking for work?
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Statewide Veterans Totals (State of MN definition)

<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	25	40.4%	3	75.9%	29	42.6%	57	40.6%	7	39.7%	64	40.5%	82	40.6%	10	46.7%	93	41.2%
No	38	59.6%	1	24.1%	39	57.4%	83	59.4%	11	60.3%	94	59.5%	121	59.4%	12	53.3%	132	58.8%
Total	63	100%	4	100%	67	100.0%	140	100%	17	100%	157	100.0%	203	100%	22	100%	225	100.0%

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Employment

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

Statewide Veterans (State of MN definition)

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	%
Physical health	31	38.9%	8	65.5%	18	31.7%	1	16.0%	15	26.3%	-	-
Transportation	15	18.3%	5	38.9%	8	13.7%	2	45.9%	9	15.8%	-	-
Mental health	10	12.5%	4	30.6%	12	21.2%	-	-	9	15.8%	-	-
Housing	9	11.1%	3	24.5%	6	9.7%	-	-	16	28.1%	1	100%
Age (too old or too young)	10	12.7%	2	12.9%	12	21.0%	-	-	4	7.0%	-	-
Criminal history	8	10.3%	-	-	9	15.5%	-	-	8	14.0%	-	-
Miscellaneous other barrier(s)	3	3.3%	-	-	13	23.3%	-	-	8	14.0%	-	-
Job experience / history	4	4.8%	-	-	3	4.7%	2	45.9%	5	8.8%	-	-
Personal reasons (e.g. motivation, time, family problems, etc.)	5	6.4%	-	-	2	4.1%	2	38.1%	3	5.3%	1	100%
Employment opportunities	10	12.4%	-	-	1	1.9%	1	16.0%	1	1.8%	-	-
Resources needed to work or look for work	4	4.7%	-	-	4	7.6%	-	-	4	7.0%	-	-
Education	1	1.6%	-	-	4	6.6%	-	-	3	5.3%	1	100%
Discrimination / prejudice / race	2	2.2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3.5%	-	-
Child care	-	-	1	10.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	79	100%	12	100%	57	100%	5	100%	57	100%	1	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 (State of MN definition)

<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	%
Physical health	24	43.9%	-	-	24	41.5%	40	28.7%	9	58.4%	49	31.7%	64	33.1%	9	48.4%	73	34.4%
Transportation	9	16.0%	1	38.9%	10	17.2%	23	16.3%	6	38.6%	28	18.5%	31	16.2%	7	38.7%	38	18.1%
Mental health	15	26.5%	1	38.9%	16	27.1%	16	11.9%	3	16.7%	19	12.3%	31	16.0%	4	20.5%	35	16.4%
Housing	11	19.9%	-	-	11	18.9%	19	14.0%	4	26.4%	23	15.2%	30	15.7%	4	21.9%	34	16.2%
Age (too old or too young)	2	3.9%	-	-	2	3.7%	24	17.3%	2	10.4%	26	16.6%	26	13.5%	2	8.6%	28	13.1%
Criminal history	9	16.0%	-	-	9	15.1%	16	11.7%	-	-	16	10.5%	25	12.9%	-	-	25	11.8%
Miscellaneous other barrier(s)	4	7.3%	-	-	4	6.9%	20	14.4%	-	-	20	13.0%	24	12.4%	-	-	24	11.3%
Job experience / history	4	6.4%	-	-	4	6.1%	8	5.8%	2	15.2%	10	6.7%	11	5.9%	2	12.6%	14	6.5%
Personal reasons (e.g. motivation, time, family problems, etc.)	1	1.9%	2	61.1%	3	5.1%	9	6.8%	1	6.6%	10	6.7%	10	5.4%	3	15.9%	13	6.3%
Employment opportunities	5	8.3%	-	-	5	7.9%	7	5.3%	1	5.3%	8	5.3%	12	6.2%	1	4.4%	13	6.0%
Resources needed to work or look for work	2	3.6%	-	-	2	3.4%	10	7.3%	-	-	10	6.5%	12	6.2%	-	-	12	5.7%
Education	2	3.7%	-	-	2	3.5%	6	4.3%	1	6.6%	7	4.5%	8	4.1%	1	5.4%	9	4.3%
Discrimination / prejudice / race	1	1.8%	-	-	1	1.7%	3	2.0%	-	-	3	1.8%	4	1.9%	-	-	4	1.8%
Child care	-	-	1	38.9%	1	2.1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.7%	1	0.6%
Total	55	100%	3	100%	58	100.0%	138	100%	15	100%	154	100.0%	194	100%	18	100%	212	100.0%