

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS: THE FACTS



*NUMBERS

Each year, an estimated 4.2 million youth and young adults experience homelessness.

700,000 of these individuals are unaccompanied minors, meaning they are not part of a family or accompanied by a parent or guardian.

One in 10 young adults ages 18-25, and at least one in 30 adolescents ages 13-17, experience some form of homelessness (unaccompanied by a parent or guardian) over the course of a year.

*CAUSES

40% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ+ & state family rejection on the basis of their LGBTQ+ identity as the #1 contributing factor to homelessness.

35% of youth who experience homelessness were formerly in the foster care system, and face homelessness when exiting the system.

Youth facing homelessness are 3x more likely to attempt suicide.

Youth facing homelessness are 10x more likely to drop out of school.

*CONSEQUENCES

Within 48 hours of leaving home, 30% of youth (1 in 3) will be recruited for human trafficking.

62% of LGBTQ youth report being physically harmed while experiencing homelessness while 47% of non-LGBTQ youth reported being physically harmed while homeless.

69% of homeless youth report mental health problems, which are often exacerbated by experiencing homelessness.

29% of homeless youth report having substance use issues, which are often exacerbated by experiencing homelessness.

