Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Research conducted by Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago provides a broad and deep understanding of the youth who are homeless or unstably housed in our community. This data can help us craft local solutions so that all of our young people can be stably housed, in school and/or at work, contributing to our community, and reaching their full potential.

**SURVEY OF YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS***

**AGE**

- 13-17: 9%
- 18-21: 29%
- 22-25: 62%

**RACE**

- BLACK: 40%
- WHITE: 23%
- HISPANIC: 21%
- MULTIRACIAL: 10%
- OTHER: 6%

**GENDER IDENTITY**

- MALE: 65%
- FEMALE: 34%
- OTHER: 2%

**IDENTIFY AS LGBTQA**

- 25%

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

- 67% of homeless or unstably housed 18- to 25-year-olds had received a high school diploma or GED.

This compares to 86% of 18- to 25-year-olds in a national sample who reported having a high school diploma or GED.

- 47% of homeless or unstably housed 16- to 24-year-olds in Suffolk County were neither attending school nor employed when surveyed.

This compares to only 8% of all Suffolk County youth who are neither in school nor working.

**PREGNANCY AND PARENTHOOD**

- 28% of females reported being pregnant or a parent.

- 11% of males reported they were parents or their partner was pregnant.

**FOSTER CARE AND DETENTION OR INCARCERATION**

- 56% of homeless or unstably housed youth had been in foster care and/or had been in detention or incarcerated.

**SURVEY OF RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH PROVIDERS***

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* In a 24-hour "point in time" count in the summer of 2016, 335 homeless youth were identified; 293 of them were surveyed.

** Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, or asexual.

*** Agencies were categorized as runaway and homeless youth providers if they indicated that they operated any programs specifically for runaway and homeless youth, regardless of whether those programs were federally funded.
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