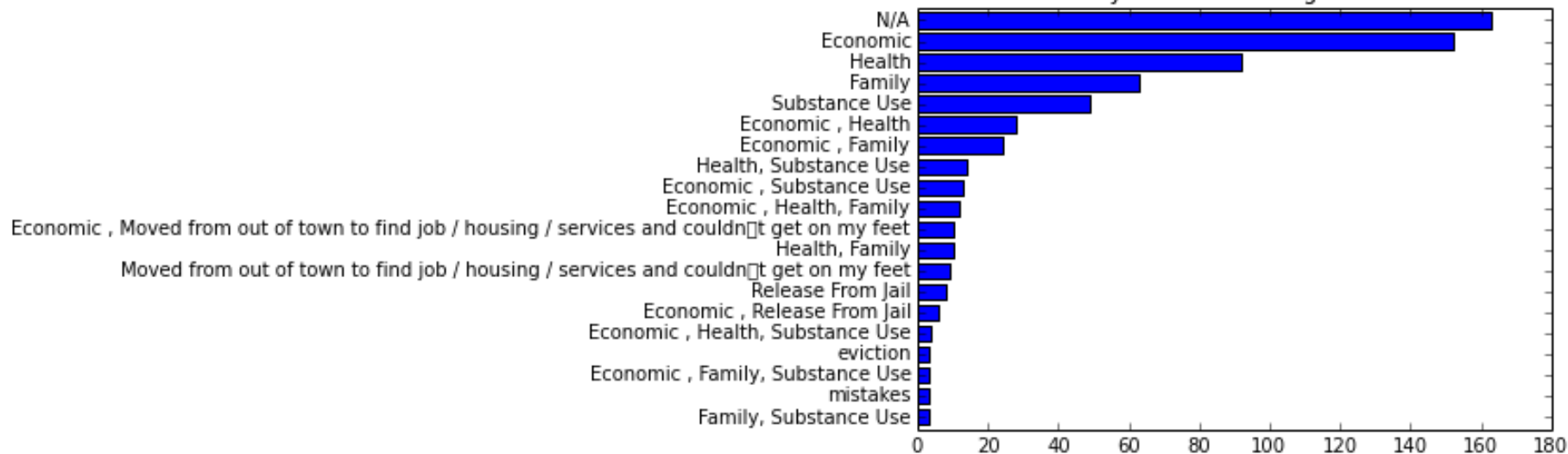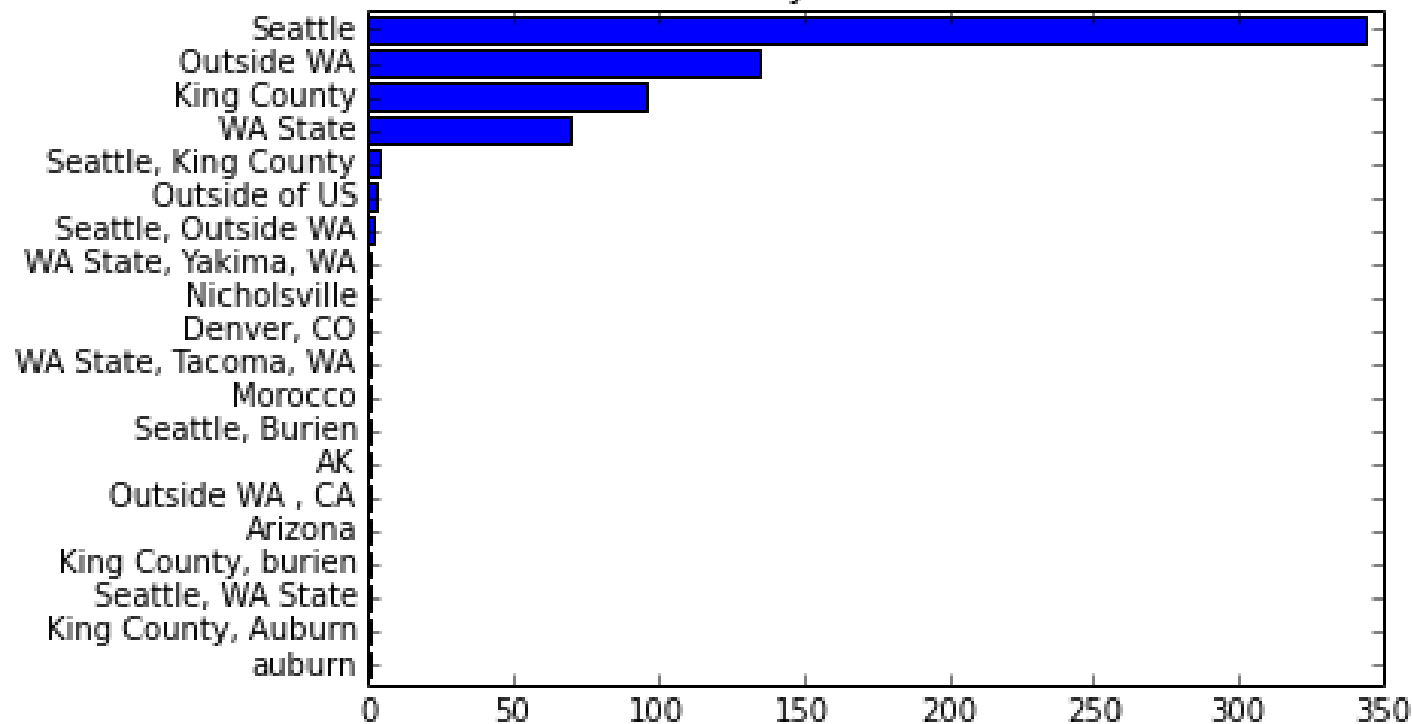# Recent Data

Many questions still unanswered

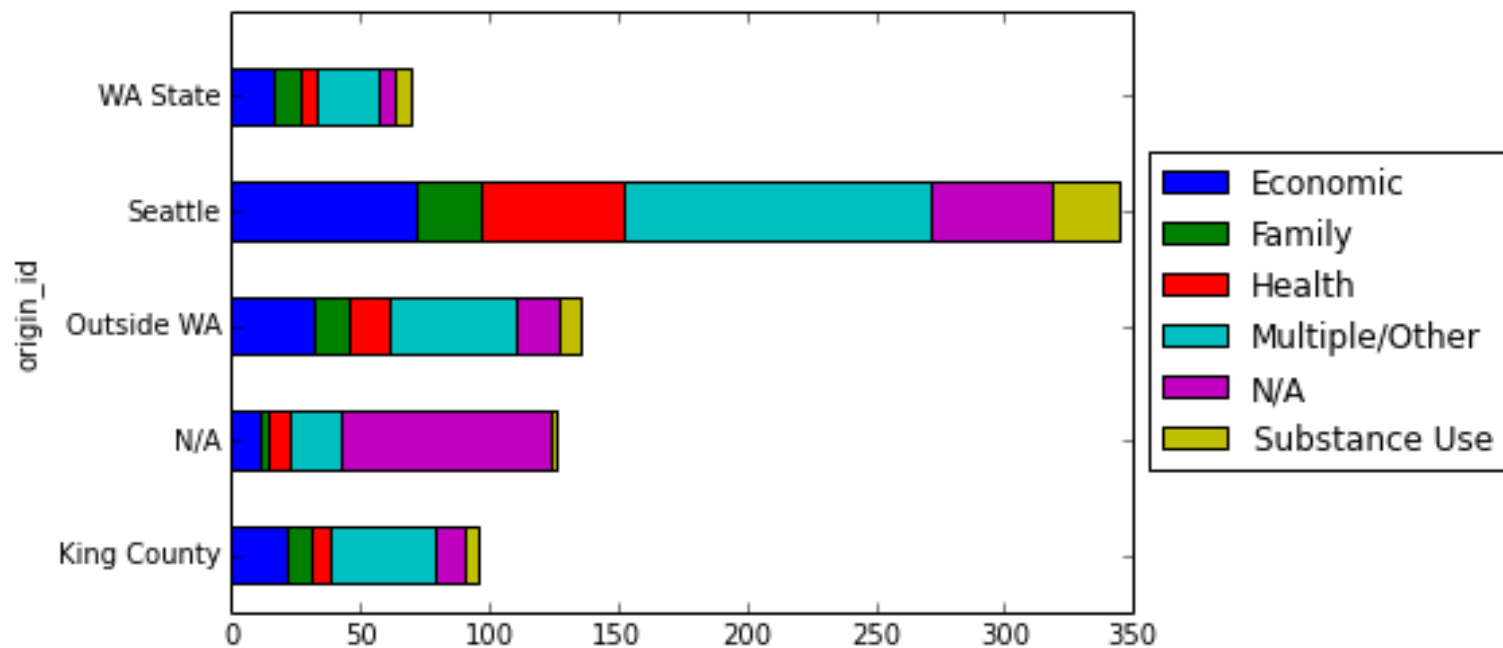# Reasons for being Homeless

Is it related to location?

Primary reason for being homeless

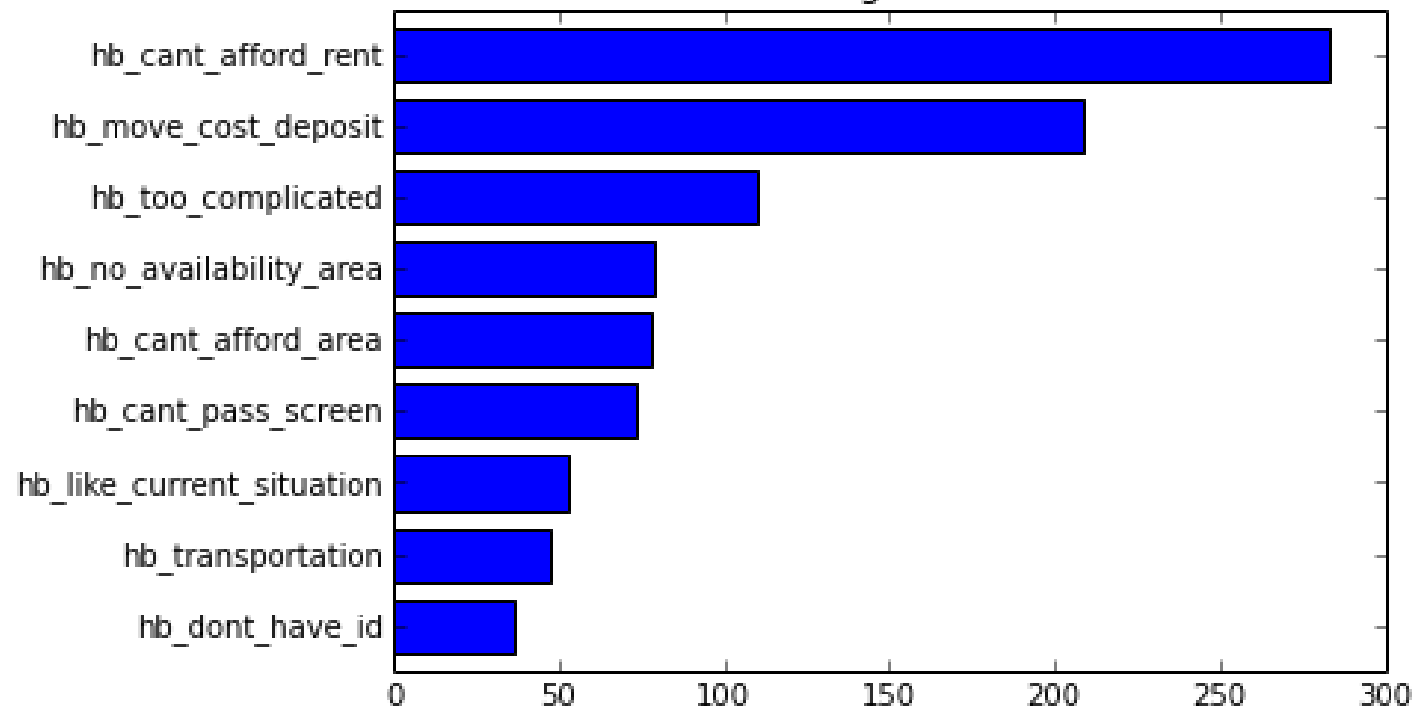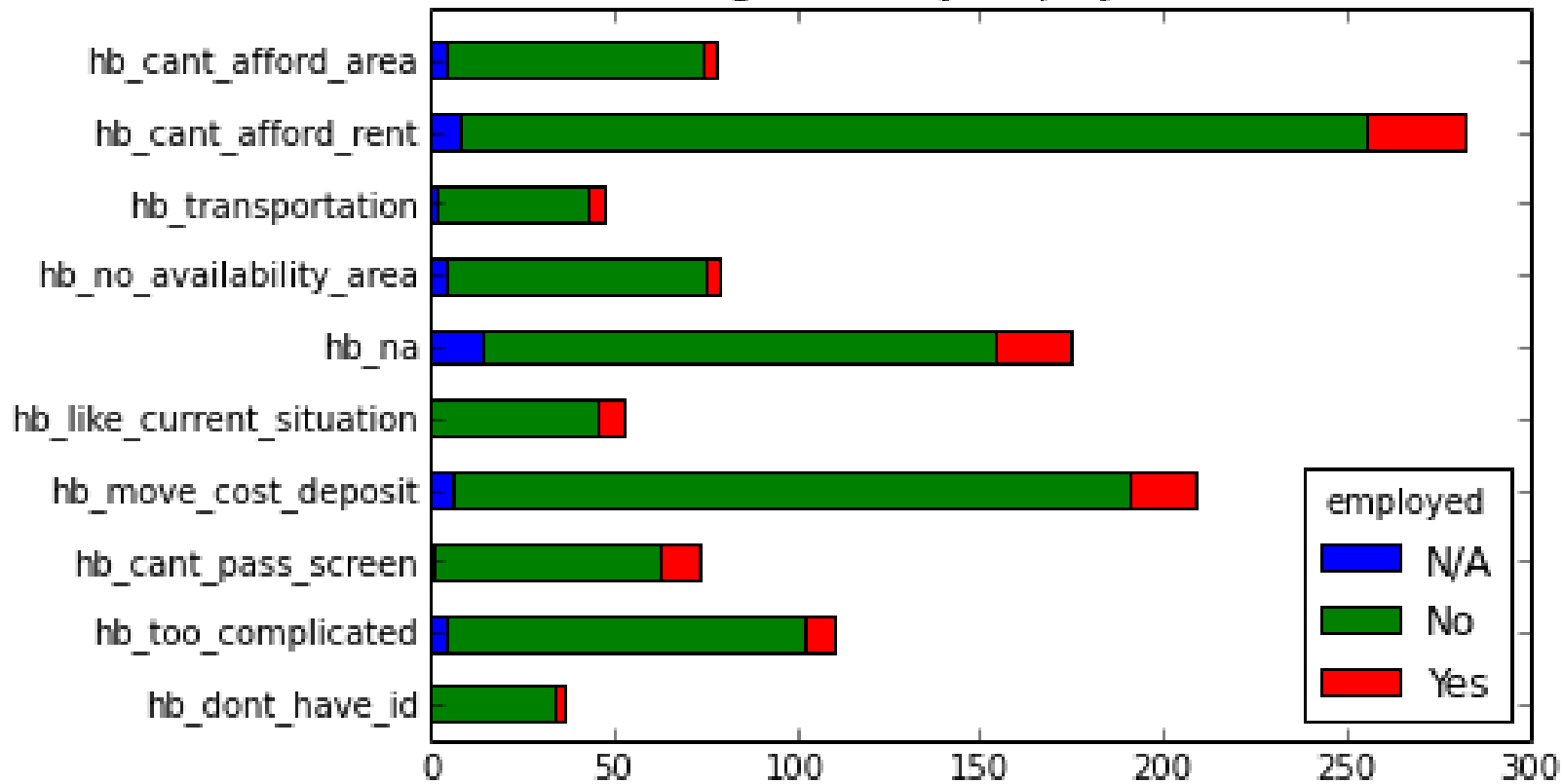Where they became homeless

Cause & Locations

Housing Barriers

What keeps them out of permanent housing?

Housing Barriers.

Housing barrier by employment status.

Housing Barriers

What keeps them out of shelters/transitional housing?

Household Type Among Homeless Respondents (N = 564)

(Excluding Adults Living Alone)

Legend:
- ☐ Couples Without Children
- ☐ Couples With Children
- ☐ Single Parents
- ■ Youth Living Alone

Y-axis: 10%, 5%

Bars (values centered): (17), (21), (12), (11), (17), (4), (1), (4)

X-axis: Sheltered, Not Sheltered, Sheltered, Not Sheltered, Sheltered, Not Sheltered, Sheltered, Not Sheltered
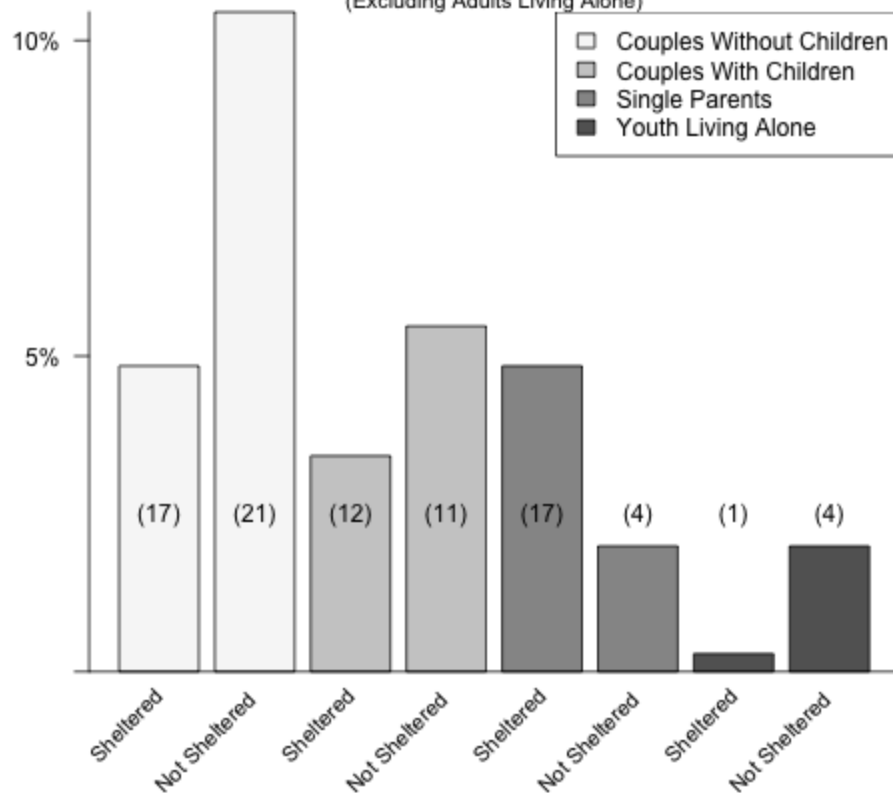
Note: Number of respondents in each category centered within each bar.

Reasons For Not Using Shelter/Transitional Housing Programs

(N = 184)

Category	Respondents
Can't Get A Bed	(30)
Like Staying Outdoors	(23)
Don't Allow Pets	(11)
Don't Allow Couples	(15)
Theft	(17)
Don't Like People	(46)
Program Rules	(22)
Curfews	(20)
Transportation	(12)
Hygiene	(36)
Have Other Options	(21)
Physical Safety	(9)

Note: Number of respondents in each category centered within each bar.
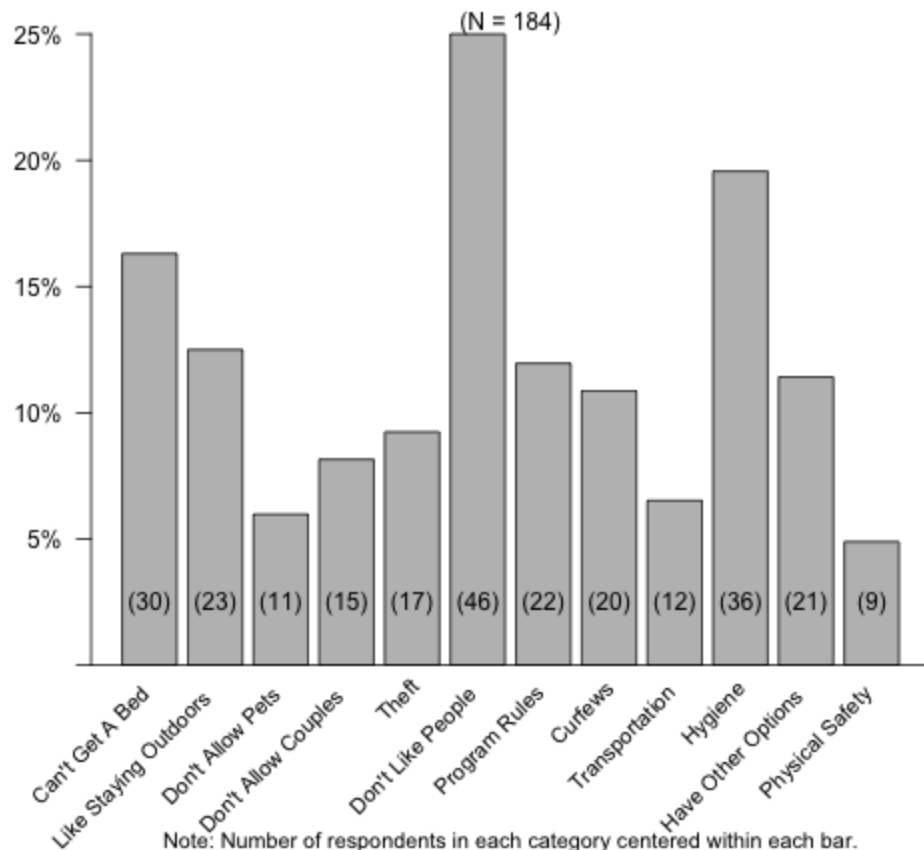
Open Questions

- What is their background in terms of work experience and education?
- What are they interested in and able to learn?

Suggestions

- Avoid overlapping questions (and specially overlapping answers to the same question) where people would pick only one or the other - this leads to noise and reduces the value of the data.
- Avoid ambiguous questions or options.
- Design questions that are as specific as possible.
- Avoid free-form text and unscoped questions if possible.