



Dane County Youth Count 2019

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What is Dane Co Youth Count 2019

- ❑ 1st comprehensive survey targeting youth to understand, address, and prevent youth homelessness in our community
- ❑ Recommendation from the Youth Summit
- ❑ Planned and carried out by the HSC End Youth Homelessness Committee
- ❑ Aiming to measure all forms of youth homelessness in Dane County
- ❑ Using broader definition of homelessness

Who are we including?

- ✓ Youth Age 12-24
- ✓ Places not meant for human habitation (storage units, cars, abandon buildings, garages, streets, tents, empty apartments and the like)
- ✓ Emergency shelters and transitional housing
- ✓ Doubled up / couch surfing
 - ✓ Staying w/relatives, friends without custodial family
 - ✓ Staying w/custodial family & not on lease
- ✓ Staying in hotel/motel, including self-pay
- ✓ Running away, kicked out
- ✓ Imminent risk of homelessness

Why do we need a separate survey from the Point in Time Count?

- ▶ **Existing counts do not accurately capture the population of youth experiencing homelessness.**

2018 January PIT

Out of total 614 persons counted,

- 5 unaccompanied youth age under 18 (0.8%)
- 39 young adult age 18-24 (6.3%)

National Estimate

- **One in 10 young adults** ages 18-25 --> at least 5,519 in Dane County (55,190 age 20-24)
- **One in 30 adolescents** age 13-17 experience some form of homelessness unaccompanied by a parent or guardian over the course of a year (Missed Opportunity: National Estimates , Chapin Hall at University of Chicago, 2017)

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Youth homelessness is a broad and hidden challenge

- ▶ Youth are good at hiding the fact that they are experiencing homelessness and may not self-identify as homeless.
 - nearly 1 in 5 youths under the age of 18 will run away at least once
 - ~50% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ+ in Dane Co (higher than nationally reported trends)
 - Over 50% of young people in shelters and on the streets report that their parents told them to leave or knew they were leaving and didn't care
 - 21-40% of homeless youth had been sexually abused compared to 1-3% of the general youth population
 - 41% have been abandoned by their parents for at least 24 hours and 43% have been beaten by a caretaker



Our community has focused on ending veteran,
chronic, and family homelessness.

**It is time to address youth
homelessness in our community.**

Timeframe & Survey Tool

Jan 24th 2019 through **Feb 15th 2019**

YOUTH COUNT 2019

HMIS Partner Agencies



- ▶ The Beacon
- ▶ Briarpatch Youth Services
- ▶ CAC
- ▶ Porchlight
- ▶ The Road Home
- ▶ Salvation Army of Dane Co.
- ▶ Tenant Resource Center
- ▶ YWCA Madison



Briarpatch
Youth Services



Prospective Non-HMIS Partners

- ▶ Anyone in our community who interacts with youth 12-24!!



Collection of Completed Surveys & Reporting of Results

- ▶ Collecting surveys following the last day of the count (2/15)
- ▶ Email any questions to: eyhdane@gmail.com
- ▶ Results to be presented at April HSC membership meeting



Questions / Comments

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STAY WITH
A STRANGER
JUST FOR A
BED?**

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