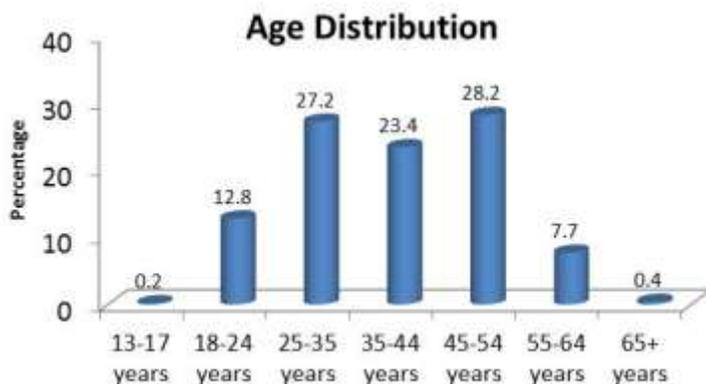
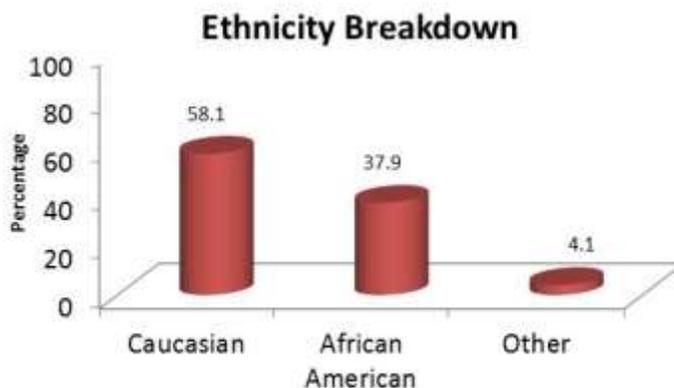


BEAVER COUNTY L.A.U.N.C.H.

FACT SHEET SEPTEMBER 2013

The Beaver County L.A.U.N.C.H. (Learning and Understanding the Needs of the Chronically Homeless) Program began in October 2008 with the first client enrolled in November 2008. The five-year program is nearing the end of federal funding and the final client was admitted in June 2013. The purpose of this fact sheet is to present some overall data on the individuals at the time of admission who have entered the doors of the homeless program over its entirety.

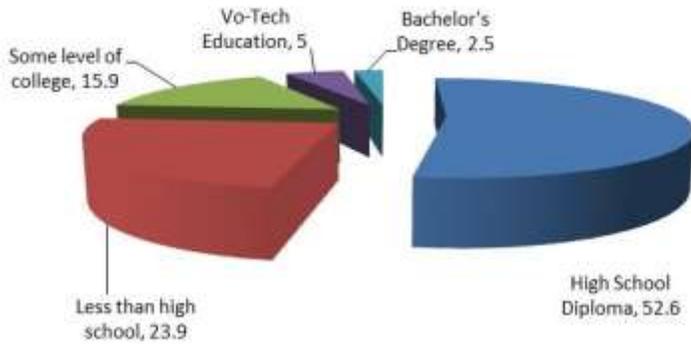
The program enrolled a total of 460 individuals over the five-year period. Twenty-two individuals had been enrolled more than once (with one having been enrolled a total of three times over the course of the five-year period). While gender was almost equally split between males (50.1%) and females (49.9%), the figure to the right displays the ethnicity distribution of the individuals who had been enrolled during the course of the program.



Homelessness occurs with individuals of all age groups. The figure on the left shows that the homeless individuals who enrolled into the B.C. LAUNCH Program varied in age from 17 to 71 years of age with an average age of 38.7 years.

With respect to drug and/or alcohol use, **almost one third (32.5%) of individuals enrolled into the program had used alcohol** at least once within the last thirty days. Alcohol was **consumed an average of 8.3 days** for those individuals who had indicated they used at least once. **Less than one-fourth (23.3%) of individuals enrolled indicated having used drugs** at least once within the thirty days prior to enrollment. For those who indicated drug use, the average number of days of use was **10.2 days**. The primary drugs of choice were Marijuana and Cocaine/Crack.

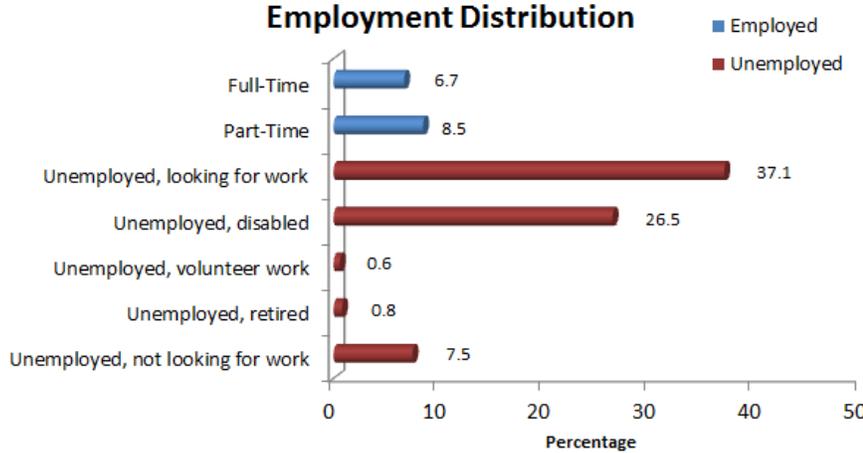
Education Level at Admission



At the time of admission, slightly over half (52.6%) had received a high school diploma or equivalent, while almost one-fourth (23.9%) had not yet their diploma/GED. The figure on the left displays the education level for all clients at the time of admission into the program over the last five years.

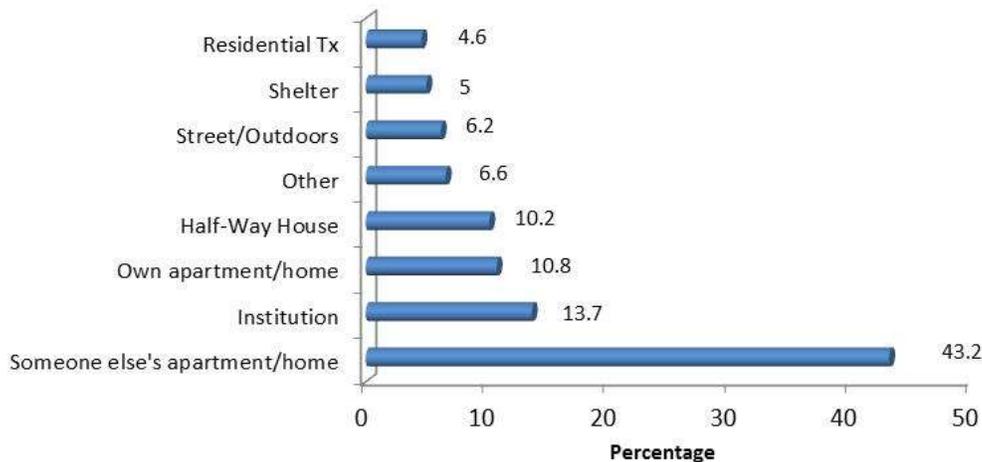
The figure below shows the distribution of employed versus unemployed individuals at the time of admission into B.C. LAUNCH . The bars shaded blue indicate that the individual was employed either on a full-time or part-time basis. The red bars indicate the various reasons provided as to the client's unemployment status.

Employment Distribution



There were a variety of situations provided when asked where the individual had been living over the last thirty days. The figure below details those responses which were provided at the time of admission into the program. The majority of clients had been living in someone else's apartment or home (usually a friend or family member).¹

Living Situation at Admission



¹ The Other category includes Stone Harbor, a sleeping room, Braddock DOC, Sheffield DOC, Gateway DOC, a medical center, Haven of Hope and Gateway Linmar.