

Maricopa County StandDown 2014 Annual Report

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Maricopa County StandDown

The Maricopa County StandDown is Arizona's largest outreach event targeting veterans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. Through a partnership with the Arizona State Fairgrounds, the Maricopa County 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.

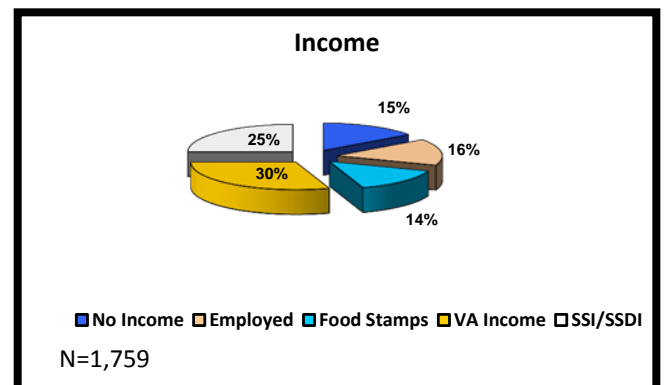
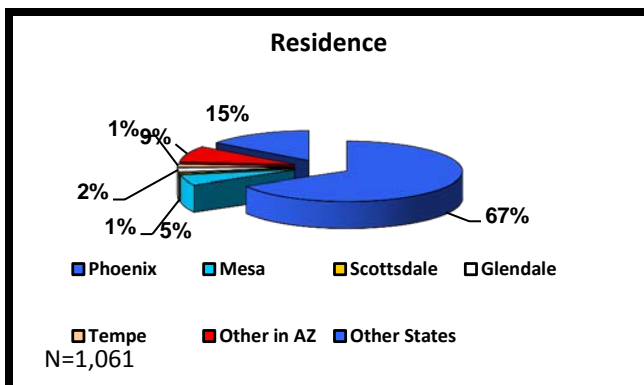
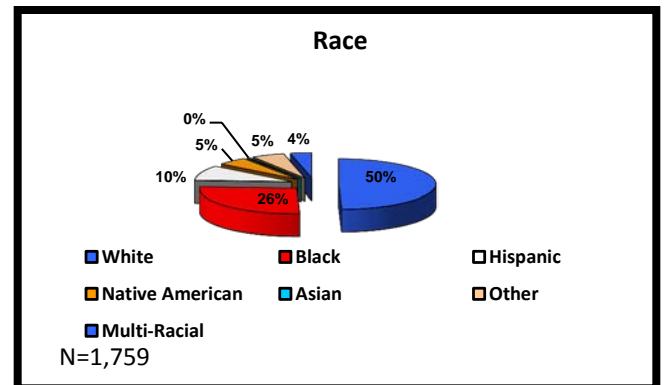
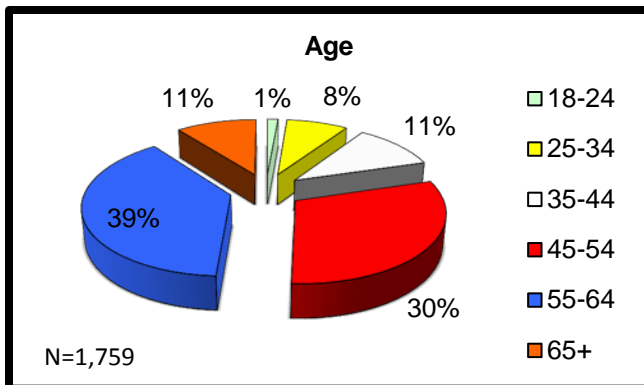
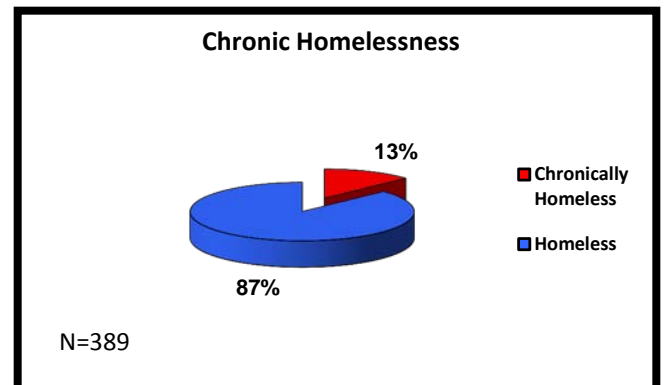
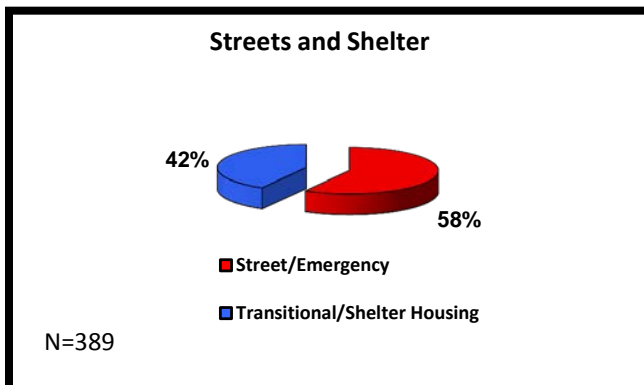
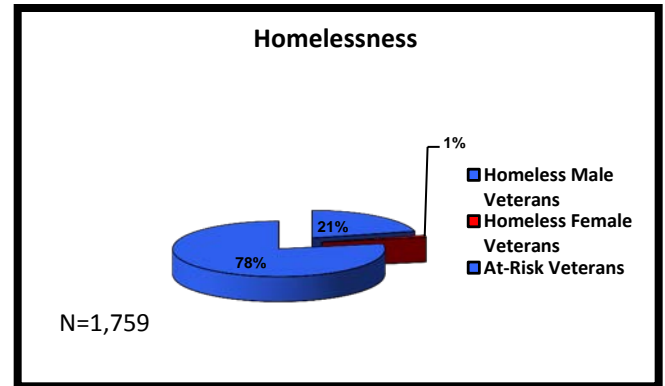
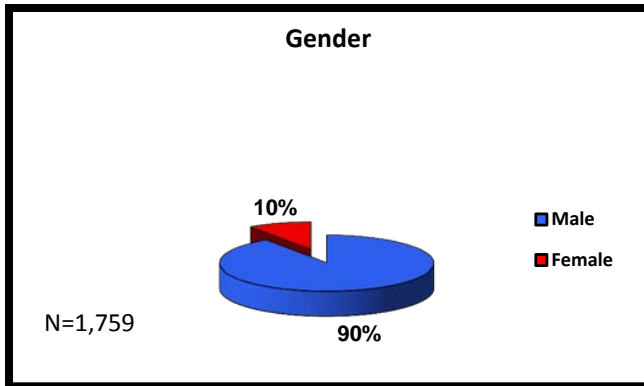
Basic needs addressed, homeless veterans are better able to access the services available to assist them in ending the experience of homelessness. Thus, over 100 service providers come together to deliver on-site support during Friday and Saturday of the event; all committed to "cutting the red tape" 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, the Maricopa County 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 Maricopa County 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 Maricopa County StandDown.

For More Information: www.arizonastanddown.org

Maricopa County StandDown 2014 Demographics: 1,759 Veterans



Maricopa County StandDown 2014

Results

Housing Status:

Chronically Homeless Housed: **37 Chronically Homeless Vets housed since StandDown**

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

937 Veterans registered for legal services

424 Veterans performed community services

\$274,095 in fines were converted to 880 community service hours

50 DUI screening occurred for the first time at the Maricopa County StandDown 2014

State Bar of Arizona and Civil Volunteer Lawyers

Legal Assistance: Friday- 23 Vets provided with legal advice/consultations

Saturday- 154 Vets provided with legal advice/consultations

Total- 177 Vets provided with legal advice/consultations

Participating Courts: City of Phoenix Municipal, City of Glendale Municipal, City of Mesa Municipal, City of Tempe Municipal, City of Scottsdale Municipal, Maricopa County Justice, Maricopa County Superior Court, Maricopa County Homeless Court

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

18 Judges

200 Public Defenders/Public Prosecutors

37 State Bar Association members performed Civil Law Consultation

Maricopa County 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 Served :	987
Credentials Issued:	516
Motor Vehicle Reports:	416
Abandoned Vehicle Fee Resolution:	27
Written Exam:	23
Road Test:	26

The Motor Vehicle Division experienced a 19% increase in total services rendered from the previous year as a result of co-locating all services on-site; creating an entire, temporary Motor Vehicle Division Office within Maricopa County StandDown complete with photo-booth and all. In past years MVD would obtain all necessary information from veterans on Friday and Saturday on-site at a MVD office. Maricopa County StandDown would provide transportation on Saturday for all veterans requiring services at an MVD office opened just for veterans. MVD continued to work with veterans the following weeks at a local MVD office for those veterans needing additional assistance. The past three years MVD decided to bring the office to the Maricopa County StandDown enabling them to serve veterans in real time on both Friday and Saturday.

Social Security Administration:

Total Services:	360
Social Security Cards:	160
Disability Claims:	83
Retirement/Survivor Applications:	13

Our biggest success was our ability to overcome the obstacle of limited system access. With the help of over 20 hardworking volunteers, we were able to assist veterans with their Social Security needs including taking applications on paper. The following week, the volunteers processed ALL the applications taken at the Stand Down in addition to their assigned duties.

VA Health Care:

Health Services Rendered

Medical: Total:55

Dental: Friday only Total: 61

Psychiatric: Total: 10

Benefits, search: Total:175

Mental Health Care: Point Man Sun Valley, NAMI, Family Service Agency:

Mental Health Screenings:

Spiritual Guidance and Counseling: Total: 125 P.M.S.V.

Education, Advocacy & Support: 200 NAMI

Behavioral Health Services: 10 F.S.A.

Southwest Behavioral Health: 47

Meals (Phoenix VA Health Care System):

Meals Served: Total: 3,100

Haircuts:

Haircuts by Volunteer Stylists: Total: 450

Veterinary Services:

Veteran Pet Owners Served: Total:334

643 pets received service

Dogs Examined: 152

Cats Examined: 15

Guinea Pig 1

Tortoise 1

Food: 27 veterans received pet food

Veterans that slept over:

Friday night: 109 men, 19 women and 3 children

Saturday night: 89 men, 12 women and 3 children

Women Veteran & Family Services:

Served 156 female veterans, 73 female family members
Children: 58 Total: 229

Acupuncture:

Volunteer provided Acupuncture Services Rendered: Total:177

Education Services:

Veterans Upward Bound: Total :70
Maricopa County Workforce Division: Total: 157

Hospice of the Valley:

Advanced Directives Completed: Total:25

Congressman Ed Pastor's Office:

Veterans in need of assistance with federal agencies Total:27

Salvation Army Project Hope:

Community Resource Referrals: Total:148

Maricopa County Workforce Division:

Employment and Training
Resume critique, interviewing Total:157

New Clothing:

56 pallets of materials from the Department of Defense

Clothing for Men	Clothing for Females
1,300 boots	700 jeans
7,000 socks	200 backpacks
3,500 jeans	100 boots
1,600 backpacks	15 bags of misc clothing

Visual Health:

Eyeglasses (Readers) Issued by Volunteer Sue Collier: 546
 Eyeglasses Ordered : 68 Consults

Housing Services: Veterans for Veterans, CASS, MOMA's House, St. Vincent de Paul, Apartment Finders

Apartment Finders:	Total: 40
St. Vincent de Paul (Ozanam Manor)	Total: Not reported
MOMA's House	Total: 20
CASS:	Total: Not reported
Veterans for Veterans: (Supplied household items)	Total: 15

Department of Economic Security (DES):

Community Services: Made contact and referred approximately 40 veterans to CAP agencies for LIHEAP Utility Assistance and/or rental assistance. (Most veterans were unaware of crisis assistance provided by Community Action Programs). Successful first effort and will participate again.

Telephone Assistance: (Land lines): The Telephone Discount unit spoke with over 50 veterans regarding the program. We processed 9 Telephone Assistance Program applications, passed out 20 Telephone Discount Program (TDP) brochures and 5 CenturyLink Internet Basic brochures which reference the Lifeline/Telephone Assistance Program (TAP). Very pleased with first year results.

Child Support:

59 Veterans came to our table with questions and were assisted with information regarding their case.

43 Requests for follow-ups were taken back to the DCSS offices for further follow-up work

12 Veterans inquired about Child Support order modifications and were given Modification Packets

3 Applications for Services were given

Benefits:

253 Applications received

Food Stamps (FS) 253

Medical Assistance (MA) 26

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 4

EBT cards issued 88

Customers who reported changes, had questions, or needed print outs 56

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