
Youth Count 2020

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Youth homelessness

1 in 10



young adults ages 18 to 25 endures some form of homelessness in a year. Half of the prevalence involves couch surfing only.

1 in 30



adolescent minors ages 13 to 17 endures some form of homelessness in a year. A quarter of the prevalence involves couch surfing only.

Rates of youth experiencing homelessness were similar in rural and nonrural areas.

Youth 13-17

4.2%

Household prevalence in urban counties.

4.4%

Household prevalence in rural counties.

Young Adults 18-25

9.6%

Population prevalence in urban counties.

9.2%

Population prevalence in rural counties.



About half of the youth who experienced homelessness over a year faced homelessness **for the first time**.

Particular subpopulations are at higher risk for homelessness



346%

Youth with less than a high school diploma or GED had a 346% higher risk

162%

Youth reporting annual household income of less than \$24,000 had a 162% higher risk

83%

Black or African American youth had an 83% higher risk

120%

LGBT youth had a 120% higher risk

33%

Hispanic, non-White youth had a 33% higher risk

200%

Unmarried parenting youth had a 200% higher risk



What do we know about youth homelessness in Dane County?

- 2019 January PIT
 - 42 persons age 18-24 identified as literally homeless on PIT night
 - Included 23 parenting youth
 - No unaccompanied youth under age 18 were identified.

- 2019 HMIS data

414 persons age 12-24 served in street outreach, day shelter, emergency shelter, transitional housing, diversion and prevention programs during the 2019 youth count period, January 25-February 15, 2019

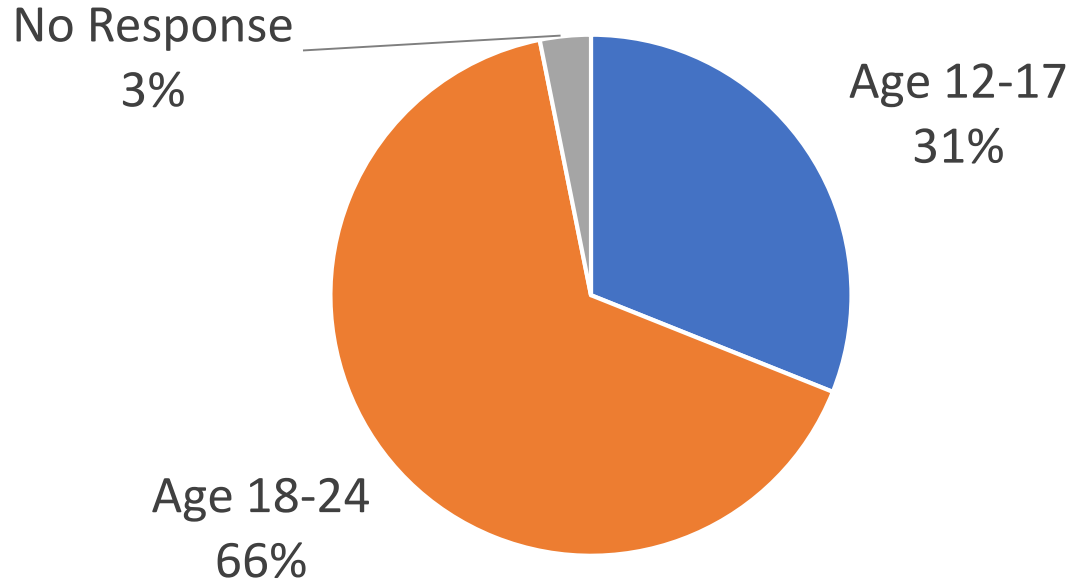
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Homeless Services Consortium 2019 Youth Count

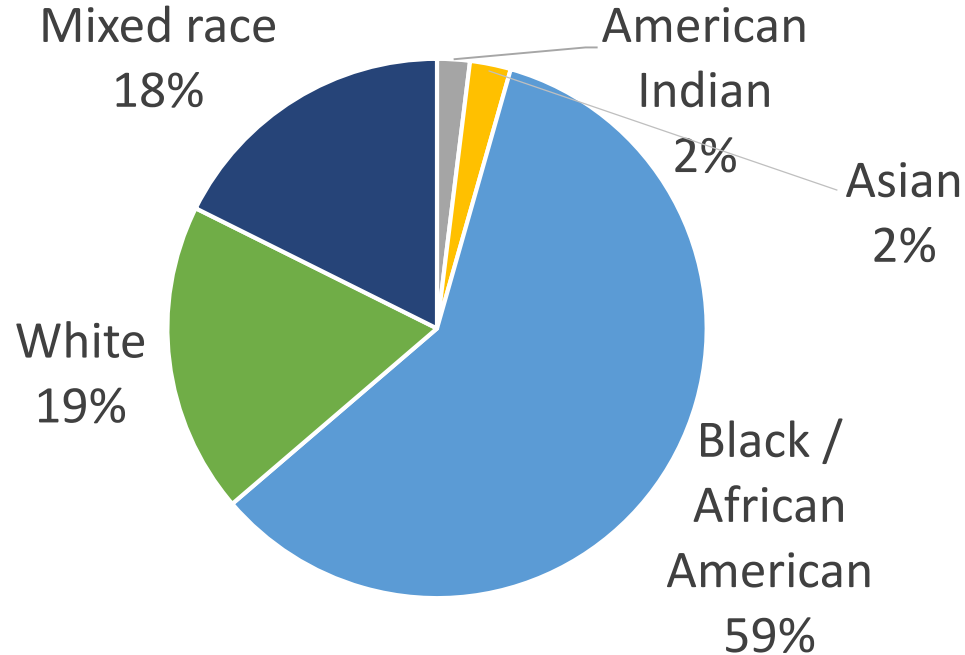
- HSC's first survey targeting youth experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness who were not entered into Homeless Management Information System
- Survey modeled after the Voices of Youth Count by Chapin Hall
- Planned and carried out by the HSC Committee to End Youth Homelessness
- January 25 – February 15, 2019
- Surveyed youth age 12-24 identified as experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness by partner agency volunteers

Total **190** surveys completed

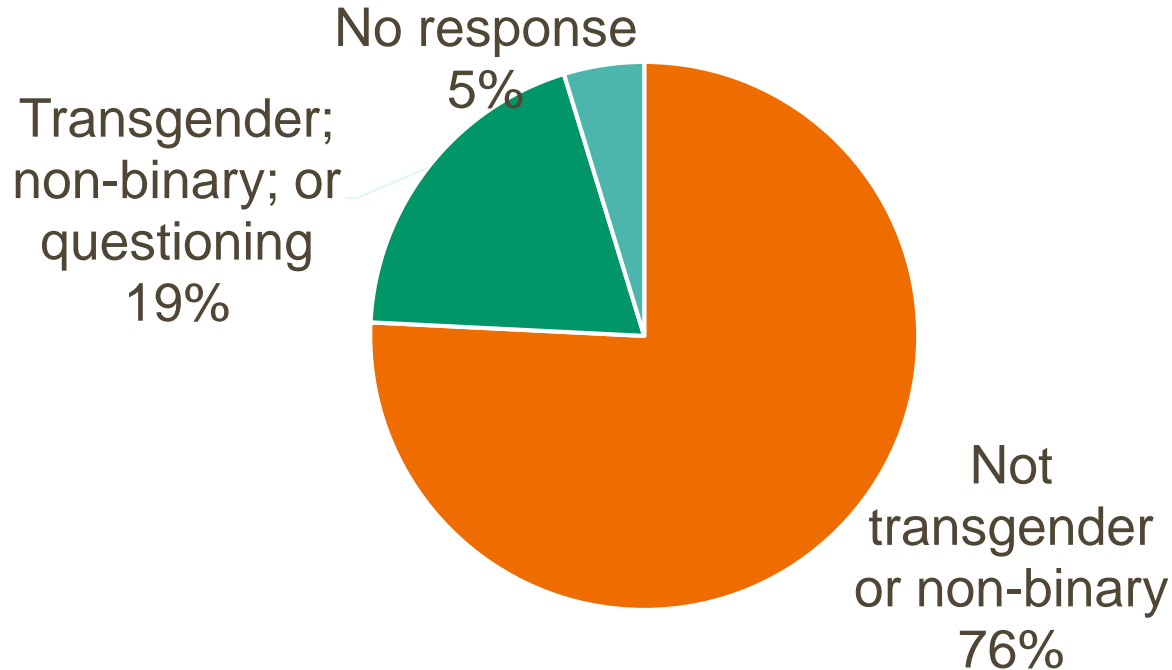
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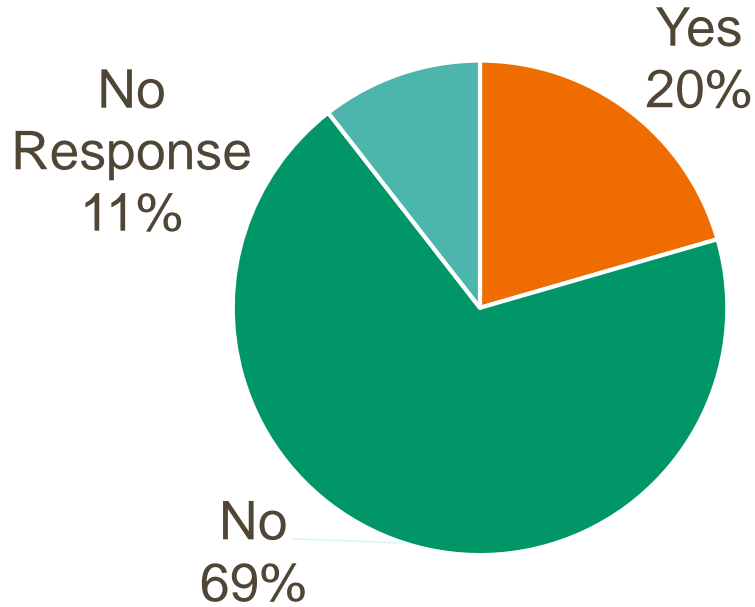
Race? Please check all that apply.



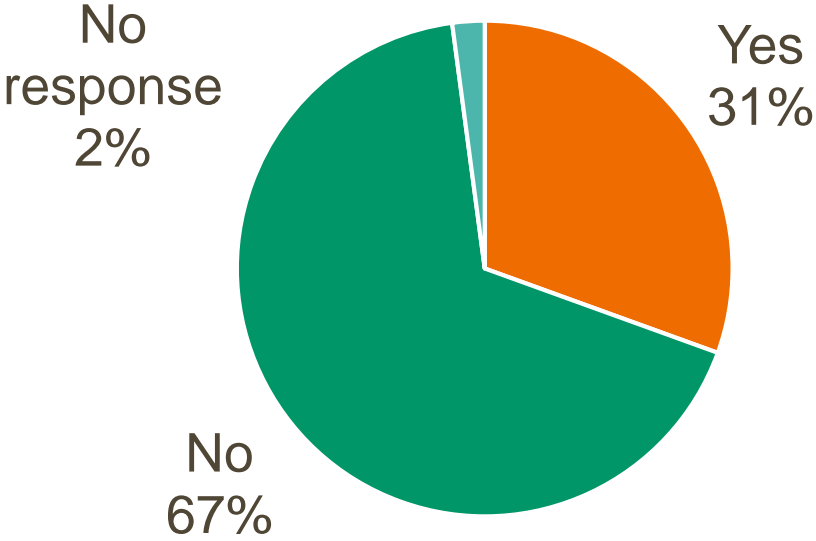
When a person's sex and gender do not match, they may think of themselves as transgender or non-binary... Which one response best describes you?



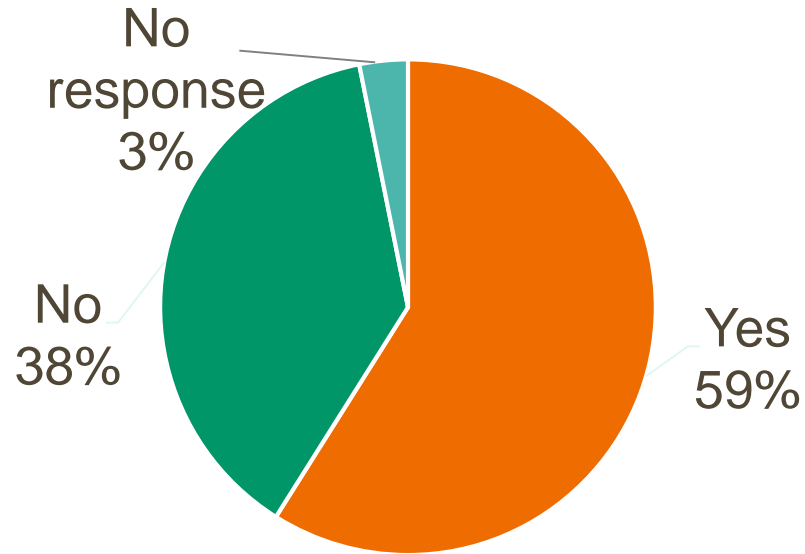
Are you currently pregnant or parenting?



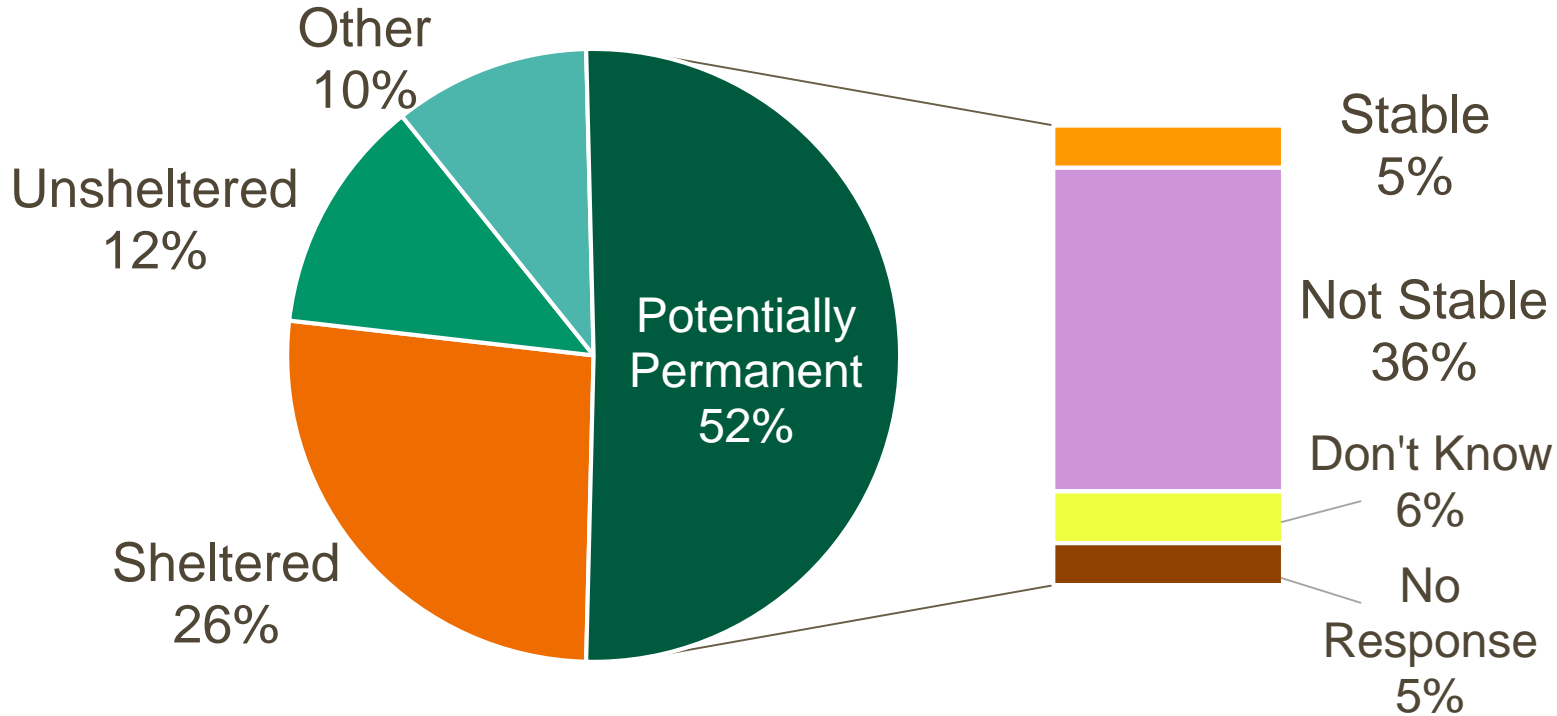
Have you ever been in foster care?



Have you ever been in juvenile detention, jail, or prison?

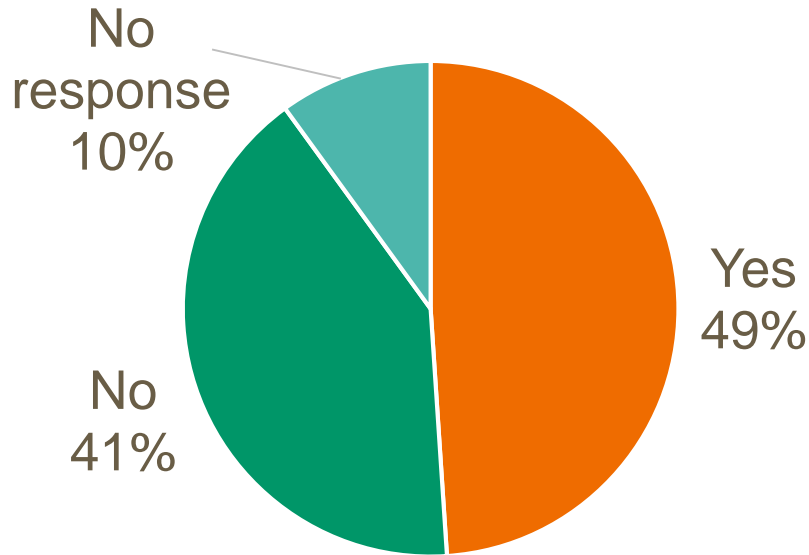


Where did you stay last night?



**164 youth
age 12-24**
stayed at
temporary
or unstable
place the
night before.

Did you feel safe where you stayed last night?



Only 49% felt safe at the place they stayed the night before.

19 (10%) respondents stayed with someone that they were having sex with or working for in exchange for a place to stay. **Additional 8 (4%)** respondents stayed with someone they didn't know or met that week.

2020 Youth Count

Overview

- To identify youth age 12-24 experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness in all household types
- Survey modeled after the Voices of Youth Count by Chapin Hall, adopted by the HSC Committee to End Youth Homelessness with input from Youth Action Board (Safe House)
- To be administered by HSC partner agency staff and volunteers
- **January 22 (Wed) – February 4 (Tue), 2020**

Who should be counted?

- Youth age 12-24 in all household types (single or family) who are
 - Unsheltered
 - In emergency shelter, transitional housing
 - Lacking “fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence” including doubled-up situations
 - In hotels or motels
 - Runaway youth

Coordination with Point in Time Count

- For youth experiencing unsheltered homelessness identified during PIT, youth count form will be used.
- For youth using emergency shelters, shelter staff and/or youth count volunteers will conduct youth survey at shelters.

How HSC members can help

If you have contact with youth age 12-24 experiencing homelessness or housing instability,

- Administer the survey and return the youth count form to Sarah Lim

OR

- Contact Allison Grant to arrange a volunteer to come and meet with youth and administer the survey
(Allison.grant@usc.salvationarmy.org)

Survey protocols

- Volunteers will administer the survey; do not hand out the form to youth for self-administration.
- Introduce yourself and provide a brief introduction to what we are doing.
- Be sure to note they can skip any questions that they do not want to answer.
- Ask the questions exactly as they are written.
- For “#3. Where did you sleep **last night?**” question, do not read off all the options, just ask the question and check one response that best matches the answer.

After the survey

- Answering these questions can be very stressful for youth. Allow sufficient time after the survey to provide emotional support and connection to appropriate services as needed.
- Briarpatch 24-hour Help Line: **(608) 251-1126**
- Return completed surveys to Sarah Lim by 2/14 (Fri)

If you have any questions

Contact:

Allison Grant (Allison.grant@usc.salvationarmy.org)

or

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Thank you!



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