



Prince William Area Continuum of Care

Homegrown Survey Results

Conducted by the homeless providers of
the Prince William Area from

November 15 to December 15, 2016

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In July 2016, Marbut Consulting presented the Homeless Needs Assessment and Action Plan for Prince William Area. This included a recommendation that the CoC “conduct a deep-dive survey of the homeless community” focusing on how “home-grown” the population is. This was to be a follow-up to the report’s finding that, in contrast to other East Coast communities, “the Prince William area does not appear to have a major inflow of homeless individuals from other northern communities.” The level of inflow from the eastern portions of the Washington, DC metropolitan area was less than would be expected. In identifying an individual as “homegrown,” meaning those who are either from the county or cities or have lived here for many years prior to becoming homeless.

The Prince William Area Continuum of Care followed up with this suggestion. Using a template from Marbut Consulting modified to specifically address the local community, the survey sought to identify the “homegrown” homeless population, meaning those who are either from the county or cities or have lived here for many years prior to becoming homeless. The survey was conducted by the homeless providers of the Prince William Area from November 15 to December 15, 2016. It found that the homeless population largely reflects the general population of the area, a large percentage of which grew up here or have lived in the suburban area long-term. In addition to long-term residency, they have strong ties to the community through family, friends, or employment.

Among the key findings:

- Approximately one third of the area’s homeless have lived in the area for 10 years or more. This is a higher rate than homeowners in any of the jurisdictions.

		Prince William County	Manassas	Manassas Park	Homeless	Homeless Timeframe
Owner occupied:	Timeframe					
Moved in 2015 or later	< 1 Year	0.6%	0.7%	1.5%	22.00%	<1 Year
Moved in 2010 to 2014	1 to 4 Years	19.8%	24.5%	18.8%	17.0%	1-3 Years
Moved in 2000 to 2009	5 to 10 Years	55.8%	42.3%	51.4%	21.0%	4-10 Years
Moved in 1990 to 1999	10+ Years	23.8%	32.5%	28.2%	33.0%	10+ Years
Renter occupied:						
Moved in 2015 or later	< 1 Year	2.5%	4.3%	0.0%	22.0%	<1 Year
Moved in 2010 to 2014	1 to 4 Years	69.7	52.8%	67.0%	17.0%	1-3 Years
Moved in 2000 to 2009	5 to 10 Years	24.6%	40.2%	30.6%	21.0%	4-10 Years
Moved in 1990 to 1999	10+ Years	3.2%	2.7%	2.4%	33.0%	10+ Years

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

- When asked why they originally moved to the area, 28% reported having grown up here. A third reported graduating from the area’s various high schools, with the largest percent coming from Gar-Field, Woodbridge, and Potomac.
- For those who did not grow up in the Prince William Area, the primary reasons for moving were a family or relationship (25%) or a job (18%). Another 16% reported various other reasons for moving including refugee status, escaping domestic violence, escaping sex trafficking, moving to a more affordable location, or to live with friends. Nationally, 35% of individuals move due to family ties.
- A large portion (47%) currently have family in the area while 14% had family in the area that has since moved away or died.
- Further indication of the close ties to the community the homeless population has, only 11 of the individuals surveyed came to the area seeking shelter services.
- Prior to becoming homeless, 45% reported having a job.
- Homelessness is relatively short-lived with 43% having been homeless a month or less. Only 13% have been homeless for two years or more, which is one of the criteria for being chronically homeless.

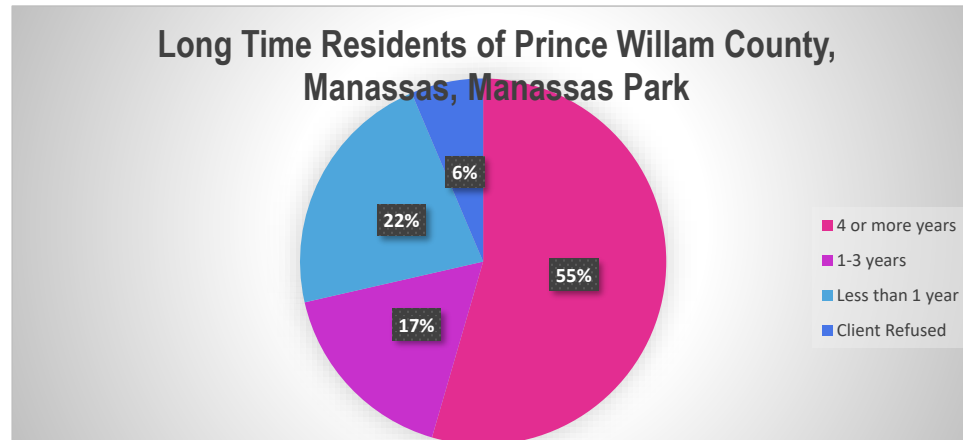
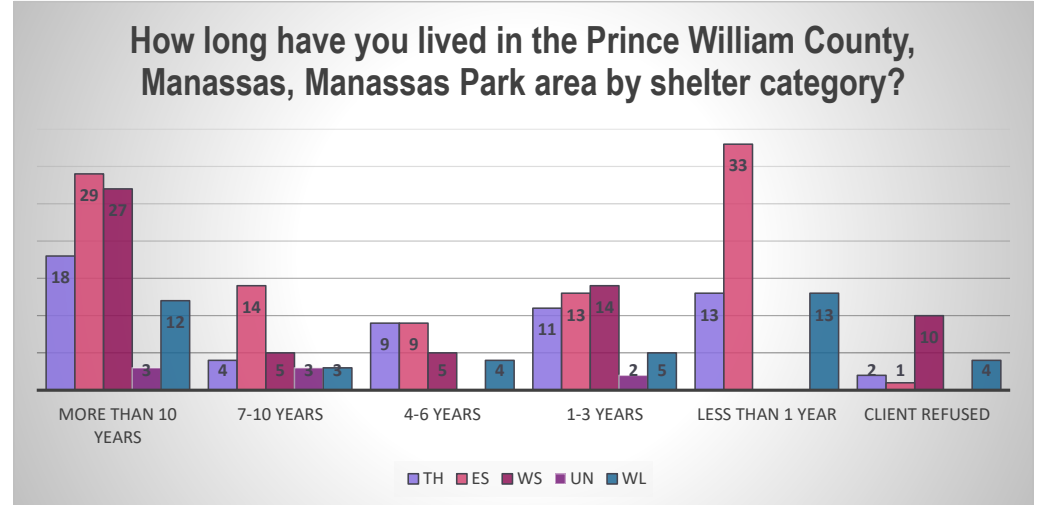
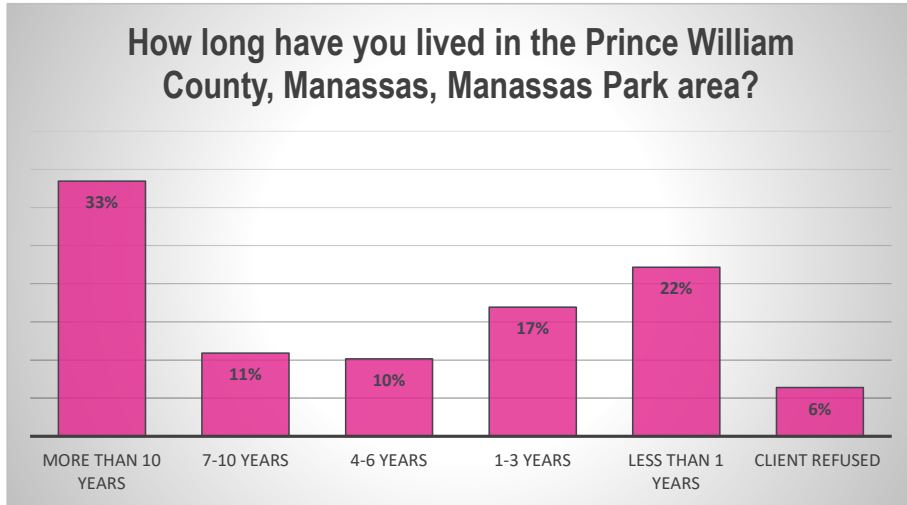
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How long have you lived in the Prince William County, Manassas, Manassas Park area?

	TH	ES	WS	UN	WL	Total	%
More than 10 years	18	29	27	3	12	89	33%
7-10 years	4	14	5	3	3	29	11%
4-6 years	9	9	5		4	27	10%
1-3 years	11	13	14	2	5	45	17%
Less than 1 year	13	33			13	59	22%
Client Refused	2	1	10		4	17	6%
						266	100%



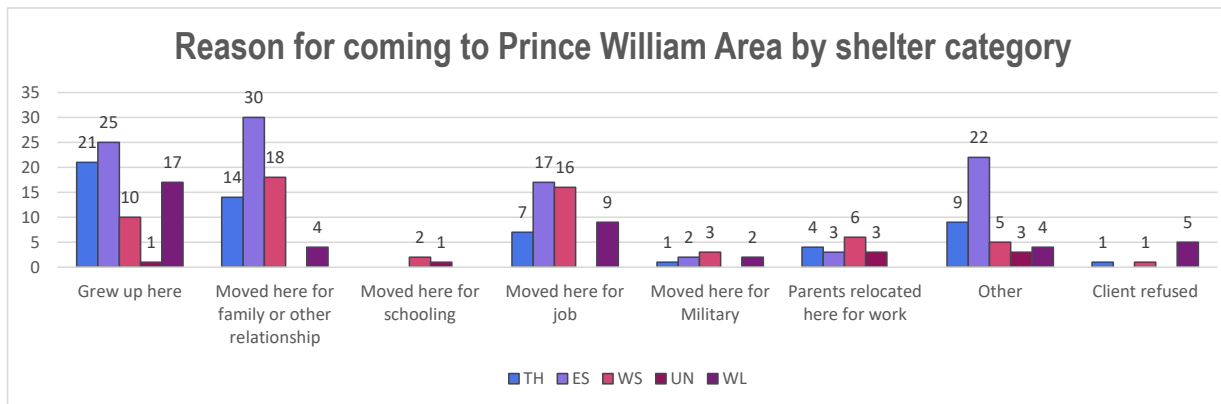
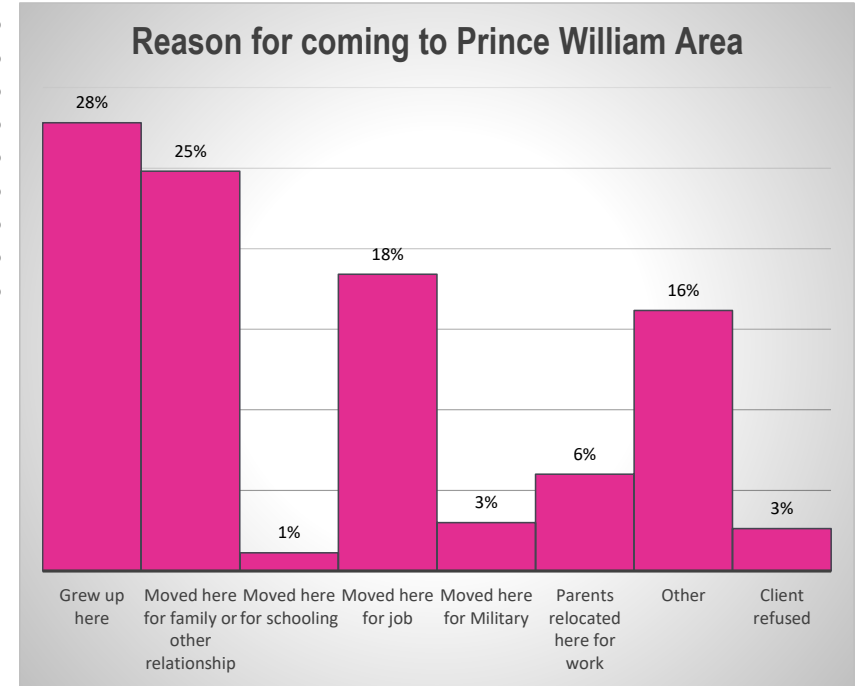
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How did you first come to the Prince William, Manassas, Manassas Park area?

	TH	ES	WS	UN	WL	Total	%
Grew up here	21	25	10	1	17	74	28%
Moved here for family or other relationship	14	30	18		4	66	25%
Moved here for schooling			2	1		3	1%
Moved here for job	7	17	16		9	49	18%
Moved here for Military	1	2	3		2	8	3%
Parents relocated here for work	4	3	6	3		16	6%
Other	9	22	5	3	4	43	16%
Client refused	1		1		5	7	3%
	57					266	100%
Other reasons include:							
For Shelter	1	10				11	
Bought a House		2				2	
Hurricane Katrina		1				1	
Mental Health Facility			1			1	
Escape Domestic Violence		1				1	
Escape Sexual Trafficking		1				1	
Refugee from Afghanistan					1	1	
Couldn't afford to live in Maryland		1				1	
Fairfax too expensive					1	1	
To live with relatives	2				1	3	
To live with friend			1			1	
For Housing	2			1		3	
Relocated for better opportunities	4					4	
Traveling			1			1	
Lottery		2				2	



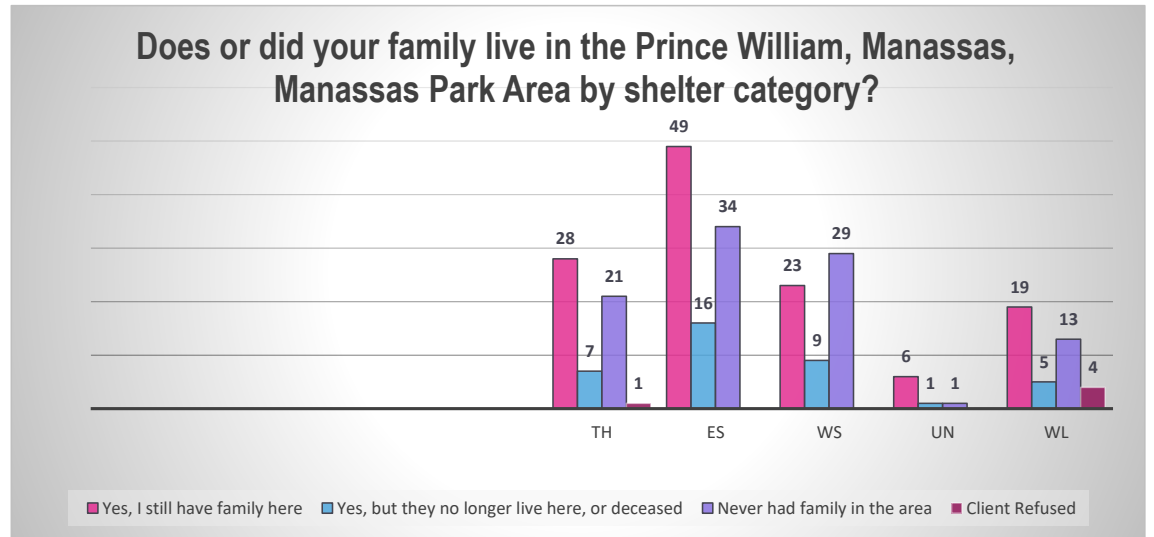
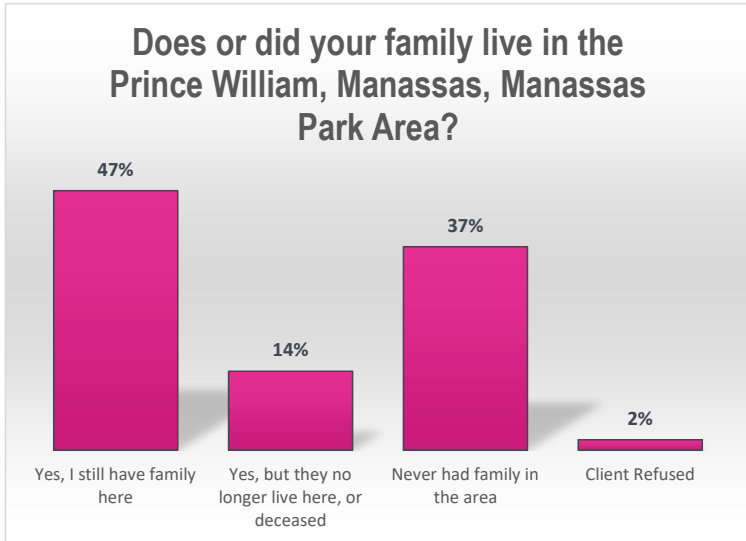
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Does or did your family live in the Prince William, Manassas, Manassas Park Area?

	TH	ES	WS	UN	WL	Total	%
Yes, I still have family here	28	49	23	6	19	125	47%
Yes, but they no longer live here, or deceased	7	16	9	1	5	38	14%
Never had family in the area	21	34	29	1	13	98	37%
Client Refused	1				4	5	2%
						266	



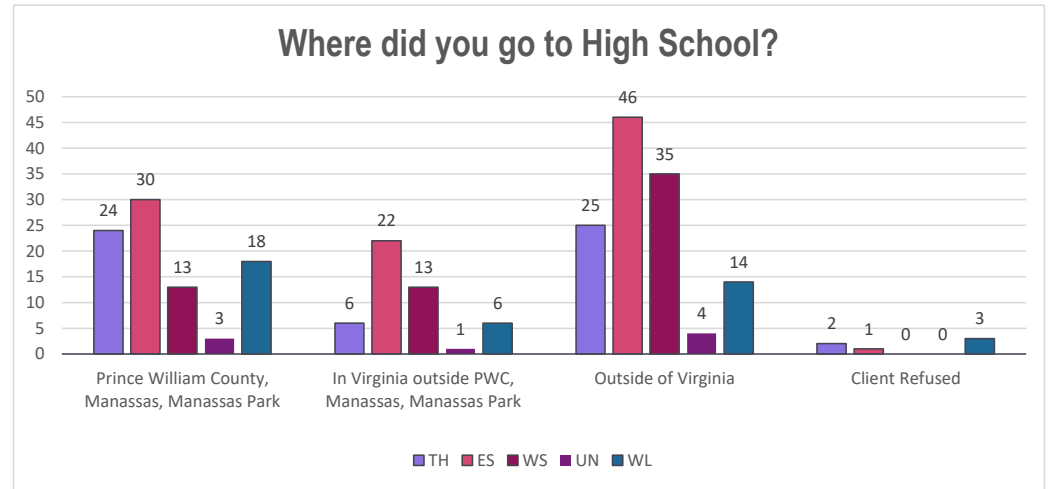
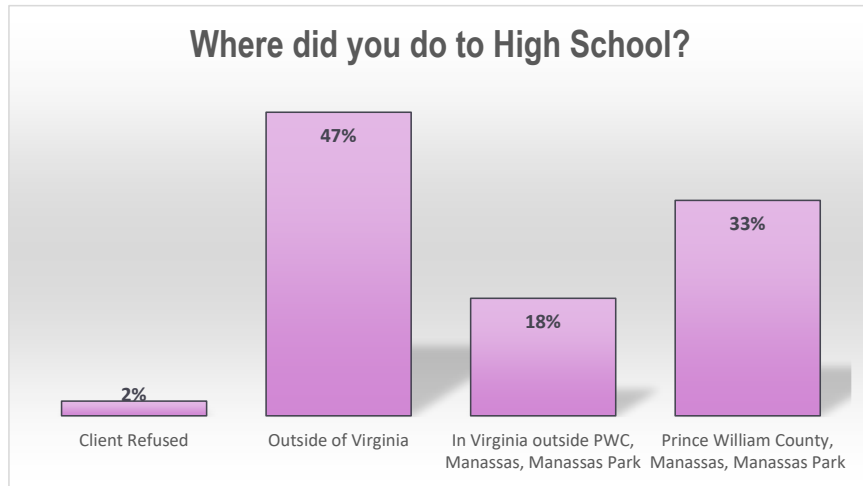
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Where did you go to High School?

	TH	ES	WS	UN	WL	Total	%
Prince William County, Manassas, Manassas Park	24	30	13	3	18	88	33%
In Virginia outside PWC, Manassas, Manassas Park	6	22	13	1	6	48	18%
Outside of Virginia	25	46	35	4	14	124	47%
Client Refused	2	1	0	0	3	6	2%
						266	100%



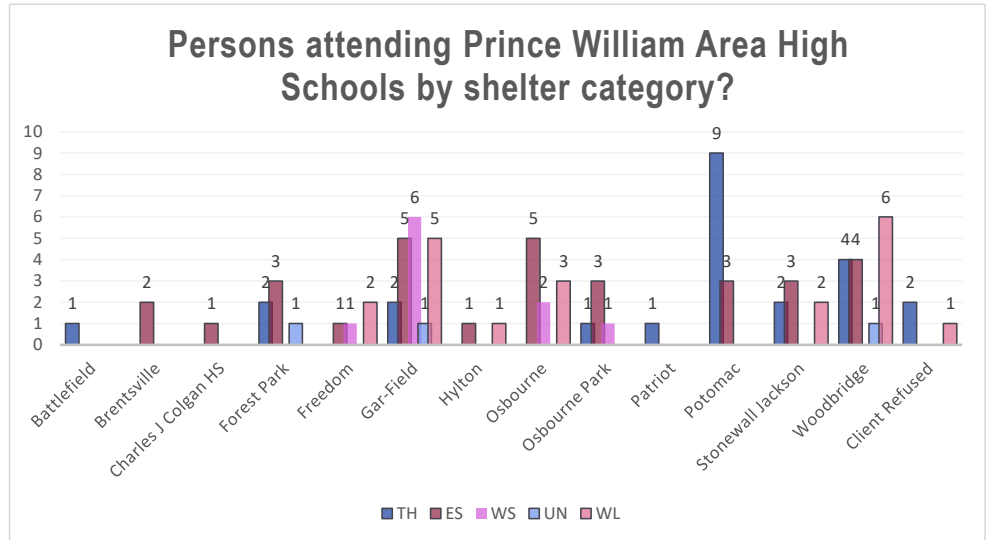
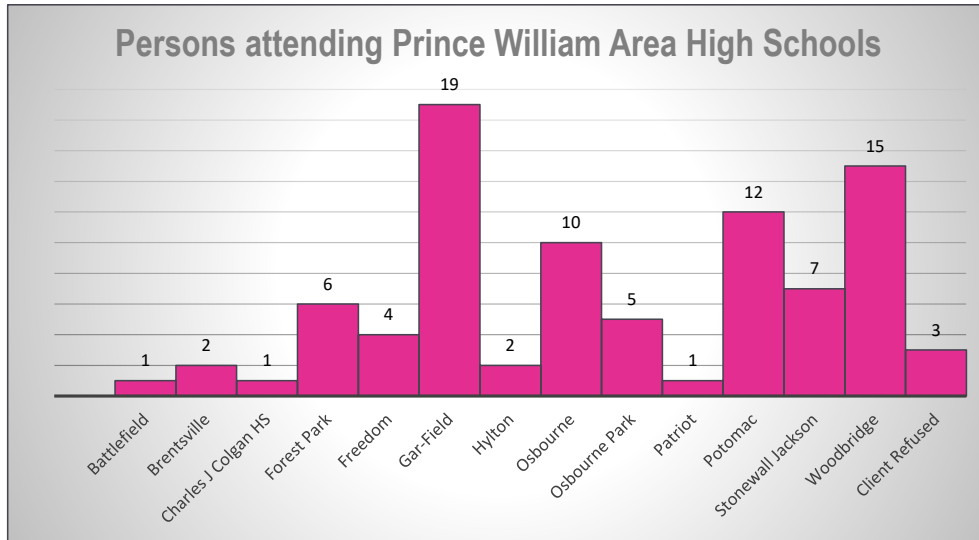
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If Prince William which school?

	TH	ES	WS	UN	WL	Total	% of 88
Battlefield	1					1	1.14%
Brentsville		2				2	2.27%
Charles J Colgan HS		1				1	1.14%
Forest Park	2	3		1		6	6.82%
Freedom		1	1		2	4	4.55%
Gar-Field	2	5	6	1	5	19	21.59%
Hylton		1			1	2	2.27%
Osbourne		5	2		3	10	11.36%
Osbourne Park	1	3	1			5	5.68%
Patriot	1					1	1.14%
Potomac	9	3				12	13.64%
Stonewall Jackson	2	3			2	7	7.95%
Woodbridge	4	4		1	6	15	17.05%
Client Refused	2				1	3	3.41%
						88	100.00%



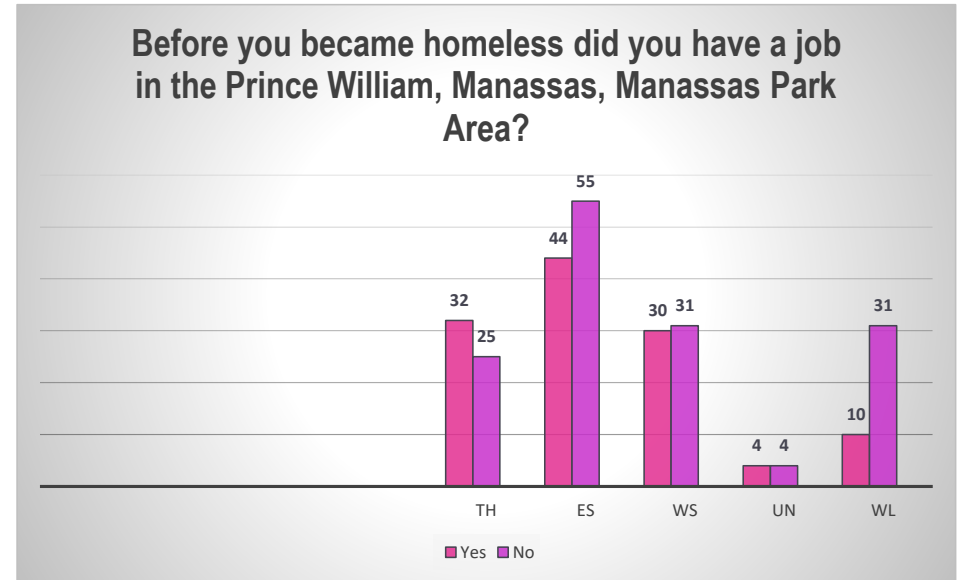
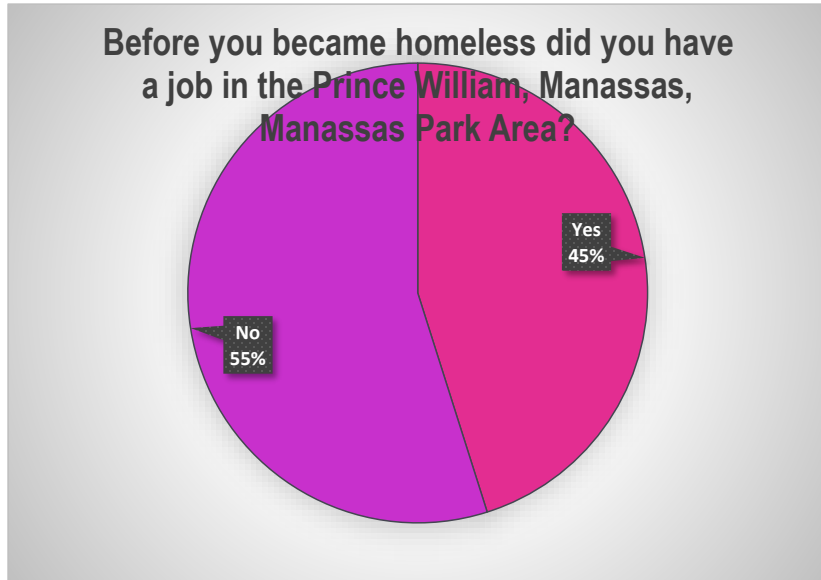
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Before you became homeless did you have a job in the Prince William, Manassas, Manassas Park Area?

	TH	ES	WS	UN	WL	Total	%
Yes	32	44	30	4	10	120	45%
No	25	55	31	4	31	146	55%
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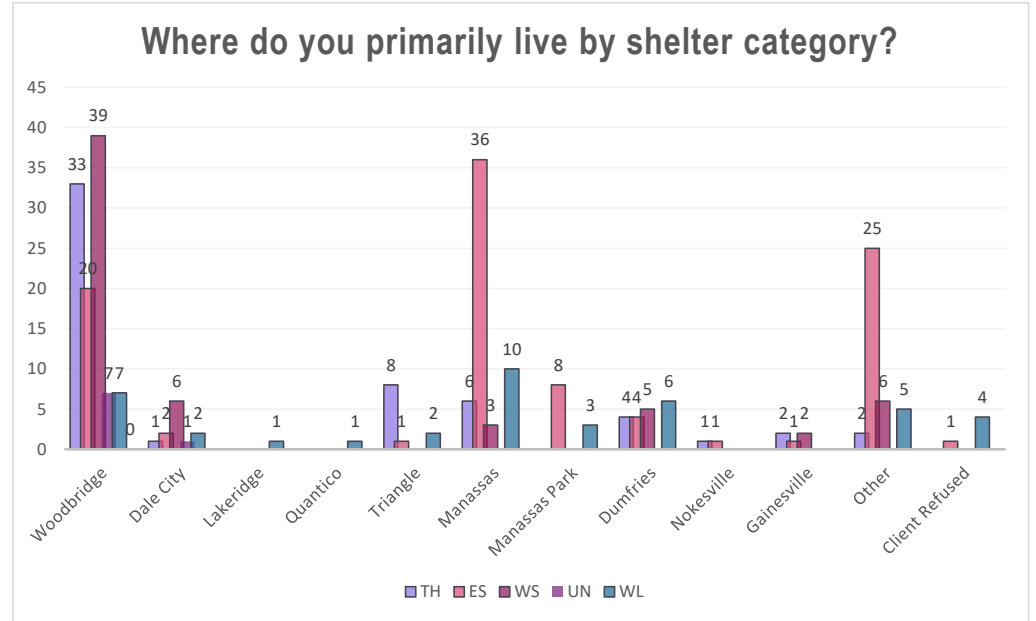
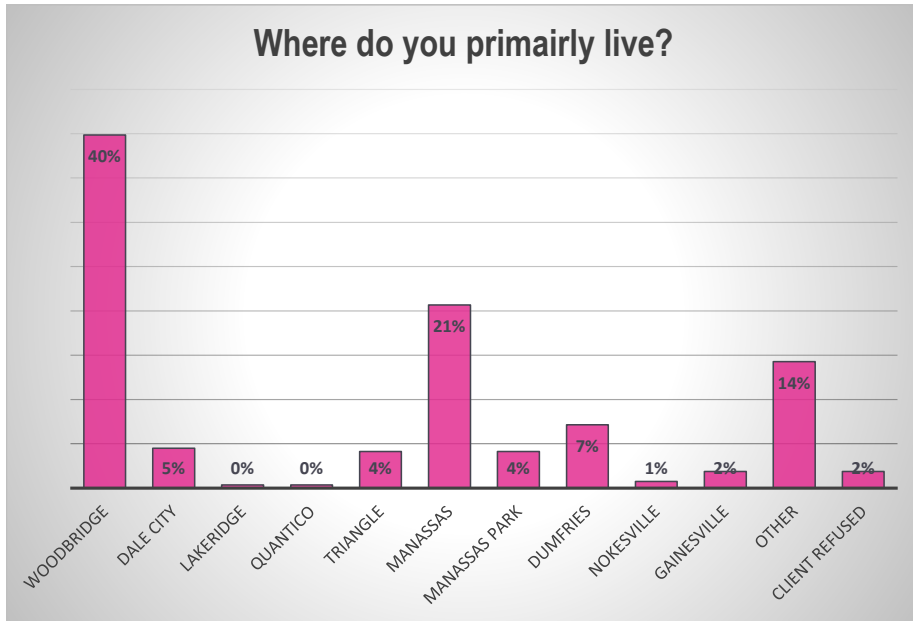
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Where do you primarily live?

	TH	ES	WS	UN	WL	Total	%
Woodbridge	33	20	39	7	7	106	40%
Dale City	1	2	6	1	2	12	5%
Lakeridge					1	1	0%
Quantico					1	1	0%
Triangle	8	1			2	11	4%
Manassas	6	36	3		10	55	21%
Manassas Park		8			3	11	4%
Dumfries	4	4	5		6	19	7%
Nokesville	1	1				2	1%
Gainesville	2	1	2			5	2%
Other	2	25	6		5	38	14%
Client Refused		1			4	5	2%
					41	266	100%



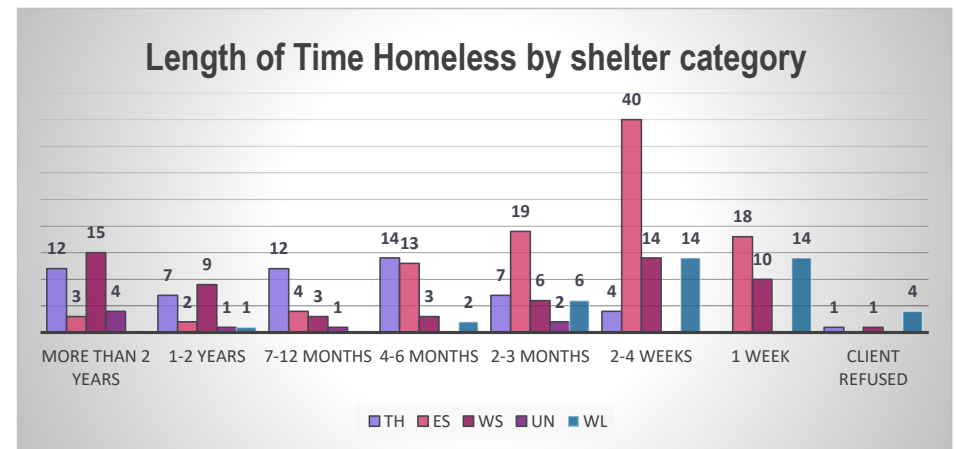
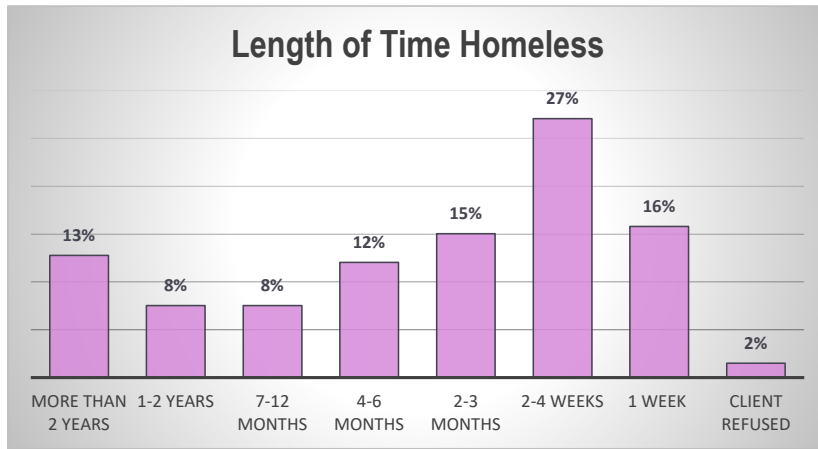
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Length of Time Homeless

	TH	ES	WS	UN	WL	Total	%
More than 2 years	12	3	15	4		34	13%
1-2 years	7	2	9	1	1	20	8%
7-12 months	12	4	3	1		20	8%
4-6 months	14	13	3		2	32	12%
2-3 months	7	19	6	2	6	40	15%
2-4 weeks	4	40	14		14	72	27%
1 week		18	10		14	42	16%
Client Refused	1		1		4	6	2%
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