

Youth Count! Survey

Hello, my name is _____. Today we are conducting a special survey of youth who a living in unsheltered or unstable housing situations to better understand the needs of youth in our region. This data will be used to develop a community plan to prevent and end youth homelessness. It is up to you whether you want to participate, and your answers will not be shared with anyone outside of our team. Are you willing to take this 5-10 minute survey?

- Yes
- No

1. *What best describes your household type* (only ask if not previously asked in the PIT or you do not know)?

- Single Youth with NO children
- Youth couple with NO children
- Single Youth with children
- Youth couple with children

2. *I am going to read a list of places that youth who face homelessness or housing instability sometimes sleep. Can you tell me which of the places you slept in the past year?* (check all that apply)

- Encampment
- Street/outside – NOT encampment
- Vehicle
- Abandoned/empty building
- Bus, train, airport
- Emergency shelter
- Transitional housing
- Motel/hotel
- Your own home
- With family/friends/aquantences – where you did NOT have your own bed
- Foster care or other residential care
- Detox or substance abuse treatment
- Hospital, healthcare, or other mental or physical health facility
- Jail, prison, or juvenile detention center
- Other_____

3. *Which of the following best describes your educational status?* (read list, check one)

- College or tech school graduate
- Enrolled in college or tech school
- High school graduate
- Obtained GED
- Enrolled in high school-attend regularly
- Enrolled in high school-sporadically attend
- Dropped out of high school
- Other_____

4. ***I am going to read you a list of situations that youth can face while homeless or trying to find housing or services. Please answer yes or no to each one. If you do not want to answer a specific question, please say you prefer not to answer. I will continue to ask each question though.***

	Yes	No	Prefer not to answer
Lack of transportation			
Do/did not have ID/personal documents			
Do/did not know where to go for help			
Do/did not qualify for services			
Applied, but did not hear back			
Language barrier			
Cannot/could not access due to age			
Cannot/could not access due to being on parents benefits			
I faced discrimination due to my gender identify			
I faced discrimination due to my race or ethnicity			
The forms or processes were too confusing			
My alcohol or drug use			
A family or friends alcohol or drug use			
I was threatened, shamed, or bribed			
I have no income			
My mental health symptoms			
Mental health symptoms of a partner/someone you live with			
Political differences			
Criminal or legal issues			
I have not had any issues			
Other			

5. ***Are there any other issues that prevented you from getting housing or services that I have not mentioned that you would like to share?***

6. ***In order to stay in housing have you ever experienced one of the following. You only need to answer yes or no.*** (read list and check if yes)

- Stayed somewhere where you felt unsafe
- Had to exchange housing for labor or sex
- Stayed on a floor or couch for longer than a few minutes
- None of the above
- Prefer not to answer

7. Have you ever been in residential care or placement including, but not limited to foster care or a group home? This does not include mental health or substance abuse treatment facilities?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

8. What are the top 3 things that you feel would help you get or keep housing?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

9. Those are all the questions I have for you today. I realize that some of the topics covered were difficult to answer. I want to remind you that your individual responses will not be shared with anyone outside of our team. Would you like someone to follow-up with you to tell you more about services and supports that you may be eligible for?

- Yes (ask for their contact inform. Enter below)
- No
- Prefer not to answer

ADMINISTRATIVE ONLY:

- Contact information:
 - Phone:
 - Email:
- Name of surveyor: _____
- Email of surveyor: _____
- County of survey: _____
- Please share any notes, comments, or concerns regarding this survey.