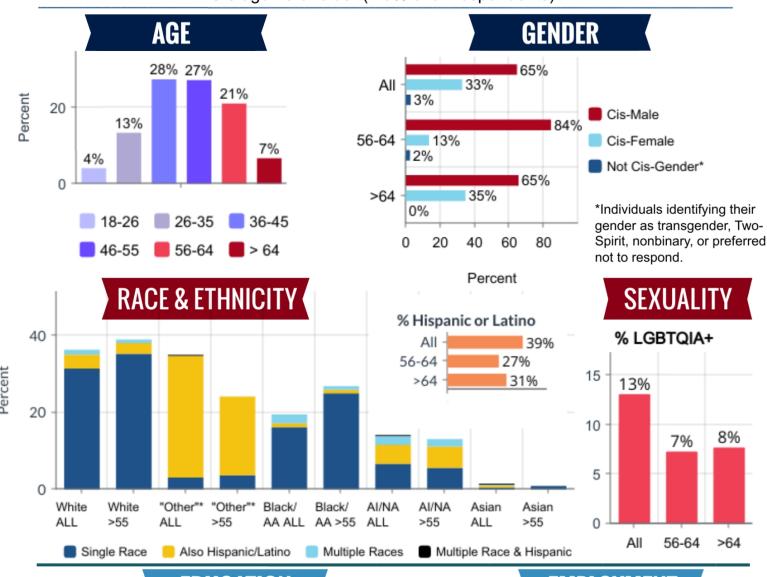
Older Adults Experiencing Homelessness in Tucson

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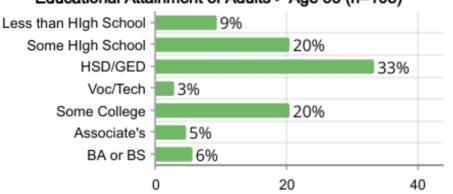
Short Report

389 adults were interviewed in May-June of 2023. This short report focuses on the experiences of 82 respondents aged 56-64, and 26 respondents aged 65 and older. Of these 26 individuals, 5 were age 75 or older (1.3% of all respondents).



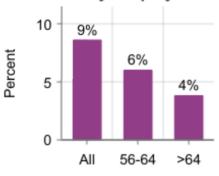
EDUCATION

Educational Attainment of Adults > Age 55 (n=108)



EMPLOYMEN

% Currently Employed 10





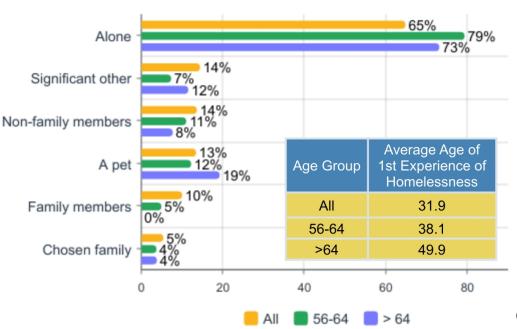




Experience of Homelessness

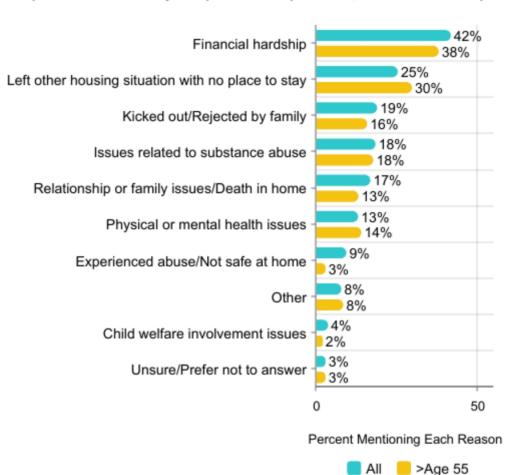
Respondent is Experiencing Homelessness with...

All Respondents (n=389) - Age 56-64 (n=82) - Age >64 (n=26)



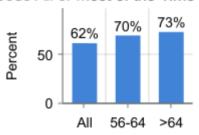
Main Reasons Respondent Became Homeless by Age

Respondent Could Identify Multiple Reasons (All n=389; Older Adults n=108)

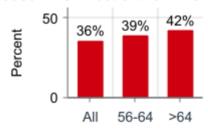


Health Needs

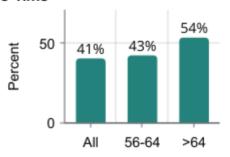
% Able to Meet Health Care Needs All or Most of the Time



% 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



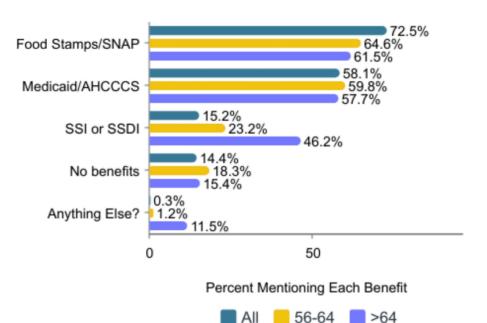
"I never thought I would be homeless at this old, and you're here with all kinds of young people. I just round my age, off to 70. I never pictured myself being homeless. You picture yourself having everything together and I had just found enough work where I finally got to a place in my life where I had my own place, something I thought I'd never have... ... So that was a lot to think, well, here I'm this old and I've worked and worked and worked and worked really hard and I've done really good, but too bad, you know what I mean? Life goes on. Doesn't matter how good you do."

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Finances

Most Common Benefits Received by Survey Respondents

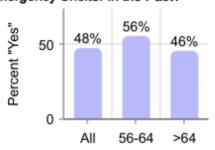
Respondent Could Select All that Apply



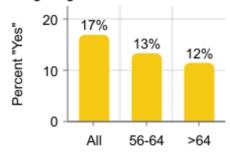
"I have a great job. I work for the city of Tucson. What I need for my life to look the way that I want it to look is not to be judged, tried and convicted for my past. I make damn good money, but I'm in a shelter because I can't get an apartment. That's it."

Service Use

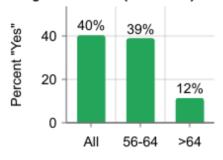
Has the Respondent Stayed in an Emergency Shelter in the Past?



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



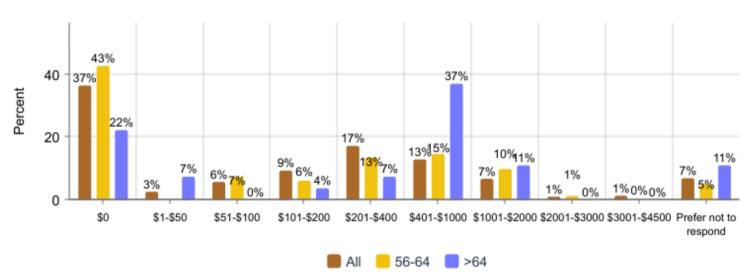
Has the Respondent Ever Done a Housing Assessment (VI-SPDAT)?



Income

Average Monthly Income Including Benefits, by Age Group

All Respondents (n=389) - Age 56-64 (n=82) - Age >64 (n=26)

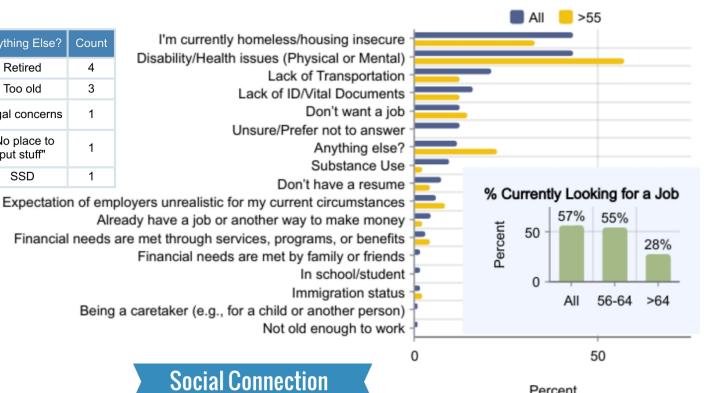


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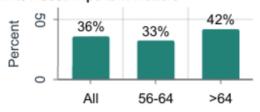
Reasons for Not Seeking Employment

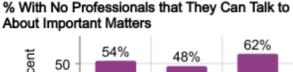
All Respondents Not Currently Seeking Employment (All n=139; >55 n=49)

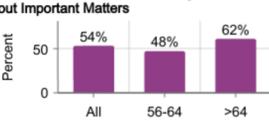




% With No Friends or Family that They Can Talk to About Important Matters







"Simple, a peaceful place to go at the end of the day"

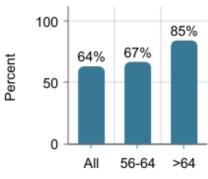


Food Security

Word Cloud of Answers to, "Thinking about what you would like your life to look like, what would you need for you to get there?" - Respondents Aged 56 and Older

Percent

% Getting Enough to Eat All or Most of the Time





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