

# Arizona StandDown 2013 Annual Report

## Founding Partner Agencies



## Arizona StandDown

The Arizona StandDown is Arizona's largest outreach event targeting veterans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. Through a partnership with the Arizona State Fairgrounds, the Arizona StandDown is held each year in the spring at the Veterans' Memorial Coliseum and spans 3 days and 2 nights. Over the course of these days, homeless and at-risk veterans are offered shelter beds and other basic needs items such as meals, clothing, shoes, hygiene products, shower and restroom facilities among other care items needed to recuperate from the conditions of life on the streets.

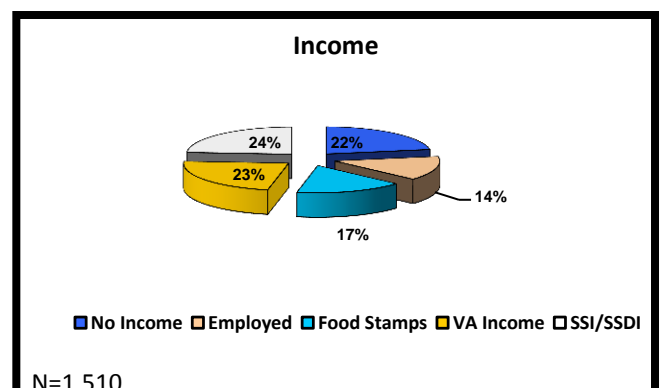
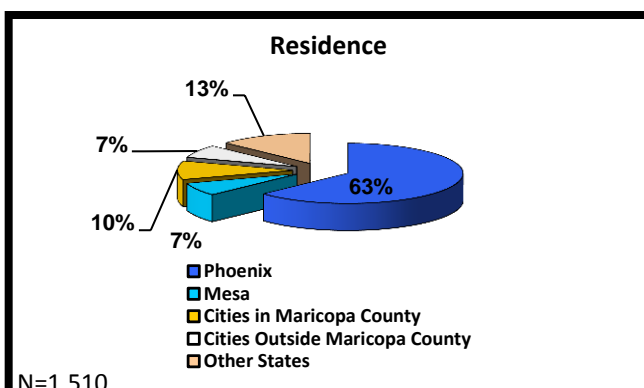
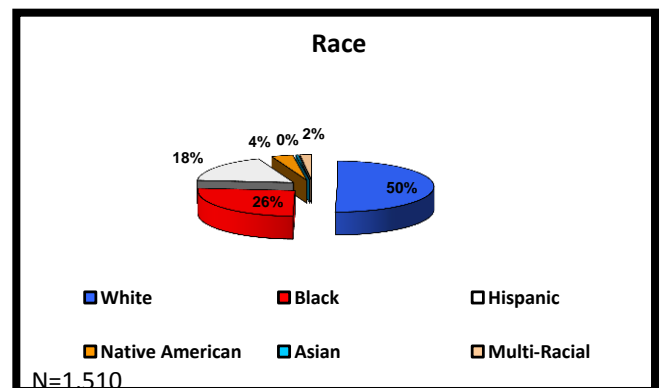
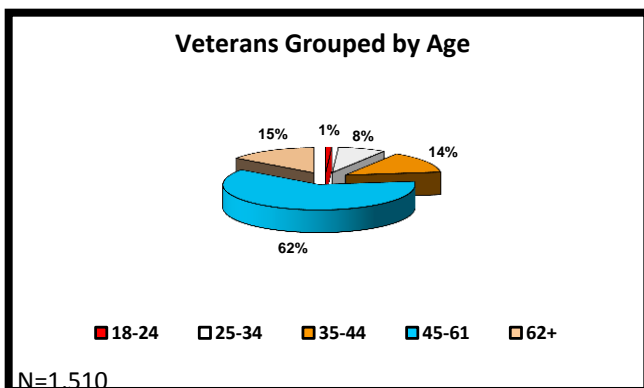
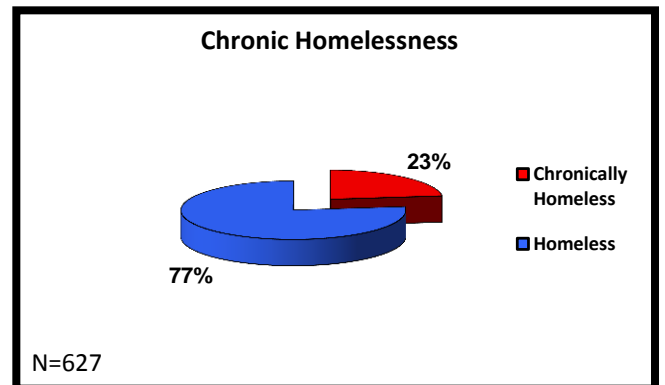
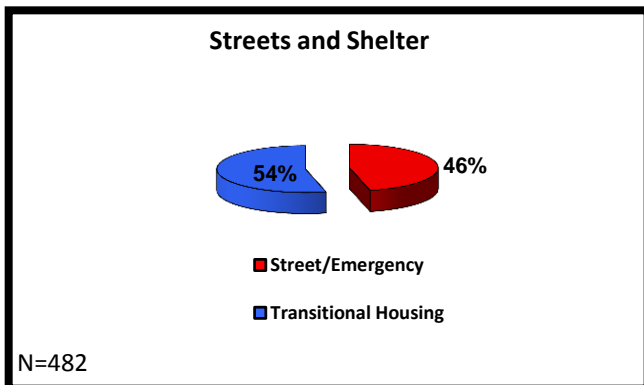
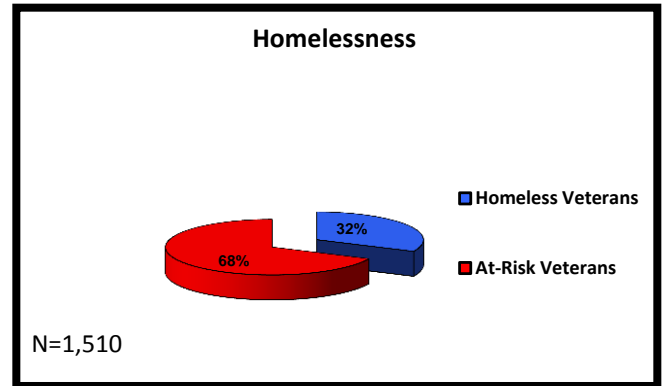
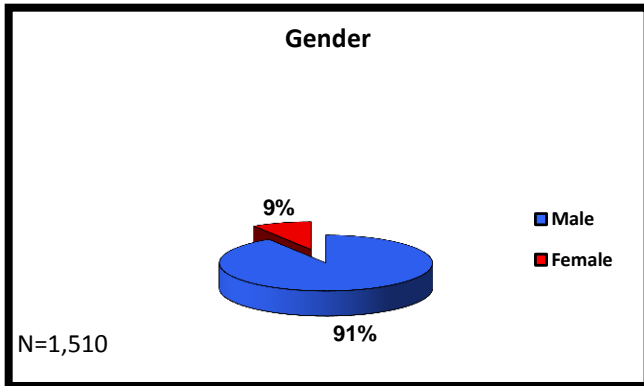
Basic needs addressed, homeless veterans are better able to access the services available to assist them in ending the experience of homelessness. Thus, over 100 service providers come together to deliver on-site support during Friday and Saturday of the event; all committed to "cutting the red tape" to deliver their services quickly, efficiently and in a veteran-centered framework. Major service providers include the Phoenix VA Health Care System, Arizona Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Division, City of Phoenix Municipal and other Court systems, Social Security Administration and the Department of Economic Security.

The end of homelessness among veterans begins with housing and thus over 20 housing provider agencies convene on-site and with beds/units available to bring as many veterans off the streets as possible by Sunday. Working with its Housing Providers, Arizona StandDown is able to assist approximately 10% of veterans living on the streets, in emergency shelters or in transitional housing to enter a higher level of housing in this single weekend alone. Arizona StandDown also intervenes, where possible, to prevent homelessness among at-risk veterans and uses any excess funds to end homelessness among veterans throughout the year with its partner agencies.

The Arizona StandDown would not be possible without its generous donors, partner agencies and hundreds of dedicated volunteers. We hope you enjoy this report and find it useful in your efforts to end homelessness among veterans throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you at next year's Arizona StandDown.

For More Information: [www.arizonastanddown.org](http://www.arizonastanddown.org)

## Arizona StandDown 2013 Demographics: 1,510 Veterans



## Arizona StandDown 2013

### Results

#### Housing Status:

Chronic Homeless:	145 (10%)
Transitional Housing:	259 (17%)

Housing Providers: U.S. VETS, U.S. Vets Grand Veterans Village, Westward HO, CASS Vets, MANA House, Phoenix Rescue Mission, Homeward Bound, East Valley Men's Center, Just A Center, AHI, AZ Housing Experts, Apartment Finders, St. Vincent de Paul and Cloudbreak – Phoenix among others.

#### Court & Legal System:

##### City of Phoenix

333 request for legal services

11 defendants failed to return on Saturday for Court

85 did not have a City of Phoenix case or were given clearance for concluded cases

437 files/cases were processed

State Bar of AZ and Civil Volunteer Lawyers

Legal Assistance: Friday-152 Vets provided with 192 consultations

Saturday-102 Vets provided with 130 consultations

Total-254 Vets provided with 322 consultations

Participating Courts: City of Phoenix Municipal, City of Glendale Municipal, Maricopa County Justice, Superior Court. **I do not have a complete list of the Courts that were there.**

184 Attorney Volunteers including: Private Attorneys, County Public Defenders, Phoenix Prosecutors, County Attorneys, Phoenix Public Defenders, Civil Attorneys.

Arizona StandDown is considered a “safe zone” for veterans and all legal systems coalesce to provide a “hand-up” by exchanging past discretions for on-site community service, often releasing driver’s licenses and other critical privileges to help end homelessness for veterans trying to get out.

## **ADOT Motor Vehicle Division:**

Self-Identified as Top Priority:

Total Services:

Credentials Issued:

Motor Vehicle Reports:

Abandoned Vehicle Fee Resolution:

General Assistance:

The Motor Vehicle Division experienced a increase in services rendered as a result of co-locating all services on-site creating an entire, temporary Motor Vehicle Division Office within Arizona StandDown complete with photo-booth and all. In past years, MVD would obtain all necessary information from veterans on Friday and Saturday on-site and Arizona StandDown would provide transportation on Saturday for all veterans requiring services at an MVD office opened just for veterans. The past two years MVD decided to bring the office to Arizona StandDown enabling them to serve veterans in real time on both Friday and Saturday.

## **Social Security Administration:**

Total Services:	300 (20.0%)
Social Security Cards:	131 (8.7%)
Disability Claims:	49 (3.2%)

Success's:

- A survivor application awarding monthly benefits \$2,032.00 monthly
- A disability award, \$9,043.00 in back pay, \$1,110. per month
- A retirement application, \$2,835.00 in back pay, \$571.00 per month
- A representative payee application taken to issue a claimant his benefits of \$903.00 per month
- A living arrangement change resulting in a \$942.00 payment in back pay and benefits of \$710.00 per month

Retirement Claims:	7 (.46%)
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Arizona Public Affair Specialist, Kari Sanderfer, Arizona Area Service Coordinator, Ricardo Williams and 25 employees from two Phoenix field offices worked on-site and on the phones to assist veterans with Social Security transactions at the Arizona StandDown 2013.

## VA Health Care:

Health Services Rendered:

Medical:

Dental (VA coordinated 7 A.T. Still Dental Students): 156 (10%)

Psychiatric:

## Mental Health Care (Magellan of Arizona):

Mental Health Screenings: 11 (.73%)

## Visual Health:

Eyeglasses (Readers) Issued by Volunteer Sue Collier: 557(37%)

Eyeglasses Ordered : 653(43%)

## Meals (Phoenix VA Health Care System):

Meals Served: 3,550

## Haircuts:

Haircuts by Volunteer Stylists:

## Veterinary Services:

Veteran Pet Owners Served:

Dogs Examined:

Cats Examined:

Vaccinations:

Pet Food Given Out: Over 2000 lbs.

## Acupuncture:

Volunteer provided Acupuncture Services Rendered:

## New Clothing:

Veterans' Served:

Streets/Emergency Shelter:

Transitional Housing:

Permanent Housing:

All veterans received new sweats, underwear, socks and a pair of shoes

## **Thank You to Our Organizational Donors:**

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