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Survey Taken in the St. Francis House Lunch Line on October 4, 5 and 8, 2001

Number of homeless people surveyed: 154

Questions:

1. Where did you sleep last night?

Wooded area: 39
Sidewalk: 26
Friend's house: 21
Abandoned building: 18
Car: 15
Motel: 8
Behind a building: 7
Courthouse square area: 7
Behind bushes: 4
Parking lot: 4
Park: 4
Cemetery: 4
Alley: 1

2. Did you feel safe?

Yes: 21
No: 133

Comments: This survey was taken at the beginning of the month, when some homeless people have money and may stay in a motel, as 8 did. Not all those who stayed at a friend's house reported that they felt safe, since some of these friends were involved in a heavy drug scene.

Fears mentioned: being beaten up by crack addicts, being arrested for trespassing, stray dogs, snakes, getting West Nile virus.

Notable quote: "I felt safe, but only because I got drunk. I'm too scared to fall asleep unless I get drunk." (elderly man)