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Introduction

Background

The Fargo-Moorhead Coalition to End Homelessness sponsored a point-in-time survey of the homeless population in the Fargo-Moorhead area to better understand the prevalence, causes, circumstances, and effects of homelessness. On October 25, 2018, a survey of people experiencing homelessness was conducted in Fargo, ND and Moorhead, MN, through face-to-face interviews. The survey responses were recorded into an online medium.

The Fargo-Moorhead Coalition to End Homelessness contracted with the Center for Social Research at NDSU to analyze the data collected through the two surveys and to provide a summary of key findings. This information will help the Fargo-Moorhead Coalition to End Homelessness to educate city and state officials about the status of homelessness in the Fargo-Moorhead area and will provide a baseline for data-driven decision making to prevent, reduce, and end homelessness.

Data sources

The *2018 Fargo-Moorhead Homeless Survey Summary of Findings* is based on data provided by the Fargo-Moorhead Coalition to End Homelessness collected through face-to-face interviews and recorded into an online medium.

Definitions

For the purpose of this study, **homeless** were considered people who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence, including those whose residence is a shelter or transitional housing program, those living in unstable and non-permanent situations, and those forced to stay on a temporary basis with a family member because they have no other place to stay, specifically:

Sheltered – those who answered **Yes** to the survey question:

- Are you currently staying in a shelter or transitional housing program, or about to be evicted from your housing and have nowhere else to go?

Unsheltered – those who answered **Yes** to the survey question:

- Are you currently staying in a place that is not a regular or permanent place to stay, such as outdoors, in a car or vacant building, a place of business, or a place that you received a voucher for?

Doubled up – those who answered **Yes** to the survey question:

- Are you currently doubled up with a friend or family member on a temporary basis because you have nowhere else to go?

Long-term homeless were considered those who satisfied the following conditions:

- Homeless sheltered or unsheltered; **and**
- Homeless for at least one year during the current episode; **or** homeless for less than one year in the current episode, but homeless at least four times in the previous three years.

Chronically homeless were considered those who satisfied the following conditions:

- Homeless sheltered or unsheltered; **and**
- Homeless for at least one year during the current episode; **or** homeless for less than one year in the current episode, but homeless at least four times in the previous three years; **and**
- Disabled (those who have a physical, mental, or other health condition that limits the kind of work they can do; **or** those who have a physical, mental, or other health condition that makes it hard for them to bathe, eat, get dressed, get in and out of bed or chair, or get around by themselves).

People with Chronic Health Conditions (CHC) were considered those who had any of the following illnesses in the last 12 months: asthma; tuberculosis or other chronic lung or respiratory problem; high blood pressure; other chronic heart or circulatory problems such as anemia or heart disease; diabetes; cancer; or severe chronic pain.

People with Mental Health Conditions (MH) were considered those who reported being told by a doctor or nurse during the past two years as having one of the following conditions: schizophrenia or other paranoid or delusional disorder; bipolar disorder, manic episodes, or manic depression; major depression or clinical depression; obsessive-compulsive personality or any other severe social or personality disorder; post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); or anxiety disorder or panic disorder.

People with Substance Abuse Disorder (SA) were considered those who reported being told by a doctor or nurse during the past two years as having one of the following conditions: alcohol abuse disorder or drug abuse disorder.

Evidence of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) includes any respondent who reported being hit on the head so hard they were knocked unconscious or saw stars and who subsequently began to have problems with headaches, concentration or memory, understanding, excessive worry, sleeping, or getting along with people.

Executive summary

A total of 243 people were surveyed on October 25, 2018 in the Fargo-Moorhead area. The majority of the people surveyed were male, of prime working age, and single. Significant racial disparities exist among the homeless population in the Fargo-Moorhead area with American Indians and African Americans facing a disproportionate risk of homelessness. High proportions of people experiencing homelessness in the Fargo-Moorhead area have serious health issues, including physical, mental, and chemical, with high levels of co-occurrence. Homeless people have experienced multiple stressful or traumatic experiences during their childhood, including living with a substance abuser, witnessing abuse of other family member, being physically abused as a child, and living with a parent or guardian who struggled with mental health issues. Nearly one-third of people experiencing homelessness are chronically homeless. The chronically homeless are older and have even more serious health issues than the overall homeless population.

Key findings

Survey respondents

Face-to-face interviews were conducted on October 25, 2018 with people in a homeless situation in Moorhead, MN and Fargo, ND. A total of 243 interviews were conducted, 107 in Moorhead and 136 in Fargo. Among respondents in the Fargo-Moorhead area, 180 were sheltered, 52 were unsheltered, and 11 were doubled up.

SHELTERED			UNSHELTERED			DOUBLED UP			TOTAL		
Fargo	Moorhead	Fargo-Moorhead	Fargo	Moorhead	Fargo-Moorhead	Fargo	Moorhead	Fargo-Moorhead	Fargo	Moorhead	Fargo-Moorhead
104	76	180	25	27	52	7	4	11	136	107	243

General considerations

Survey results were similar for Fargo and Moorhead. There was little difference between the characteristics of the study participants that found themselves on the east or west side of the Red River on the day of the study. Therefore, due to a larger sample size, only results for the entire Fargo-Moorhead area are discussed in this report. Detailed tables with characteristics of the homeless population for Fargo, Moorhead, and Fargo-Moorhead area are presented in the appendix.

We caution against comparing demographic characteristics among the sheltered, unsheltered, and doubled-up homeless population. While the number of homeless in the shelter locations were known at the time of the study, the number of homeless persons in non-shelter location cannot be accurately estimated.

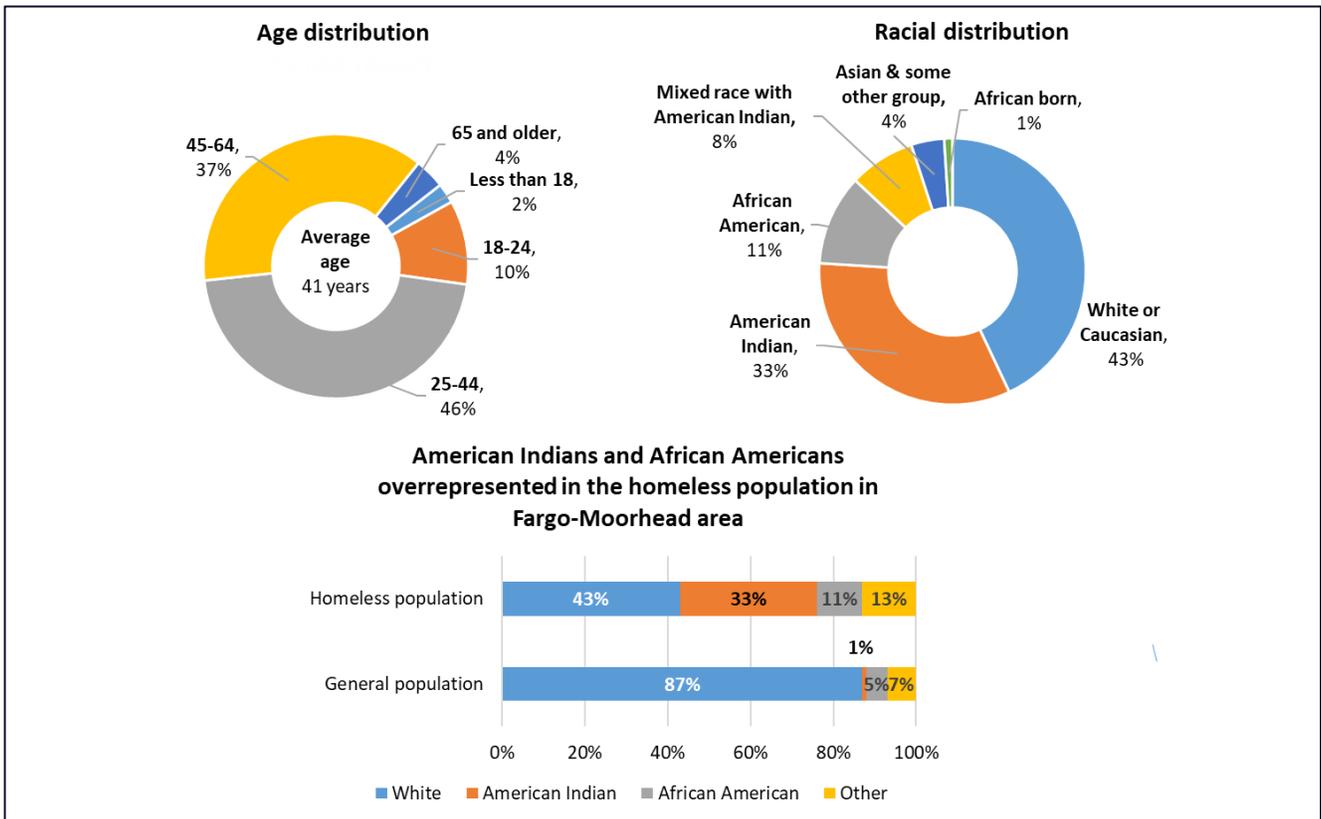
Demographic characteristics

Key demographic characteristics of the homeless population in the Fargo-Moorhead area, as reported by study participants, are presented below:

- Most homeless people were of prime working age (46% in the 25-44 age group and 37% in the 45-64 age group).
- Males were more likely than females to be homeless (65% male and 34% female).
- The vast majority of homeless people were single: nearly two-thirds have never been married (64%) and one-third were separated or divorced (33%).
- Individuals of Hispanic ethnicity (of any race) represents 5 percent of the homeless population in the Fargo-Moorhead area.
- Significant racial disparities exist among the homeless population in the Fargo-Moorhead area.
 - More than half of those experiencing homelessness in the Fargo-Moorhead area (57%) were non-white (i.e., African American; African born; American Indian, and mixed race with American Indian; Asian or Pacific Islander; and of some other group) compared to 43 percent who were white.
 - The share of African Americans and American Indians in the homeless population is much larger than their share in the general population¹.
 - American Indians represent 33 percent of the homeless population in the Fargo-Moorhead area despite representing 1 percent of the general population in this area¹.

- African Americans represent 11 percent of the homeless population in the Fargo-Moorhead area despite representing 5 percent of the general population in this area¹.

Key demographic characteristics of the homeless population in the Fargo-Moorhead area



Notes:

- The racial distribution in the general population is presented according to the U.S. Census Bureau classification (e.g., White, Black or African American, American Indian and Alaska Native).
- The racial distribution of the homeless population is presented according to the survey classification (i.e., African American; African born; Asian or Pacific Islander; White or Caucasian; American Indian; Mixed race with American Indian; Some other group).

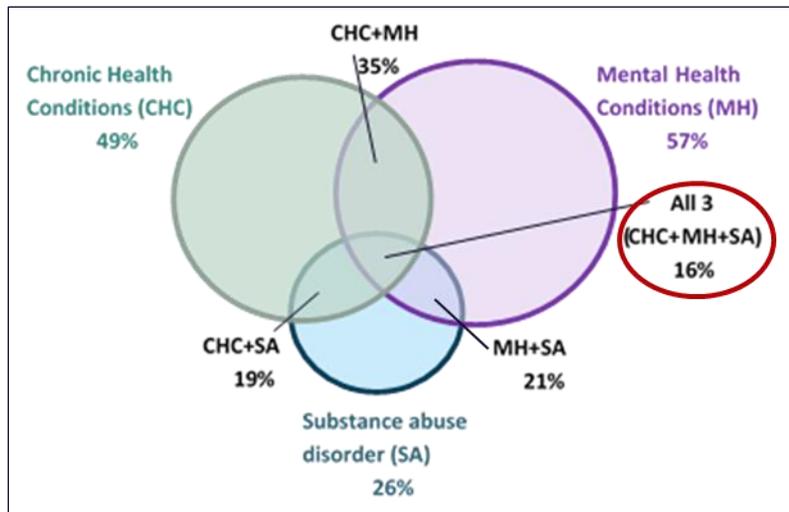
¹ U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 ACS 5-year estimates for [Fargo](#) and [Moorhead](#)).

Health characteristics

Physical, mental, and substance abuse health issues are significant concerns among the people experiencing a homeless situation in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

- Almost half of respondents in the Fargo-Moorhead area (46%) reported having some form of disability (either a serious mental, physical, or other condition that limits their daily activities or the amount of work they can do).
- Half of respondents (49%) reported having at least one chronic health condition presented in the survey (i.e., asthma; tuberculosis or other chronic lung or respiratory problem; high blood pressure; other chronic heart or circulatory problems such as anemia or heart disease; diabetes; cancer; or severe chronic pain).
 - The most frequent chronic health conditions mentioned were high blood pressure (32%) and severe chronic pain (24%).
- More than half of respondents (57%) reported having at least one diagnosis of a mental health condition presented in the survey (i.e., schizophrenia or other paranoid or delusional disorder; bipolar disorder, manic episodes, or manic depression; major depression or clinical depression; obsessive-compulsive personality or any other severe social or personality disorder; post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); or anxiety disorder or panic disorder).
 - The most frequent mental health conditions mentioned by survey respondents include anxiety disorders (45%), major depression (39%), and PTSD (31%).
- One-fourth of respondents (26%) have been diagnosed with at least one substance abuse disorder (i.e., alcohol abuse disorder or drug abuse disorder).
 - More specifically, 24 percent have been diagnosed with an alcohol abuse disorder and 12 percent with a drug abuse disorder.
 - The percentage of homeless people experiencing at least one substance abuse disorder is much higher in Fargo than in Moorhead (35% in Fargo and 14% in Moorhead).
- One-third of respondents (34%) reported evidence of traumatic brain injury (i.e., being hit on the head so hard they were knocked unconscious or saw stars and who subsequently began to have problems with headaches, concentration or memory, understanding, excessive worry, sleeping, or getting along with people).
- Regarding the three most common conditions (i.e., chronic health condition, serious mental illness, or substance abuse disorder), 43 percent of respondents reported at least two of them and 16 percent reported all three.

Co-occurring health conditions among homeless people in the Fargo-Moorhead area



Addiction

Addiction can be both a cause and a result of homelessness. [Research](#)² indicates that substance abuse is a major contributing factor for many people becoming and remaining homeless. In many situations, however, substance abuse is a result of homelessness as people often turn to drugs and alcohol to cope with their situation.

Among study participants -

- Three-fourths (76%) have used cigarettes, one-fourth (26%) have used marijuana, and almost half (42%) have used alcohol during the past 30 days.
- About one-third (37%) consider themselves an alcoholic or chemically dependent.
- Almost half (43%) have been treated in an outpatient alcohol or drug treatment program.
- One-fifth (21%) have been admitted to a detox center in the past 12 months.

Prior experiences of people experiencing homelessness

Adverse childhood experiences are stressful or traumatic events that can have negative, long lasting effects. They can include violence, abuse, neglect, out-of-home placements, and parental incarceration. They may also include household dysfunction such as witnessing domestic violence or growing up with family members who have substance use disorders³.

- The most frequently reported adverse childhood experiences include living with a substance abuser as a child (54%), followed by witnessing abuse of another family member as a child (44%), being physically abused as a child (36%), and living with a parent or guardian who struggled with mental health issues (32%).
- As a child, about one-fourth of respondents (28%) lived in a foster home and 18 percent lived in a group home.
- Nearly one-third (30%) were held for more than a week in a juvenile detention center or other juvenile facility or camp.

² <https://www.nationalhomeless.org/factsheets/addiction.pdf>

³ <https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/practicing-effective-prevention/prevention-behavioral-health/adverse-childhood-experiences>

Chronic homelessness

By federal definition, people are considered chronically homeless if they have been homeless (sheltered or unsheltered) for at least one year during the current episode; or homeless for less than one year in the current episode, but were homeless at least four times in the previous three years; and are also disabled.

In analyzing the chronically homeless population, the doubled-up homeless were excluded.

	Fargo	Moorhead	Fargo-Moorhead
Number of homeless excluding doubled up	129	103	232
Number of chronically homeless	38	34	72

Almost one-third (31%) of the people experiencing homelessness (doubled up excluded) in the Fargo-Moorhead area were chronically homeless.

- More than half of the chronically homeless (56%) were 45 to 64 years old.
- Two-thirds (65%) of the chronically homeless were male.
- More than half (57%) of the chronically homeless were non-white (i.e., African American, African born, American Indian, mixed race with American Indian, or some other group); nearly one-third (31%) were American Indian.
- More than two thirds (69%) of the chronically homeless reported at least two health conditions (i.e., chronic health conditions, mental health conditions, or substance abuse disorders).
- More than one-third (35%) of the chronically homeless reported being diagnosed with both mental health and substance abuse disorders.
- Almost one-third (29%) reported having all three health conditions (i.e., chronic health conditions, mental health conditions, and substance abuse disorders).

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Table 1: Demographic Characteristics of Homeless Persons in Fargo, Moorhead, and Fargo-Moorhead area

	SHELTERED			UNSHELTERED			DOUBLED UP			TOTAL		
	Fargo	Moorhead	Fargo-Moorhead	Fargo	Moorhead	Fargo-Moorhead	Fargo	Moorhead	Fargo-Moorhead	Fargo	Moorhead	Fargo-Moorhead
	N = 104	N = 76	N = 180	N = 25	N = 27	N = 52	N = 7	N = 4	N = 11	N = 136	N = 107	N = 243
AGE												
Average age (years)	40.1	39.6	39.9	46.5	40.6	43.4	48.6	42.5	46.4	41.7	40.0	40.9
Younger than 18	2.9%	2.6%	2.8%	0.0%	3.7%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%	2.8%	2.5%
18-24	11.5%	15.8%	13.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	0.0%	9.1%	9.6%	11.2%	10.3%
25-44	41.3%	50.0%	45.0%	44.0%	59.3%	51.9%	14.3%	75.0%	36.4%	40.4%	53.3%	46.1%
45-64	41.3%	27.6%	35.6%	44.0%	37.0%	40.4%	71.4%	25.0%	54.5%	43.4%	29.9%	37.4%
65+	2.9%	3.9%	3.3%	12.0%	0.0%	5.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.4%	2.8%	3.7%
GENDER												
Female	29.8%	43.4%	35.6%	16.0%	33.3%	25.0%	42.9%	50.0%	45.5%	27.9%	41.1%	33.7%
Male	68.3%	56.6%	63.3%	84.0%	63.0%	73.1%	57.1%	50.0%	54.5%	70.6%	57.9%	65.0%
SEXUAL ORIENTATION												
Heterosexual	83.7%	92.1%	87.2%	96.0%	100.0%	98.1%	85.7%	100.0%	90.9%	86.0%	94.4%	89.7%
Gay or lesbian	6.7%	1.3%	4.4%	4.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	0.9%	3.7%
Bisexual	3.8%	2.6%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	0.0%	9.1%	3.7%	1.9%	2.9%
ETHNICITY												
Hispanic or Latino	5.8%	5.3%	5.6%	4.0%	0.0%	1.9%	14.3%	25.0%	18.2%	5.9%	4.7%	5.3%
RACE												
African American	9.6%	17.1%	12.8%	8.0%	3.7%	5.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.8%	13.1%	10.7%
African born	1.0%	0.0%	0.6%	8.0%	0.0%	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	1.2%
Asian & Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.4%
White or Caucasian	51.0%	31.6%	42.8%	20.0%	59.3%	40.4%	42.9%	75.0%	54.5%	44.9%	40.2%	42.8%
American Indian (AI)	24.0%	46.1%	33.3%	40.0%	29.6%	34.6%	28.6%	25.0%	27.3%	27.2%	41.1%	33.3%
Mixed race with AI	8.7%	2.6%	6.1%	24.0%	0.0%	11.5%	28.6%	0.0%	18.2%	12.5%	1.9%	7.8%
Some other group	5.8%	1.3%	3.9%	0.0%	3.7%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.4%	1.9%	3.3%
MARITAL STATUS												
Married	1.0%	3.9%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	2.8%	1.6%
Divorced or Separated	29.8%	32.9%	31.1%	32.0%	44.4%	38.5%	42.9%	25.0%	36.4%	30.9%	35.5%	32.9%
Never Married	67.3%	60.5%	64.4%	68.0%	55.6%	61.5%	57.1%	75.0%	63.6%	66.9%	59.8%	63.8%

Note: Percentages in a category may not add to 100% due to rounding or due to the omission of some options provided in the survey (e.g., other or refused)

Table 2: Health Characteristics of Homeless Persons in Fargo, Moorhead, and Fargo-Moorhead area

	Fargo	Moorhead	Fargo-Moorhead
	N = 136	N = 107	N = 243
GENERAL HEALTH CONDITIONS			
Physical, mental, or other health condition that limits the kind or amount of work they can do	42.6%	41.1%	42.0%
Physical, mental, or other health condition that limits their daily activities	16.9%	15.9%	16.5%
Cognitive impairment (confusion, memory issues, decision making issues that interfere with daily activities)	36.8%	31.8%	34.6%
Have one form of disability (either have a serious mental, physical, or other condition that limits the amount of work they can do, or have a serious mental, physical, or other condition that limits their daily activities).	45.6%	45.8%	45.7%
CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS (CHC)			
Illnesses, conditions or problems experienced in the past 12 months			
Asthma	13.2%	11.2%	12.3%
Tuberculosis (TB) or another chronic lung or respiratory problem	2.9%	3.7%	3.3%
High blood pressure	36.0%	27.1%	32.1%
Other chronic heart or circulatory problems (e.g., anemia, heart disease)	6.6%	9.3%	7.8%
Diabetes	8.1%	13.1%	10.3%
Cancer	2.9%	1.9%	2.5%
Severe chronic pain	21.3%	27.1%	23.9%
At least one of the chronic health conditions above	50.7%	47.7%	49.4%
MENTAL HEALTH (MH)			
Told by a doctor or nurse that they have these conditions in the past 2 years			
Schizophrenia or another paranoid or delusional disorder	12.5%	7.5%	10.3%
Bipolar disorder, manic episodes, or manic depression	20.6%	25.2%	22.6%
Major depression or clinical depression	38.2%	40.2%	39.1%
Obsessive-compulsive personality or any other severe social or personality disorder	12.5%	16.8%	14.4%
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	28.7%	33.6%	30.9%
Anxiety disorder or panic disorder	44.1%	45.8%	44.9%
At least one of the mental health conditions above	58.1%	55.1%	56.8%
Mental health (other)			
Have ever stayed in a mental health treatment program for persons with emotional, behavioral or mental health problems	40.4%	35.5%	38.3%
Have ever received outpatient care from a counselor, psychologist, or mental health worker because of nervousness, depression, or mental health problems	47.8%	43.0%	45.7%
During the last two years	33.1%	30.8%	32.1%

Table 2: Health Characteristics of Homeless Persons in Fargo, Moorhead, and Fargo-Moorhead area - continued

	Fargo	Moorhead	Fargo-Moorhead
	N = 136	N = 107	N = 243
OTHER HEALTH CONDITIONS			
Autism or Autism Spectrum Disorder	0.7%	0.0%	0.4%
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)			
Have ever been hit in the head so hard that they saw stars or were knocked unconscious	55.9%	55.1%	55.6%
Problems with headaches, concentration or memory, understanding, excessive worry, sleeping, or getting along with people after the head injury	33.1%	34.6%	33.7%
SUBSTANCE ABUSE (SA)			
Told by a doctor or nurse that they have these conditions in the past 2 years			
Alcohol abuse disorder	33.1%	12.1%	23.9%
Drug abuse disorder	15.4%	8.4%	12.3%
At least one of the substance abuse conditions above	35.3%	14.0%	25.9%
Substance abuse (other)			
Ever stayed in a drug or alcohol treatment facility	52.2%	39.3%	46.5%
Ever been treated in an outpatient alcohol or drug treatment program	49.3%	34.6%	42.8%
During the past two years	25.0%	11.2%	18.9%
CONCURRENT HEALTH CONDITIONS			
Chronic health conditions and mental health condition	35.3%	35.5%	35.4%
Chronic health conditions and substance abuse disorders	25.0%	10.3%	18.5%
Mental health conditions and substance abuse disorders	27.2%	12.1%	20.6%
At least two of the health conditions (chronic health conditions, mental health conditions, and substance abuse disorders)	47.8%	37.4%	43.2%
All three health conditions (chronic health conditions, mental health conditions, and substance abuse disorders)	19.9%	10.3%	15.6%

Table 3: Addiction Characteristics of Homeless Persons in Fargo, Moorhead, and Fargo-Moorhead area

	Fargo	Moorhead	Fargo-Moorhead
	N = 136	N = 107	N = 243
Have used during the past 30 days....			
Cigarettes	76.5%	74.8%	75.7%
E-cigarettes or a vaporizer	14.0%	13.1%	13.6%
Alcohol	49.3%	33.6%	42.4%
Marijuana	28.7%	23.4%	26.3%
Crack or any other kind of cocaine	4.4%	0.9%	2.9%
Heroin	2.9%	0.0%	1.6%
Codeine, morphine, fentanyl or other opioid	7.4%	5.6%	6.6%
Meth (methamphetamines)	14.7%	4.7%	10.3%
Synthetic Stimulants (bath salts, K2, synthetic marijuana)	2.2%	1.9%	2.1%
Other (non-opioid) pharmaceutical drugs not prescribed to you	5.9%	2.8%	4.5%
Have been told by a doctor or nurse that you have any of the following conditions, during the past two years:			
Alcohol abuse disorder	33.1%	12.1%	23.9%
Drug abuse disorder	15.4%	8.4%	12.3%
Addiction (other)			
Consider themselves an alcoholic or chemically dependent	46.3%	26.2%	37.4%
Have been treated in an outpatient alcohol or drug treatment program	49.3%	34.6%	42.8%
Have been admitted to a detox center in the past 12 months	29.4%	9.3%	20.6%

Table 4: Childhood Experiences among Homeless Persons in Fargo, Moorhead, and Fargo-Moorhead area

	Fargo	Moorhead	Fargo-Moorhead
	N = 136	N = 107	N = 243
Out-of-home placements			
Have ever lived in a foster home as a child (17 or younger)	25.7%	31.8%	28.4%
Have ever run away from a foster care placement	8.8%	15.0%	11.5%
Did ever have to leave a foster home because they were too old to stay there	2.2%	6.5%	4.1%
Have ever lived in a group home as a child (17 or younger)	16.9%	19.6%	18.1%
Have ever run away from a group home placement	10.3%	12.1%	11.1%
Did ever have to leave a group home because they were too old to stay there	0.7%	3.7%	2.1%
Have ever stayed in a mental health treatment program for persons with emotional behavioral or mental health problems (i.e., hospital, regional treatment center, or other residential program) as a child (17 or younger)	16.2%	16.8%	16.5%
Have ever stayed in a drug or alcohol treatment facility as a child (17 or younger)	11.0%	10.3%	10.7%
Have ever been held for more than a week in a juvenile detention center or other juvenile facility or camp	24.3%	36.4%	29.6%
Adverse childhood experiences			
As a child, had a parent serve time in prison	14.0%	18.7%	16.0%
As a child, lived with someone who was a problem drinker, alcoholic, or drug user	50.0%	59.8%	54.3%
As a child, witnessed abuse of another family member	41.2%	48.6%	44.4%
As a child, lived with parent or guardian with mental health issues	26.5%	38.3%	31.7%
As a child, were physically mistreated or abused	39.7%	30.8%	35.8%
As a child, were sexually mistreated or abused	22.8%	20.6%	21.8%
Parents ever neglected to provide them with food, shelter, or medical care, or leave them for long periods of time when they were too young to be on their own	18.4%	21.5%	19.8%

Table 5: Current Homelessness Situation in Fargo, Moorhead, and Fargo-Moorhead area (doubled up excluded)

	Fargo	Moorhead	Fargo-Moorhead
	N = 129	N = 103	N = 232
How long have you been without a regular or permanent place to live?			
Homeless for less than 1 year	37.2%	38.8%	37.9%
Homeless for 1 year or more	60.5%	52.4%	56.9%
Refused	1.6%	0.0%	0.9%
Don't know	0.8%	8.7%	4.3%
During the last 3 years, how many different times including now have you been homeless?			
1	33.3%	39.8%	36.2%
2	15.5%	14.6%	15.1%
3	12.4%	12.6%	12.5%
4 or more	35.7%	29.1%	32.8%
Refused	0.0%	1.0%	0.4%
Don't know	3.1%	2.9%	3.0%
Chronically homeless	29.5%	33.0%	31.0%

Note:

Chronically homeless:

- Homeless sheltered or unsheltered, and
- Homeless for at least one year during the current episode; or homeless for less than one year in the current episode, but homeless at least four times in the previous three years, and
- Disabled (those who have a physical, mental, or other health condition that limits the kind of work they can do or those who have a physical, mental, or other health condition that makes it hard for them to bathe, eat, get dressed, get in and out of bed or chair, or get around by themselves).

Table 6: Demographic Characteristics of Chronically Homeless Persons in Fargo, Moorhead, and Fargo-Moorhead (doubled up excluded)

	Fargo	Moorhead	Fargo-Moorhead
	N = 38	N = 34	N = 72
AGE			
Younger than 18	2.6%	0.0%	1.4%
18-24	7.9%	2.9%	5.6%
25-44	31.6%	38.2%	34.7%
45-64	55.3%	55.9%	55.6%
65+	2.6%	2.9%	2.8%
GENDER			
Female	28.9%	38.2%	33.3%
Male	68.4%	61.8%	65.3%
MARITAL STATUS			
Divorced or Separated	34.2%	50.0%	41.7%
Married	0.0%	2.9%	1.4%
Never-Married	65.8%	44.1%	55.6%
ETHNICITY			
Hispanic or Latino origin	5.3%	8.8%	6.9%
RACE			
African American	7.9%	23.5%	15.3%
African born	2.6%	0.0%	1.4%
White or Caucasian	50.0%	35.3%	43.1%
American Indian	23.7%	38.2%	30.6%
Mixed race with American Indian	10.5%	2.9%	6.9%
Some other group	5.3%	0.0%	2.8%
SEXUAL ORIENTATION			
Heterosexual or straight	81.6%	91.2%	86.1%
Gay or lesbian	7.9%	0.0%	4.2%
Bisexual	5.3%	2.9%	4.2%
HEALTH CONDITIONS			
Chronic homeless with at least two health conditions ¹	68.4%	70.6%	69.4%
Chronic homeless with both mental health and substance abuse conditions	44.7%	23.5%	34.7%
Chronic homeless with all three health conditions ¹	36.8%	20.6%	29.2%

Note: ¹ Health conditions include Chronic Health Conditions (CHC), Mental Health Conditions (MH) and Substance Abuse Disorders (SA)