

# Springwater Corridor Survey of Houselessness – Initial Results

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# Purpose

- Survey designed to:
  - Capture demographic data of the Springwater Corridor houseless population
  - Understand factors that led to houselessness
  - Understand how choice was made to live on Springwater Corridor Trail
  - Capture experience of being houseless on the Springwater Corridor Trail
  - Understand current barriers to housing
  - Determine current service connections and needs
- Included multiple choice/rating scales and narrative items

# Initial Analysis

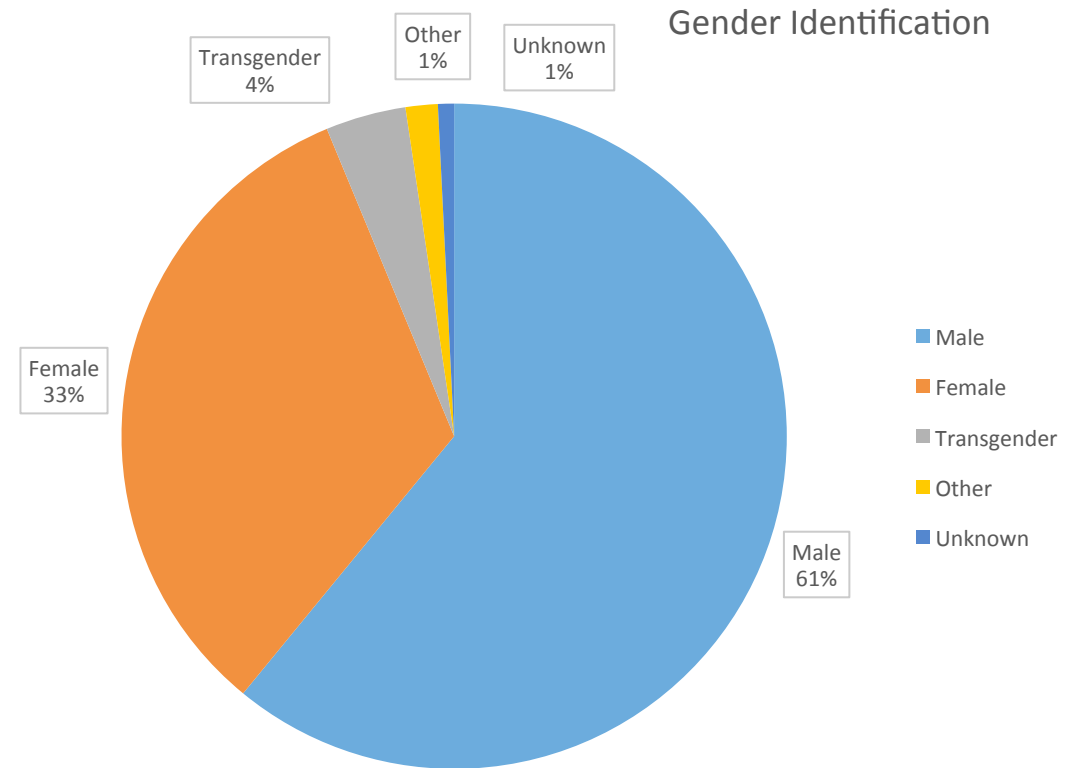
- The information included in this presentation represents the initial analysis of the demographic, multiple choice, and rating scale items.
  - Additional data cleaning will be conducted to help ensure accuracy and completeness
  - Advanced analytics will be conducted using demographic, multiple choice, and rating scale data
  - Analysis of open-ended questions and narrative items will be conducted
- The statistics presented in this document may change slightly as additional data checks are completed and additional analyses are run

# Demographic Data

- N = 128 individuals
- Survey Locations
  - Clackamas Service Center (CSC) – 42
  - Springwater Corridor Trail – 82
  - Unknown – 4
- Survey Dates – surveys were administered on 6 days June 1st – June 15th
  - 6/1/2016
  - 6/4/2016
  - 6/8/2016
  - 6/9/2016
  - 6/14/2016
  - 6/15/2016
  - 6/16/2016
  - 6/17/2016

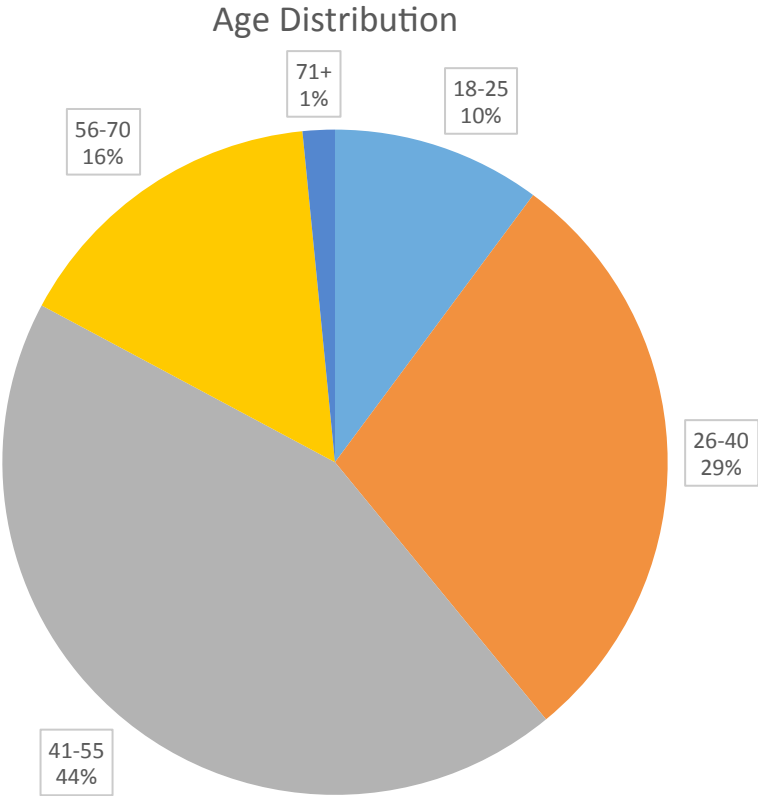
# Gender Identification

Gender	n
Male	78
Female	42
Transgender	5
Other	2
Unknown	1



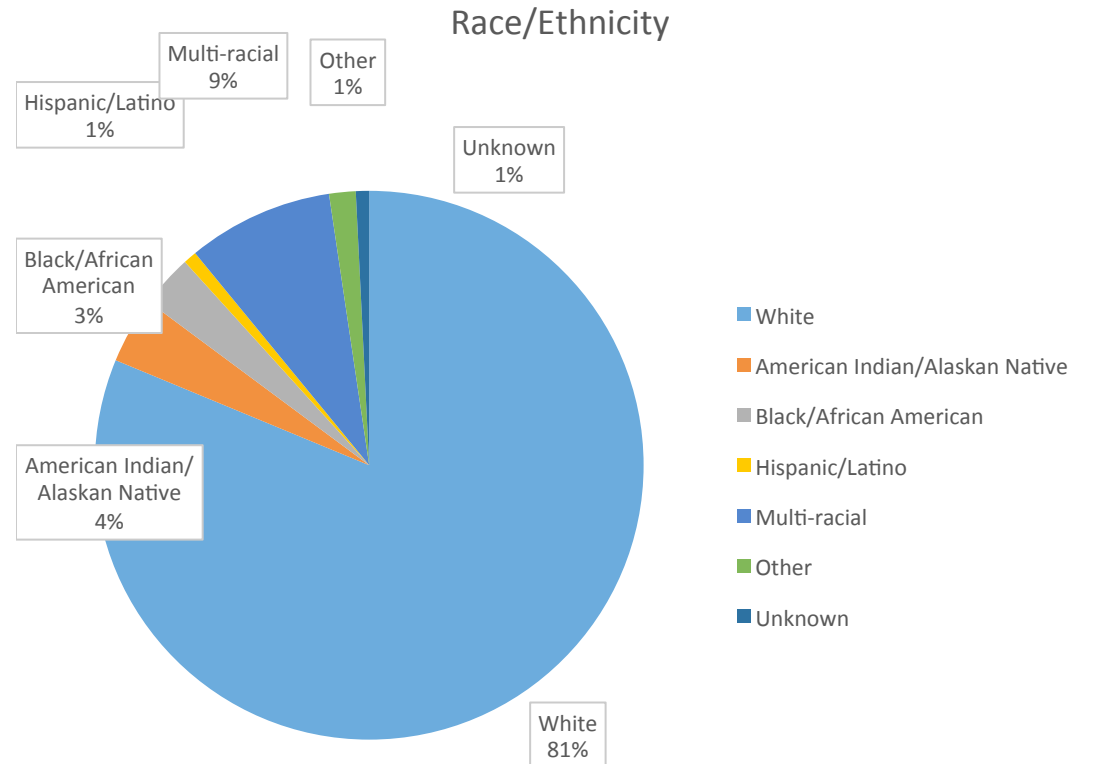
# Age Distribution

Age Range	n
18-25 years	13
26-40 years	37
41-55 years	56
56-70 years	20
71+ years	2



# Race/Ethnicity

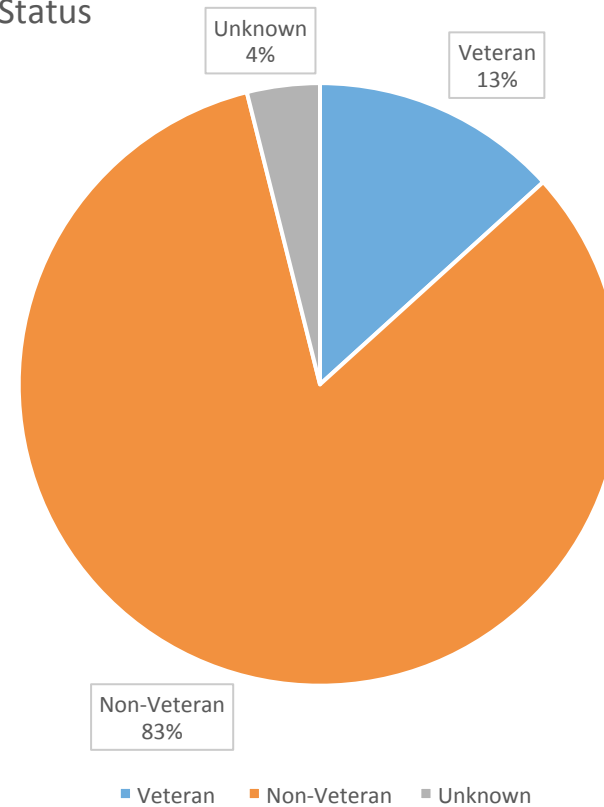
Race/Ethnicity	n
White	104
American Indian/Alaskan Native	5
Black/African American	4
Hispanic/Latino	1
Multi-racial	11
Other	2
Unknown	1



# Veteran Status

Veteran Status	n
Veteran	17
Non-Veteran	106
No Response	5

Veteran Status

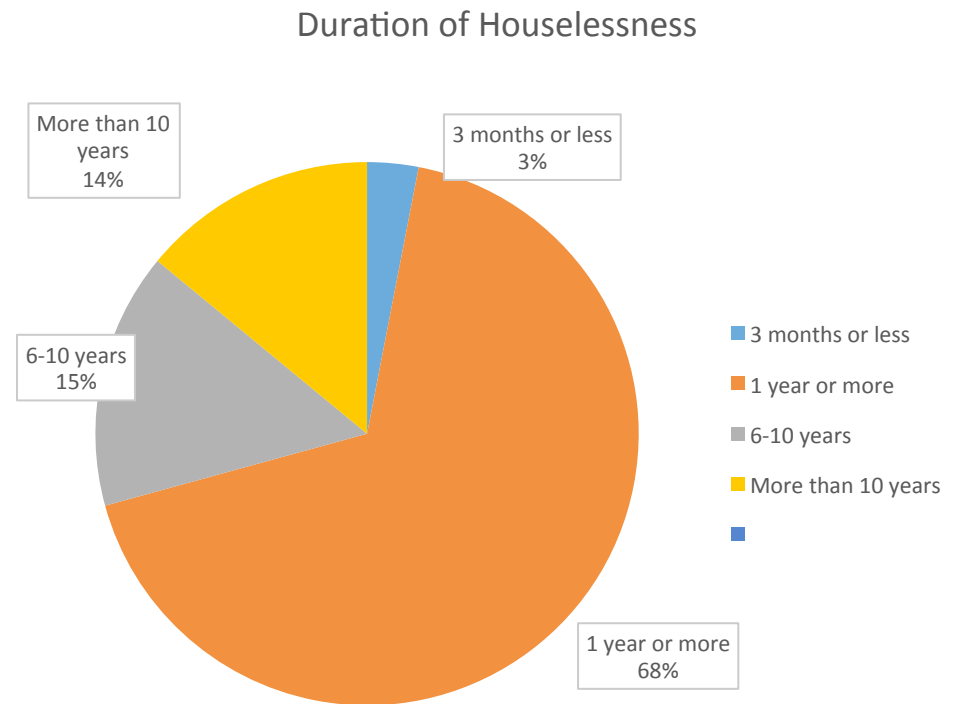




# Duration of Houselessness

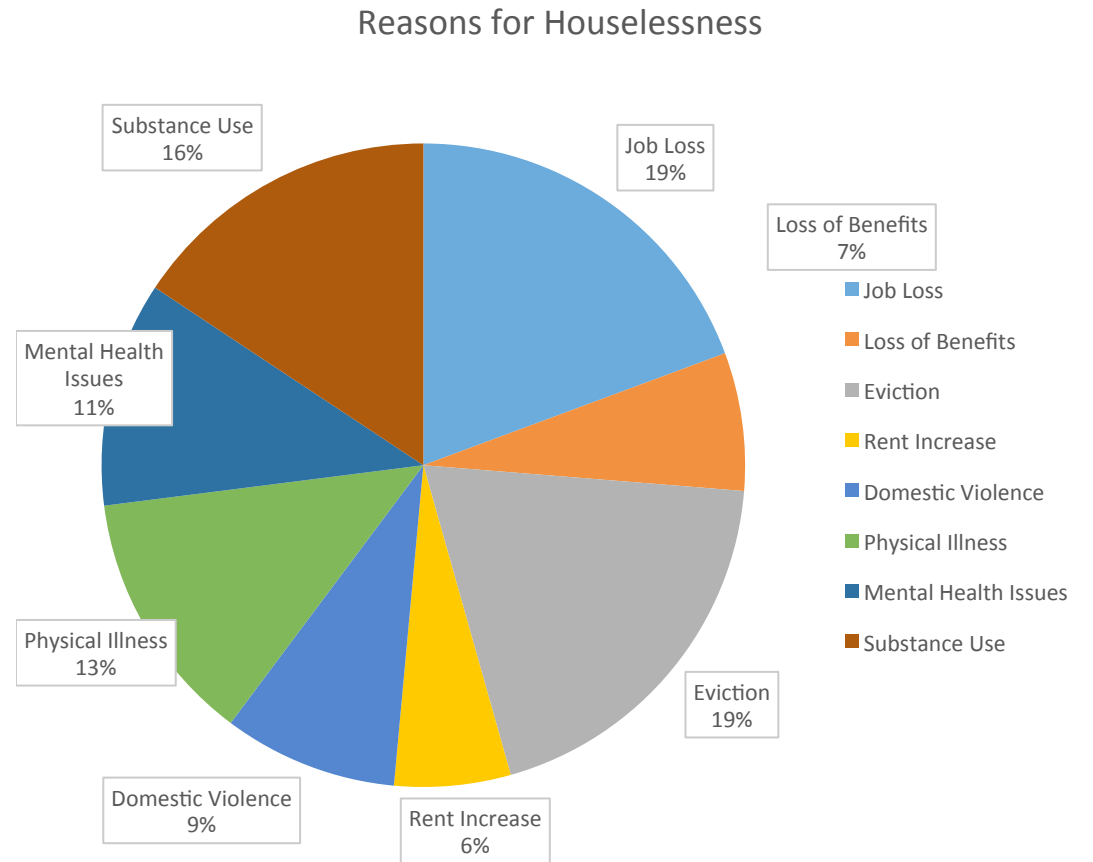
- Range: 3 days – 34 years

Duration	n
3 months or less	5
1 year or more	111
6-10 years	25
More than 10 years	23



# Reasons Cited for Becoming Houseless

Reasons	n
Job Loss	53
Loss of Benefits	19
Eviction	53
Rent Increase	16
Domestic Violence	24
Physical Illness	35
Mental Health Issues	31
Substance Use	43



# Reasons for Homelessness – Stratified by Gender

- Job Loss
  - 32 of 53 were male (60.4%)
  - 16 of 53 were female (30.2%)
- Eviction
  - 28 of 53 were male (52.8%)
  - 21 of 53 were female (39.6%)
- Substance Use
  - 22 of 43 were male (51.2%)
  - 17 of 43 were female (39.5%)
- Domestic Violence
  - 5 of 24 were male (20.8%)
  - 17 of 24 were female (70.8%)

# Reasons Cited for Becoming Houseless - Other

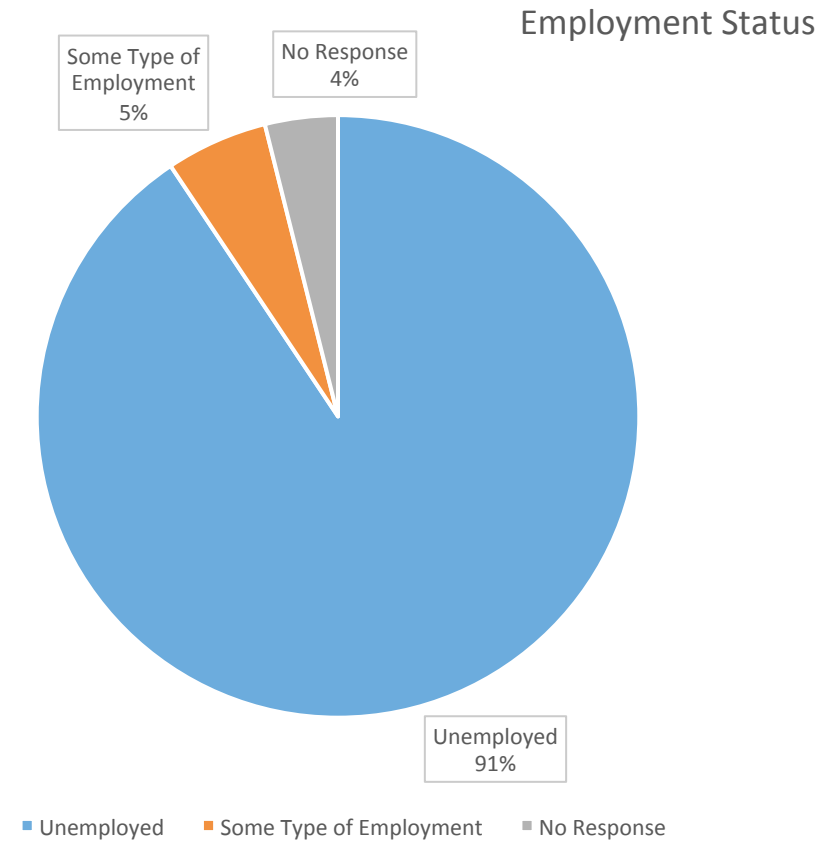
- An “Other” category was included as an option in which respondents could provide reasons that were not listed as options (n=50)
- Examples of responses include (not an exhaustive list):
  - Family/interpersonal conflict (n=9)
  - Death of a family member or loved one (n=7)
  - Criminal history (n=6)
  - Kicked out of family’s home (n=5)
  - Financial issues (n=5)
  - Losing custody of children (n=4)

# Barriers to Housing

- An open-ended question was included in which respondents were asked to identify what they believe is keeping them from housing. (n=113)
- Examples of responses include (not an exhaustive list):
  - Money (lack of) (n=54)
  - Job (lack of) (n=29)
  - Criminal history (n=13)
  - Price of rent/deposit (n=10)
  - Substance use (n=7)
  - No ID/Social Security Card (n=6)
  - Bad credit (n=4)
  - Unable to get benefits (SSI) (n=4)

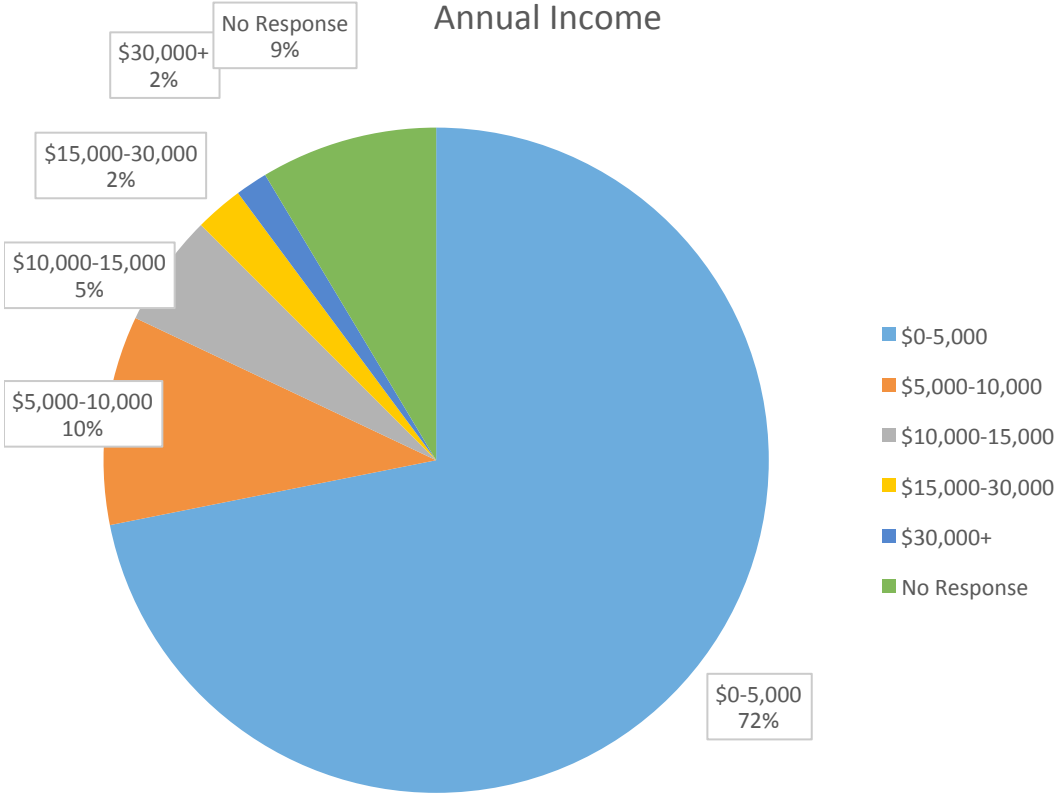
# Employment Status

Employment Status	n
Unemployed	116
Some Employment	7
No Response	5



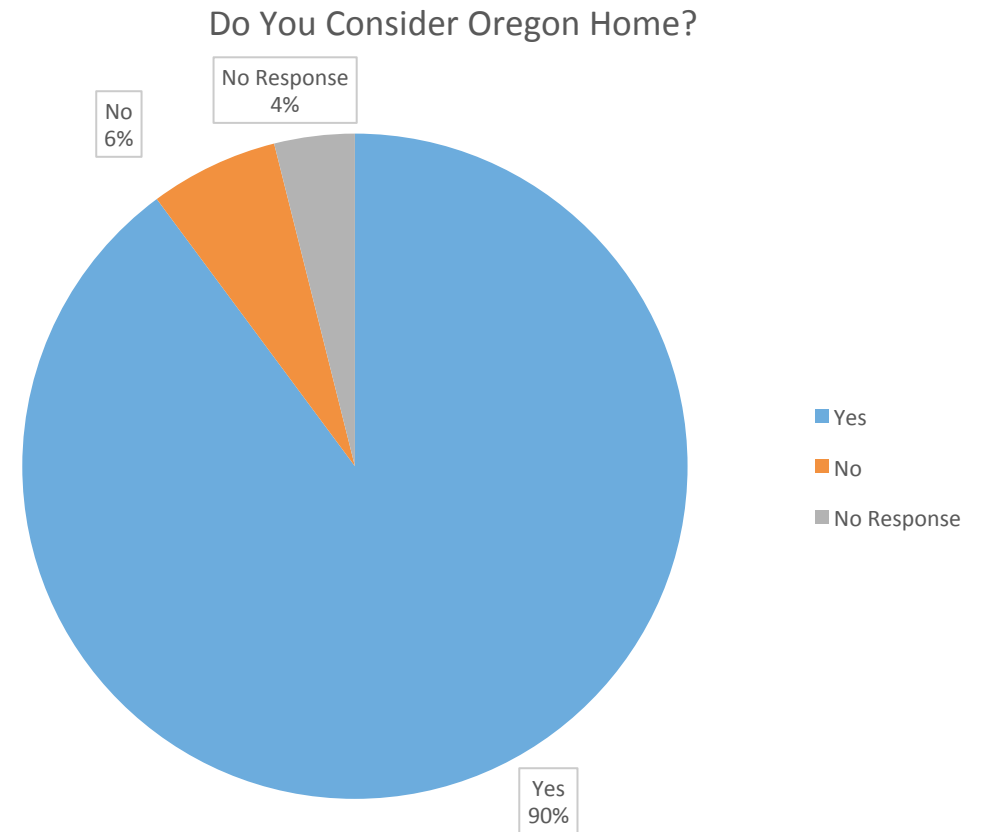
# Annual Income

Annual Income	n
\$0 - 5,000	92
\$5,000 - 10,000	13
\$10,000 - 15,000	7
\$15,000 - 30,000	3
\$30,000+	2
No Response	11



# Do You Consider Oregon Home?

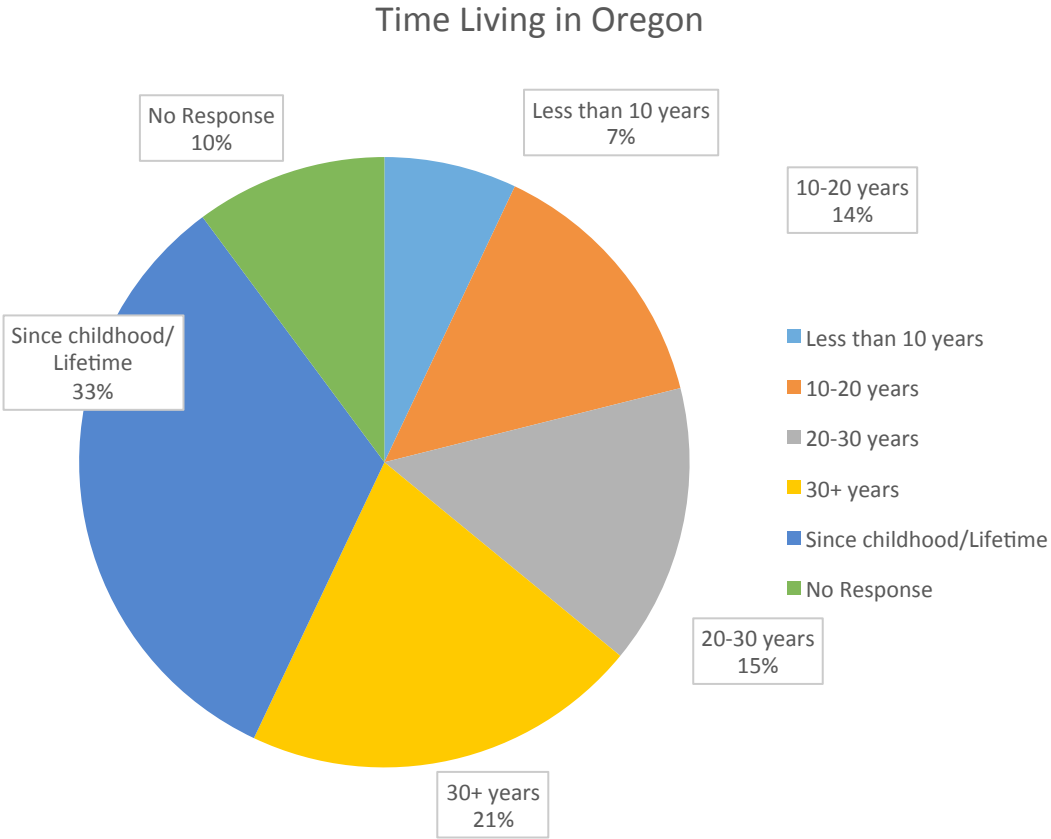
Is Oregon Home?	n
Yes	115
No	8
No Response	5





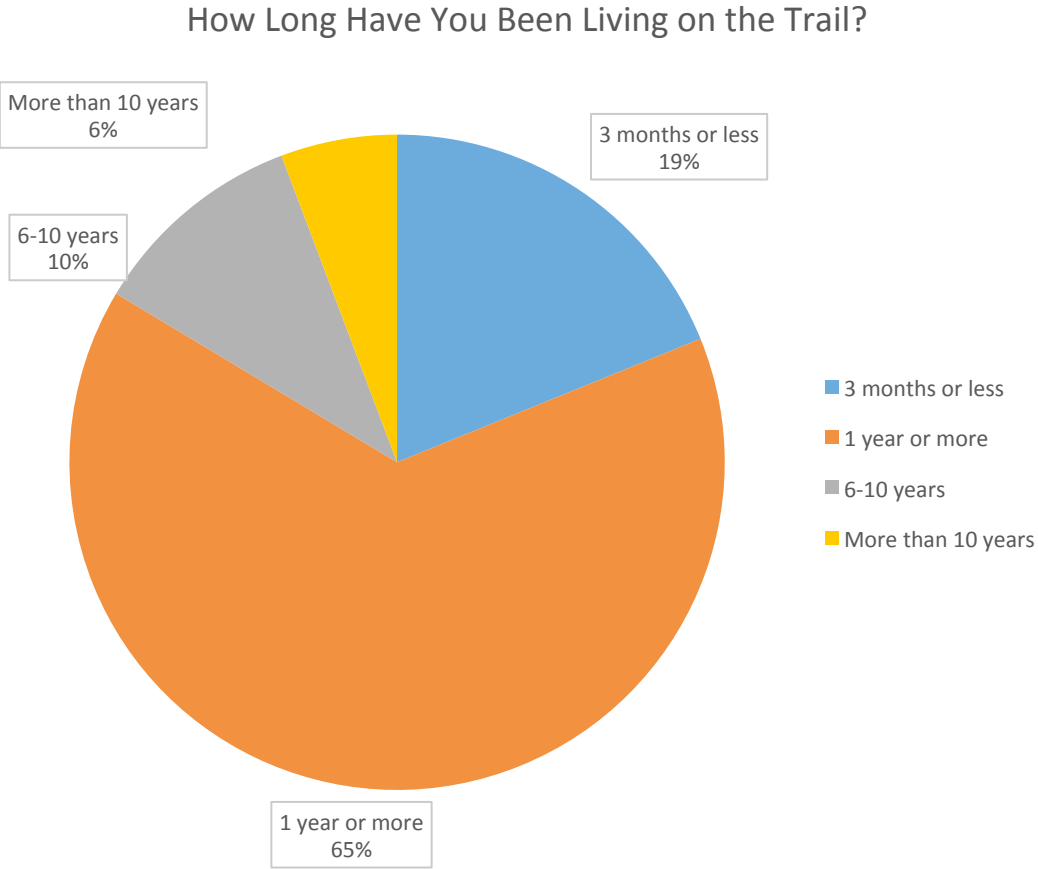
# Time Living in Oregon

Time Living in Oregon	n
Less than 10 years	9
10-20 years	18
20-30 years	19
30+ years	27
Since childhood/Lifetime	42
No Response	13



# Time Living on the Trail

Time Living on Trail	n
3 months or less	23
1 year or more	79
6-10 years	13
More than 10 years	7



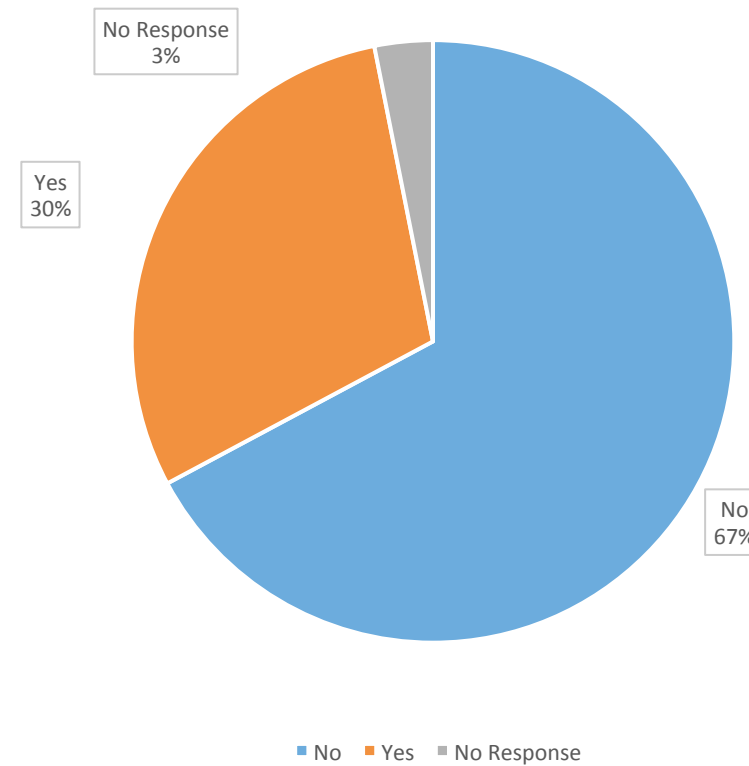
# Why Did You Decide to Live on the Trail?

- An open-ended question was included asking respondents why they've decided to live on the trail. (n=110)
- Examples of responses include (not an exhaustive list):
  - Friends/family/someone I knew was living on the trail (n=38)
  - No place else to go (n=21)
  - Knew the area/considers location his/her neighborhood or area is close to where she/he was living before becoming houseless (n=9)
  - Felt safe/safer living on the trail (n=9)
  - Swept or displaced from previous location (n=6)
  - Better alternative to locations such as SE PDX or downtown PDX (n=5)

# Living with Family Members on Trail

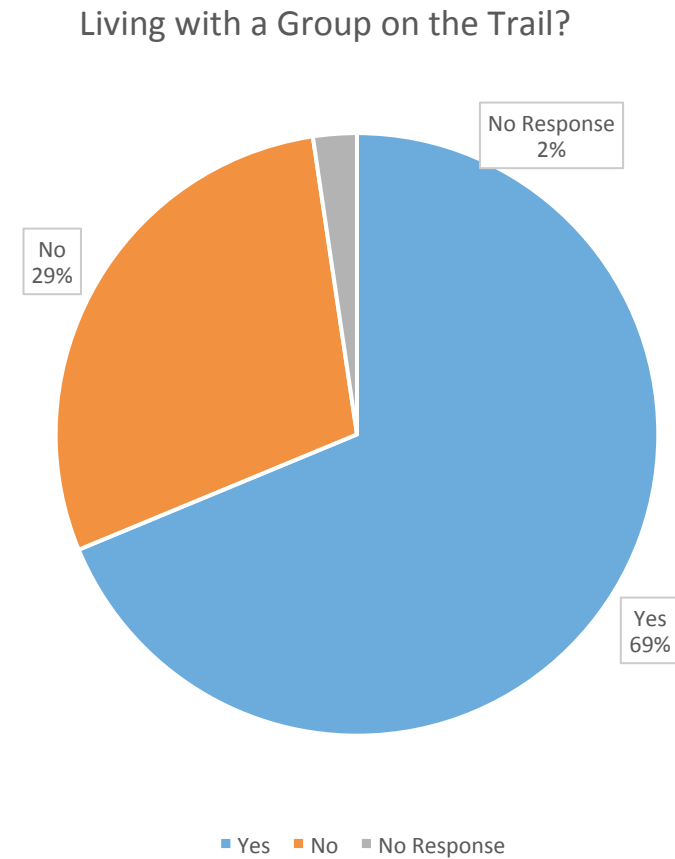
Living with Family Members on the Trail	n
Yes	38
No	86
No Response	4

Living with Other Family Members on the Trail?



# Living with a Group on the Trail

Living with a Group on the Trail	n
Yes	88
No	37
No Response	3



# Reasons for Living with a Group

- An open-ended question was included in which respondents were asked why they choose to stay with a group on the trail (n=50)
- Examples of responses include (not an exhaustive list):
  - Safety (n=26)
  - Enjoy company/connection (n=19)
  - Take care of each other (n=6)
  - Somebody to watch belongings (n=5)

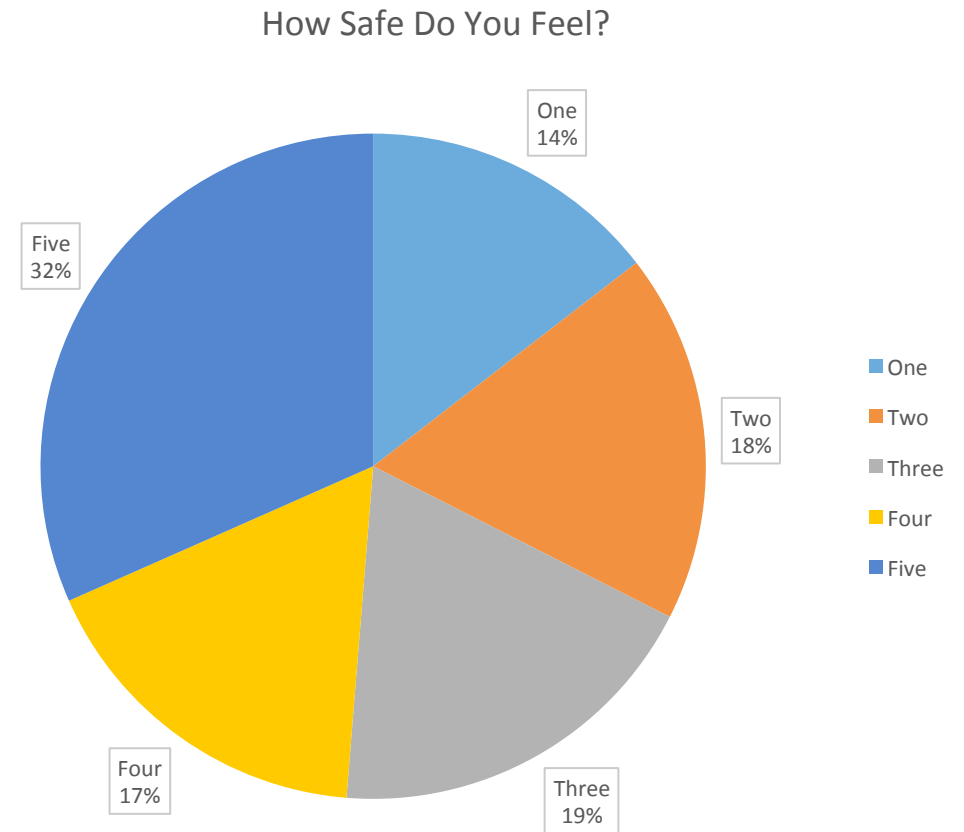
# Reasons for Not Living with a Group

- For respondents who reported that they don't live with a group, an open-ended question was included asking why they choose not to live with a group. (n=29)
- Examples of responses include:
  - I'm a loner/prefer to be alone (n=9)
  - Risk of belongings being stolen by others (n=6)
  - It's easier/more peaceful (n=6)
  - Lack of trust of others (n=5)

# How Safe Do You Feel Living on the Trail?

- 5-point rating scale item
  - 1 = Not Safe at All
  - 5 = Very Safe

How Safe Do You Feel?	n
One (1)	17
Two (2)	21
Three (3)	22
Four (4)	20
Five (5)	37



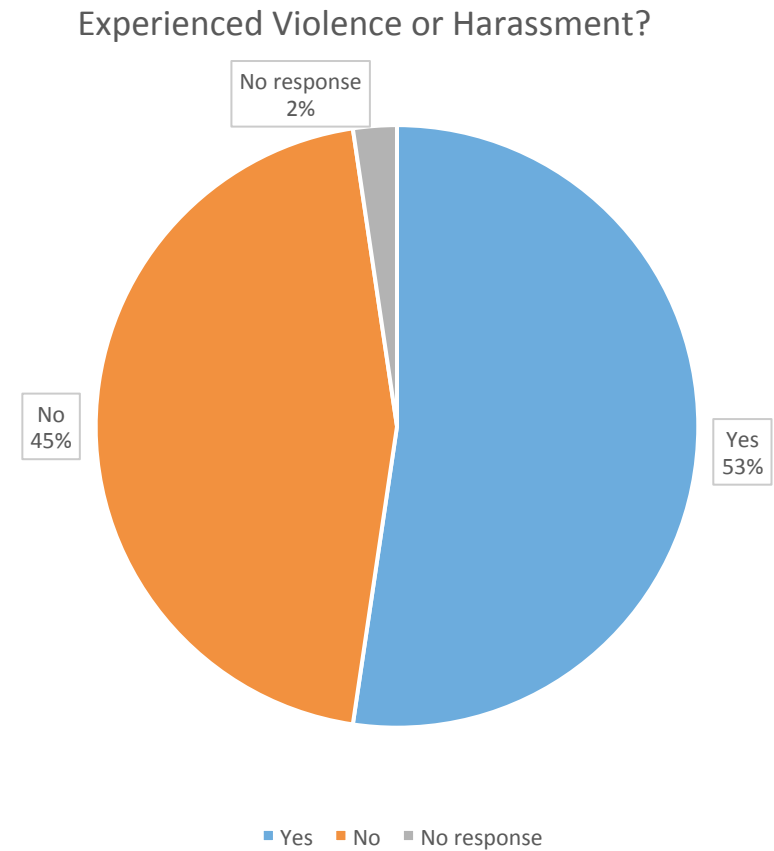


# How Safe Do You Feel Living on the Trail?

- 5-point rating scale
  - 1 = Not Safe at All
  - 5 = Very Safe
- Overall average = 3.32
- Differences in experience feeling safe between male and female respondents
  - Average for males = 3.66
  - Average for females = 2.71

# Have You Experienced Violence or Harassment on the Trail?

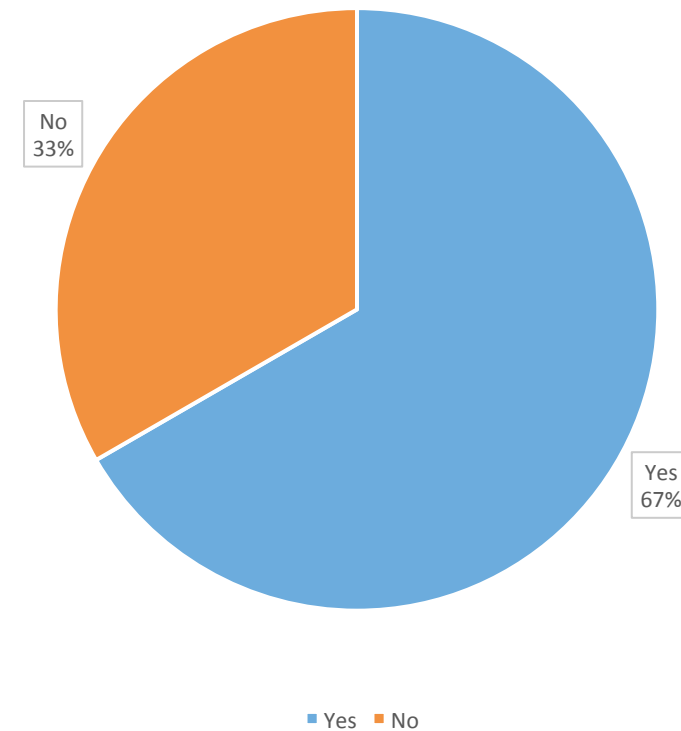
Violence or Harassment?	n
Yes	67
No	58
No Response	3



# Female – Experiences of Violence or Harassment

Female – Experiences of Violence or Harassment	n
Yes	28
No	14

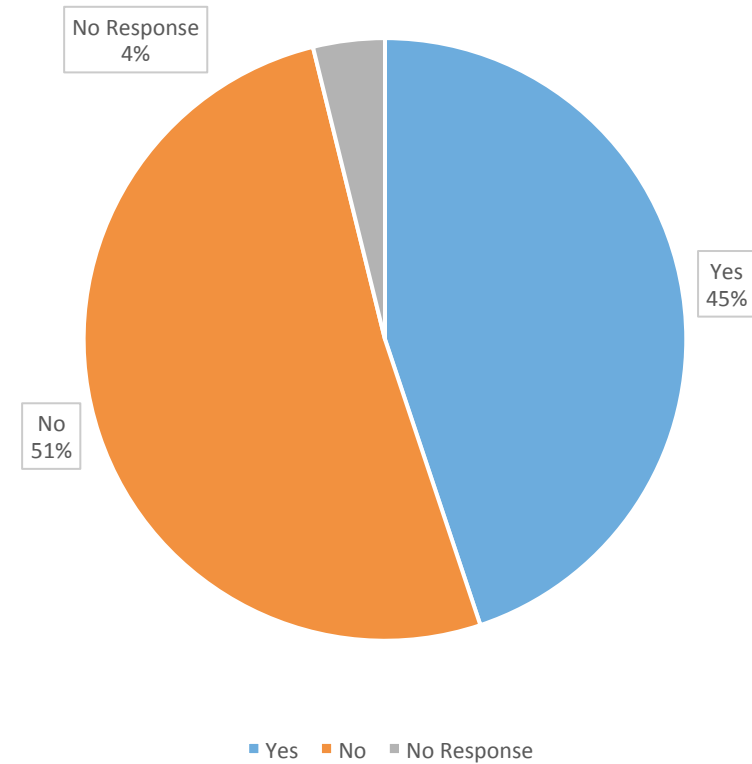
Female - Experiences of Violence or Harassment



# Male – Experiences of Violence or Harassment

Male Experiences of Violence or Harassment	n
Yes	35
No	40
No Response	3

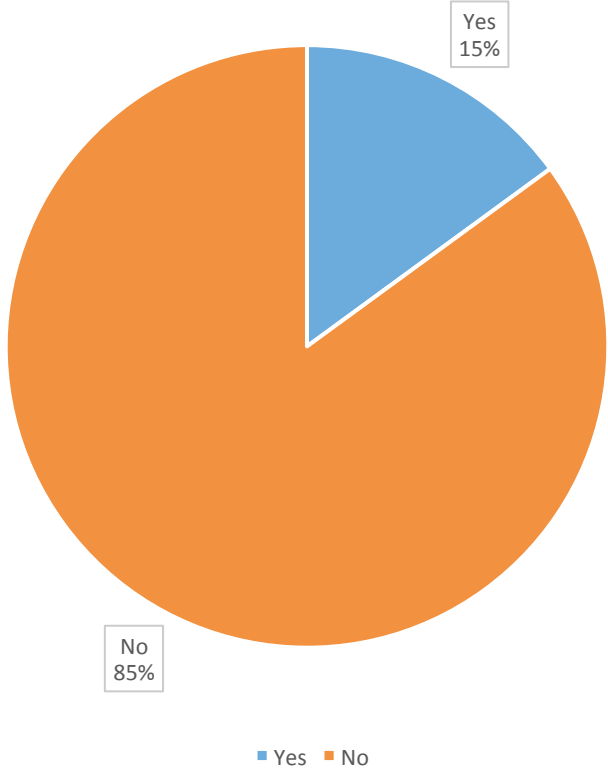
Male - Experiences of Violence or Harassment



# Are You Working with a Case Manager?

Working with a Case Manager?	n
Yes	19
No	108

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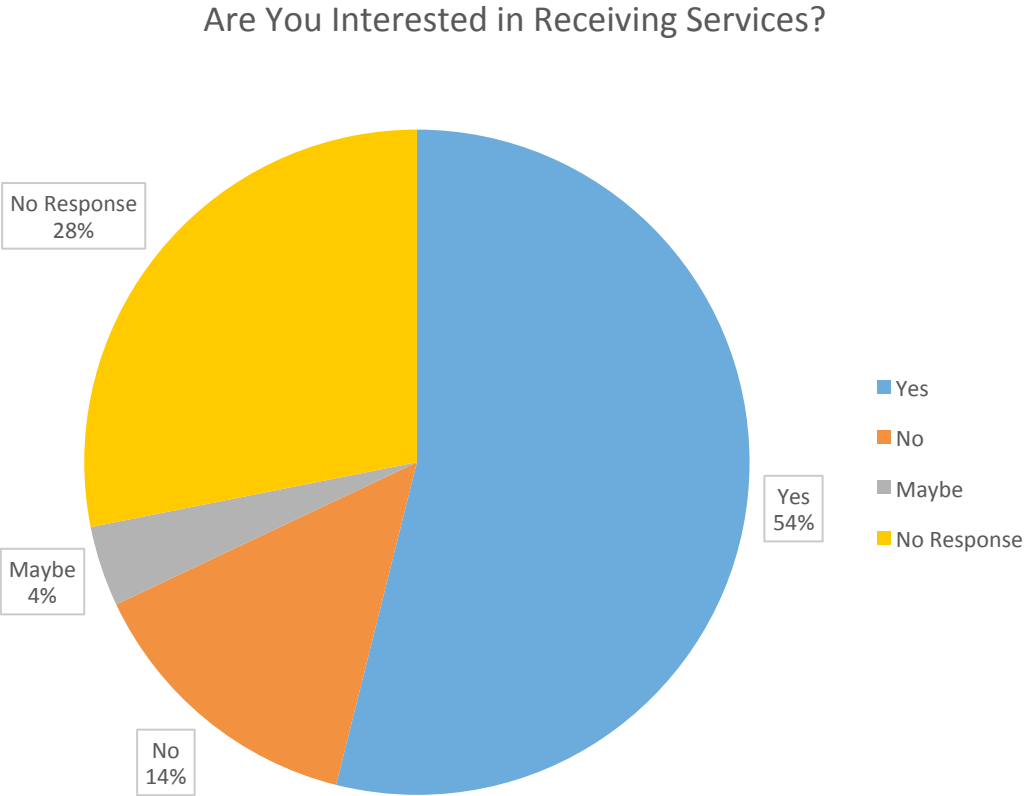


# Reasons for Not Working with a Case Manager

- An open-ended question was included asking for reasons why individuals are not working with a case manager. (n=75)
- Examples of responses include (not an exhaustive list):
  - I didn't know about these services/how to get these services (n=26)
  - Tried before, but they couldn't place me/never got back to me (n=14)
  - Don't need/not actively seeking (n=9)
  - I'm not ready (n=8)

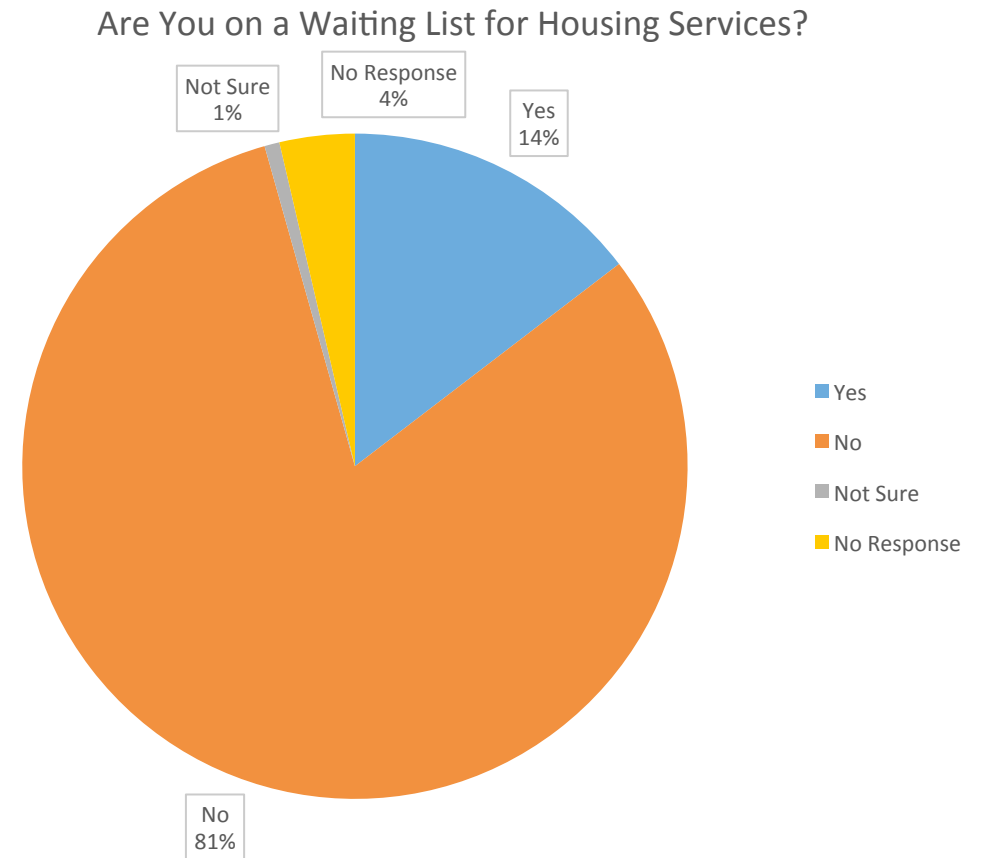
# Are You Interested in Receiving Services?

Interested in Services?	n
Yes	69
No	18
Maybe	5
Not Applicable/No Response	36



# Are You on a Waiting List for Housing Services?

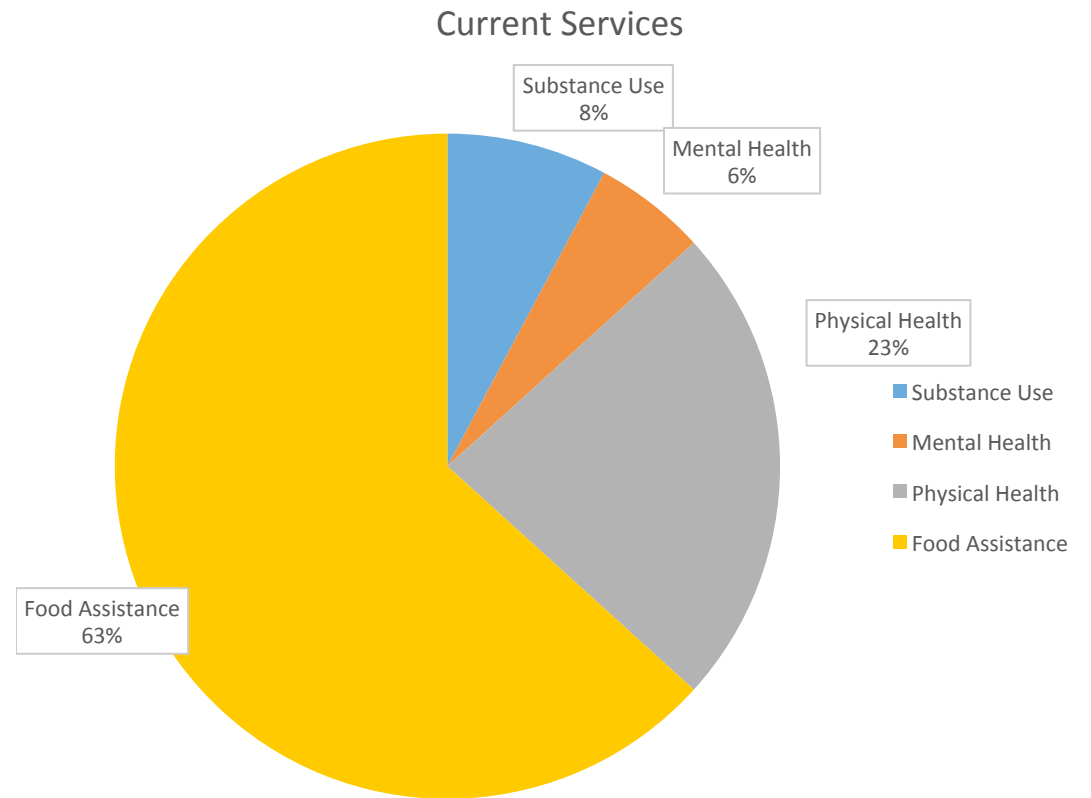
On a Waiting List for Housing Services?	n
Yes	20
No	111
Not Sure	1
No Response	5





# What Services are You Currently Receiving?

Current Services	n
Substance Use	10
Mental Health	7
Physical Health	30
Food Assistance	81



Questions?

Thank You!