On January 26, 2021*, 25 homeless youth were surveyed during the annual Point in Time count.

- **88%** (or 22) were between the ages of 18-24. (3 did not answer.)
- **58%** (or 14) were male.
- **72%** (or 18) considered themselves straight.
- **36%** (or 9) completed 12th grade. 28% (or 7) completed grades 9, 10, or 11.

- **68%** (or 17) slept in an Emergency shelter on January 26, 2021.
- **64%** (or 16) this was NOT the first time staying in a shelter or transitional housing.
- **64%** (or 16) have received or felt like they needed mental health services.

- **52%** (or 13) have been abused in some way. 44% (or 11) have not.
- **44%** (or 11) have been in a jail/prison/juvenile detention facility.
- **40%** (or 10) did NOT receive help finding housing after leaving that facility. However, 25% (or 6) did receive help.

- **44%** (or 11) have not felt that they lived in safe, stable housing for over a year.
- **56%** (or 14) have stayed on a couch or floor for longer than a week.
- **56%** (or 14) have encountered lack of transportation as an issue in trying to get help or access services.

*Please note that the January 2021 Point in Time count was reduced in scope due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Gender

- Male: 14 (58%)
- Female: 9 (38%)
- Trans: 1 (4%)

Which best describes how you think of yourself?

- Straight: 18 (72%)
- Bisexual: 4 (16%)
- Trans: 1 (4%)
- Other: 1 (4%)
- I’d rather not say: 1 (4%)
- No response: 1 (4%)

What is the highest grade/level of schooling completed?

- 7th-8th: 3 (13%)
- 9th-11th: 1 (4%)
- 12th: 1 (4%)
- N/A, school/program has no grade levels: 1 (4%)
- Obtained HiSET/GED: 7 (29%)
- Some post-secondary education/college: 9 (38%)
- Client didn’t know: 1 (4%)
- No response: 1 (4%)

Where did you sleep on Tuesday, January 26, 2021?

- Other: 17 (68%)
- Emergency Shelter (or hotel/motel paid via ES): 1 (4%)
- Transitional Housing for homeless persons: 7 (28%)
Have you ever received services or felt like you needed help with your mental health?

- Yes: 16 (64%)
- No: 8 (32%)
- Refused: 1 (4%)
- No response: 1 (4%)

Is this the first time that you have been living on the street, in a shelter, transitional housing program or any of the situations indicated?

- Yes: 16 (64%)
- No: 8 (32%)
- Refused: 1 (4%)
- No response: 1 (4%)

Have you ever been in any of the following? (Select all that apply)

- Foster care/group home: 28% (28%)
- Treatment/healthcare facility: 32% (32%)
- Jail/prison/juvenile detention facility: 36% (36%)
- No response: 4% (4%)
- Refused: 4% (4%)

Have you ever been physically, emotionally, or sexually abused by a relative or another person you have stayed with, such as a spouse, partner, brother or sister, or parent?

- Yes: 13 (52%)
- No: 11 (44%)
- Refused: 1 (4%)

10 respondents (40%) gave 2 or more answers.
Think about the last time you felt you were living in safe, stable housing (someplace you lived 6+ months). How long ago was it?

- 1 month or less: 11 (44%)
- 1-3 months: 3 (12%)
- 3-6 months: 3 (12%)
- 6 months-1 year: 1 (4%)
- Over 1 year: 1 (4%)
- Never: 7 (28%)

If you left any of the above places in the past 3 years, did anyone help you get housing?

- Yes: 10 (40%)
- No: 7 (28%)
- Client didn't know: 1 (4%)
- Refused: 1 (4%)
- No response: 4 (16%)

What things have you done in order to stay in any housing situation? (Select all that apply)

- Stayed with a sexual partner that you would not have otherwise: 4 (16%)
- Refused: 4 (16%)
- None of the above: 8 (32%)

In the past year, what issues have you encountered in trying to get help or access services? (Select all that apply)

- Asked to leave or discharged because of behavior: 8 (32%)
- No issues accessing services/assistance: 11 (44%)
- No health insurance: 3 (12%)
- Refused: 3 (12%)
- Didn't qualify for service: 7 (28%)
- Didn't know where to get help: 3 (12%)
- Placed on a waitlist, never heard back: 1 (4%)
- Moved/relocated: 1 (4%)
- Did not have ID/personal documents: 7 (28%)
- Lack of transportation: 3 (12%)

8 respondents (32%) gave 2 or more answers.
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