LGBTQ Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Don’t Forget Intersectionality
Youth of color face barriers like homophobia, transphobia, and systemic racism when navigating services and experiencing housing instability.

REALYST Survey Results
In 2016 & 2017 REALYST members surveyed youth (n=1427) experiencing homelessness in 7 cities on a variety of topics, including sexual, gender, and racial identification. 442 identified as part of the LGBTQ community.

Gender Identity
- Genderqueer: 1.20%
- Trans Female Only: 2.33%
- Trans Male Only: 1.69%
- Female: 34.02%
- Male: 58.79%

Sexual Orientation
- Straight (That is not gay): 71.59%
- Gay or Lesbian: 8.58%
- Bisexual: 14.42%
- Something else: 4.15%
- I don’t know/Questioning: 1.34%

New Article Published
The Realyst Team just published on experiences of bi and trans youth of color. For more information, take a look at this recent study published by REALYST members!

REALYST is a national collaborative of academic and community partners that uses research to inform innovative policies, programs and services aimed at ending homelessness and housing instability among young people. We believe that understanding youth homelessness helps communities create effective solutions for preventing it.
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