

# Texas Health Community Impact Grant - 2023/24

## DENTON COUNTY

### Vision. Leadership. Teamwork.

Texas Health Community Impact uses cross-sector collaborative grants to address local community needs in resourceful and innovative ways. This data-driven, outcomes-focused approach pinpoints North Texas ZIP codes most in need of our help and drives how we engage with leaders, influencers and existing resources within those underserved areas. Together, we're responding to health disparities, eliminating root causes of chronic disease and providing tools that instill life-long health and well-being.

### Collaborating Organizations

#### Health Services of North Texas

#### Our Daily Bread

Denton County First Responders

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## Healthcare and Support Services for Denton County Residents Experiencing Homelessness

### About this Grant

The collaboration between Health Services of North Texas (HSNT) and Our Daily Bread (ODB) will connect people in Denton County who are experiencing homelessness with primary medical care and support services. This grant will enable HSNT to hire a licensed vocational nurse (LVN) to be stationed at the ODB site two days per week to provide basic first aid, health education, immunizations, and intake screening to determine the need for additional services. It will also enable ODB to hire a full-time care coordinator who will work closely with the LVN to support guests in navigating the healthcare system.

HSNT is a nonprofit Community Health Center with extensive experience providing primary medical care to people in need, and ODB has over 20 years of experience providing people experiencing homelessness with shelter, meals, and support services. This collaboration is a mission match, as both organizations are dedicated to improving the lives of vulnerable individuals.

### Program Milestones

#### To achieve by December 2024

- Navigate 300 guests at Our Daily Bread to appropriate medical services by hiring a LVN and Care Navigator, with at least half adopting HSNT as their medical home.
- Decrease emergency medical services transportation to local emergency departments by 10%.



## Increasing Access, Transforming Lives.

At the grand opening of Our Daily Bread, while on a tour of the new commercial kitchen, a shelter guest required medical attention. The nursing staff was able to treat the man's urgent need and connect him to the clinic at Health Services of North Texas—just two blocks away—for follow up care, rather than having him transported to an Emergency Department. We anticipate a significant decrease in the number of costly transports to local Emergency Departments in the future, as well as an increase in the number of people who can access medical attention on their own when needed.

**\$325,000**

Amount awarded for the 2023/24 grant cycle.

[TexasHealth.org/Community-Impact](https://TexasHealth.org/Community-Impact)



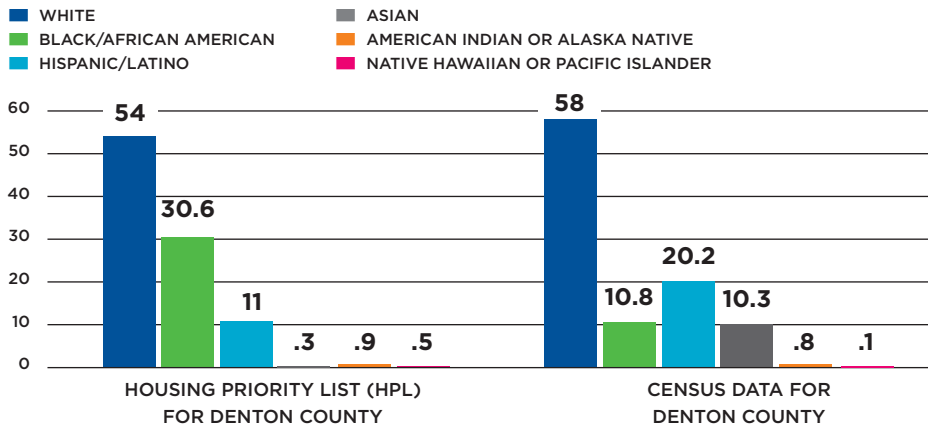
As an example of the data used to analyze the ZIP codes and determine areas of focus in each Texas Health Community Impact region, the following information is a snapshot for Homelessness in Denton County.



**FOR ADDITIONAL DATA AND DEFINITIONS**  
Review the Community Health Needs Assessment by scanning the QR code or visiting [TexasHealth.org/CHNA](https://TexasHealth.org/CHNA)

## DEMOGRAPHICS - Homelessness in Denton County

In a year, approximately **1,200** people experience homelessness in Denton County.

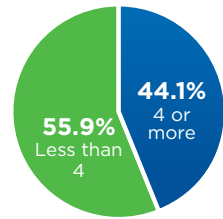


Source: 2022 Denton County Homelessness Data Report, May 2022, United Way of Denton County

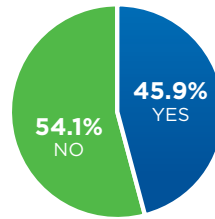
### Chronic Homelessness

Chronic Homelessness is defined as living with a disabling condition and experiencing homelessness for a length of 12 or more months within 3 years.

Source: 2022 Denton County Homelessness Data Report, May 2022, United Way of Denton County



NUMBER OF TIMES HOMELESS IN 3 YEARS



FIRST TIME HOMELESS

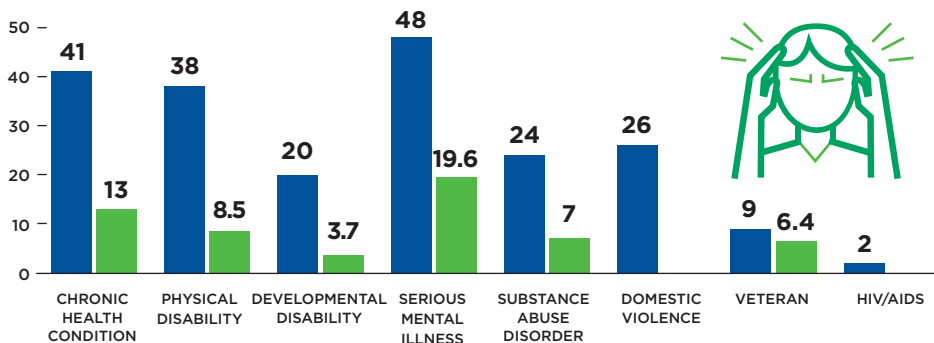
## SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Conditions in the environments in which people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks. Through Texas Health Community Impact grants, we're trying to address the whole person—not just a disease.

<https://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/social-determinants-of-health>

**Special populations: Nearly half of respondents reported living with a serious mental illness.**

■ Percent of people experiencing homelessness who also have the items listed below  
■ Denton County\*\*



Source: 2022 Denton County Homelessness Data Report, May 2022, United Way of Denton County for all data above

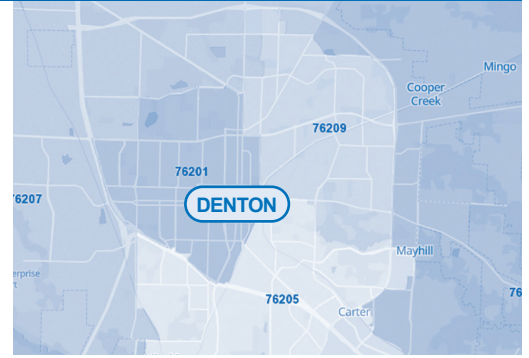
\*\*Source: DFWHCF Healthy North Texas Dashboard, [www.healthynorthtexas.org](http://www.healthynorthtexas.org), accessed 2/10/2023

+ This is Texas not Denton County. Source: "A deep dive into domestic violence in Texas and across the Houston region," Understanding Houston Blog, <https://www.understandinghouston.org/blog/domestic-violence-in-texas-and-across-the-houston-region>, July 22, 2022. Accessed 2/10/23

Maps obtained through <https://www.unitedstateszipcodes.org/>

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## Social Determinants of Health that affect people experiencing homelessness



### POOR LIVING CONDITIONS

**36%** of people experiencing homelessness in Denton County in 2022 were unsheltered.



### FOOD INSECURITY

People experiencing homelessness have limited resources to store and prepare foods safely.



### UNEMPLOYMENT

**50%** of people experiencing homelessness in Denton County are working in some capacity.



### LACK OF MEDICAL HOME

**82%** of 9-1-1 calls from Our Daily Bread in 2022 were transported to local Emergency Departments.



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