



Emotionally Disturbed Persons and the Homeless/Transients

2009: 6,511 total EDP cases and 807 homeless persons involved in an EDP case
 2010: 7,329 total EDP cases and 844 homeless persons involved in an EDP case
 2011: 8,405 total EDP cases and 682 homeless persons involved in an EDP case
 2012: 9,832 total EDP cases and 1,168 homeless persons involved in an EDP case

Homeless persons involved in mental illness-related offense				
Offense description (VDX)	# persons			
	2009	2010	2011	2012
EDP commitment	252	288	306	442
EDP intervention	265	283	295	546
EDP voluntary	117	109	84	103
Emotionally disturbed person	173	164	196	61
Total	807	844	881	1,168

*Homeless defined as a listed address on the citation or offense as "homeless, transient, ARCH, Salvation Army" or associated addresses

NOTE: Data is provided as information only and is not considered official APD crime data as in official Texas or DPS crime reports. APD's crime database is continuously updated so Reports run at different times may produce different results. Care should be taken when comparing against other reports as different collection methods and different data sources may have been used. The Austin Police Department does not assume liability for any decision made or action not taken by the recipient in reliance upon any information or data provided

APD has challenges with tracking homeless/transient demographics. Our data is limited to those incidents that involved a homeless/transient Emotionally Disturbed Person that are involved in a call for police service. APD only gets involved when there is a crime committed or there is a potential for imminent danger to self or others.

"Homeless" definition may not be completely accurate. It is as inclusive as possible

Data searched: VERSADEx and Crisis Intervention Team database. CAD Data not as effective— Call may be for "check welfare" or "suspicious person" so it is not initially coded as an EDP call

Given those caveats, the numbers are as depicted:

Four categories of involvement (table):

Commitment: Subject hospitalized by the officer

Voluntary: Subject voluntarily hospitalized

Intervention: Subject referred to service provider (Psych Emergency Services, other form of Austin/Travis CO Integral Care

EDP: General code that doesn't warrant one of the above codes, or there was a possibility of EDP but the Officer was unable to make contact— *Drop in this number is success, as Officers are more able to make contact and refer to other services.*