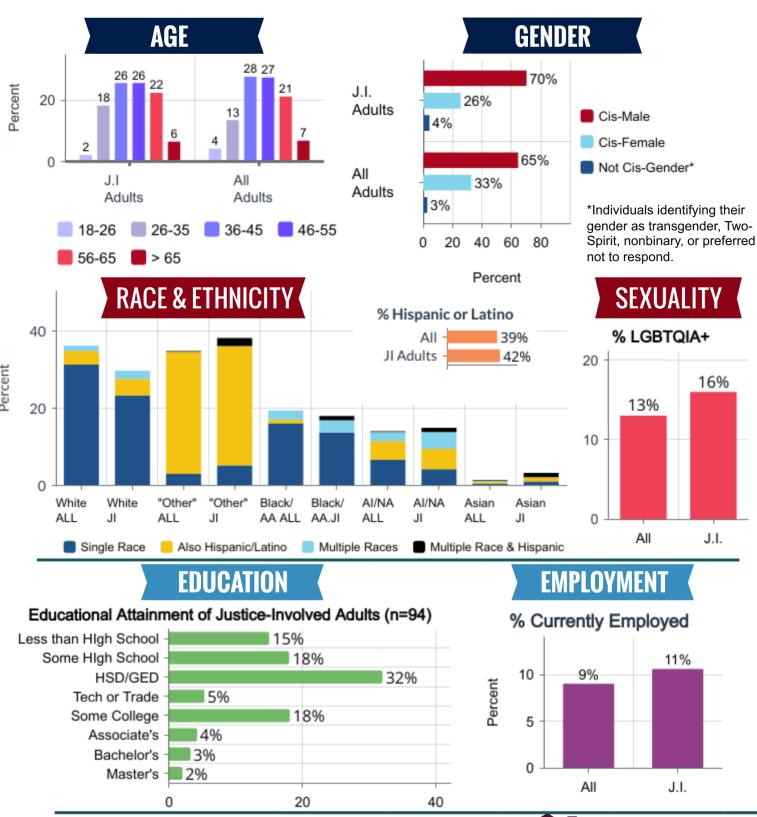
Justice Involved Adults Experiencing Homelessness in Tucson

City of Tucson Needs Assessment of Adults Experiencing Homelessness - July 2024

Short Report

389 adults were interviewed in May-June of 2023. This short report focuses on the demographics and experiences of the 94 respondents who identified current or past involvement with the justice system.





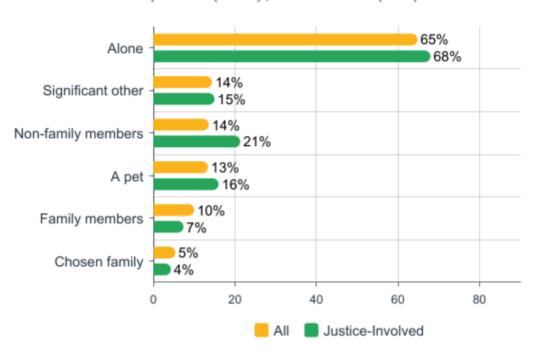




Experience of Homelessness

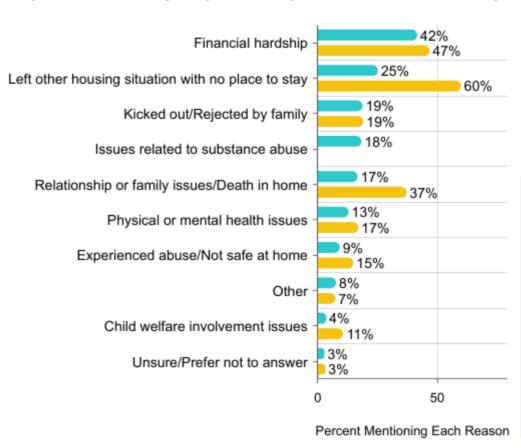
Respondent is Experiencing Homelessness with...

All Respondents (n=389); Justice Involved (n=94)



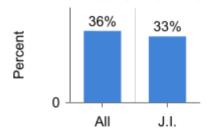
Main Reasons Respondent Became Homeless

Respondent Could Identify Multiple Reasons (All n=389; Justice Involved n=94)

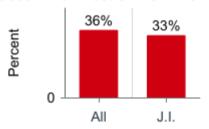


Health Needs

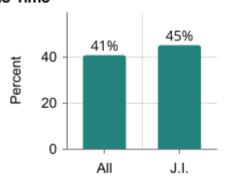
% Able to Meet Health Care Needs All or Most of the Time



% Able to Meet Dental Care Needs All or Most of the Time



% Able to Meet Behavioral Health Care Needs All or Most of the Time



"I had an addiction problem really, really bad. And I ended up going to prison behind that, you know, trying to support my habit. And it took me to go there to see the errors of my ways."

"I just been released from prison after doing 27 years and after I'm released from prison, I just had no place to go. I came to the men's shelter."

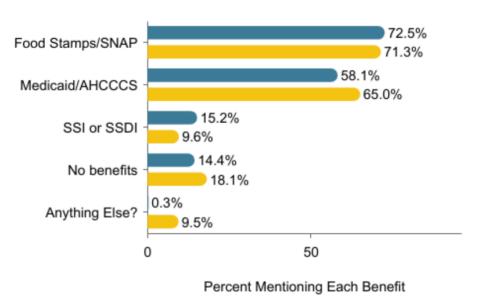
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Finances

Most Common Benefits Received by Survey Respondents

Respondent Could Select All that Apply



"You know, they say 'felony friendly', but excuse my language, they're full of shit. But, you know, I continue to keep my head up and try to do what I can to survive, you know?"

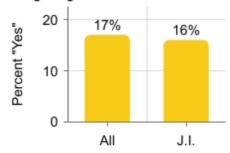
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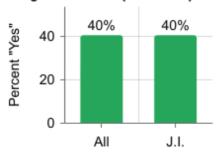
Has the Respondent Stayed in an Emergency Shelter in the Past?



Has the Respondent Stayed in a Housing Program in the Last Year?



Has the Respondent Ever Done a Housing Assessment (VI-SPDAT)?



Income

Average Monthly Income Including Benefits, by Age Group

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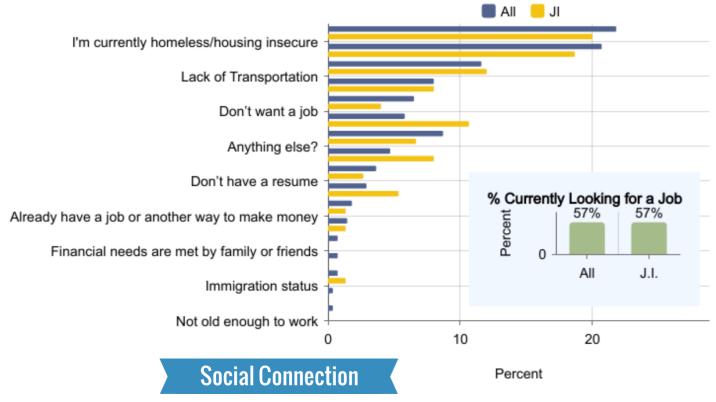
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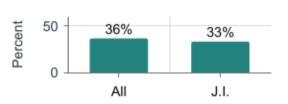
Reasons for Not Seeking Employment

All Respondents Not Currently Seeking Employment (All n=275; Justice-Involved n=78)



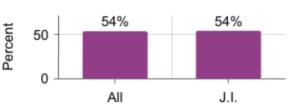
% With No Friends or Family

they can talk to about important matters



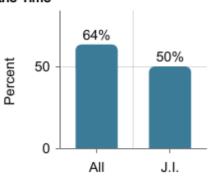
% With No Professionals

they can talk to about important matters



Food Security

% Getting Enough to Eat All or Most of the Time



"I was released with nothing. I had no access to getting anything because I didn't know what I needed to survive on the outside. That plays a big part in people being able to survive these days, in society, because there is a lot of things that you need to have. ID, birth certificate are the number one priority because you can't get anything done without them. And it takes so long. The process of going through other institutions or entities to get what you need is very uncomfortable. It puts you in a whirl spin, if that's a better word to sum it up. You just don't know what to do. You have nowhere to go. You don't know what to do. You wind up in a situation like me. You wind up homeless."

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