

COSTA MESA HOMELESS

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Life History

- Family Life
 - Only son.
 - 4 sisters
 - Midwest: Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming
 - Father was a pastor
 - Small churches in rural areas
 - Worked to help support the family
 - Many moves: attended 14 schools in 12 years of education
 - Relied on relatives for support occasionally
 - Twice we were essentially homeless
- Early Adulthood
 - Married 1973: sons born in 1975 & 1977
 - Masonry Contractor, Wyoming & Oklahoma
 - Went to Haiti to build schools, 1983
 - Came home to attend college at age 33.
 - Graduated from Southern California College, 1988
 - Entered graduate school at USC, Fall '88
 - Ph.D. in Sociology (Specialties, Family & Deviance)
 - Faculty member CSULA, 1993 – 2000
 - Faculty member Vanguard Univ. 2000 – present
- 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness
 - OC Partnership: HUD/HMIS Data
 - Became convinced that ending homelessness as currently understood was possible
 - Focused on improving data collection
 - Emphasis on vulnerabilities and strengths of the homeless people, services and placements

Professor and Mentor to Students

- Develop within students a repertoire of knowledge in Social Theory and Research Methods.
- Transfer the skill sets of Applied Sociologists through experiential learning by doing sociological work that results in deeper learning.
- Application of academic knowledge (theory & method) to community based issues, concerns, and problems for the purpose of generating improved conditions.

Academic – Community Collaboration

Community-Based Active Learning (2009)

- Identify community concerns accessible and amenable to academic participation
- Examine various aspects related to the concern
- Initiate and report on related research

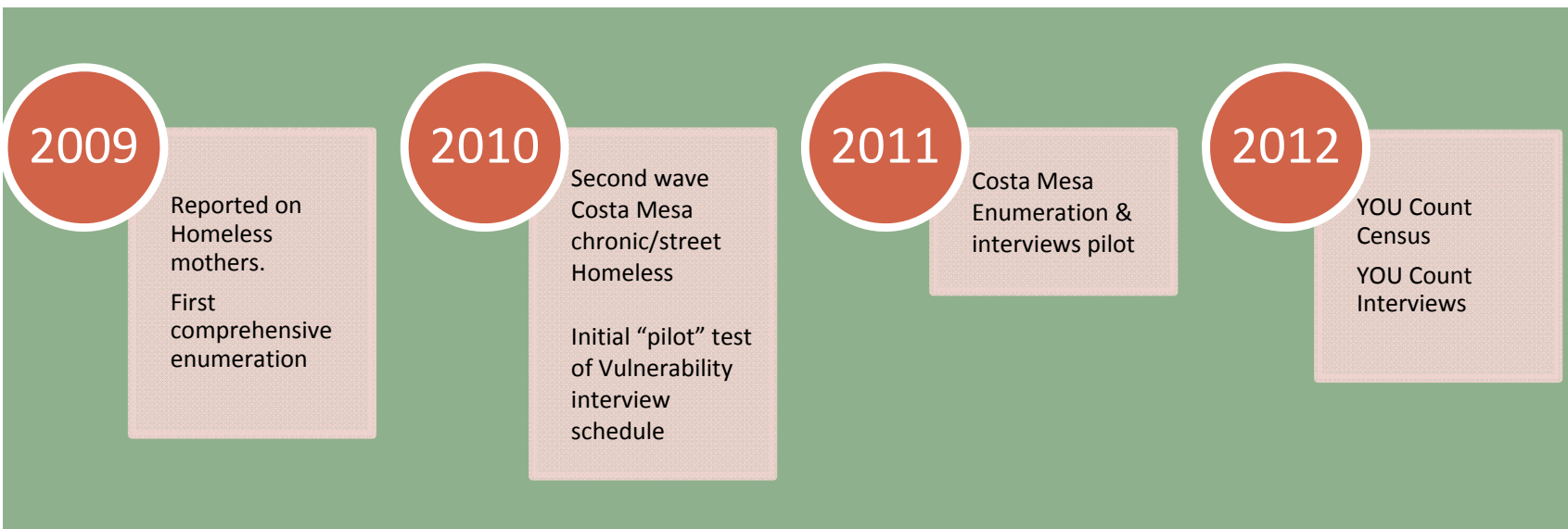
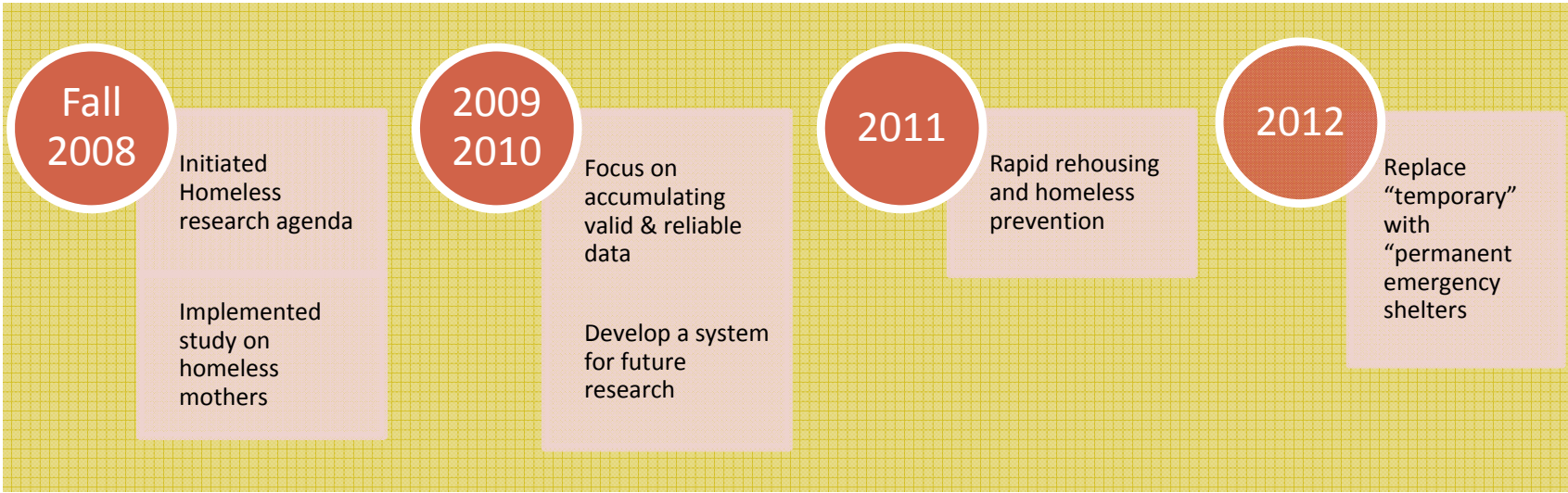
Student Volunteerism & Community Engagement

Generation Y's search for meaning makes support for volunteering among the benefits it values most. More than half of workers in their 20s prefer employment at companies that provide volunteer opportunities, according to a recent Deloitte survey. (2007) <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1640395,00.html#ixzz2SWhfrsSz>

New research by the Center for Work-Life Policy, gathered this past January, shows that ambition, dedication and, above all, concern for social welfare are alive and well among millennials. Corporate social responsibility isn't just talk for Gen Ys. They volunteer extensively, care deeply and seek employers who feel the same: 88% of Gen Y women and 82% of Y men believe it's important to be able to give back to community through work. The Y's commitment to altruism signifies a fundamental change in the nature of rewards and incentives. . . (2009) <http://www.forbes.com/2009/07/07/gen-y-volunteer-mentor-forbes-woman-leadership-community.html>

. . . Millennials are volunteering in record numbers: 63% of respondents volunteered for a nonprofit in 2011 and 90% expected to volunteer as much or more in 2012. (The 2012 Millennial Impact Report)

Yearly Goals (Oct 2008) and Actions



YOU COUNT CENSUS: BACKGROUND, METHOD, AND FINDINGS

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Background, Method, and Implementation

Enumeration Background

- Longitudinal: 2009 – 2012
- 2009 & 2010: Evening count (5pm), replicated the following morning (7am)
- 2011 & 2012: Morning count only at first light (~6:30am)

Methodology

- Comprehensive Survey of Costa Mesa
- Intent: Reduce error and the need for estimates
 - Synchronize Enumerators
 - Minimize Time Required
- Process
 - Create sections/zones within Costa Mesa (16 sq. miles)
 - Enumerator Training

Implementation

- Establish Enumeration Teams
- Distribute Section Maps and Tally Sheets
- One-Hour Time Frame
- Debrief

Census Dates and Times

2009
 September 23, 5:30pm
 September 24, 7:00am

2010
 October 14, 6:30am

2011
 May, Count with interviews
 October 24, 6:30am

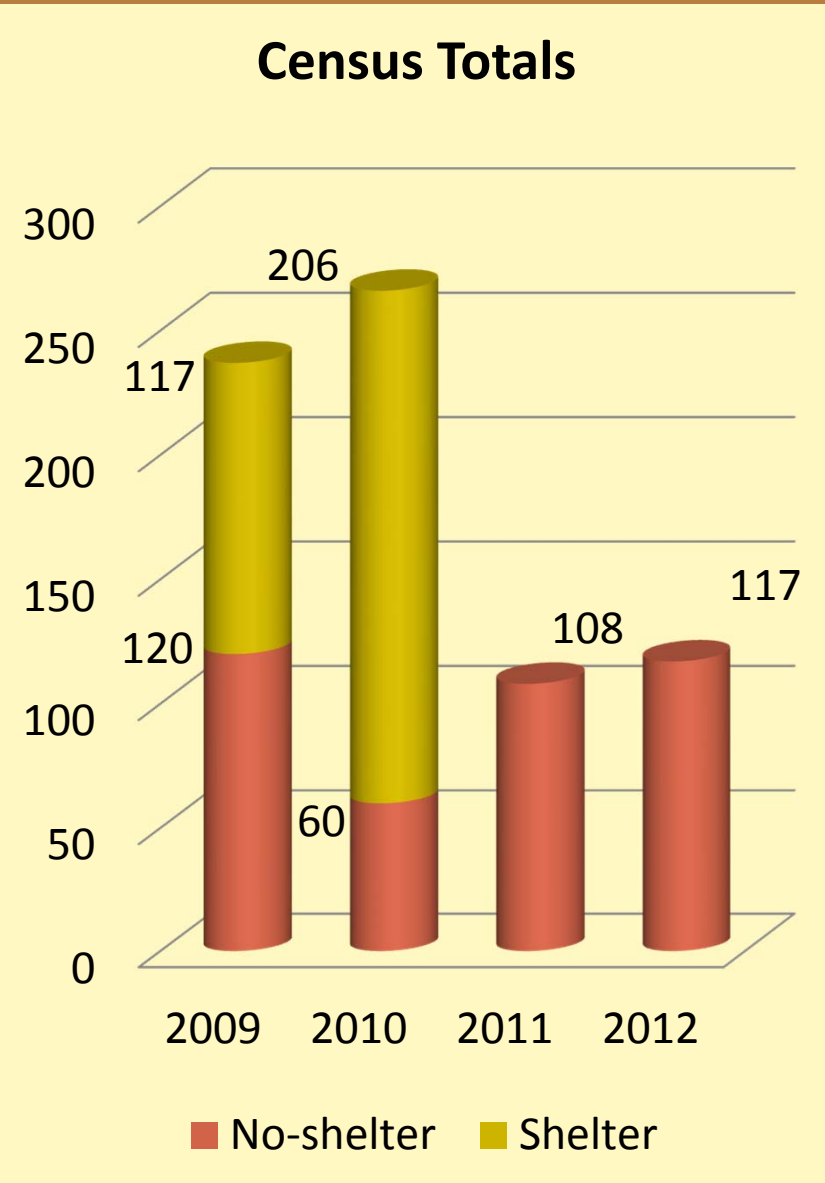
2012: YOU Count
 October 22, 6:30am

Developing a Methodology

- Method for enumerations was refined over time.
- Counts were replicated in 2009 & 2010
 - Times and days of the week were varied
 - Observed distribution variance with time
 - Observed population density patterns
 - Improved method and movement

Variance across '09 and '10 can be explained by the periodic availability of shelter

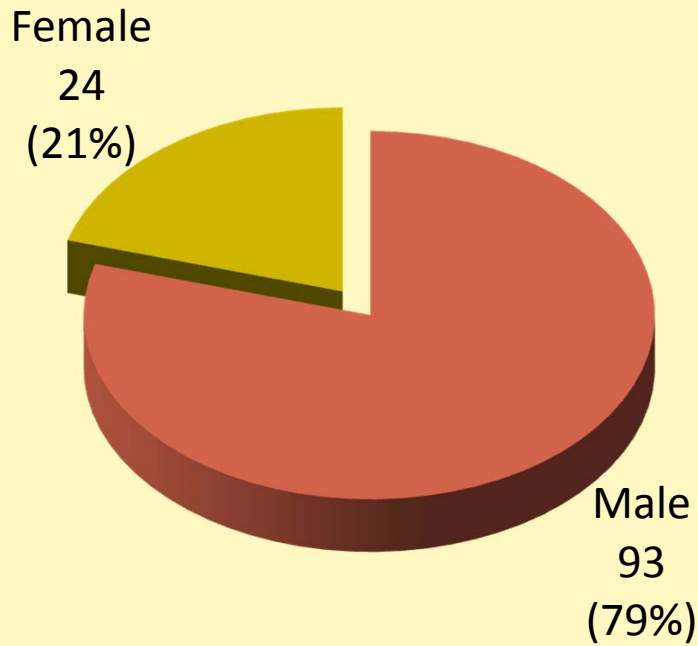
Census Totals



Census Count

Gender

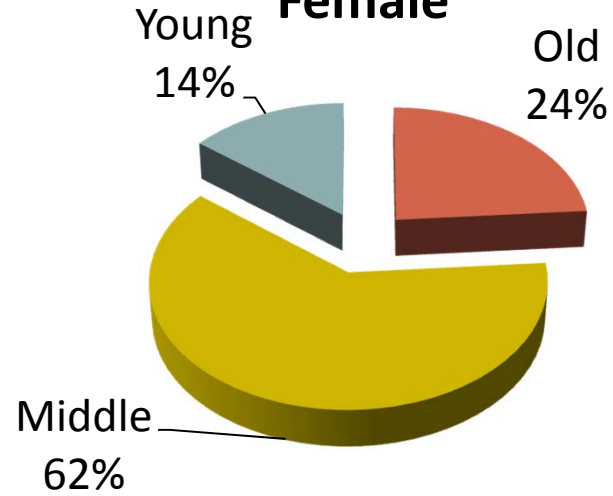
Male Female



117 People
(Margin = +5)
Range: 117 - 122

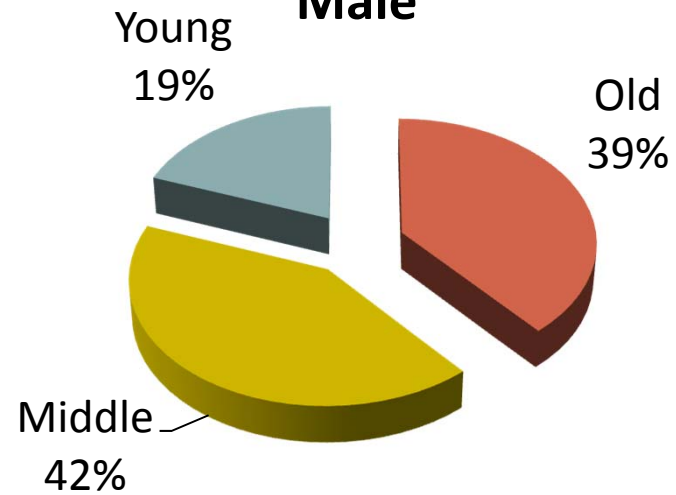
Female: Age Estimates

Female



Male: Age Estimates

Male



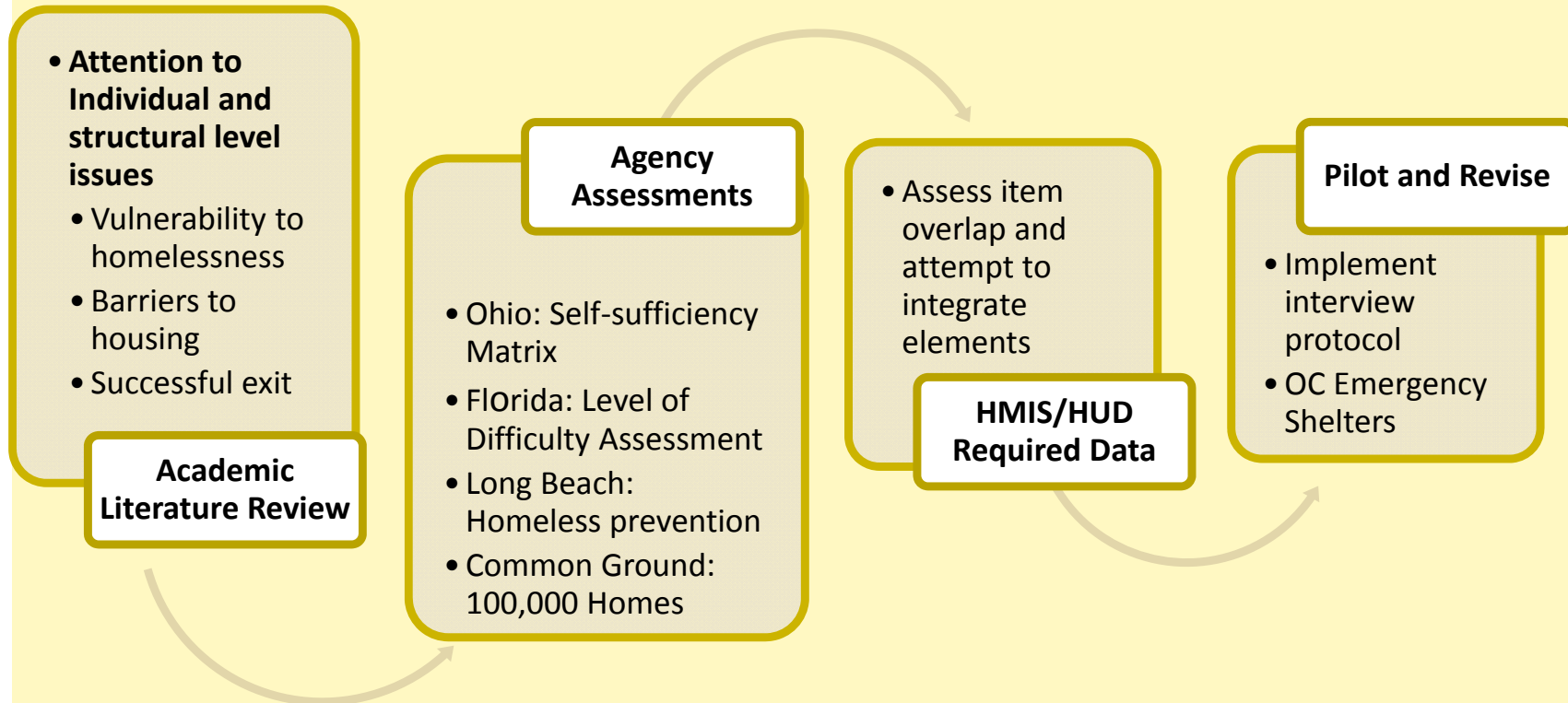
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Instrument Construction



Instrument Construction

Interviews were conducted to test the instrument for unforeseen problems at Orange County Emergency Shelters located in Fullerton, Santa Ana, and Laguna Beach.

Initial Costa Mesa sample was later interviewed; interviews were conducted on April 30th and May 4th, 2011. Agency Specific assessments consulted in the construction follow.

- Self-Sufficiency Matrix
 - Ohio Family Homelessness Prevention Pilot
 - Measures the relative need for assistance
- Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Needs Assessment
 - Long Beach, CA
 - Includes “risk assessment” for homelessness
- Level of Difficulty Assessment (LODA)
 - Broward County Florida
 - Self-report; measures the likelihood of successful independent living
- Vulnerability Index Survey
 - Common Ground: 100,000 Homes
 - Housing the most vulnerable (most likely to parish before becoming independently housed)

| INTERVIEW LOCATION | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Lighthouse Church | 48 | 26.4 | 27.4 | 27.4 |
| Soup Kitchen | 112 | 61.5 | 64.0 | 91.4 |
| Church of Christ | 3 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 93.1 |
| Library | 9 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 98.3 |
| Lyon's Park | 3 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 100.0 |
| Total | 175 | 96.2 | 100.0 | |
| Missing System | 7 | 3.8 | | |
| Total | 182 | 100.0 | | |

| DATE OF INTERVIEW | SUMMARY |
|-------------------|---------|
|-------------------|---------|

| | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|-------------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| 10//22/2012 | 50 | 27.5 | 27.5 | 27.5 |
| 10/23/2012 | 31 | 17.0 | 17.0 | 44.5 |
| 10/24/2012 | 35 | 19.2 | 19.2 | 63.7 |
| 10/25/2012 | 29 | 15.9 | 15.9 | 79.7 |
| 10/26/2012 | 20 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 90.7 |
| 10/27/2012 | 17 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 100.0 |
| Total | 182 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |

**32 interviewers conducted
192 interviews across
5 specific locations in the
6 days following the census**



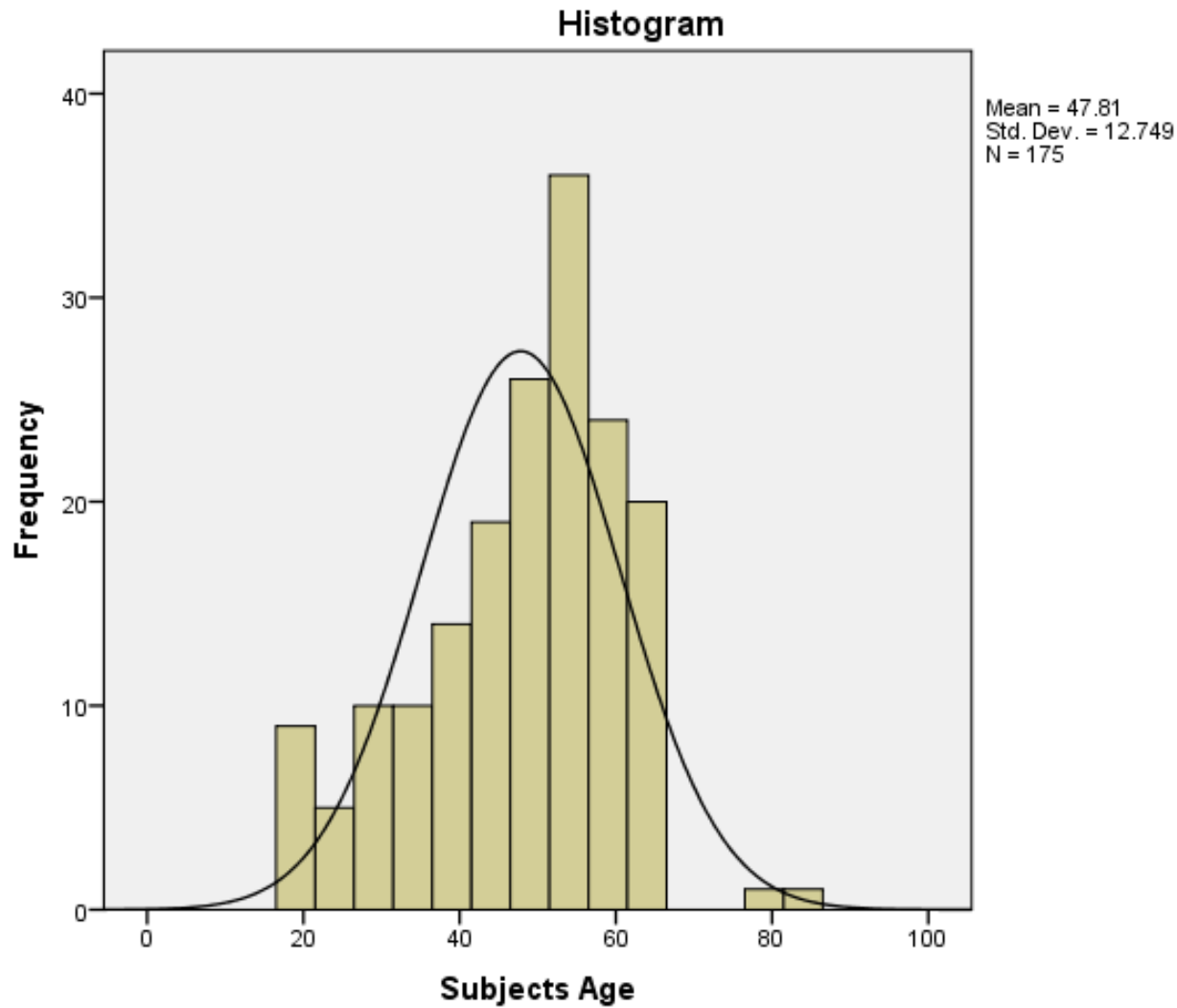
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Population Age: Median age = 51

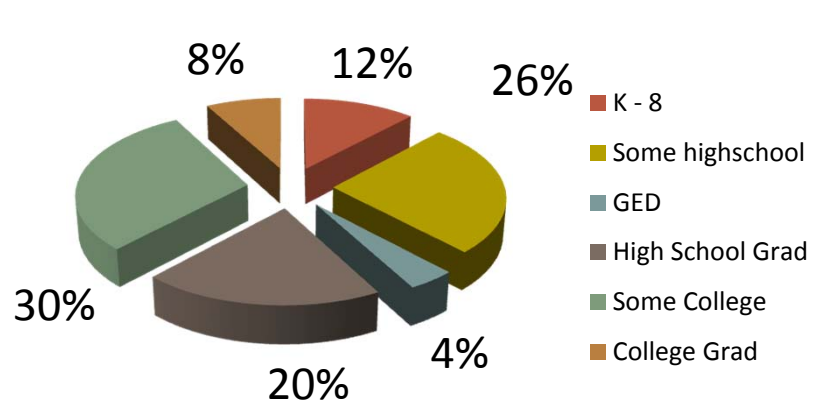


Full Sample: Gender by Level of Education

| Count | | Gender * Level of Schooling Completed Crosstabulation | | | | | | | | Total |
|--------|--------|---|------------------|-----|----------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|
| | | K-8 | Some High School | GED | High School Graduate | Some College | College Graduate | Post Graduate Degree | Other | |
| Gender | Male | 1 | 19 | 8 | 24 | 56 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 129 |
| | Female | 6 | 13 | 2 | 10 | 15 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 50 |
| Total | | 7 | 32 | 10 | 34 | 71 | 22 | 2 | 1 | 179 |

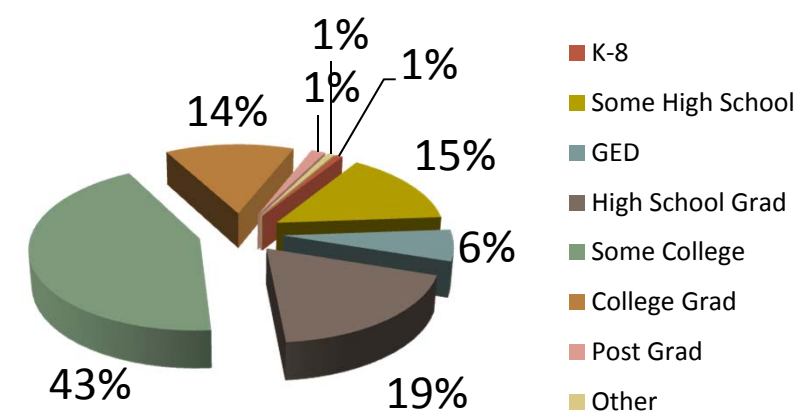
Females and Education

Female (28%)



Males and Education

Male (72%)



YOU COUNT INTERVIEWS: SAMPLE DEMOGRAPHICS



YOU COUNT: IDENTIFYING THE COSTA MESA SAMPLE

Links to Costa Mesa

| Costa Mesa Mailing Address | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Yes | 98 | 53.8 | 54.1 | 54.1 |
| | No | 82 | 45.1 | 45.3 | 99.4 |
| | Refused | 1 | .5 | .6 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 181 | 99.5 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 1 | .5 | | |
| Total | | 182 | 100.0 | | |

| Ever Owned or Rented Property in Costa Mesa | | | | | |
|---|--------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Yes | 93 | 51.1 | 52.8 | 52.8 |
| | No | 83 | 45.6 | 47.2 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 176 | 96.7 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 6 | 3.3 | | |
| Total | | 182 | 100.0 | | |

| Children attended Costa Mesa School | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Yes | 50 | 27.5 | 30.1 | 30.1 |
| | No | 116 | 63.7 | 69.9 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 166 | 91.2 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 16 | 8.8 | | |
| Total | | 182 | 100.0 | | |

| Close Friends Living in Costa Mesa | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Yes | 95 | 52.2 | 54.9 | 54.9 |
| | No | 77 | 42.3 | 44.5 | 99.4 |
| | 8 | 1 | .5 | .6 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 173 | 95.1 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 9 | 4.9 | | |
| Total | | 182 | 100.0 | | |

Homeless & Chronically Homeless

| First Time Homeless | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Yes | 88 | 48.4 | 49.2 | 49.2 |
| | No | 90 | 49.5 | 50.3 | 99.4 |
| | Refused | 1 | .5 | .6 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 179 | 98.4 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 3 | 1.6 | | |
| Total | | 182 | 100.0 | | |

Total Time on Streets/Shelters

| | |
|-----------|------------|
| Valid | 170 |
| N Missing | 12 |
| Mean | 5.99 Years |
| Median | 3.00 Years |

46 /170 do not meet the “Chronically Homeless” definition.

N = 124

Time Living in Costa Mesa

Total Time in Costa Mesa

| | |
|-----------|-------------|
| Valid | 160 |
| N Missing | 22 |
| Mean | 11.83 Years |
| Median | 5.00 Years |

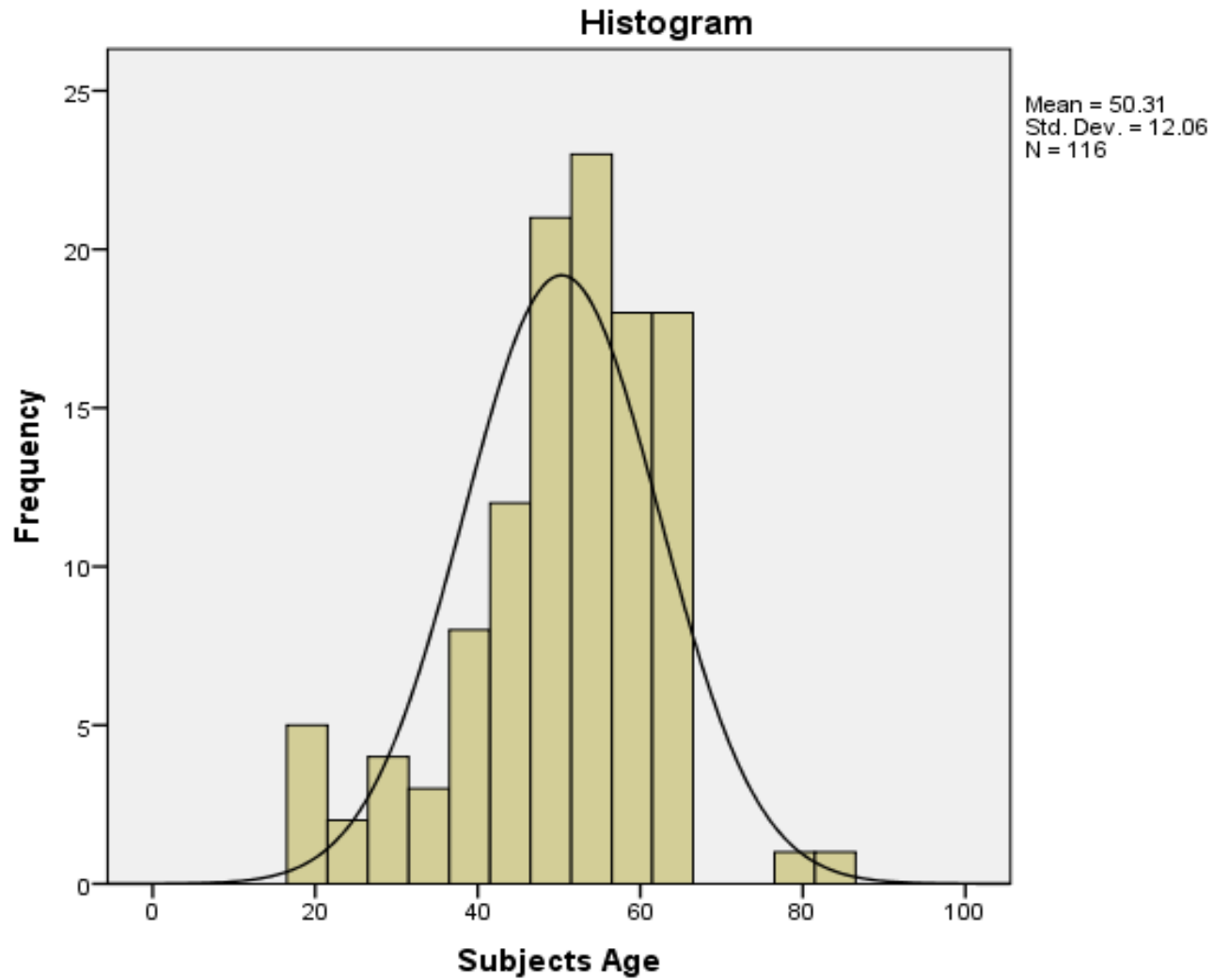
40 /160 have resided in Costa Mesa for 1 year or less.

N = 120



COSTA MESA HOMELESS: SAMPLE DEMOGRAPHICS

Age of Costa Mesa Sample



Gender

| Gender | | | | |
|---------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Male | 86 | 69.9 | 70.5 |
| | Female | 36 | 29.3 | 29.5 |
| | Total | 122 | 99.2 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 1 | .8 | |
| Total | | 123 | 100.0 | |

Veteran Status

| Ever Served in U.S. Armed Forces | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Yes | 23 | 18.7 | 19.2 |
| | No | 97 | 78.9 | 80.8 |
| | Total | 120 | 97.6 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 3 | 2.4 | |
| Total | | 123 | 100.0 | |

Employment

| Currently Employed | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Yes | 19 | 15.4 | 16.2 |
| | No | 98 | 79.7 | 83.8 |
| | Total | 117 | 95.1 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 6 | 4.9 | |
| Total | | 123 | 100.0 | |

Education

| Level of Schooling Completed * Gender Cross-tabulation | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|-------|
| | | Gender | | Total | |
| | | Male | Female | | |
| Level of Schooling Completed | K-8 | Count | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| | | % within Gender | 0.0% | 11.1% | 3.3% |
| | | % of Total | 0.0% | 3.3% | 3.3% |
| | Some High School | Count | 13 | 9 | 22 |
| | | % within Gender | 15.1% | 25.0% | 18.0% |
| | | % of Total | 10.7% | 7.4% | 18.0% |
| | GED | Count | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| | | % within Gender | 5.8% | 5.6% | 5.7% |
| | | % of Total | 4.1% | 1.6% | 5.7% |
| | High School Graduate | Count | 16 | 10 | 26 |
| | | % within Gender | 18.6% | 27.8% | 21.3% |
| | | % of Total | 13.1% | 8.2% | 21.3% |
| Some College | Count | 36 | 9 | 45 | |
| | % within Gender | 41.9% | 25.0% | 36.9% | |
| | % of Total | 29.5% | 7.4% | 36.9% | |
| College Graduate | Count | 14 | 2 | 16 | |
| | % within Gender | 16.3% | 5.6% | 13.1% | |
| | % of Total | 11.5% | 1.6% | 13.1% | |
| Post Graduate Degree | Count | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| | % within Gender | 1.2% | 0.0% | 0.8% | |
| | % of Total | 0.8% | 0.0% | 0.8% | |
| Other | Count | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| | % within Gender | 1.2% | 0.0% | 0.8% | |
| | % of Total | 0.8% | 0.0% | 0.8% | |
| Total | Count | 86 | 36 | 122 | |
| | % within Gender | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | |
| | % of Total | 70.5% | 29.5% | 100.0% | |

VULNERABILITIES

Legal Status and Documentation

| Citizenship Status | | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Citizen | 107 | 87.0 | 91.5 | 91.5 |
| | Legal Resident | 8 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 98.3 |
| | Undocumented | 2 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 117 | 95.1 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 6 | 4.9 | | |
| Total | | 123 | 100.0 | | |

| Social Security Card | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| | Frequency | % | |
| Valid | 1 | 78 | 63.4 |
| Missing | | 45 | 36.6 |
| Total | | 123 | 100.0 |

| Birth Certificate | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| | Frequency | Percent | |
| Valid | 1 | 65 | 52.8 |
| Missing | | 58 | 47.2 |
| Total | | 123 | 100.0 |

| Drivers License | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| | Frequency | Percent | |
| Valid | 1 | 54 | 43.9 |
| Missing | | 69 | 56.1 |
| Total | | 123 | 100.0 |

| Passport | | | |
|--------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| | Frequency | Percent | |
| Valid | 1 | 9 | 7.3 |
| Missing | | 114 | 92.7 |
| Total | | 123 | 100.0 |

Criminal Victimization

| Victim of Criminal or Violent Attack | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Yes | 51 | 41.5 | 42.1 | 42.1 |
| | No | 70 | 56.9 | 57.9 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 121 | 98.4 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 2 | 1.6 | | |
| Total | | 123 | 100.0 | | |

Monthly Income/Salary

| Monthly Salary | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | \$20 | 1 | .8 | 8.3 | 8.3 |
| | \$200 | 2 | 1.6 | 16.7 | 25.0 |
| | \$500 | 3 | 2.4 | 25.0 | 50.0 |
| | \$600 | 1 | .8 | 8.3 | 58.3 |
| | \$1,140 | 1 | .8 | 8.3 | 66.7 |
| | \$1,400 | 1 | .8 | 8.3 | 75.0 |
| | \$2,400 | 1 | .8 | 8.3 | 83.3 |
| | \$3,000 | 1 | .8 | 8.3 | 91.7 |
| | \$25,000 | 1 | .8 | 8.3 | 100.0 |
| | Total | | 12 | 9.8 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 111 | 90.2 | | |
| Total | | 123 | 100.0 | | |

Type of Crime

| Classification of Crime | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Assault | 4 | 3.3 | 9.1 | 9.1 |
| | Assault and Battery | 21 | 17.1 | 47.7 | 56.8 |
| | Aggravated Assault | 3 | 2.4 | 6.8 | 63.6 |
| | Domestic Violence | 2 | 1.6 | 4.5 | 68.2 |
| | Rape | 2 | 1.6 | 4.5 | 72.7 |
| | Robbery | 8 | 6.5 | 18.2 | 90.9 |
| | Out of Range | 4 | 3.3 | 9.1 | 100.0 |
| | Total | | 44 | 35.8 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 79 | 64.2 | | |
| Total | | 123 | 100.0 | | |

Physical Health

| Subject Report Overall Health | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------------|
| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent |
| Valid | Disabled | 23 | 18.7 | 19.3 |
| | Very Poor | 5 | 4.1 | 4.2 |
| | Poor | 14 | 11.4 | 11.8 |
| | Fair | 34 | 27.6 | 28.6 |
| | Good | 43 | 35.0 | 36.1 |
| | Total | 119 | 96.7 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 4 | 3.3 | |
| Total | | 123 | 100.0 | |

| ER use in Past 3 Months | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|---------|---------------|
| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent |
| Valid | 0 | 69 | 56.1 | 62.7 |
| | 1 | 22 | 17.9 | 20.0 |
| | 2 | 6 | 4.9 | 5.5 |
| | 3 | 9 | 7.3 | 8.2 |
| | 4 | 1 | .8 | .9 |
| | 6 | 1 | .8 | .9 |
| | 8 | 1 | .8 | .9 |
| | 20 | 1 | .8 | .9 |
| | | Total | 110 | 89.4 |
| Missing | System | 13 | 10.6 | |
| Total | | 123 | 100.0 | |

| Times Hospitalized in Past Year | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|-----------|---------|---------------|
| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent |
| Valid | 0 | 63 | 51.2 | 57.8 |
| | 1 | 23 | 18.7 | 21.1 |
| | 2 | 8 | 6.5 | 7.3 |
| | 3 | 10 | 8.1 | 9.2 |
| | 4 | 2 | 1.6 | 1.8 |
| | 5 | 2 | 1.6 | 1.8 |
| | 25 | 1 | .8 | .9 |
| | | Total | 109 | 88.6 |
| Missing | System | 14 | 11.4 | |
| Total | | 123 | 100.0 | |

Mental Health

| Received Treatment for Mental Health Issues | | | | | |
|---|--------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Yes | 42 | 34.1 | 35.6 | 35.6 |
| | No | 76 | 61.8 | 64.4 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 118 | 95.9 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 5 | 4.1 | | |
| Total | | 123 | 100.0 | | |

| Prescribed Medication for Mental Health Issues | | | | | |
|--|--------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Yes | 42 | 34.1 | 40.4 | 40.4 |
| | No | 61 | 49.6 | 58.7 | 99.0 |
| | 9 | 1 | .8 | 1.0 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 104 | 84.6 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 19 | 15.4 | | |
| Total | | 123 | 100.0 | | |

| Currently Taking Medication for Mental Health Issues | | | | | |
|--|--------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Yes | 16 | 13.0 | 24.6 | 24.6 |
| | No | 49 | 39.8 | 75.4 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 65 | 52.8 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 58 | 47.2 | | |
| Total | | 123 | 100.0 | | |

IMPLICATIONS AND DISCUSSION

Looking Ahead

- **Housing!**
- **Improve data collection and data management strategies.**
- **Develop protocols that reduce the likelihood of error with data input.**
- **Move toward an integrated model of data management.**
- **Streamline assessment strategies.**

Case Workers

Emotional Support

- Be a friend
- Link to conventional social networks
- Provide a context for belonging

Instrumental Support

- Observe and monitor medical conditions
- Assist in accessing care and medications

Homeless Prevention

“Hotel Homeless”

People who are periodically housed.

Currently housed people using supportive services.

Final Question

If someone told you that they “just want to be helpful”, how would you advise them? What do you think could be done that would make a difference for homeless people?

Final Question

If someone told you that they “just want to be helpful”, how would you advise them? What do you think could be done that would make a difference for homeless people?

- (1) Shelter/Housing>Showers
- (2) Financial support
- (3) Encouragement/emotional/community support