



Survey of Community Needs

Survey Distributed to:

**Area food banks
Area shelters
Nonprofit homeless service providers**

167 Surveys Returned

December 2008

Total Number of Responses for Each Category

Question: “What is the degree of difficulty you or your family experience for each need?”

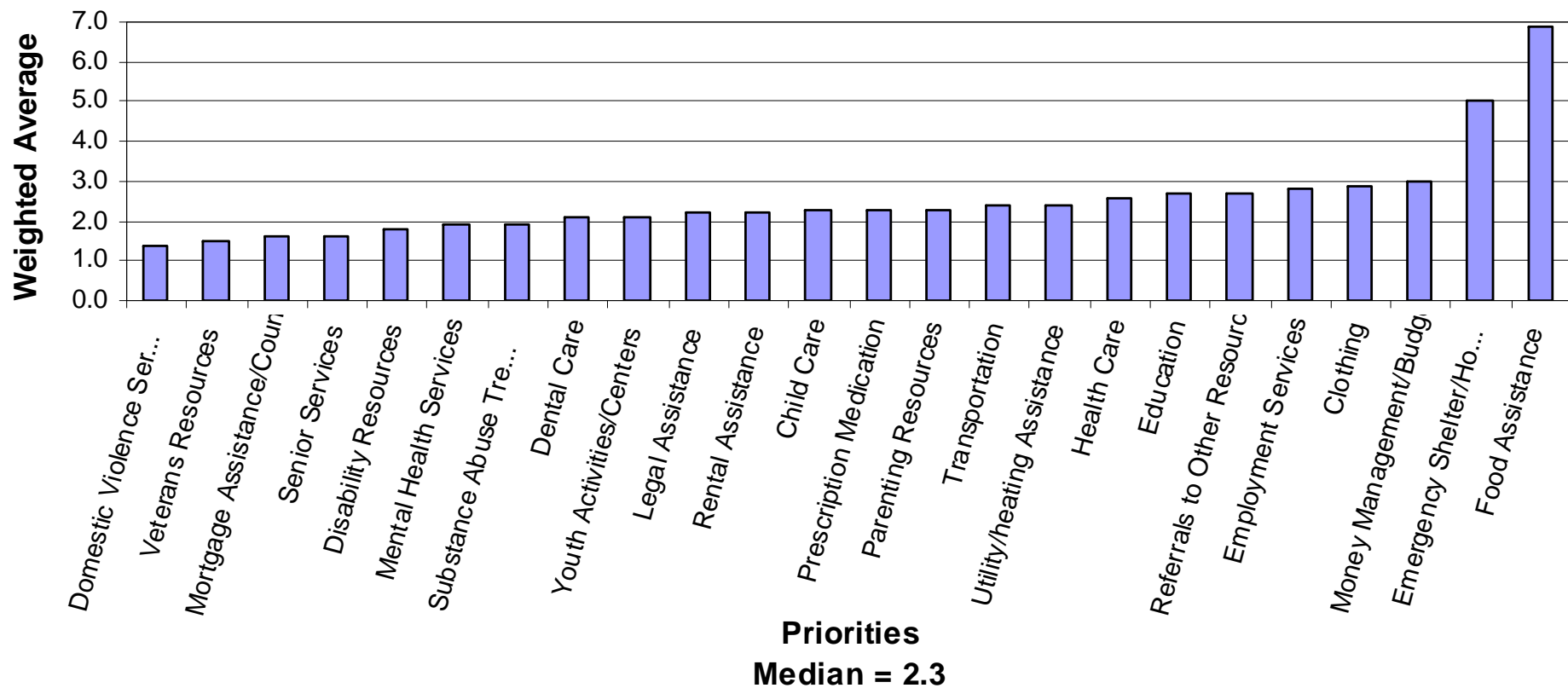
(1 indicates the lowest degree of need, 10 indicates the highest degree of need)

Priority	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Emergency Shelter/Housing	72	6	5	5	7	4	0	7	7	52
Food Assistance	23	6	2	6	16	9	15	21	8	61
Child Care	93	6	7	3	6	6	8	9	5	22
Health Care	39	2	6	7	9	5	8	13	13	66
Dental Care	37	2	4	4	13	4	6	10	8	79
Prescription Medication	56	8	5	4	12	4	7	8	8	54
Mental Health Services	82	4	7	0	7	4	8	3	7	45
Substance Abuse Treatment	111	5	4	2	5	4	6	3	6	20
Transportation	58	2	2	1	8	5	8	8	15	60
Money Management/Budgeting	65	4	9	5	15	15	5	13	8	28
Education	52	4	5	4	13	12	8	13	7	49
Employment Services	46	2	4	6	13	7	9	15	9	56
Legal Assistance	85	4	3	3	18	7	6	6	4	31
Domestic Violence Services	121	7	3	1	8	1	2	4	0	20
Referrals to Other Resources	57	4	3	5	12	11	9	13	8	46
Rental Assistance	49	1	3	1	6	9	5	12	9	71
Mortgage Assistance/Counseling	126	5	4	1	8	2	4	3	1	11
Veterans Resources	133	6	2	0	6	0	1	2	4	11
Senior Services	133	4	1	2	7	3	2	2	3	10
Disability Resources	105	3	1	4	9	3	6	4	3	29
Clothing	37	5	5	5	16	8	15	13	8	56
Utility/heating Assistance	65	4	4	5	10	9	10	7	7	46
Youth Activities/Centers	87	3	6	3	13	4	6	8	3	32
Parenting Resources	91	4	8	3	7	11	4	12	2	22
Other -	35	1	0	0	5	2	1	0	0	6
Hearing aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Peer Counseling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

Total Responses = 167

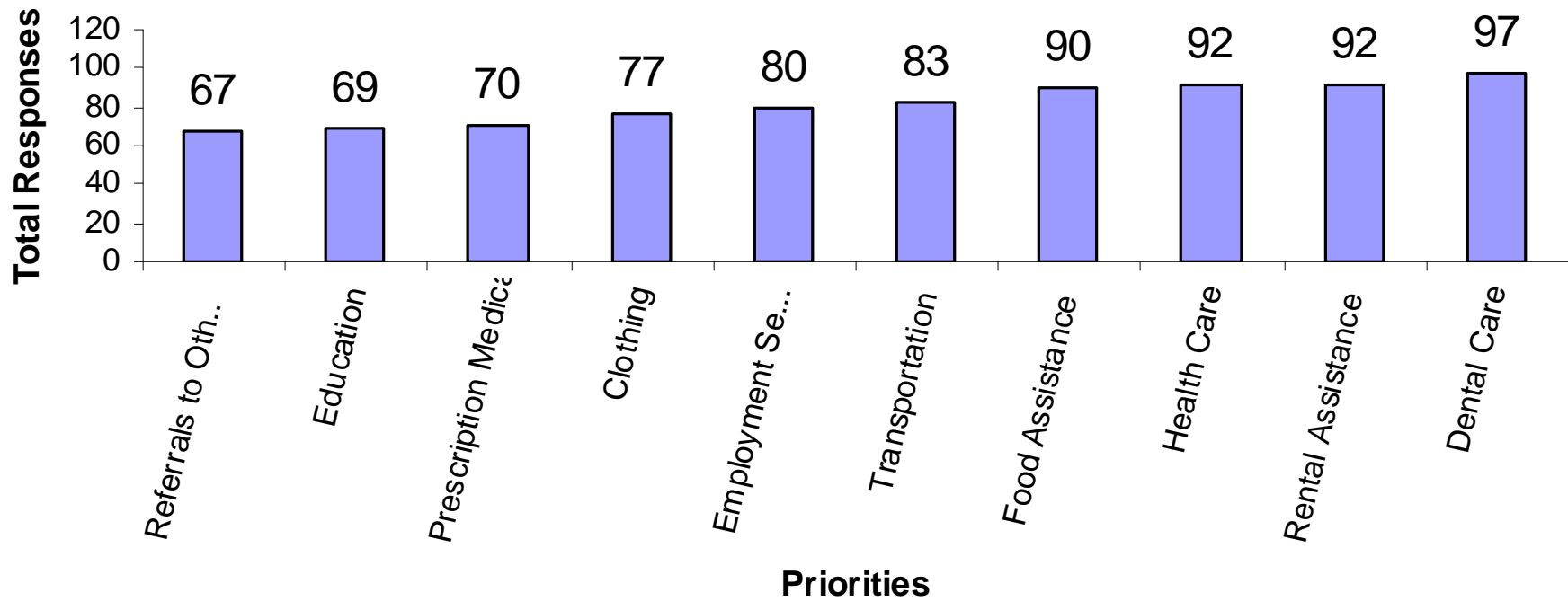
Program Needs by Average

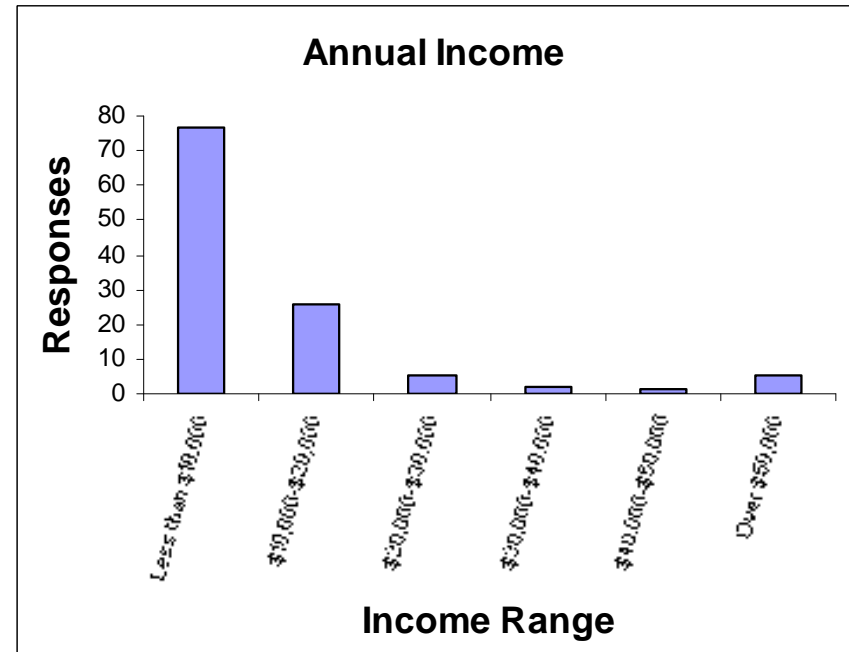
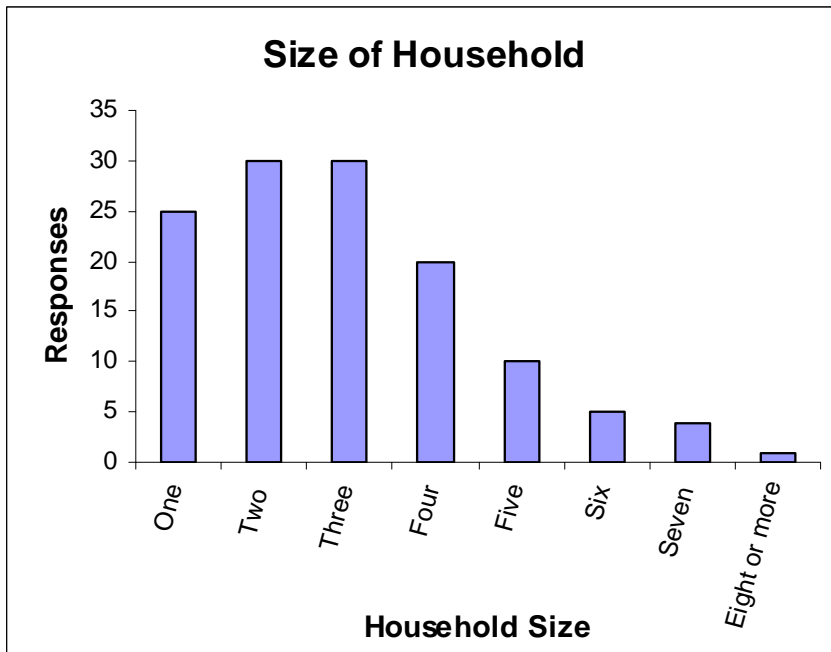
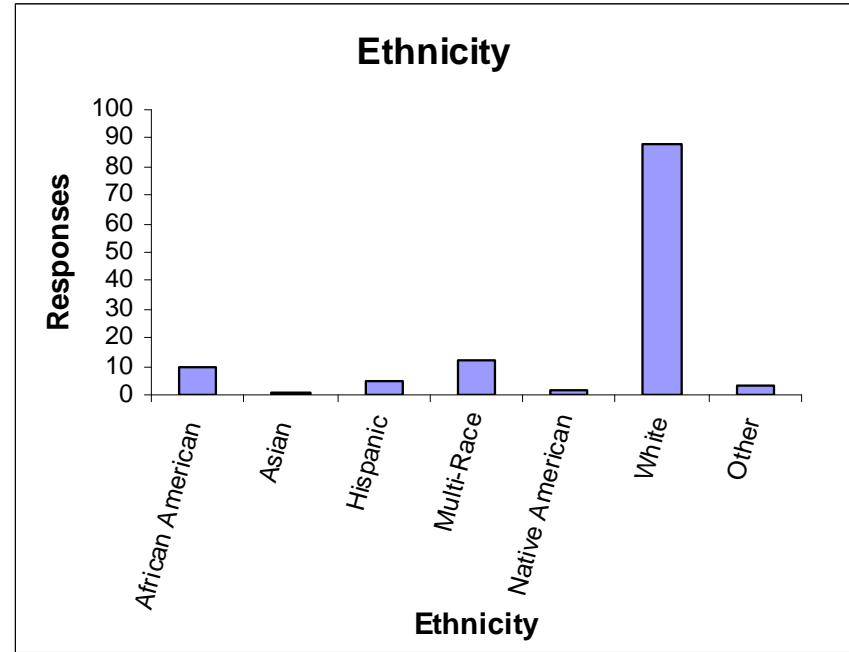
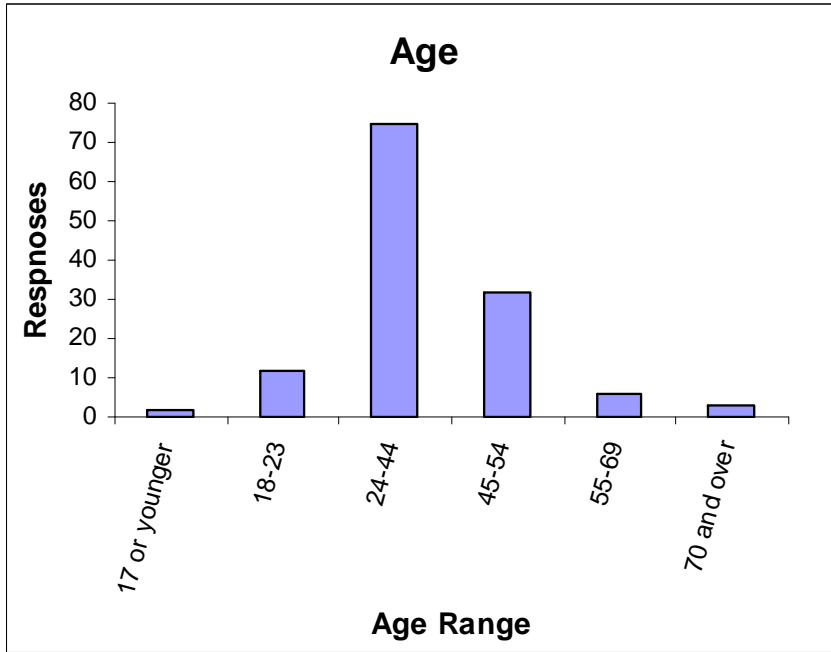
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Top Ten Responses Rated as High (8-10)

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COMMENTS FROM SURVEYS

all comments are typed as originally written with any editor's notes in [brackets]

- At this time, rental assistance, employment assistance and food is most needed. Expected due date is 12/08. I will work shortly after that. Because of my background (3 felonies) renting a place to live is going to be very hard for me. Same w/employment.
- I've just started a new life with housing and SSI and its been the best thing that ever happened to me. If it wasn't for Treatment Centers and counseling, Lifeline Connections is been the best for me, and has changed my life dramatically!
- These programs are very helpful to people that have no where else to turn. They can help people change their lives for the better.
- I recently celebrated my 7th month of C & S and with working a program, 40+ hours a week (being a supervisor) and requirements of Open House Ministries I wasn't able to pour into R2R [Ready to Rent] as fast as the rest of the class. Basically I am "reworking," "re-building," and strengthening myself, who I am, and who I portray myself to be, and learn to build a health relation with a S.O. has been very draining and overwhelming all at once!
- Their is hardly anything out their for homeless people after they steal from you at the shelters don't have any help two get a house me & friend #02 dogs #04 cats.
- My family uses the Adventist food bank on St. Johns Blvd every month. We recive food stamps and Jim works full time but it is so hard to make ends meet because of the rising food & gas prices. It is nice to know that the Adventist food bank is there to help. They always have smiles.
- All I need is a full time job – not thru a temp service.
- This place has helped me in mean [many] ways
- I am only familiar with the Share part to help the homeless and that is because I work for them. Only thing I can recommend is that more transitional housing be set up for men.
- I had a recent domestic violence situation, and basically lost everything by leaving. There needs to be something set aside for women & children to go and try to get their life back.
- I waited for Share Shelter space with my little girl for months. We were sleeping in a closet. I have accomplished many things here, with the Big help of staff!
- Just need help with rent and getting in to a place

- I feel there should be more help to those who need it, there is such a major of even those working class families who suddenly go through hard times. We need to concentrate a little more on our own country's people.
- I'm 7 ½ months pregnant Due Dec 28th 08 I live in the Samaritan House where I cannot have my baby but I'm seeking somewhere to go I'm also CPS involved getting my daughter back soon my clean date is Sept 11, 08 and I would like any help with housing if possible.
- Low income housing is needed very much.
- Most of the very needed items I checked because I have used these in the past (1-8) all the rest are currently needed.
- Everything has been very helpful to me. Thanks for all the help
- I'm leaving [living] in Share Homestead at this time, I found an apartment, that I was approved to rent. I did not, or was told that you were to be approved by ASPIRE, so now I have to wait for approval and look again. Just frustrated, have one 10 yr. old, and all we want is a place call home, like everyone that is homeless.
- Keep up the good work!
- I have been at Open House Ministries for about 4 months and they referred me to R & R and I can't tell you how incredibly helpful it was. It's helped me to grow up and want to take responsibility for my past so I can have a better future! Thank you Victoria & Teri you're the best!
- Share house does a Great job for my personal needs
- Over all I have found the services, volunteers & programs very helpful and I'm thankful. I will try to give back when I can.
- Share Emergency Shelter has been very helpful to me in my early stages of recovery and mental health treatment Very supportive in helping me with resources.
- I am currently monitoring my money and working on a working budget. I am currently enrolled in Clark College and receive financial aid. I am currently employed with the Columbian as a delivery driver. I could use some winter sweatshirts for work
- I loved the ready to rent program there are a lot of stuff I didn't know I feel like I'm ready to rent now (as soon as I turn 18) Thanks!