

Who Is Homeless?

5,200
Annually

2,400
Point In Time

31%
Children

25%
**Domestic
Violence**

7%
Veterans

Where does the data come from?

There are two main sources of data on homelessness in our community: HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) and the annual point-in-time (PIT) count.

HMIS

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is the community's shared, local information technology system used to collect client-level data on housing and services for people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The HMIS provides the basis for measuring the nature and extent of homelessness, service utilization, program performance and outcomes, as well as reporting to federal, state and local grantors.

PIT Count

Every year during the last ten days of January, volunteers across America conduct a census of people who are homeless. Locally, the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition conducts the annual count with the help of more than 500 volunteers and 100 members of law enforcement. Volunteers canvass outdoor areas, parks, vacant lots, abandoned buildings, and other places not intended for human habitation to count and survey people who do not have a permanent place to live.

About the Consumer Council

The purpose of the TCHC Consumer Council is to address the ideas, suggestions and concerns clients have about the services and/or treatment received and how the quality of services offered may be improved. The Council gives homeless clients a valid voice in the process of rebuilding their lives and becoming self-sufficient and a sense of accountability and responsibility within the clients, by including them in the process by listening to them express their concerns and jointly developing a plan of action.