



		2018 North America	2026 North America
Total Number of Individuals Surveyed		19,512	21,059
Gender	Male	73%	70%
	Female	27%	30%
Age	Under 18	3%	8%
	18-25	8%	8%
	26-35	20%	16%
	36-45	21%	21%
	46-65	44%	37%
	65+	5%	8%
Racial categories	White/Caucasian	49%	47%
	Black or African American	33%	35%
	Hispanic, Latin, or Spanish origin	10%	9%
	Asian	1%	1%
	American Indian or Alaskan Native	3%	3%
	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0%	1%
	Other or 2+ races	4%	4%
Referrals	Self-referred	44%	46%
	Family member or friend	25%	24%
	Social Services or other agency	15%	19%
	Law enforcement	7%	6%
	Other	9%	6%
	Education	No schooling completed	2%
Nursery to 8th grade		5%	6%
Some high school (no diploma)		22%	19%
High school graduate (diploma or equivalent)		41%	42%
Some college credit (no diploma)		20%	18%
Associate degree		5%	5%
Bachelor's degree		4%	4%
Master's degree		1%	1%
Doctorate degree		0%	0%

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Veteran status	Veteran (male)	9%	4%
	Veteran (female)	1%	0%
	Served in: Korea	2%	N/A
	Vietnam Era (August 1964 – April 1975)	15%	8%
	May 1975 – July 1990	N/A	18%
	August 1990 – August 2001 (incl. Persian Gulf War)	14%	13%
	September 2001 or later	9%	18%
Individuals and families	Single individuals	86%	90%
	Couples	4%	2%
	Women with children	7%	6%
	Men with children	1%	1%
	Intact families	1%	1%
Ages of children served by ministry	0-5	47%	41%
	6-12	37%	37%
	13-17	13%	17%
	18+	3%	6%
Homeless status	Not currently homeless	13%	7%
	Currently homeless	87%	93%
	Duration: Less than 3 months	29%	30%
	3 to 6 months	20%	16%
	6 months to 1 year	20%	19%
	More than 1 year	32%	35%
How many times homeless	Never before homeless	29%	25%
	Homeless once before	26%	29%
	Homeless twice before	18%	20%
	Homeless three or more times before	27%	26%
Area resident	More than 6 months	71%	69%
	Less than 6 months	29%	31%
Physical violence	Experienced physical violence in last year	21%	19%
	No physical violence in last year	79%	81%
Mental illness	Struggle with mental illness	34%	44%
	Do not struggle with mental illness	66%	56%
Alcohol & drug challenges	Yes	N/A	39%
	No	N/A	61%
Ministry visits	First time	N/A	12%
	Daily	87%	77%
	At least once a week	7%	4%
	At least once a month	6%	3%
	Never	N/A	4%
Homeless benefits	Currently have benefits	45%	59%
	Lost benefits in the last year	8%	12%
	Do not currently have or never had benefits	47%	28%
Spiritual emphasis	Prefer spiritual emphasis at a rescue mission	80%	80%
	Do not prefer spiritual emphasis	20%	20%