



Project Homeless Connect

January 7, 2013

We are honored to have Mayor Bob Filner, Ms. Bronwyn Ingram and Council President Todd Gloria serve as Honorary Co-Chairs for this year's Project Homeless Connect.

The one-day resource fair provides services to homeless San Diegans. Project Homeless Connect will be held on January 30th from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Community Concourse in Golden Hall.

The success of the 7th Annual Project Homeless Connect is dependent on volunteers, service providers and donations from the public.

For the third consecutive year, the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) is the lead organizer for Project Homeless Connect. SDHC provides financial support and volunteer recruitment for the event through the agency's website. We are grateful to our major organizing partners, which include the Interfaith Shelter Network, Family Health Centers of San Diego and St. Vincent de Paul Village.

Last year, the Sixth Annual Project Homeless Connect provided services to 941 homeless individuals, including 112 families with children at downtown's Golden Hall on January 11, 2012.

Project Homeless Connect was a day of kindness, compassion, generosity – and gratitude.

San Diego residents, businesses and organizations donated new sweatshirts and jeans, gently used clothing and blankets, food, toiletries and hundreds of other donations.

A vendor at Qualcomm Stadium donated more than 600 new hats, t-shirts and sweatshirts. More than 100 new pairs of Old Navy jeans were donated anonymously.

More than 420 volunteers and 72 service providers, including 46 health and social service agencies, came together to take part in the Sixth Annual Project Homeless Connect. They offered health screenings, flu shots, housing referrals, legal aid, food, clothing, haircuts and other supportive services such as mental health and substance-abuse referrals.

We have compiled a report that provides a profile of the individuals we served.

It confirms that finding solutions to homelessness requires compassion and commitment from many people and organizations.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Gentry
President & Chief Executive Officer
San Diego Housing Commission



Project Homeless Connect Goals

- Connect San Diego homeless with necessary services
- Provide resources and referrals to services
- Encourage and provide access to services that will lead to permanent housing
- Expand awareness of homelessness, necessary services and potential solutions
- Improve the system of care through collaboration among service providers
- Partner with the private sector, corporations and foundations to expand service capacity and funding support
- Engage a broad base of volunteers: nonprofits, businesses and individual community members



2012 Project Homeless Connect Participant Information

This report is based on information that was provided by the 941 participants who attended the Sixth Annual Project Homeless Connect.

The one-day resource fair for homeless San Diegans was held January 11, 2012 at downtown's San Diego Concourse in Golden Hall.

- More than 70 percent of homeless men and women were between the ages of 41 and 70;
- Males accounted for 67 percent of those served, women 33 percent;
- Non-minorities made-up 45 percent of the population group, followed by African-Americans at 25 percent and Hispanics, 19 percent;
- 13 percent were military veterans;
- 85 percent were unemployed;
- At least 29 percent were getting by on monthly incomes of less than \$500;
- More than 50 percent had medical conditions; and
- Close to 50 percent depended on clinics for healthcare, while nearly 30 percent relied on hospitals;

In addition, 44 percent of those who attended the Sixth Annual Project Homeless Connect said they were living on the streets, 13 percent were in an emergency shelter and 12 percent were in transitional housing. The remainder said they were living with family or friends, in a hotel or motel or in some other temporary situation.

Among the homeless individuals who stopped by was Rickie, a 58-year-old former school bus driver originally from Indianapolis.

"Getting a job just isn't as simple as it used to be," said Rickie, who had lived on the streets since moving to San Diego in 2011. "I'm fully trained as a school bus driver, heavy equipment operator and machinist, but I haven't been able to get anything close to a job."

Rickie went to Project Homeless Connect to pick up much-needed clothing, a medical evaluation and also to get a free haircut from a volunteer stylist. The haircut – Rickie's first in three months – was one of more than 500 provided by at least 60 volunteer hair stylists.

Rachel, 34 and living on the streets, found out about Project Homeless Connect through flyers distributed by the San Diego Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team. She attended the one-day resourced fair to receive dental care, provided by volunteer members of the San Diego County Dental Society.

The report was compiled by the Housing Innovations Department of the San Diego Housing Commission.





2012 Project Homeless Connect Statistics

Participants / Services Received

941	Completed intake form
176	Dental screenings
102	Flu shots
31	Medical screenings at mobile clinic
500+	Haircuts provided by hair stylists



Agencies & Volunteers

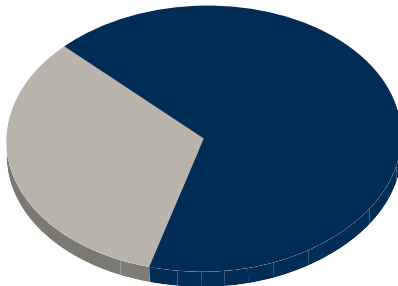
46	Health and Social Service Agencies
35+	Agency staff at PHC
427	Volunteers





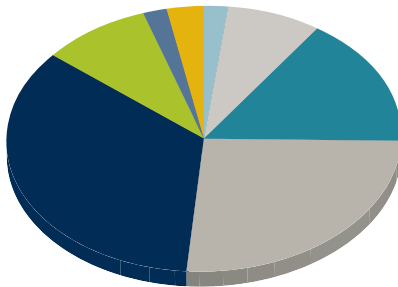
Demographics

Gender



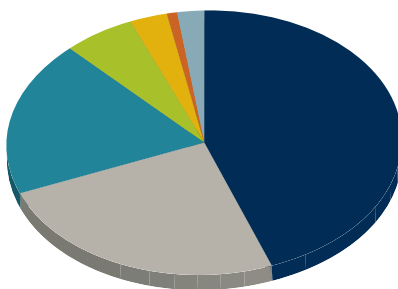
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Female	33%

Age



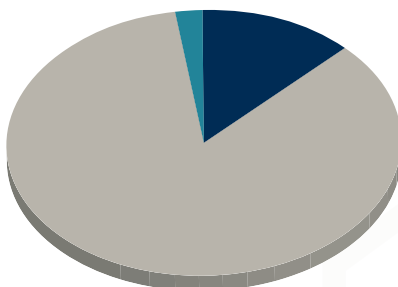
20 and Under	2%
21-30	8%
31-40	16%
41-50	26%
51-60	35%
61-70	9%
71 and Older	1%
Unknown	3%

Race



White	45%
Black	25%
Hispanic	19%
American Indian	6%
No Answer	3%
Asian	1%
Pacific Islander	2%

Veterans

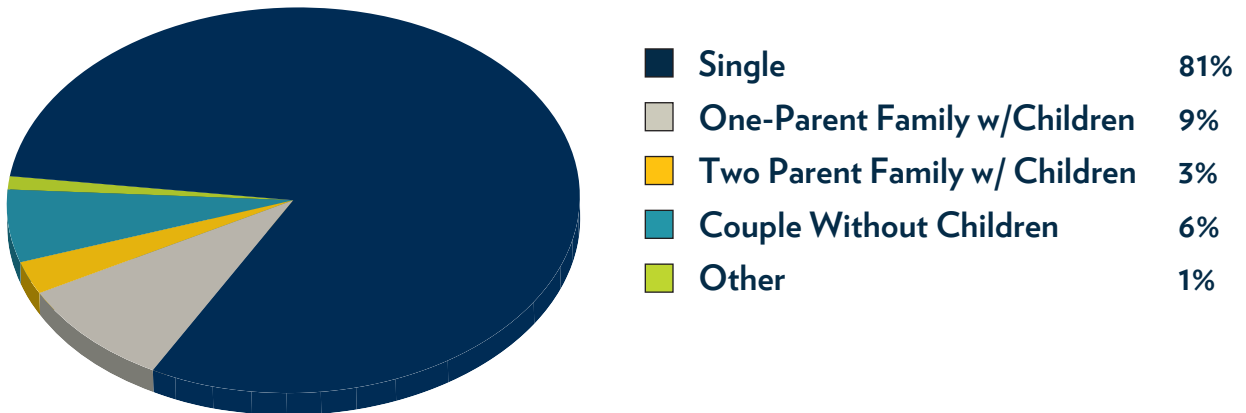


Yes	13%
No	86%
No Answer	2%

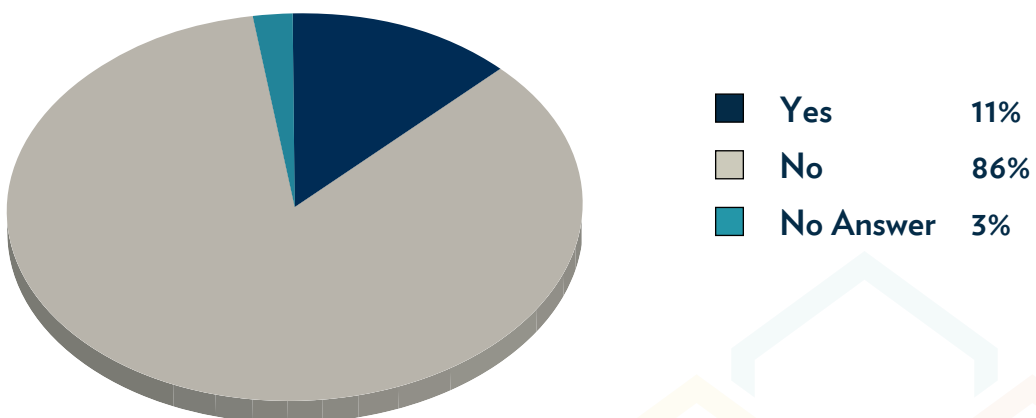


Families

Family Type



Have Minor Children



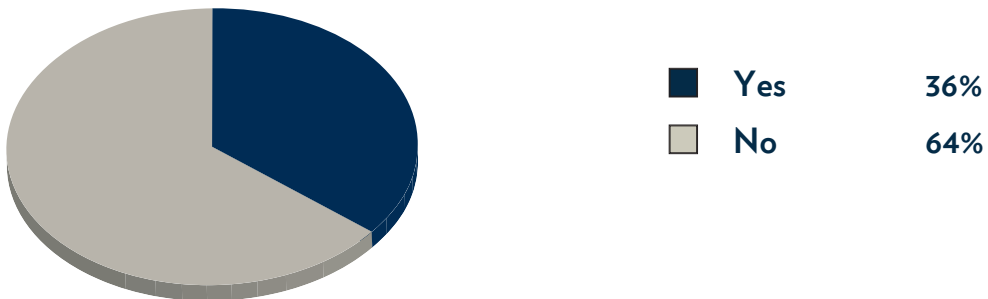


Medical and Mental Health Conditions

Medical Conditions or Disabilities



Mobility Limitations



Mental Health Issue



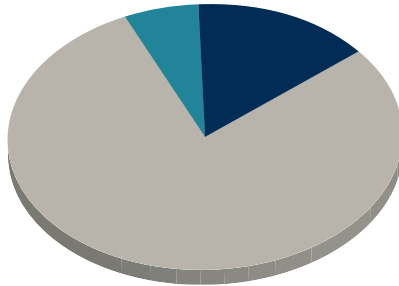
Mental Health Treatment





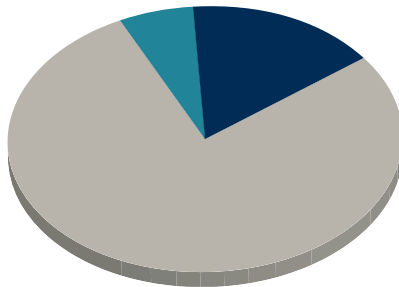
Substance Abuse

Alcohol Abuse



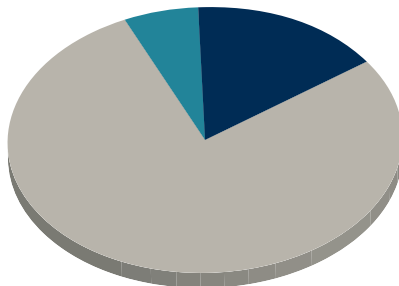
■ Yes	15%
■ No	80%
■ No Answer	6%

Alcohol Treatment



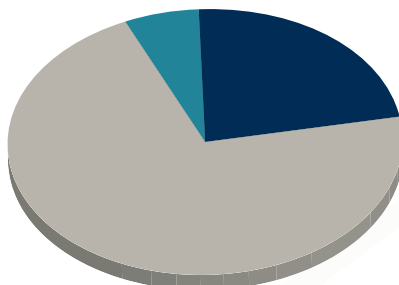
■ Yes	16%
■ No	78%
■ No Answer	6%

Drug Abuse



■ Yes	16%
■ No	78%
■ No Answer	6%

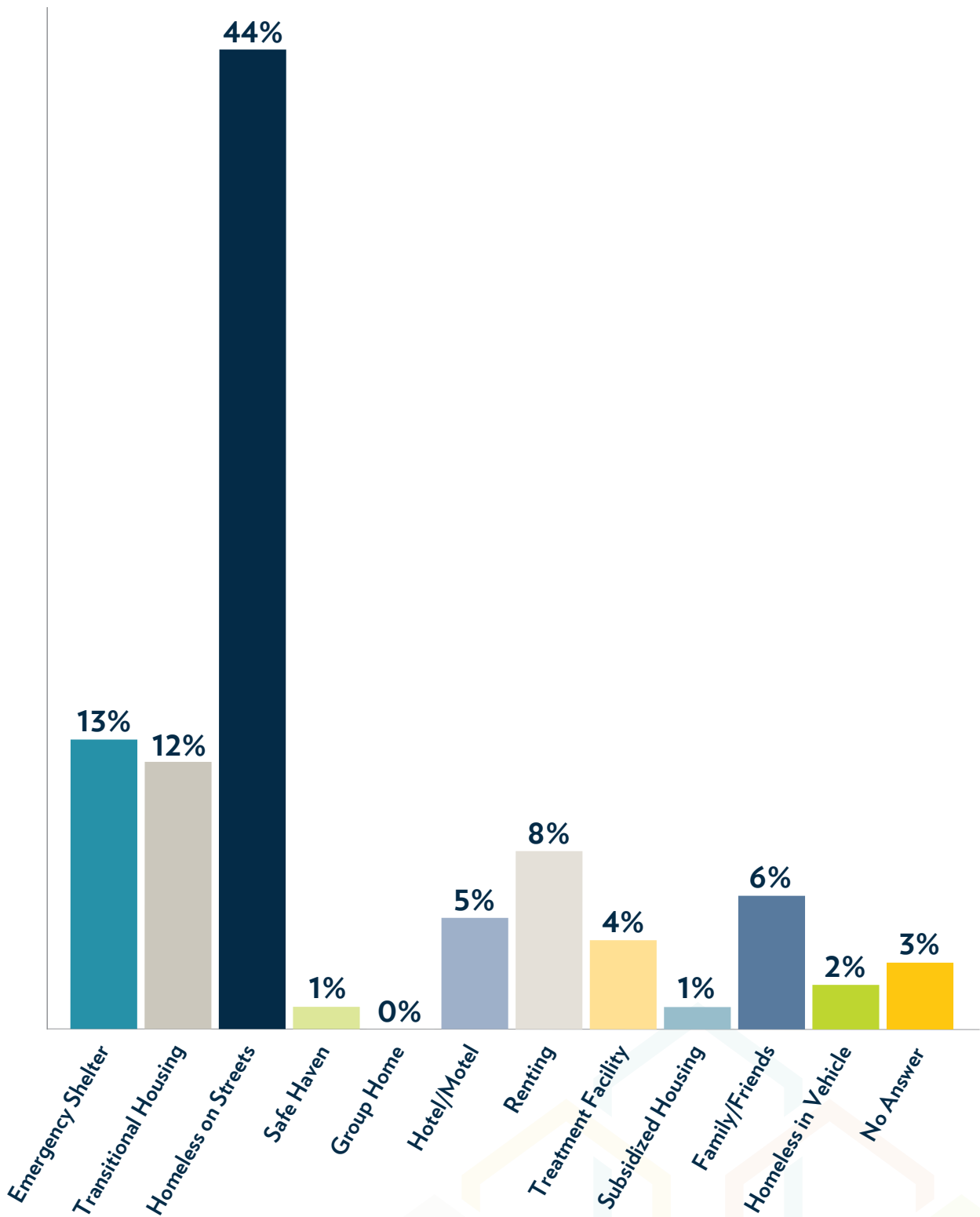
Drug Treatment



■ Yes	23%
■ No	71%
■ No Answer	6%

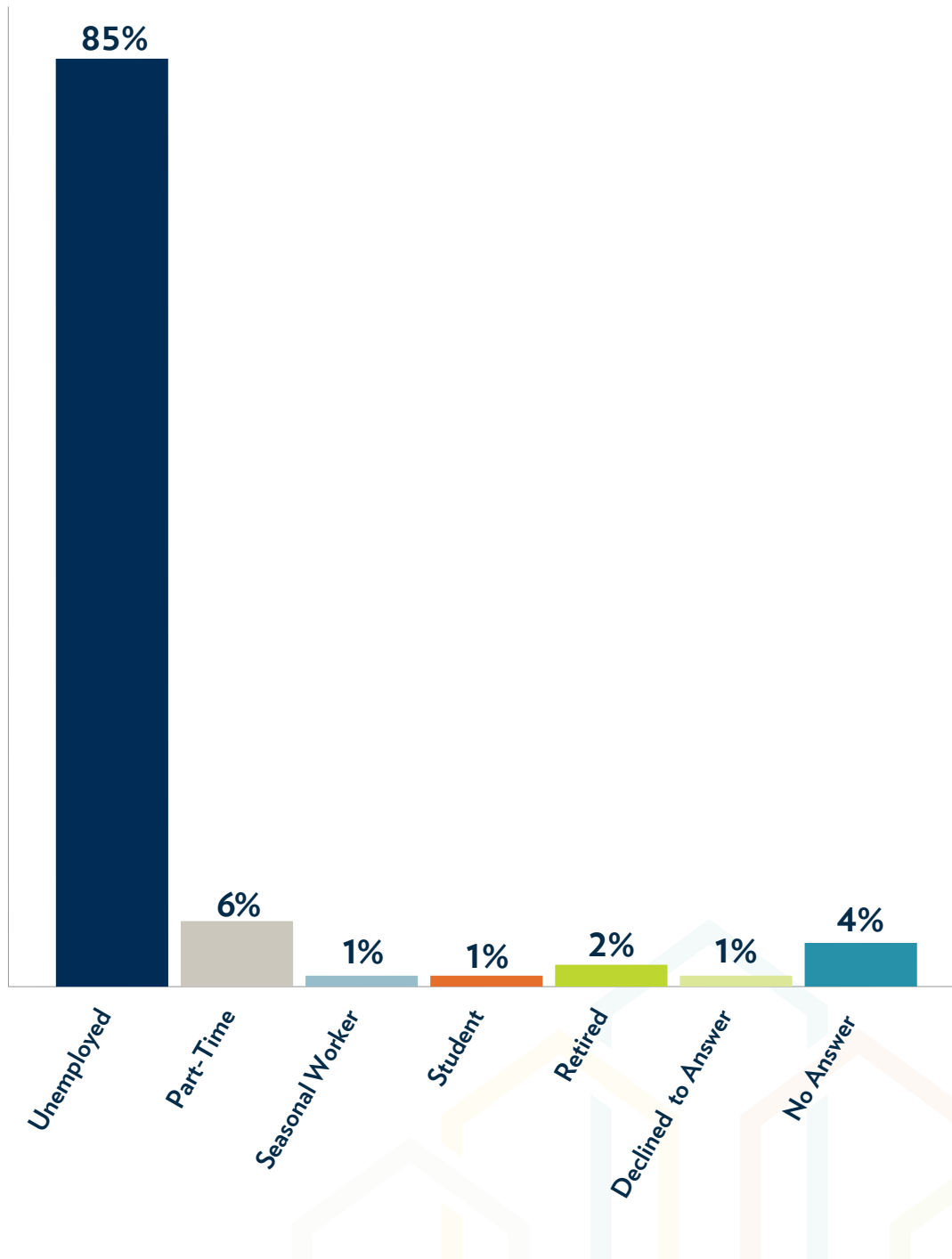


Living Situation



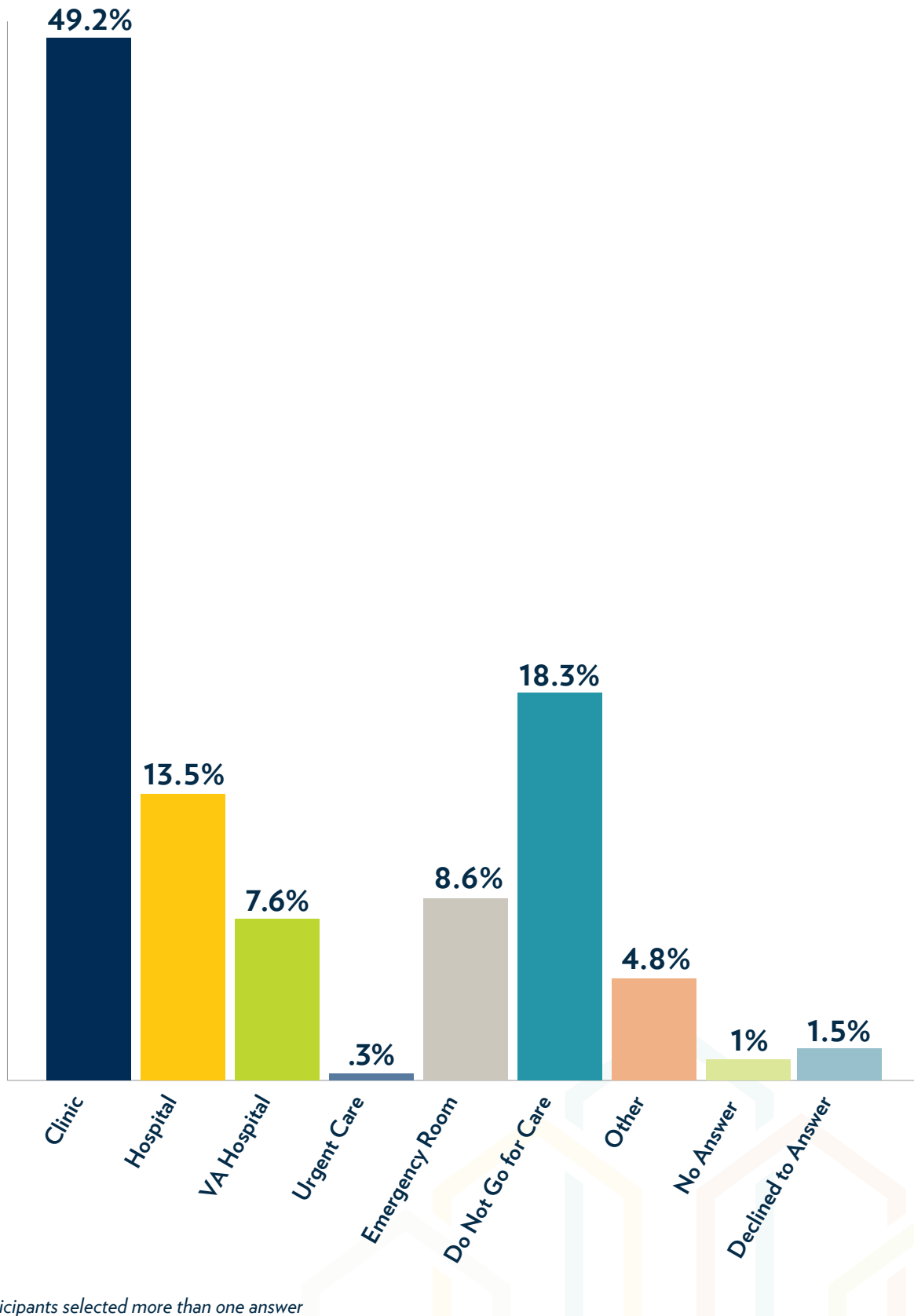


Summary of Employment Status





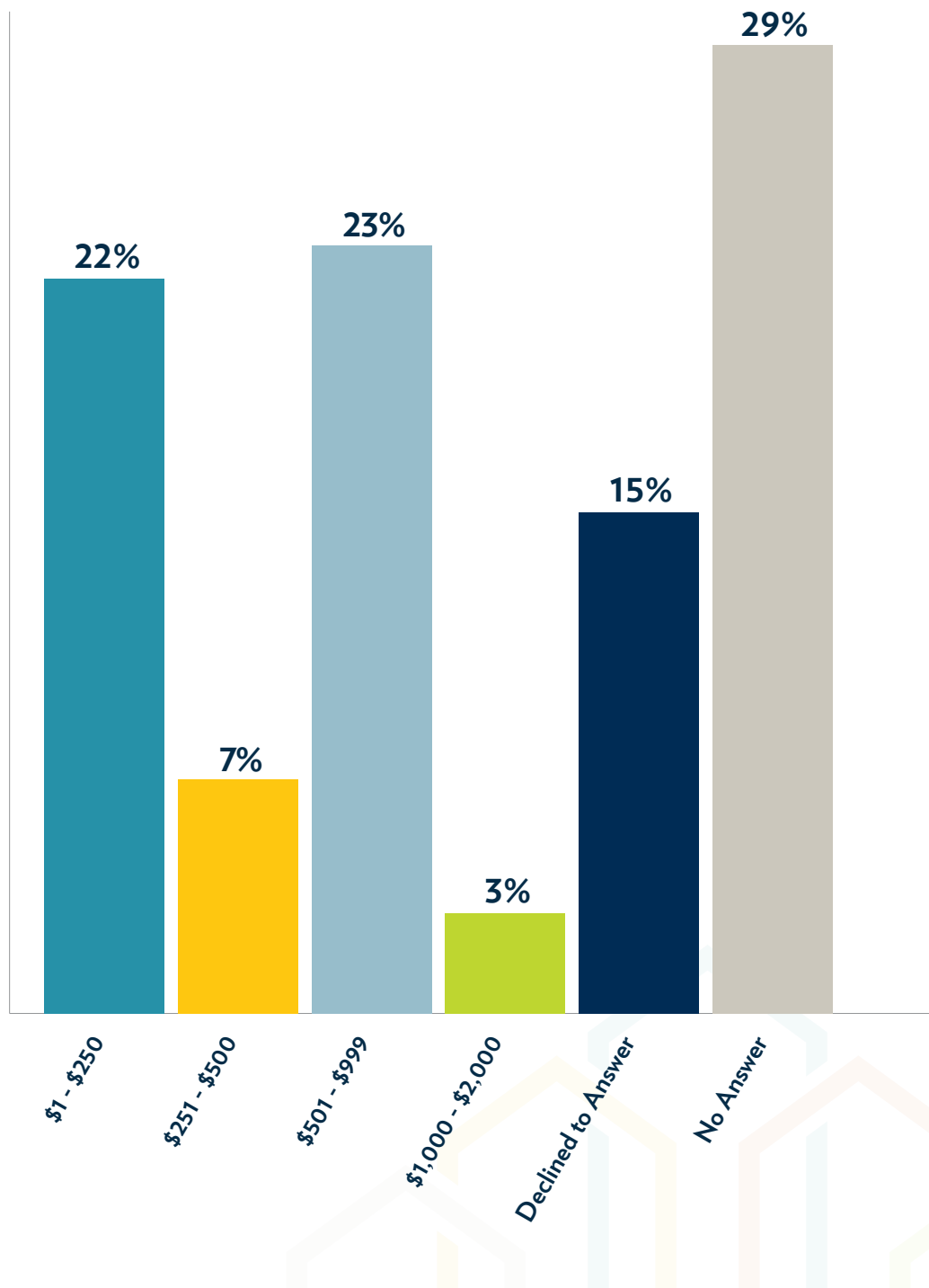
Healthcare Access



*51 participants selected more than one answer

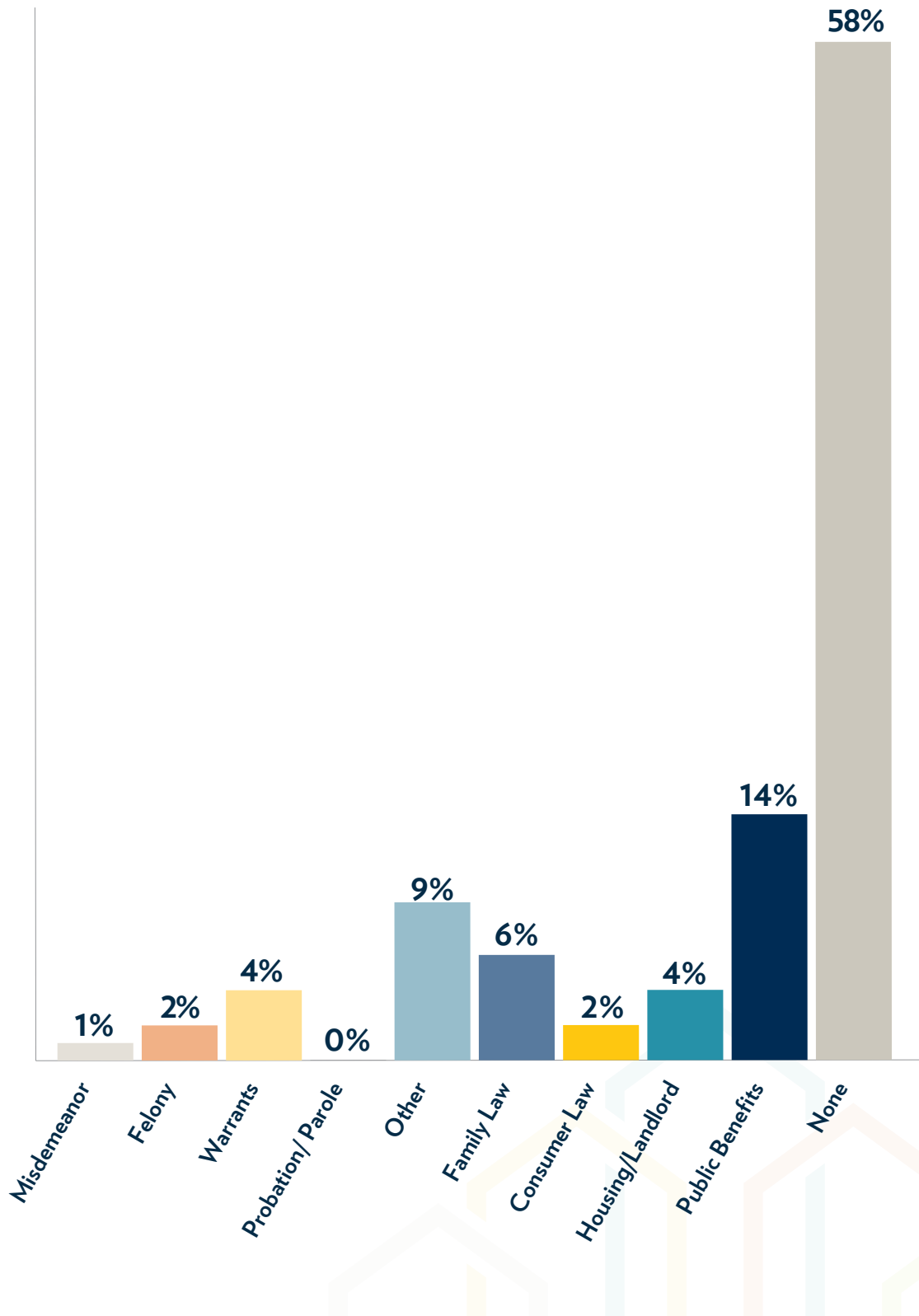


Summary of Monthly Income





Legal Services Requested





The San Diego Housing Commission, lead organizer for Project Homeless Connect. Our main organizing partners, Family Health Centers of San Diego, St. Vincent de Paul Village, and Interfaith Shelter Network.

Community Partners - Thank You!

- 2-1-1 San Diego
- Alcoholics Anonymous San Diego County
- Alpha Project
- Amikas - Programs for the Homeless
- Bellus Academy of Hair Design
- Broussard Connections Inc.
- California Department of Social Services - Disability Determination Service Division
- California Hair Design
- Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego
- Center for Justice & Social Compassion Homeless Law ID Program
- Chaplain George Barnes
- Children's Advocacy Institute
- City of Refuge
- Consumer Center for Health Education & Advocacy
- County of San Diego - Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
- HHSA - Homeless Services Team
- HHSA - County Mental Health Services
- HHSA - County Medical Services
- HHSA - Homeless Outreach Team
- Community Research Foundation (CRF)
- CRF Intensive Mobile Psychosocial Assertive Community Treatment (IMPACT)
- CRF Heartland Center
- Douglas Young Center - Mental Health Services
- Downtown Impact
- Dreams for Change - Safe Parking Lot & Referral Services
- East County Mental Health
- East County Transitional Living Center
- Episcopal Community Services - Friend to Friend
- Employee Rights Center
- Father Joe's Villages
- Heritage Clinic for Senior Services
- House of Hope
- Housing Opportunities Collaborative
- Kaiser Permanente Nurses
- Kaplan Nursing College Program
- Kindred Hospital Nurses
- Law Firm of Mitchell Drasco
- Legal Aid Society of San Diego
- McAlister Institute/ HOPE Homeless Program
- Mental Health Systems (MHS)
- MHS - Center Star Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
- MHS - Club Vet
- MHS - Providence Place
- MHS - Serial Inebriate Program
- Neighborhood House Association
- People Assisting the Homeless
- Recovery Innovations of CA
- Regional Task Force on the Homeless
- San Diego County Dental Society
- San Diego County Office of Education
- San Diego Humane Society
- San Diego Rescue Mission
- San Diego Unified School District
- San Diego Youth Services Storefront
- San Ysidro High School
- Second Chance
- Senior Community Center
- Sister Carmel Pastoral Care
- State of California - Employment Development Department (EDD)
- EDD South County Career Center
- EDD Local Veterans Employment
- Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) San Diego - Project COMPASS
- The Association for Community Housing Solutions (TACHS)
- The Palavra Tree, Inc. - Substance Abuse Recovery
- The Salvation Army
- Townspeople - Housing Referrals Services
- UCSD Bridges to Recovery
- U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - San Diego Regional Office
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - Healthcare for Homeless Veterans
- U.S. Social Security Administration
- Veterans Community Services - Community Catalysts of California
- Veterans Village of San Diego - CA Operation Welcome Home
- Vista Hill - Bridges Adult Intensive Outpatient Program
- Volunteers of America - Carlton G. Luhman Center
- Way Back, Inc. - Substance Abuse Recovery
- YWCA

Large Donations - Thank You!

Food

- David Ross "The Waterman" - water and snacks
- David DeWitt / City of Refuge - hundreds of snacks, drinks and coffee
- Einstein Brothers, San Carlos - 20 dozen bagels and cream cheese
- San Diego Rescue Mission - dessert and beverages
- Souplantation, La Mesa - 300 muffins
- St. Vincent de Paul Village - hot lunch for 700 participants

Toiletries

- Dr. David Brockett DDS - toothbrushes, toothpaste, & mouth wash
- Dr. Kriston Gallipeau DDS - toothbrushes, toothpaste, & mouth wash
- Howard Everett - toiletries
- Jack Elmore - toiletries
- Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA) - 300 toiletry kits
- ResMed - 300 toiletry bags
- Taylor Sports - hand/body warmers

Clothing

- Centerplate Merchandise at Qualcomm Stadium - 600 new t-shirts, sweatshirts & hats
- Gold Diggers - 700 pairs of new socks
- Anonymous - 100 pairs of new jeans

Donation

- Douglas and Gloria Rumberger Foundation - \$2,000 grant
- Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS) - 400 lbs. of dog food for pets of homeless San Diegans

400-Plus Volunteers - Thank You!

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The Housing Innovations Department of the San Diego Housing Commission prepared the Project Homeless Connect Report and Data Analysis.