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Introduction

In order to gain a better understanding of the current homeless youth population, the City of San Jose worked in conjunction with Applied Survey Research (ASR) to conduct the 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Youth Census and Survey. ASR is a non-profit social research firm based in Santa Cruz County, California, with extensive experience in homeless enumeration and research. The City of San Jose Homeless Youth Census was conducted in conjunction with the 2009 Santa Clara County Homeless Census.

One of the challenges in homeless census planning is customizing the data collection strategy to address the diversity of people who are homeless. Experience in homeless enumerations has shown that the outreach efforts that best capture the adult street homeless population are typically not successful in capturing the homeless youth experience. Local homeless youth and youth advocates consulted for this study agreed unanimously that homeless youth do not typically co-mingle with homeless adults. Therefore, efforts that are successful in counting and surveying the general homeless population are frequently not effective for homeless youth. Targeted outreach efforts are required in order to count and survey homeless youth.



The City of San Jose Homeless Youth Census and Survey was part of the larger City of San Jose and Santa Clara County Homeless Census and Survey efforts. In addition to the city and countywide enumeration of unsheltered homeless persons on the streets on January 26-27, 2009, and of sheltered homeless persons staying in shelters and institutions on the night of January 26, 2009, a special youth street count was conducted on the afternoon of January 27, from approximately 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Special youth enumeration teams consisting of currently homeless youth, formerly homeless youth, and youth service providers enumerated unaccompanied homeless youth in the City of San Jose. The youth teams focused on known congregation areas for youth, which were identified by currently and former youth homeless persons. Sheltered homeless youth were enumerated during the countywide shelter census.

An in-depth 28 question survey was administered in the weeks following the street count to a total of 527 sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals in the City of San Jose, 114 of whom were youth between the ages of 13-22 years.¹ In complement to the census, a survey was designed to yield qualitative data about the local homeless population, such as causes of homelessness, nighttime accommodations, and health status.

¹ Homeless youth and youth service providers designated 13-22 years as the typical age range for homeless youth social groupings. The youth street census enumerated individuals within this age range. However, the results of the general population street and shelter censuses conducted for HUD do not report the 18-22 “transition-aged youth” subgroup as youth, as HUD defines youth as under 18 years of age. Therefore, the number of transition-aged youth ages 18-22 counted in the general street and shelter censuses is unknown. The survey results presented in this report include both youth under 18 and transition-aged youth 18-22 years of age.

The following table shows the ages of the individuals who were included in the youth category of the homeless youth census and survey findings.

Figure 1: Age Groups Included in the Youth Category

Components	Under 18	18-22
General street census	Yes	No
Youth street census	Yes	Yes
General shelter census	Yes	No
Survey findings	Yes	Yes

Source: Applied Survey Research, 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Census and Survey, 2009.

The results presented in this report provide invaluable data regarding the number and characteristics of homeless youth in the City of San Jose, which can help guide City and County efforts to mitigate and end youth homelessness. The census and survey data also help identify likely causes and contributing factors to youth homelessness in the City of San Jose. These data will support evaluation of current strategies, as well as the development of new approaches by the City of San Jose and other organizations within the City as they address youth homelessness within their communities.

Project Purpose and Goals

The 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Youth Census and Survey Project Committee identified several important project goals:

- To increase public awareness of homeless youth issues and generate support for constructive solutions;
- To measure changes in the size and characteristics of the homeless youth population since 2007;
- To improve the ability of policy makers and service providers to plan and implement services that meet the needs of homeless youth;
- To preserve current federal funding for homeless services and to enhance the ability to raise new funds.

The results of this research will assist service providers, policy makers, funders, and local, state, and federal governments to better understand and plan for the needs of the homeless youth

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population. It is hoped that the 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Youth Census and Survey will help policy makers and service providers to more effectively develop outreach efforts and programs to serve the City's homeless youth population.

The data presented in this report provide an update on homeless youth in the City of San Jose. Due to

similarities in research methodologies, comparisons to the 2007 City of San Jose Homeless Census and Survey results are provided.

Homeless Youth Recruitment and Training

In order to more accurately profile homeless youth in the City of San Jose, a special youth outreach plan was developed for the census and survey, in conjunction with local youth advocates. The plan had the following key elements:

- Identification of known congregation areas for youth to be enumerated during the census,
- Recruitment and trainings of homeless youth to work on the census and survey,
- Conducting the youth census in the late afternoon to optimize finding local youth,
- Use of youth-only (no adult partner) teams to enumerate homeless youth
- Use of youth interviewers to survey homeless youth,
- Supervision of youth census and survey workers by youth advocates, and
- Analysis of homeless youth census data to avoid duplication of the morning countywide census.

The Bill Wilson Drop-In Center (BWC) of San Jose was the key partner in the homeless youth census and survey for the City of San Jose. In order to meet the data collection standards of the project, twelve youth were trained by ASR and BWC staff at a 90 minute orientation for the census, all of whom participated in census activities. This included youth who lived in and knew the San Jose area. Community and agency volunteers were assigned to drive the youth enumeration teams to pre-identified congregation areas to enumerate homeless youth.

For the survey component of this project, a team of eight interviewers was developed. The team was trained in survey administration and quota management. The enthusiasm of these youth interviewers was excellent and their cooperation was outstanding.

Executive Summary

The Number of Homeless Youth in the City of San Jose

- ✓ **The overall homeless youth population (under age 23) of the City of San Jose enumerated in the 2009 point-in-time count was 373 people.**
- ✓ **Of those youth, 165 unsheltered homeless youth were enumerated in the City of San Jose.²**
- ✓ **208 sheltered homeless youth were counted in emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities.³**
- ✓ **No additional youth were counted in institutional settings that are not recognized by HUD for the point-in-time count, such as residential rehabilitation facilities, hospitals, or jails.**

Figure 2: City of San Jose Homeless Youth Enumeration Findings

Category	2007	2009	07-09	
			Net Change	Percent Change
Street enumeration	161	165	4	2.5%
Shelter enumeration ¹	239	208	-31	-13.0%
Emergency Shelter	110	125	15	13.6%
Transitional Housing	129	83	-46	-35.7%
Total Count	400	373	-27	-6.8%

Source: Applied Survey Research, 2007 and 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Census, 2007, 2009.

¹ The shelter enumeration captured the number of youth under 18 years old, but the number of individuals 18-22 years of age was included in the adult category and is not included here.

A Profile of Homeless Youth

Since general homeless census and survey efforts significantly under-represent homeless youth, the City of San Jose and the research team designed a targeted outreach effort to count and survey unaccompanied homeless youth throughout the County. Using the above major data components and the results of 114 surveys of homeless youth under the age of 23 administered by youth advocates and trained peer interviewers, ASR generated detailed demographic and lifestyle profiles of homeless youth in the City of San Jose.

- ✓ **79% of youth respondents indicated that they were living in Santa Clara County at the time they became homeless.**
- ✓ **40% of youth respondents under the age of 23 indicated that they lived alone without family, a partner, or friends, compared to 59% of adult respondents ages 23 and older.**

² For the purposes of this study, the HUD definition of an unsheltered homeless person was used: someone who is either living on the streets, or in a vehicle, encampment, abandoned building, garage, or any other place not normally used or meant for human habitation.

³ The shelter enumeration captured the number of youth under 18 years old, but the number of individuals 18-22 years of age was included in the adult category and is not included here.

- ✓ **The most commonly cited nighttime accommodation for youth respondents was with family and friends (21%), compared to 8% of adult respondents who reported the same.**
- ✓ **74% of youth respondents indicated that they had been homeless for six months or less, compared to 34% of adult respondents.**
- ✓ **23% of youth respondents reported that their primary cause of homelessness was an argument with a family or friend in which they were asked to leave. This is compared to 6% of adult respondents who reported the same.**
- ✓ **21% cited the loss of a job as the primary reason they became homeless.**
- ✓ **15% of youth survey respondents reported that their alcohol or drug issue was the primary cause of their homelessness.**
- ✓ **71% of youth respondents were not receiving any government assistance, compared to 49% of adult respondents.**
- ✓ **A greater percentage of youth respondents cited the need for education as a barrier to employment (37%), compared to adult respondents (26%).**
- ✓ **A smaller percentage of youth respondents indicated that they usually get enough to eat on a daily basis (58%), compared to adult respondents (63%).**
- ✓ **Greater percentages of adult respondents than youth respondents were experiencing alcohol abuse (43% compared to 27%, respectively), drug abuse (42% compared to 25%), and depression (46% compared to 32%).**

Summary

The point-in-time street and shelter enumerations identified 373 homeless youth under the age of 23 in the City of San Jose. Over half (56%) of those enumerated during the count were sheltered, while 44% were unsheltered. As noted previously, the general street and shelter census efforts did not capture the number of individuals 18-22 years of age. Those transition-aged youth were counted as adults. Therefore, this count should be considered conservative since it is well known that even with the most thorough methodology, many homeless individuals stay in locations where they cannot be seen or counted by enumeration teams. Since 2007, the overall homeless youth population decreased by 7% (representing a decrease of 27 youth). Within the context of this overall decrease, the number of homeless youth in emergency shelters and transitional housing programs decreased by 13%, while the number of unsheltered homeless youth increased by 3%.

The 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Youth Census and Survey revealed a diverse youth population with many different needs. However, a typical homeless profile can be constructed based on survey results. The largest percentage of respondents were Hispanic/Latino (30%), followed by White/Caucasian (28%), other/multi-ethnic (20%), and Black/African American (16%). Sixty-one percent (61%) of youth respondents were male, 35% were female, and 4% were

transgendered. The homeless survey revealed that the typical homeless youth was living in Santa Clara County at the time they became homeless (79%), had been homeless for six months or less (74%), and was not receiving any government assistance (71%). A large majority (85%) of youth survey respondents stated that they were currently unemployed. Forty-two percent (42%) of youth respondents indicated that they do not, or sometimes do not have enough to eat on a daily basis.

Additionally, 32% of youth survey respondents reported that they were currently experiencing depression. Twenty-seven percent (27%) of youth survey respondents reported that they were experiencing alcohol abuse and 25% were experiencing drug abuse, highlighting the critical importance of integrated support services.

Key causes of homelessness included economic factors such as job loss or unemployment as well as social problems with family and friends. Twenty-three percent (23%) of homeless youth respondents said that an argument with family or friends which resulted in them being asked to leave the house was the primary cause of their homelessness. Twenty-one percent (21%) cited the loss of a job as the primary reason they became homeless. Fifteen percent (15%) of youth survey respondents reported that their alcohol or drug issue was the primary cause of their homelessness.



Homeless Youth Census Findings

The 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Youth Census and Survey provides invaluable data regarding the number and characteristics of the City's homeless youth population. In this study, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) definition of homelessness – taken from Title 42, Chapter 119, Subchapter I, §10302(a) of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations based on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act – was used. The definition is:

- *An individual who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, and*
- *An individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is:*
 - *A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill), or*
 - *An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or*
 - *A public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.*

Certain homeless persons are excluded from this definition, including:

- Unsheltered homeless persons who were “doubled-up” in the homes of family or friends;
- Sheltered homeless persons in jails, hospitals, and rehabilitation facilities; and
- Homeless youth who were living in rehabilitation facilities or hospitals as a result of their parent's illness.

For the purposes of this study, the youth discussed in this report are under the age of 23. While HUD defines youth as under 18, local youth and service providers use a broader definition, which includes transition-aged youth. The homeless youth age cohort in the City of San Jose appears is generally those 13-22 years old. While those 18-22 are older than those HUD defines as “youth,” local homeless youth, youth service providers, and the City of San Jose agreed upon this definition as the most useful for understanding the homeless youth experience in the City of San Jose. While homeless transition-aged youth ages 18-22 were enumerated during the special youth street census, the number of individuals ages 18-22 enumerated during the general street census and shelter census is unknown as they were included in the adult population ages 18 and older, in accordance with HUD reporting requirements. Therefore, the results presented in this report are very likely an undercount as the only youth ages 18-22 included in this total were the ones enumerated during the youth street census.

As part of the city and countywide homeless census, which was conducted in the early morning hours of January 26-27, 2009, two-person teams were created to enumerate homeless individuals (including youth) in designated areas of the County. Compared to the city and countywide street census results, the youth teams found considerably more homeless youth, in locations different from where unaccompanied youth were found in the morning effort. Due to the differences in the findings and the infrequent co-mingling of adult and youth homeless persons, the research team



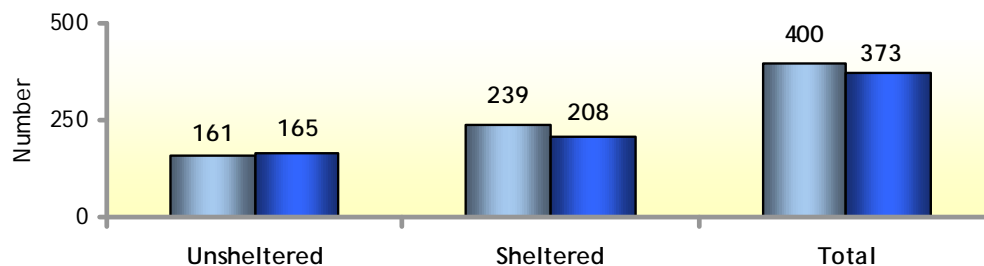
felt there was little worry of duplication. The youth enumerated by these special teams were assigned tract locations post-facto and were included in the overall citywide enumeration results.

The following census findings include the number of youth (ages 18-22) enumerated during the youth street census and the youth (under 18) counted during the general street and shelter enumerations. The results include both unaccompanied youth and youth in families.

For a detailed explanation of the methodology used for the general citywide homeless study, please refer to Appendix I of the 2009 City of Jose Homeless Census and Survey report. A copy of the youth census instrument can be found in Appendix I of this report. For a list of definitions of terms used in this report, please see Appendix IV.

- ✓ **A total of 373 homeless youth ages 22 and younger were counted in the City of San Jose.**
 - Of the homeless youth counted, more than half (56%) were sheltered (208 youth).
 - Forty-four percent (44%) were unsheltered (165 youth).
 - No additional youth were counted in institutional settings that are not recognized by HUD for the point-in-time count, such as residential rehabilitation facilities, hospitals, or jails.
- ✓ **Between 2007 and 2009, the total number of homeless youth enumerated during the point-in-time count decreased by 7%, from 400 to 373 youth.**

Figure 3: Total Number of Homeless Youth Enumerated



Source: Applied Survey Research, 2007 and 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Census, 2007, 2009.

Note: Totals include homeless youth enumerated during the general census efforts as well.

Street Census Findings

The youth street count was conducted in addition to the general homeless street count to enumerate unaccompanied homeless youth. In discussions with the homeless youth census planning team and youth advocates, it was determined that the youth component of the street census would occur on the afternoon of January 27, 2009. The planning team agreed that a daybreak enumeration would not be effective in finding most homeless youth and that the late afternoon (after school hours to early evening) would be the best time to deploy the youth teams. From the deployment site at the Bill Wilson Drop-in Center, volunteer and agency drivers shuttled youth teams to malls, parks, downtown areas, encampment areas, abandoned buildings, and other outdoor locations to count unaccompanied homeless youth.

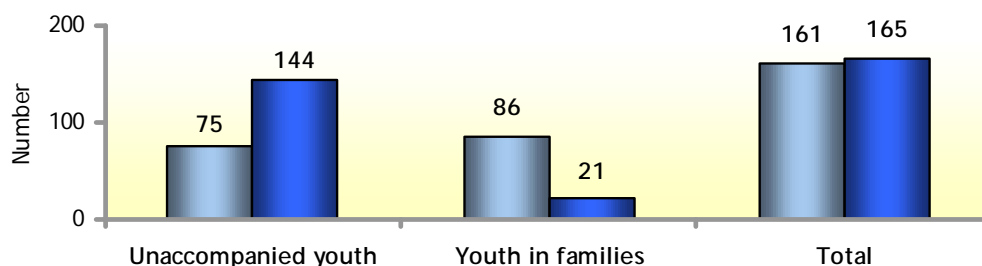
Youth census teams were asked to identify homeless youth and categorize them to the best of their ability in age categories under the age of 18 and 18-22. The homeless youth enumerators were confident in their abilities to differentiate homeless youth from the general youth

population. All youth involved in the planning agreed with the definition of the homeless youth age cohort in the City of San Jose as 13-22 years old. It was also noted that this cohort does not commonly co-mingle with the adult homeless population and the likelihood of duplicate counting was minimal due to the lack of youth and adult socialization. This was partially confirmed by the fact that the general daybreak census yielded only 6 unaccompanied homeless youth under 18 while the afternoon Census found 31 unaccompanied homeless youth under the age of 18. Duplicate counting, therefore, was determined not to be an issue.

Our youth enumerators were all confident based on their firsthand knowledge of the habits of local homeless youth that the youth between the ages of 18-22 identified in the youth census would not have been seen in a daybreak count. The research team felt that while duplication was possible for transition-aged youth (ages 18-22) found in the youth census, it was unlikely to be significant. Although there was no method available to confirm, the research team believes that the 107 transition-aged youth enumerated in the youth cohort were not counted in the daybreak general census.

- ✓ **From 2007 to 2009, the total number of homeless youth ages 22 and younger enumerated on the streets remained nearly the same.⁴**

Figure 4: Total Number of Youth Enumerated During the General and Youth Street Censuses



Source: Applied Survey Research, 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Census, 2009.

- ✓ **The largest percentage (45%) of youth enumerated on the street were male youth between 18-22 years of age. The second and third largest groups were female youth ages 18-22 (18%) and youth of undetermined gender under 18 (16%).**

Figure 5: Homeless Youth Population by Gender and Age, 2009

Gender and Age	Number	Percent
Male youth under 18	16	9.7%
Male youth 18-22	74	44.8%
Female youth under 18	15	9.1%
Female youth 18-22	30	18.2%
Undetermined youth under 18	27	16.4%
Undetermined youth 18-22	3	1.8%
Total	165	100.0%

Source: Applied Survey Research, 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Census, 2009.

Note: 2007 data not available by gender and age, therefore a comparison is not available.

⁴ This includes unsheltered youth under the age of 18 enumerated during the general street census effort as well.

Shelter Census Findings

In addition to the count of unsheltered homeless youth, the number of homeless youth housed in shelter facilities and institutions was captured during the overall Santa Clara County Shelter and Institution (S&I) Count. Agencies that temporarily shelter and house homeless people were asked to provide a count of the number of homeless persons housed in their programs on the night of January 26, 2009. The following table provides an overview of the findings generated from the S&I Count. While the number of unaccompanied and accompanied homeless youth under the age of 18 is reported, the number of transition-aged youth between the ages of 18-22 is unknown as they were included in the adult population in the shelter and institution count in accordance with HUD reporting requirements. Therefore, the following section includes only homeless youth under the age of 18 years.

- ✓ **A total of 208 homeless youth under 18 years old were enumerated in Emergency Shelters and Transitional Housing facilities. This represents a 13% decrease from 239 youth enumerated in shelters in 2007.**

Figure 6: Total Number of Youth Under Age 18 Enumerated During the Shelter Census

Category	2007	2009	07-09	
			Net Change	Percent Change
Emergency Shelter	110	125	15	13.6%
Unaccompanied youth	5	0	-5	-100.0%
Youth in families	105	125	20	19.0%
Transitional Housing	129	83	-46	-35.7%
Unaccompanied youth	27	0	-27	-100.0%
Youth in families	102	83	-19	-18.6%
Total	239	208	-31	-13.0%

Source: Applied Survey Research, 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Census, 2009.

Homeless Youth Survey Findings

The following section provides an overview of the results of surveys of homeless youth (ages 13-22) in the City of San Jose. Currently and formerly homeless youth were trained to administer the survey and were instructed to specifically target homeless youth under 23 years old. Surveys captured the birth date of respondents to enable categorization by age group in the analysis. Interviewers were trained to follow a standard random respondent selection protocol in which every 3rd homeless youth encountered was approached to participate in the survey. A \$5.00 value response incentive was offered to respondents and greatly enhanced participation.

In this youth survey findings section, comparisons between 2007 and 2009 are provided for key lifestyle survey questions. Based on the 2007 point-in-time estimate of 400 homeless youth under the age of 23, the 65 homeless youth surveys administered in 2007 represent a confidence interval of +/- 11% with a 95% confidence level when generalizing the survey results to the estimated homeless youth population in the City of San Jose. In order to improve this margin of error, special attempts were made in 2009 to increase the survey sample size of homeless youth



under the age of 23 for an improved representation of the homeless youth population. In 2009, a total of 114 surveys were administered to homeless youth 13-22 years of age, representing a confidence interval of +/- 8% with a 95% confidence level when generalizing the survey results to the estimated 373 homeless youth in the City of San Jose. This demonstrates the improved survey sampling of homeless youth in 2009, resulting in the better representation of the homeless youth population. Nevertheless, due to the higher margin of error for 2007, caution should be used when comparing the data for these two years.

The following section highlights the results of surveys administered to homeless youth ages 13-22. Please note that this includes surveys conducted by adult homeless interviewers during the general survey effort as well. A comparative analysis was performed reviewing the results of youth between the ages of 13-22 and adults ages 23 and older. This analysis was illuminating, clearly showing how the homeless youth experience differs from the homeless adult population. Because the overall survey results have been differentiated into different age categories, the adult results presented in this section are different than the general results presented in the City of San Jose Homeless Census and Survey report. Please note that missing values have been intentionally omitted from the survey results, and all survey results display valid percentages only. Therefore, the total number of respondents for each question will not necessarily equal the total number of surveys.

A complete review of all youth survey responses can be found in Appendix III of this report. In addition, a copy of the survey instrument can be found in Appendix II of this report. For a detailed explanation of the methodology used for the general citywide homeless study, please refer to Appendix I of the 2009 City of Jose Homeless Census and Survey report.

The following survey results are discussed based on the following age categories.

Figure 7: Age Categories for Analysis of Homeless Survey Findings

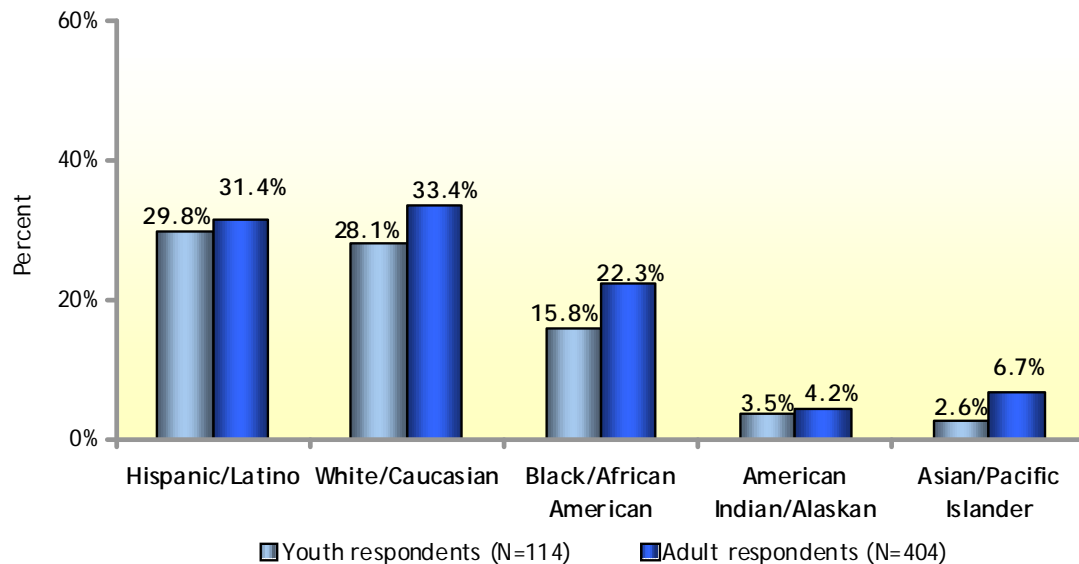
Category	Age Group
Youth respondents	13-22 years
Adult respondents	23 years and older

Demographics

Age, Gender, and Ethnicity

- ✓ **51% of youth respondents were between the ages of 13-17 years old, while 49% were between 18-22 years old.**
- ✓ **The majority of youth and adult respondents were male (61% and 72%, respectively), followed by female (35% and 27%), and transgendered (4% and 1%).**
 - There are higher percentages of females and transgendered homeless youth than homeless adults, and a lower percentage of homeless male youth than homeless adults.
- ✓ **The largest percentage of youth respondents were Hispanic/Latino (30%), followed by White/Caucasian (28%). In comparison, the largest percentage of adult respondents were White/Caucasian (33%), followed by Hispanic/Latino (31%).**

Figure 8: Respondents by Race / Ethnicity (Top 5 Ethnicities), 2009

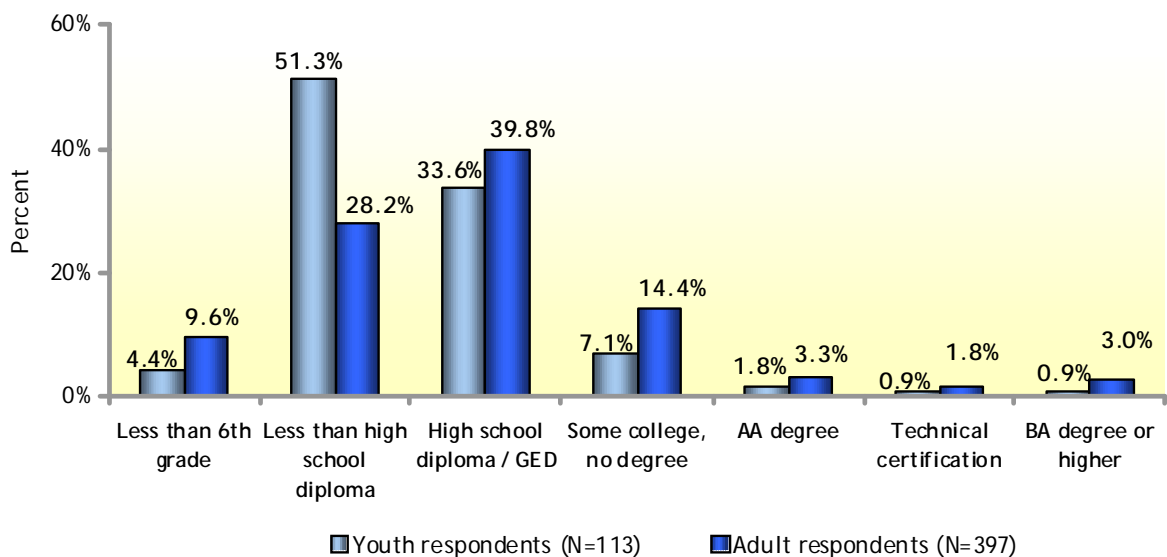


Source: Applied Survey Research, 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Survey, 2009.

Educational Attainment

- ✓ When asked about their highest level of education, more than half (56%) of youth respondents indicated that they do not have a high school diploma, compared to 38% of adults.
- ✓ 34% of youth respondents indicated that they had a high school diploma/GED as their highest level of education. This is compared to 40% of adult respondents.

Figure 9: Highest Level of Education Completed, 2009



Source: Applied Survey Research, 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Survey, 2009.

Living Status

- ✓ A smaller percentage of youth respondents indicated that they lived alone (40%), compared to adult respondents (59%).
- ✓ Of those who did not live alone, a greater percentage of youth respondents, compared to adult respondents, were living with friends (47% compared to 31%, respectively), other family members (13% compared to 8%), and a parent/legal guardian (9% compared to 1%).⁵
- ✓ 19% of both youth and adult respondents were living with minor children.

From 2007 to 2009, the percentage of youth respondents who indicated that they lived alone increased from 35% to 40%.

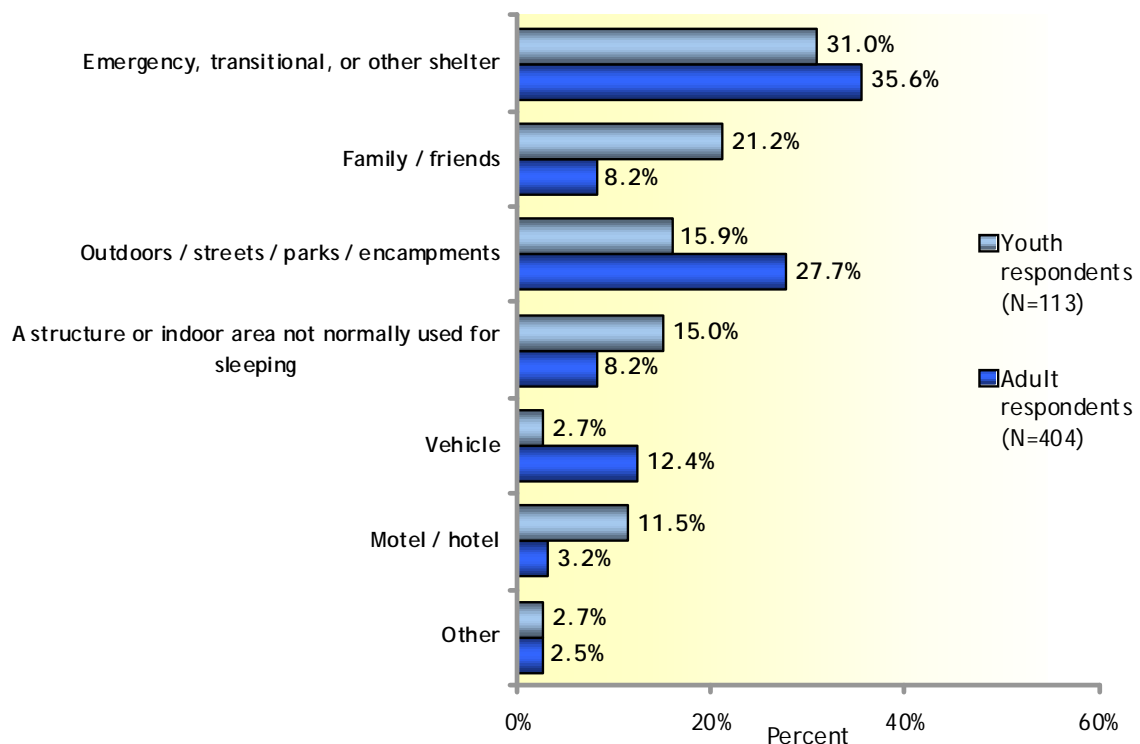
⁵ These responses were not mutually exclusive.

Profiles of Homelessness

Usual Nighttime Accommodations

- ✓ The most commonly cited nighttime accommodation for homeless youth respondents was an emergency shelter, transitional housing facility, or another type of shelter (31%). Thirty-six percent (36%) of adult respondents indicated the same.
- ✓ Greater percentages of youth respondents than adult respondents indicated usually staying with family or friends (21% compared to 8%, respectively), in a structure or indoor area not normally used for sleeping (15% compared to 8%), and in a motel or hotel (12% compared to 3%).

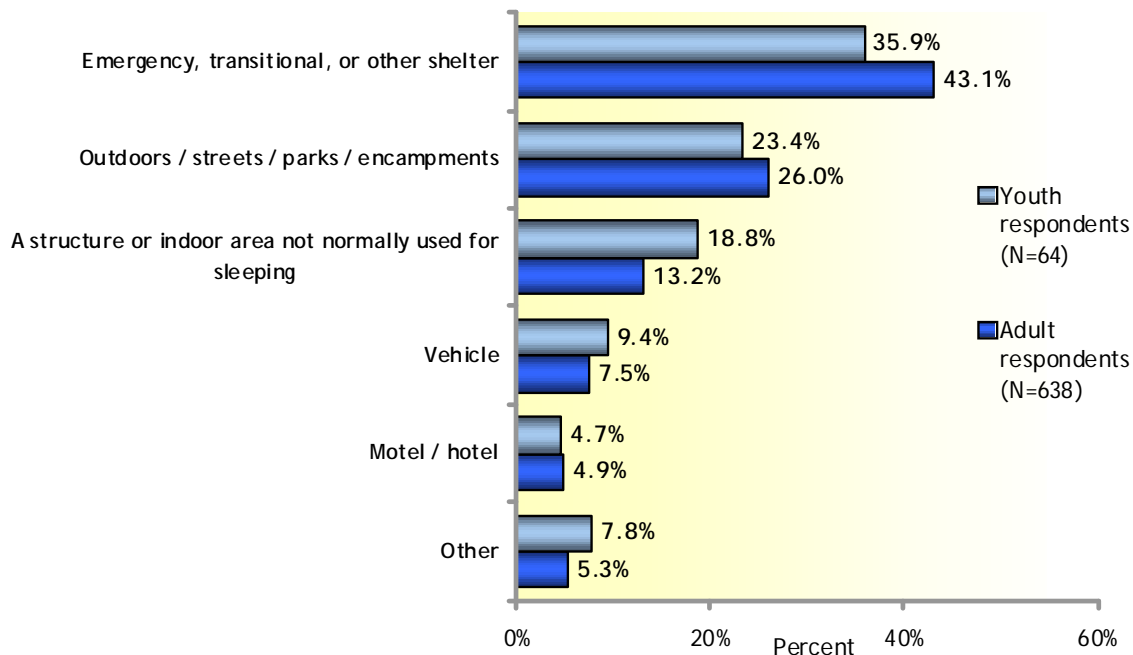
Figure 10: Where Respondents Usually Stay At Night, 2009



Source: Applied Survey Research, 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Survey, 2009.
 Note: "Family / friends" was not a response option in 2007.

- ✓ From 2007 to 2009, the percentage of youth respondents who indicated usually staying in an emergency shelter, transitional housing facility, or another type of shelter decreased from 36% to 31%.

Figure 11: Where Respondents Usually Stay At Night, 2007



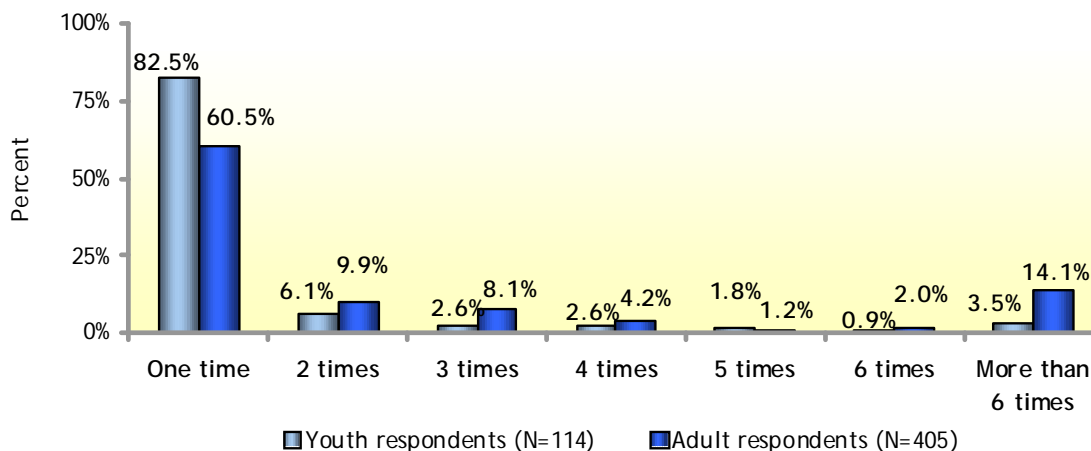
Source: Applied Survey Research, 2007 City of San Jose Homeless Survey, 2007.

Recurrence of Homelessness

- ✓ **64% of youth respondents reported that this was their first time being homeless, compared to 36% of adult respondents.**
- ✓ **18% of youth respondents had experienced a previous episode of homelessness in the last 12 months, compared to 40% of adult respondents.**

Between 2007 and 2009, the percentage of youth respondents who indicated this was their first time being homeless increased from 41% to 64%.

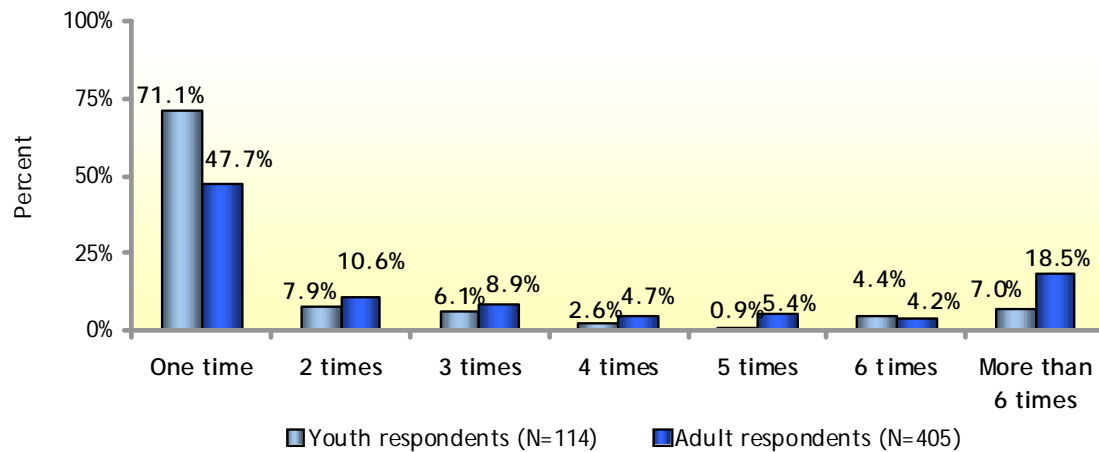
Figure 12: Number of Times Respondents Had Been Homeless in the Last 12 Months, Including This Time, 2009



Source: Applied Survey Research, 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Survey, 2009.

- ✓ **15% of youth respondents indicated that they had been homeless four or more times in the last three years, compared to 33% of adult respondents.**

Figure 13: Number of Times Respondents Had Been Homeless in the Last 3 Years, Including This Time, 2009



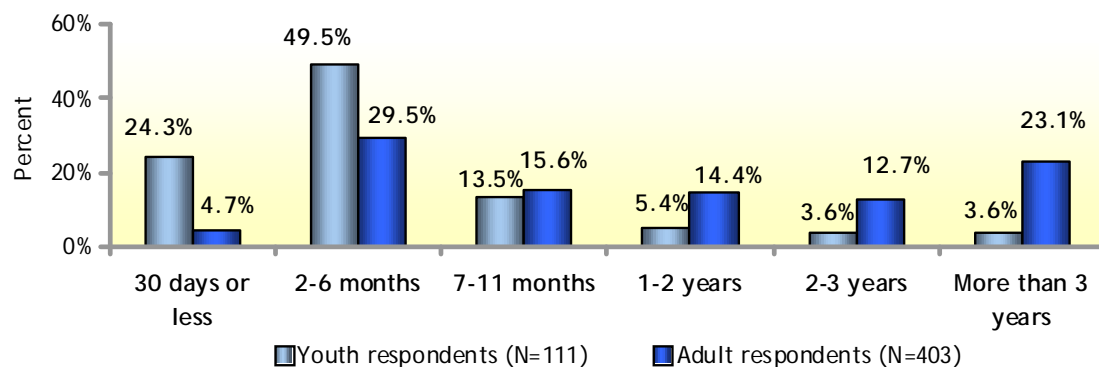
Source: Applied Survey Research, 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Survey, 2009.

Length of Homelessness

- ✓ **When asked how long they had been homeless since they last lived in a permanent housing situation, 24% of youth respondents indicated that they had been homeless for 30 days or less. This is compared to 5% of adult respondents.**
- ✓ **50% of youth respondents indicated that they had been homeless for 2-6 months, compared to 30% of adult respondents.**
- ✓ **While 50% of adult respondents indicated that they had been homeless for one year or more, about 13% of youth respondents indicated them same.**

From 2007 to 2009, the percentage of youth respondents who had been homeless for a year or more decreased from 32% to 13%.

Figure 14: Length of Homelessness Since Last Permanent Housing Situation, 2009

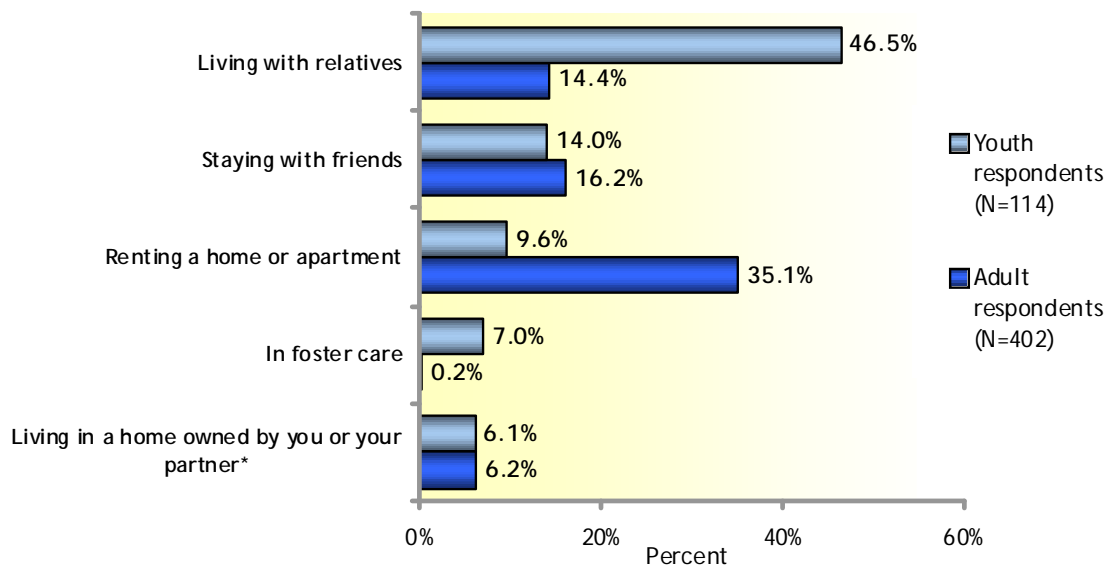


Source: Applied Survey Research, 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Survey, 2009.

Previous Living Accommodations

- ✓ **47% of youth respondents had been living with relatives immediately before they became homeless this most recent time, compared to 14% of adult respondents.**

Figure 15: *Living Arrangements Immediately Prior to Becoming Homeless This Time (Top 5 Youth Responses), 2009*



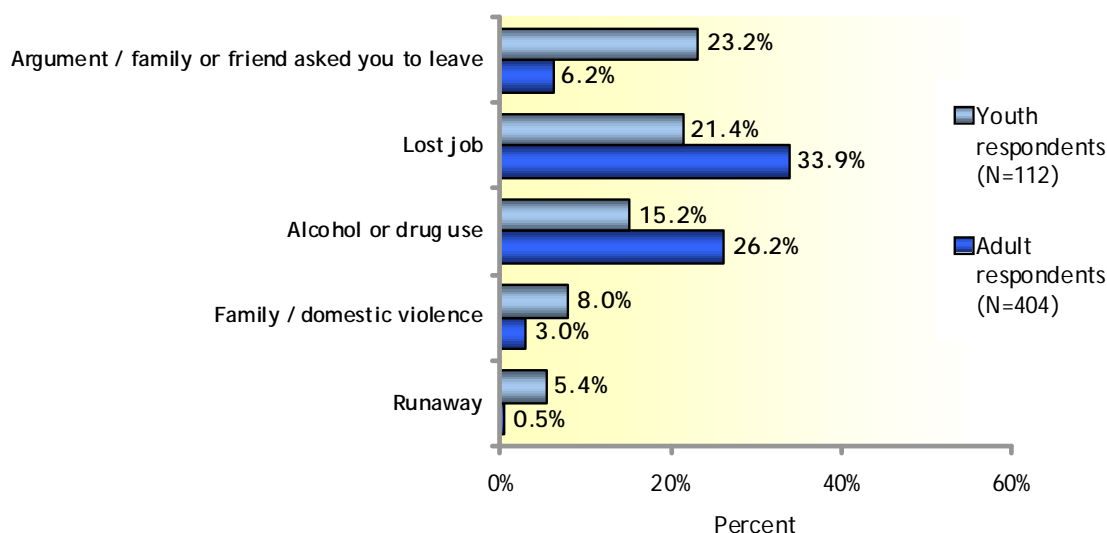
Source: Applied Survey Research, 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Survey, 2009.

* Caution should be used when interpreting these data. Some youth respondents may have misunderstood this response option as living in a home owned by relatives, rather than a partner / spouse.

Primary Causes of Homelessness

- ✓ **23% of youth respondents indicated that the primary cause of their homelessness was an argument with a family member or friend in which they were asked to leave. In comparison, this cause was cited by 6% of adult respondents.**

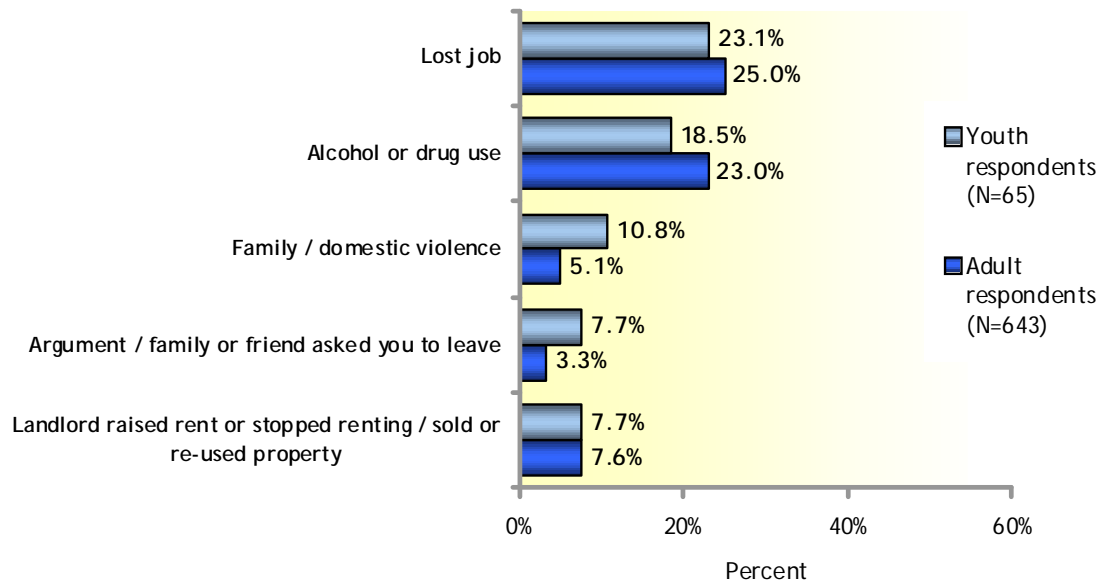
Figure 16: *Primary Event or Condition That Led to Respondents' Current Episode of Homelessness (Top 5 Youth Responses), 2009*



Source: Applied Survey Research, 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Survey, 2009.

- ✓ **Between 2007 and 2009, the percentage of youth respondents who indicated that the primary cause of their homelessness was an argument with a family member or friend in which they were asked to leave increased from 8% to 23%.**

Figure 17: Primary Event or Condition That Led to Respondents' Current Episode of Homelessness (Top 5 Youth Responses), 2007



Source: Applied Survey Research, 2007 City of San Jose Homeless Survey, 2007.

- ✓ **When asked what might have prevented them from becoming homeless, the top three responses among both youth and adult respondents were job training / employment assistance (42% and 41%, respectively), alcohol / drug counseling (26% and 37%), and rent / mortgage assistance (12% and 35%).⁶**

Figure 18: What Might Have Prevented You From Becoming Homeless? (2009)

Response	Youth Respondents	Adults Respondents
Job training / employment assistance	41.5%	41.3%
Alcohol / drug counseling	26.4%	36.9%
Rent / mortgage assistance	12.3%	34.9%
Help getting access to government benefits	7.5%	17.8%
Mental health services	6.6%	16.8%
Legal assistance	6.6%	13.9%
Health insurance / services	4.7%	8.9%
Transportation assistance	4.7%	16.8%
Case management leaving hospital / jail / prison	3.8%	15.8%
More family support	3.8%	0.0%
Affordable / free childcare	1.9%	4.0%
If I didn't lose my job	0.0%	0.2%
Other	17.0%	7.9%
Total Respondents	106	404

Source: Applied Survey Research, 2007 City of San Jose Homeless Survey, 2007.

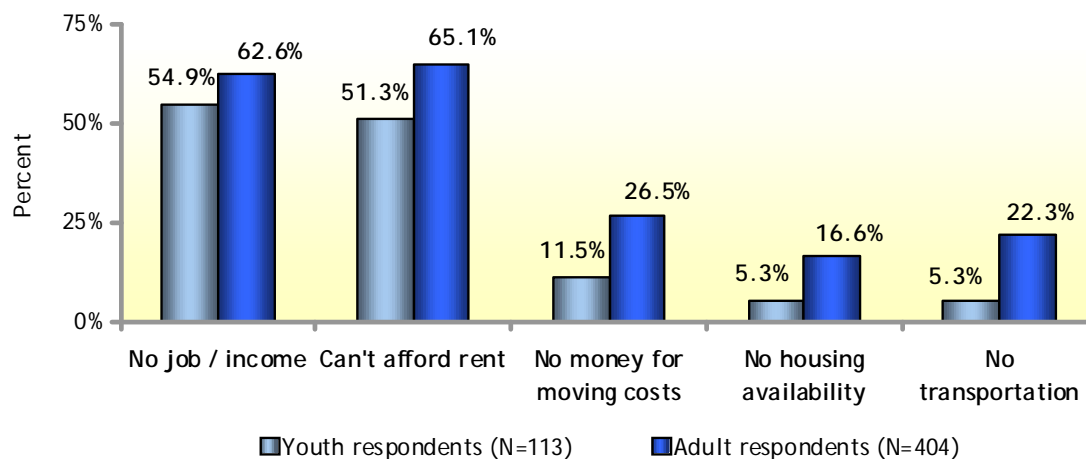
Note: These responses were not mutually exclusive.

⁶ These responses were not mutually exclusive.

Obstacles to Obtaining Permanent Housing

- ✓ **55% of youth respondents reported that their lack of a job or income was keeping them from getting permanent housing, compared to 63% of adult respondents.**
- ✓ **51% of youth respondents said that not being able to afford rent was keeping them from getting permanent housing, compared to 65% of adult respondents.⁷**

Figure 19: Circumstances That Were Preventing Respondents From Securing Permanent Housing (Top 5 Youth Responses), 2009



Source: Applied Survey Research, 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Survey, 2009.

Note: These responses were not mutually exclusive.

Access to Food

- ✓ **A smaller percentage of youth respondents indicated that they usually get enough to eat on a daily basis (58%), compared to adult respondents (63%).**
- ✓ **34% of youth respondents and 26% of adult respondents indicated that they sometimes get enough to eat.**
- ✓ **9% of youth respondents and 11% of adult respondents indicated that they do not usually get enough to eat on a daily basis.**

⁷ These responses were not mutually exclusive.

Sources of Income

Employment Status

- ✓ A slightly smaller percentage of youth respondents were unemployed at the time of the survey (85%), compared to the adult survey population (88%).
 - 10% of youth respondents were employed part-time and 5% were employed full-time.

A slightly smaller percentage of 2009 youth respondents were employed part- or full-time (15%), compared to 2007 youth respondents (18%).

Barriers to Employment

- ✓ 37% of youth respondents cited the need for education as a barrier to employment, compared to 26% of adult respondents.
- ✓ 25% of youth respondents cited the lack of jobs as a major barrier to employment, compared to 34% of adult respondents.
- ✓ Other common barriers to employment cited by youth respondents included the need for training (25%), lack of a permanent address (22%), alcohol/drug issues (19%), no phone (19%), and the need for clothing (18%).⁸

Figure 20: Respondents' Barriers to Getting Employment (Top 10 Youth Responses), 2009

Response	Youth Respondents	Adult Respondents
Need education	36.5%	25.6%
No jobs	25.0%	33.5%
Need training	25.0%	31.8%
No permanent address	21.9%	31.8%
Alcohol / drug issue	18.8%	27.3%
No phone	18.8%	29.5%
Need clothing	17.7%	26.7%
No transportation	15.6%	27.3%
No shower facilities	13.5%	15.9%
No work permit / no Social Security number	12.5%	2.0%
Total Respondents	96	352

Source: Applied Survey Research, 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Survey, 2009.

Note: These responses were not mutually exclusive.

Income

- ✓ A smaller percentage of youth respondents indicated that they received monthly income from Government sources, compared to adult respondents (29% compared to 48%, respectively).
- ✓ A greater percentage of youth respondents than adult respondents were receiving monthly income from non-Government sources (70% compared to 65%, respectively).

⁸ These responses were not mutually exclusive.

Access to Government Assistance and Homeless Programs

Government Assistance

- ✓ **71% of youth respondents were not receiving any government assistance, compared to 49% of adult respondents.**
- ✓ **Of those who were receiving government assistance, the largest percentage (43%) of youth respondents were using Food Stamps (compared to 60% of adult respondents).**

From 2007 to 2009, the percentage of youth respondents receiving government assistance decreased from 35% to 29%.

Figure 21: Of Those Receiving Some Form of Government Assistance, Types of Assistance Received, 2009

Response	Youth Respondents	Adult Respondents
Food Stamps	43.3%	59.7%
General Assistance or General Relief	23.3%	50.2%
Cash Aid / CalWORKS	16.7%	2.8%
Work2future / Project Hope	6.7%	3.5%
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) / Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	6.7%	12.9%
Not service-connected VA Disability Pension	6.7%	3.0%
Social Security	6.7%	8.0%
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	6.7%	1.5%
Other government assistance	6.7%	5.0%
Service-connected VA Disability Compensation	0.0%	4.5%
Other veteran's benefits	0.0%	4.0%
Total Respondents	30	201

Source: Applied Survey Research, 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Survey, 2009.

Note: These responses were not mutually exclusive.

- ✓ **Of the youth respondents who were not receiving any government assistance, 37% did not think they were eligible, 29% cited their lack of a permanent address as a barrier, 27% had never applied, 21% had no identification, 18% intended to apply soon, and 14% did not know where to go.⁹**
 - A greater percentage of youth respondents (14%) than adult respondents (8%) did not know where to go to apply for government assistance.

⁹ These responses were not mutually exclusive.

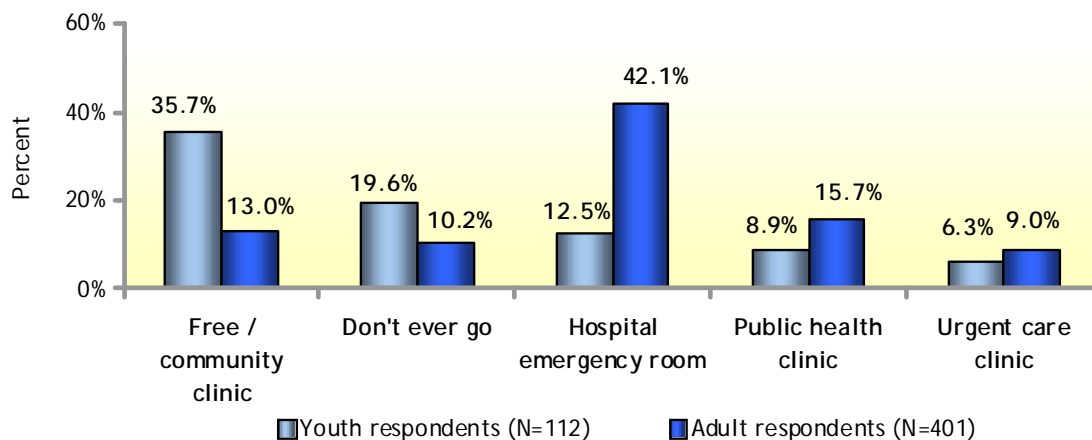
Medical Care and Health Conditions

Medical Care

- ✓ Similar percentages of youth and adult respondents indicated that they had needed medical care since the last time they became homeless, but had been unable to receive it (20% and 21%, respectively).
- ✓ A greater percentage of youth respondents indicated that they usually get medical care from a free clinic/community clinic (36%), compared to adult respondents (13%).
- ✓ A higher percentage of adult respondents reported usually going to a hospital emergency room for medical attention (42%), compared to youth respondents (13%).

From 2007 to 2009, the percentage of youth respondents who indicated that they had needed medical care but had been unable to receive it decreased from 27% to 20%.

Figure 22: Respondents' Usual Source of Medical Care (Top 5 Youth Responses), 2009



Source: Applied Survey Research, 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Survey, 2009.

Health Conditions

- ✓ A greater percentage of adult respondents indicated that they were experiencing chronic health problems (18%), compared to youth respondents (7%).
- ✓ About the same percentages of youth and adult respondents were experiencing HIV/AIDS related illnesses (2% and 3%, respectively).

Mental Health Issues

- ✓ Greater percentages of adult respondents than youth respondents were experiencing a mental illness (25% compared to 14%, respectively), Depression (46% compared to 32%), and PTSD (17% compared to 10%).

Physical and Developmental Disabilities

- ✓ 5% of youth respondents reported that they were experiencing a physical disability at the time of the survey, compared to 27% of adult respondents.
- ✓ 5% of youth respondents had a developmental disability, compared to 10% of adult respondents.

Substance Abuse

- ✓ Greater percentages of adult respondents, compared to youth respondents, were experiencing alcohol abuse (43% compared to 27%, respectively) and drug abuse (42% compared to 25%) at the time of the survey.

Between 2007 and 2009, the percentage of youth respondents who were currently experiencing drug abuse increased from 17% to 25%

Domestic / Family Violence

- ✓ 8% of youth respondents cited family/domestic violence as the primary cause of their homelessness, compared to 3% of adult respondents.
- ✓ When asked if they were currently experiencing domestic/partner violence or abuse, 4% of youth respondents indicated that they were, compared to 12% of adult respondents.

Prison and Foster Care Transitions

Jail or Prison Experience

- ✓ A smaller percentage of youth respondents (23%) had spent at least one night in jail or prison during the last 12 months, compared to adult respondents (39%).
- ✓ 8% of youth respondents indicated that they were currently on probation or parole, compared to 29% of adult respondents.
- ✓ When asked if they were on probation or parole at the time they most recently became homeless, 8% of youth respondents and 28% of adult respondents indicated that they were.

Foster Care

- ✓ While 26% of youth respondents indicated that they have been in foster care in their lifetime, 10% of adult respondents indicated the same.
- ✓ 7% of youth respondents (8 individuals) were living in foster care before they became homeless, compared to less than 1% of adult respondents (1 individual).
- ✓ 5% of youth respondents (5 individuals) cited aging out of foster care as the primary reason for their homelessness. No adult respondents gave this response.

Conclusion

The 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Youth Census and Survey was performed using HUD-recommended practices for counting homeless persons. This important effort provided valid and useful data regarding the homeless youth population in the City of San Jose. The 2009 enumeration built upon the 2007 effort and began the compilation of comparable multi-year data on the experience of homeless youth in the City of San Jose. Continued use of this methodology will enable the tracking of key indicators and gauge the changing conditions experienced by homeless youth throughout the City.

It is hoped that the data presented in this report will be used by the planning bodies of the City of San Jose and other organizations within the community to inform additional outreach, service planning, and policy decision-making over the next two years as they continue to address youth homelessness. It is also hoped that this report will be disseminated to other jurisdictions and educational research institutions in order to gain feedback on the methodologies used and results obtained for the 2009 City of San Jose Homeless Youth Census and Survey. By sharing and evaluating this enumeration effort and its results, the homeless youth support network in the City of San Jose will be better able to produce constructive and innovative solutions to a problem that clearly affects many youth in the community.



Appendix I: Census Instrument

2009 Santa Clara County Homeless Census						
Youth Street Count Tally Sheet						
Team Member 1: _____		Team Member 3: _____				
Team Member 2: _____		Team Member 4: _____				
Cross streets and city	Male under 18	Male 18-22	Female under 18	Female 18-22	Undetermined Gender under 18	Undetermined Gender 18-22

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Appendix II: Survey Instrument

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2009 SANTA CLARA COUNTY HOMELESS COUNT SURVEY

REFUSALS _____ Interview Date: _____

Interviewer's (Your) Name: _____

Neighborhood or city: _____

Respondent's Initials: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

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(Interviewer: Read question & answers to the respondent)

Shade Circles Like This--> ●

Not Like This--> ⊗

1. What is your birth date?

Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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2. Which racial / ethnic group do you identify with the most? (Shade only 1)

☐ White/Caucasian ☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native

☐ Black/African American ☐ Asian

☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ Pacific Islander

☐ Other/Multi-ethnic

3. How do you identify yourself?

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Transgender

4. Have you ever served in the United States Armed Forces?

☐ Yes (Continue with question 4a and 4b)

☐ No (Skip to question 5)

4a. Did you serve in the regular military or in a National Guard or military reserve unit? (Shade all that apply)

☐ Regular Military ☐ National Guard ☐ Reserve

4b. Were you disabled during, or as a result of your service?

☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Do you live alone without family, partner, or friends?

☐ Yes (Skip to question 6)

☐ No (Ask question 5a)

5a. Do you live with: (Shade all that apply)

☐ Spouse or partner ☐ Other family member(s)

☐ Child/children ☐ Friend(s)

☐ Parent or legal guardian ☐ Other

6. Where do you usually stay at night? (Shade only 1)

☐ With family/friends ☐ A place in a house not normally used for sleeping (kitchen, living room, etc.)

☐ Outdoors/streets/parks/creeks

☐ Unconverted Garage/attic/basement

☐ Backyard or storage structure

☐ Motel/hotel

☐ Automobile

☐ Van

☐ Camper

☐ Abandoned building

☐ Emergency shelter

☐ Public facilities (train station, bus depot, transit center, etc.)

☐ Transitional housing

☐ Other shelter

☐ Other _____

☐ Encampment

How many people, including yourself, usually stay there? _____

How many people live there? _____

7. In the last 30 days, have you ever tried to stay at a shelter or transitional housing facility in Santa Clara County and been turned away?

☐ Yes, a shelter (Ask question 7a)

☐ Yes, transitional housing (Ask question 7a)

☐ Yes, both (Ask question 7a)

☐ No (Skip to question 8)

7a. Why were you turned away? (Shade all that apply)

☐ There were no beds available

☐ Didn't accept teenager/children

☐ They didn't accept friend/family

☐ They didn't accept pets

☐ Alcohol/drug problems

☐ Couldn't follow shelter rules

☐ I was pregnant

☐ Because of my disability

☐ Had no identification

☐ Other _____

☐ Don't Know

8. Is this the first time you have been homeless?

☐ Yes (Skip to question 9)

☐ No (Continue with question 8a and 8b)

8a. In the last 12 months how many times have you been homeless, including this present time? (Shade only 1)

☐ One time ☐ 3 times ☐ 5 times

☐ 2 times ☐ 4 times ☐ 6 times ☐ More than 6 times

8b. In the last 3 years how many times have you been homeless, including this present time? (Shade only 1)

☐ One time ☐ 3 times ☐ 5 times

☐ 2 times ☐ 4 times ☐ 6 times ☐ More than 6 times

9. How long have you been homeless since you last lived in a permanent housing situation? (Shade only 1)

☐ 7 days or less ☐ 4 months ☐ 8 months ☐ 12 months

☐ 8-30 days ☐ 5 months ☐ 9 months ☐ 1-2 years

☐ 2 months ☐ 6 months ☐ 10 months ☐ 2-3 years

☐ 3 months ☐ 7 months ☐ 11 months ☐ More than 3 years

10. Where were you living at the time you most recently became homeless? (Shade only 1)

☐ Santa Clara County (Continue with question 10a)

☐ Other County in California (Skip to question 11)

☐ Out of State (Skip to question 11)

10a. How long had you lived in Santa Clara County before becoming homeless? (Shade only 1)

☐ 7 days or less ☐ 4-6 months ☐ 3-5 years

☐ 8-30 days ☐ 7-11 months ☐ 6-10 years

☐ 1-3 months ☐ 1-2 years ☐ More than 10 years

11. Immediately before you became homeless this last time, were you: (Shade only 1)

☐ Living in a home owned by you or your partner

☐ Renting a home or apartment

☐ Staying with friends

☐ Living with relatives

☐ Living in subsidized housing

☐ In jail or prison

☐ In a hospital

☐ In a treatment program

☐ In foster care

☐ Other

12. What do you think is the primary event or condition that led to your homelessness? (Please choose the main reason. Shade only 1)

☐ Lost job

☐ Landlord sold/ stopped renting or re-used property

☐ Landlord raised rent

☐ Alcohol or drug use

☐ Illness or medical problem

☐ Mental health issues

☐ Family/ domestic violence

☐ Lost home I owned through foreclosure

☐ Argument/family or friend asked you to leave

☐ Incarceration/discharged from prison

☐ Hospitalization/treatment program

☐ Got too old for foster care

☐ Divorced or separated

☐ Hurricane Katrina

☐ Other natural disaster/ fire/ flood

☐ For being Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender

☐ Lost retirement savings

☐ Runaway

☐ Other _____

☐ Don't Know/ decline to state

12a. What might have prevented you from becoming homeless? (Shade all that apply)

☐ Case management (leaving hospital/ jail/ prison)

☐ Job training/ employment assistance

☐ Mental health services

☐ Health insurance/ services

☐ Legal assistance

☐ Transportation assistance

☐ Alcohol/ drug counseling

☐ Rent/ mortgage assistance

☐ Affordable/ free childcare

☐ Help getting access to government benefits

☐ Other _____

13. What is keeping you from getting permanent housing? (Shade all that apply)

☐ Can't afford rent

☐ No job / no income

☐ No money for moving costs (security deposit, first and/or last month rent)

☐ No available housing

☐ No transportation

☐ Bad credit

☐ Eviction record

☐ Criminal record

☐ Don't want to

☐ Other _____

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14. Are you currently using any of the following services/assistance? (Shade all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency shelter | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter day services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free meals | <input type="checkbox"/> Health services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food pantry | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bus passes | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol / Drug counseling | <input type="checkbox"/> Not using any services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Job training/employment assistance | |

15. Are you currently receiving any of the following forms of government assistance? (Shade all that apply)

- | |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Assistance or General Relief |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Stamps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service-connected VA Disability Compensation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not service-connected VA Disability Pension |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Veteran's Benefits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SSI (Supplemental Security Income) / SSDI |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cash Aid / CalWORKS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WIC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work2future/Project Hope |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other governmental assistance (State disability benefits, workers compensation, unemployment, etc.) |
| (If yes to any of these, go to 16) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am not currently receiving any of these (Ask 15a) |

15a. If you are not receiving any government assistance, why not? (Shade all that apply)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't think I'm eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> I have applied for one or more of these services, and I am currently waiting for approval |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have no ID | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know where to go |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No permanent address | <input type="checkbox"/> Turned down |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Will apply soon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Never applied | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't need government assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefits were cut off | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper work too difficult |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am afraid my children will be taken away from me | |

16. What is your total (gross) monthly income from all Government benefits? (County, State, Federal monies) (Shade only 1)

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zero | <input type="checkbox"/> \$301 - \$400 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$701 - \$800 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1 - \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$401 - \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$801 - \$900 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$101 - \$200 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$501 - \$600 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$901 - \$1000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$201 - \$300 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$601 - \$700 | <input type="checkbox"/> Over \$1000 |

17. Are you currently employed? (Shade only 1)

- ☐ No, unemployed (Continue with 17a)
- ☐ Yes, part time (Skip to question 18)
- ☐ Yes, full time (Skip to question 18)

17a. What is keeping you from getting employment? (Shade all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Need education | <input type="checkbox"/> No permanent address |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Need training | <input type="checkbox"/> No transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Need clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> No tools for trade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No shower facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> No work permit (No S.S. #) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No phone | <input type="checkbox"/> No photo identification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't want to work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled | <input type="checkbox"/> No jobs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol /drug issue | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal record | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/partner doesn't want me to work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No child care | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

18. What are your other sources of income? (Shade all that apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family / friends | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pension | <input type="checkbox"/> Selling other found items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child support | <input type="checkbox"/> Selling blood / plasma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panhandling/ asking for money on the street | <input type="checkbox"/> Sex work |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

19. What is your total (gross) monthly income from all non-Government sources? (Job, panhandling, recycling, etc.)

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zero | <input type="checkbox"/> \$301 - \$400 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$701 - \$800 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1 - \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$401 - \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$801 - \$900 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$101 - \$200 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$501 - \$600 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$901 - \$1000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$201 - \$300 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$601 - \$700 | <input type="checkbox"/> Over \$1000 |

20. Do you have any children, living with you or not?

- ☐ Yes (Ask question 20a)
- ☐ No (Skip to question 21)

20a. Do you have any children: (Shade all that apply)

- | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18 or over living with you | How many? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In foster care | How many? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 5 years living with you | How many? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 - 12 years living with you | How many? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13 - 17 years living with you | How many? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are your children age 6-17 living with you in school? | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | | | |

21. Since you became homeless this last time, have you needed medical care and been unable to receive it?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

22. Where do you usually get medical care? (Shade only 1)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital emergency room | <input type="checkbox"/> Private doctor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent care clinic | <input type="checkbox"/> Friends / family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public health clinic | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't ever go |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Affairs Hospital/Clinic | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free clinic/community clinic | |

22a. How many times in the last 12 months have you used the emergency room for any treatment?

_____ times (Office use)

23. How many nights, if any, have you spent in jail or prison during the last 12 months?

_____ nights (Office use)

24. Are you currently on probation or parole?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Decline to state

24a. Were you on probation or parole at the time you most recently became homeless?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Decline to state

25. Are you currently experiencing any of the following:

- | | |
|--|---|
| 25a. Physical disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Declined to state |
| 25b. Mental illness | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Declined to state |
| 25c. Depression | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Declined to state |
| 25d. Alcohol abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Declined to state |
| 25e. Drug abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Declined to state |
| 25f. Domestic/partner violence or abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Declined to state |
| 25g. Chronic health problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Declined to state |
| 25h. AIDS/HIV related illness | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Declined to state |
| 25i. Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Declined to state |
| 25j. Developmental disability (A chronic condition that significantly limits a person's ability to speak, hear, see, walk, learn, or perform fundamental tasks) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Declined to state |

26. Were you ever in foster care? (Before your 18th birthday, were you ever removed from your home by the state, county, or court and sent to live with people other than your mother or father?)

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

27. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 6th Grade | <input type="checkbox"/> AA degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than high school diploma | <input type="checkbox"/> BA degree or above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school diploma/GED | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some college, no degree | |

28. Do you usually get enough to eat on a daily basis?

- ☐ Yes ☐ Sometimes ☐ No

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RECHAZOS _____

Fecha de la Entrevista: _____

(Office use)

Nombre del Entrevistador: _____

Vecindario-lugar: _____

Iniciales del Entrevistado: 1 Nombre _____ 2 Nombre _____ Apellido _____

(Office use)

(Entrevistador: Lea la pregunta y las opciones de respuesta al entrevistado)

Marque los círculos así--> ● y NO así--> ✗

1. Cuál es su fecha de nacimiento?

Mes _____ Día _____ Año _____

(Office use) (Office use) (Office use)

2. A qué grupo étnico/racial considera Ud. que pertenece? (Marque solo 1 respuesta)

☐ Blanco/Caucásico ☐ Nativo Americano/Nativo de Alaska

☐ Negro/Afroamericano ☐ Asiático

☐ Hispano/Latino ☐ Islas del Pacífico

☐ Otro/Multi-étnico

3. Como se identifica usted?

☐ Hombre ☐ Mujer ☐ Transgénero

4. Es Ud. veterano de las fuerzas armadas de los Estados Unidos?

☐ Sí (Continúe con la pregunta 4a Y 4b)

☐ No (Vaya a la pregunta 5)

4a. Prestó servicio en la milicia regular, la guardia nacional o en una unidad militar como reservista? (Marque las que apliquen)

☐ Milicia regular ☐ Guardia Nacional ☐ Reservista

4b. Quedó discapacitado durante la prestación de su servicio militar?

☐ Sí ☐ No

5. Vive Ud solo, es decir sin familia, pareja o amigos?

☐ Sí (Vaya a la pregunta 6)

☐ No (Siga con la pregunta 5a)

5a. Actualmente Ud vive con: (Marque las que apliquen)

☐ Esposo(a)/pareja ☐ Otros miembros de la familia

☐ Con niños/hijos ☐ Amigos

☐ Padres o tutor legal ☐ Otro

6. Donde se queda Ud generalmente en las noches? (Marque solo 1 respuesta)

☐ Al aire libre/calles/parques ☐ Un lugar en una casa que normalmente NO se utiliza para dormir (cocina, sala, etc)

☐ Garaje/ático/sótano sin modificación ☐ Refugio de emergencia

☐ Patio o estructura de bodega ☐ Lugares públicos (estación de tren o bus, transit center, etc)

☐ Motel/hotel ☐ Hogar de paso/transitorio

☐ Vehículo ☐ Otro tipo de refugio

☐ Van ☐ Otro

☐ Camper ☐ Campamento

☐ Edificio abandonado ☐ Cuánta gente vive allí?

Cuántas personas incluyéndose ud se quedan ahí? _____

7. En los últimos 30 días ha intentado tener acceso a un refugio u hogar de paso/ transición en el condado de Santa Clara y le han negado el servicio?

☐ Sí, un refugio (Siga con la pregunta 7a)

☐ Sí, un hogar de paso/transitorio (Vaya a la pregunta 7a)

☐ Sí, en ambos (Vaya a la pregunta 7a)

☐ No (Vaya a la pregunta 8)

7a. Por qué le fue negado el servicio? (Marque las que apliquen)

☐ No tenía camas disponibles ☐ Estar embarazada

☐ No aceptan menores de edad ☐ Ser discapacitado

☐ El lugar no acepta amigos/familia ☐ No tiene identificación

☐ El lugar no acepta mascotas ☐ No sé

☐ Problemas con alcohol/drogas ☐ Otro

☐ No siguió las reglas del lugar

8. Es la primera vez que ha estado sin hogar/desamparado?

☐ Sí (Vaya a la pregunta 9)

☐ No (Siga con la pregunta 8a y 8b)

8a. En los últimos 12 meses cuántas veces, incluyendo esta, ha sido una persona sin hogar? (Marque solo 1 respuesta)

☐ Una vez ☐ 3 veces ☐ 5 veces

☐ 2 veces ☐ 4 veces ☐ 6 veces ☐ Mas de 6 veces

8b. En los últimos 3 años cuántas veces, incluyendo esta, ha sido una persona sin hogar? (Marque solo 1 respuesta)

☐ Una vez ☐ 3 veces ☐ 5 veces

☐ 2 veces ☐ 4 veces ☐ 6 veces ☐ Mas de 6 veces

9. Hace cuanto ha estado sin hogar desde la última vez que vivió en un hogar permanente? (Marque solo 1 respuesta)

☐ 7 días o menos ☐ 4 meses ☐ 8 meses ☐ 12 meses

☐ 8-30 días ☐ 5 meses ☐ 9 meses ☐ 1-2 años

☐ 2 meses ☐ 6 meses ☐ 10 meses ☐ 2-3 años

☐ 3 meses ☐ 7 meses ☐ 11 meses ☐ Mas de 3 años

10. Donde estaba viviendo la última vez que se convirtió en persona sin hogar? (Marque solo 1 respuesta)

☐ Condado de Santa Clara (Siga con la pregunta 10a)

☐ Otro condado de California (Vaya a la pregunta 11)

☐ En otro Estado (Vaya a la pregunta 11)

10a. Cuanto tiempo había vivido en el Condado de Santa Clara antes de convertirse en persona sin hogar? (Marque 1 resp.)

☐ 7 días o menos ☐ 4-6 meses ☐ 3-5 años

☐ 8-30 días ☐ 7-11 meses ☐ 6-10 años

☐ 1-3 meses ☐ 1-2 años ☐ Mas de 10 años

11. Inmediatamente antes de convertirse en persona sin hogar esta última vez, usted estaba... (Marque solo 1 respuesta)

☐ Viviendo en un lugar suyo o de su pareja ☐ En la cárcel/prisión

☐ Arrendando casa/apto ☐ En un hospital

☐ Quedándose con amigos ☐ En un programa de tratamiento

☐ Viviendo con familiares ☐ En un foster care

☐ Viviendo en un hogar subsidiado ☐ Otro

12. Cuál piensa Ud. que fue el principal evento o situación que lo llevó a su actual condición de persona sin hogar? Escoja la principal razón (Marque solo 1 respuesta)

☐ Perdió el trabajo ☐ Hospitalización/prog. tratamiento

☐ La vivienda fue vendida o no fue rentada mas ☐ Edad de salida del foster care

☐ Incremento de la renta ☐ Se separó o divorció

☐ Uso de alcohol o drogas ☐ Huracán Katrina

☐ Enfermo o con probl. médicos ☐ Otro desastre natural / incendio/ inundación, etc.

☐ Asuntos de salud mental ☐ Por ser homosexual, bisexual o transgénero

☐ Violencia doméstica/familiar ☐ Perdió ahorros de pensión/ jubilación

☐ Perdió su casa por falta de dinero ☐ Escape del hogar

☐ Pelea con familiar/amigo que le pidió que se fuera ☐ Otro

☐ Haber estado encarcelado ☐ No sabe/no desea responder

12a. Qué es lo que le impide poder tener un lugar para vivir de manera permanente? (Marque las que apliquen)

☐ Capacitación/ apoyo para poder vivir por fuera de hospital/ cárcel/ prisión

☐ Capacitación/ apoyo en conseguir trabajo

☐ Servicios de salud mental

☐ Servicios/seguro de salud

☐ Asistencia legal

☐ Apoyo con el transporte

☐ Consejería con alcohol/ drogas

☐ Asistencia con la renta/deuda de vivienda

☐ Cuidado infantil gratis/precio bajo

☐ Ayuda para acceder a los beneficios que ofrece el gobierno

☐ Otro

13. Qué es lo que le impide poder tener un lugar para vivir de manera permanente? (Marque las que apliquen)

☐ No puede pagar la renta ☐ Sin transporte

☐ Sin trabajo / ingresos ☐ Mal crédito

☐ Costos iniciales de renta ☐ Historia de desalojo

☐ (depósito de seguridad, pago del primer y/o último mes de renta) ☐ Pasado judicial

☐ No hay disponibilidad de vivienda ☐ No desea hacerlo

☐ Otro

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14. Recibe alguna de las siguientes formas de asistencia? (Marque las que apliquen)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refugio de emergencia | <input type="checkbox"/> Servicios diarios de refugio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hogar transitorio | <input type="checkbox"/> Asistencia legal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alimentos gratis | <input type="checkbox"/> Servicios de salud |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food pantry | <input type="checkbox"/> Servicios de salud mental |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fichas para el bus | <input type="checkbox"/> Otro _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capacitación laboral | <input type="checkbox"/> No usa ningún servicio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consejería para alcohol/ drogas | |

15. Actualmente recibe alguna de las siguientes formas de asistencia gubernamental? (Marque las que apliquen)

- | |
|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Assistance or General Relief |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Stamps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service-connected VA Disability Compensation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not service-connected VA Disability Pension |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Otros beneficios para veteranos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seguro Social |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SSI (Supplemental Security Income) / SSDI |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cash Aid / CalWORKS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WIC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work2future/Project Hope |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Otro tipo de asistencia del gobierno (Compensación laboral, desempleo, beneficios del Estado por incapacidad etc.) |

(Si responde alguna de estas, vaya a la pregunta 16)☐ No recibo actualmente ninguna de estas *(Siga con preg. 15a)***15a. Por qué no recibe ningún tipo de asistencia gubernamental? (Marque las que apliquen)**

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No cree que es elegible | <input type="checkbox"/> Ha aplicado a uno o mas de estos servicios y esta esperando la aprobación |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No tiene ID | <input type="checkbox"/> No sabe a donde ir |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sin dirección permanente | <input type="checkbox"/> Se lo han negado |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No tiene transporte | <input type="checkbox"/> Va a aplicar pronto |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nunca ha aplicado | <input type="checkbox"/> No requiere asistencia del gobierno |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficios fueron recortados | <input type="checkbox"/> Papeleo muy difícil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asuntos de inmigración | <input type="checkbox"/> Otro _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Me da miedo que me quieran quitar mis hijos | |

16. Cuál es el ingreso total mensual que recibe por parte de todas las organizaciones del Gobierno? (Condado, Estado, Federal) (Marque solo 1 respuesta)

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cero | <input type="checkbox"/> \$301 - \$400 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$701 - \$800 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1 - \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$401 - \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$801 - \$900 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$101 - \$200 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$501 - \$600 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$901 - \$1000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$201 - \$300 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$601 - \$700 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mas de \$1000 |

17. Esta Ud. actualmente empleado? (Marque solo 1 respuesta)

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, desempleado | <i>(Siga con la pregunta 17a)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Si, tiempo parcial | <i>(Vaya a la pregunta 18)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Si, tiempo completo | <i>(Vaya a la pregunta 18)</i> |

17a. Qué es lo que lo detiene para poder estar empleado? (Marque las que apliquen)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Necesita educación | <input type="checkbox"/> No tiene dirección permanente |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Necesita capacitación | <input type="checkbox"/> No tiene transporte |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Necesita vestuario | <input type="checkbox"/> Sin herramientas para trabajar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No tiene lugar para bañarse | <input type="checkbox"/> Sin permiso de trabajo (Sin S.S. #) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No tiene teléfono | <input type="checkbox"/> Sin documento de identificación |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Problemas de salud | <input type="checkbox"/> No desea trabajar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Esta discapacitado | <input type="checkbox"/> No hay trabajos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asuntos de alcohol/drogas | <input type="checkbox"/> Esta retirado/jubilado |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pasado judicial | <input type="checkbox"/> Esposo(a) no quiere que trabaje |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No tiene quien le cuide a sus hijos | <input type="checkbox"/> Otro _____ |

18. Cuales son sus otras fuentes de ingreso? (Marque las que apliquen)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Familia / amigos | <input type="checkbox"/> Reciclando |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pension | <input type="checkbox"/> Vendiendo objetos encontrados |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apoyo por los hijos | <input type="checkbox"/> Vendiendo sangre / plasma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mendigando/ pidiendo dinero en la calle | <input type="checkbox"/> Trabajo sexual |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Otro _____ |

19. Cuál es el ingreso total mensual que recibe por parte de otras fuentes distintas al gobierno? (Trabajo, mendigando, reciclaje, etc.) (Marque solo 1 respuesta)

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cero | <input type="checkbox"/> \$301 - \$400 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$701 - \$800 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1 - \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$401 - \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$801 - \$900 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$101 - \$200 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$501 - \$600 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$901 - \$1000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$201 - \$300 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$601 - \$700 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mas de \$1000 |

20. Tiene Ud hijos viviendo o no con usted?

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Si | <i>(Siga con la pregunta 20a)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <i>(Vaya a la pregunta 21)</i> |

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 (Office use)
20a. Tiene Ud hijos que: (Marque las que apliquen)

- | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tienen 18 o mas y viven con Ud | Cuántos? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Estan en foster care | Cuántos? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tienen menos de 5 y viven con Ud | Cuántos? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tienen 6 - 12 años y viven con Ud | Cuántos? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tienen 13 - 17 años y viven con Ud | Cuántos? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- Están sus hijos de 6-17 años que viven con Ud en la escuela?** ☐ Si ☐ No

21. Desde que esta sin hogar esta última vez, ha necesitado atención médica y no le ha sido posible recibirla?☐ Si ☐ No**22. Generalmente dónde obtiene atención médica? (Marque solo 1 respuesta)**

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sala de emergencia de Hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor privado |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clínica de urgencias | <input type="checkbox"/> Amigos / familiares |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clínica de salud pública | <input type="checkbox"/> Nunca he ido |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital para veteranos | <input type="checkbox"/> Otro |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clínica gratis/clínica comunitaria | |

22a. Cuántas veces en los últimos 12 meses ha hecho uso de una sala de emergencias para cualquier tipo de tratamiento?
 _____ veces

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 (Office use)
23. Cuántas noches ha pasado en la cárcel o prisión en los últimos 12 meses?
 _____ noches

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 (Office use)
24. Se encuentra actualmente en libertad condicional?☐ Si ☐ No ☐ No desea responder**24a. Estaba en libertad condicional en el momento en que recientemente se convirtió en persona sin hogar?**☐ Si ☐ No ☐ No desea responder**25. Esta Ud. pasando por alguna de las siguientes situaciones?:**

- | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 25a. Discapacidad física | <input type="checkbox"/> Si | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No desea responder |
| 25b. Enfermedad mental | <input type="checkbox"/> Si | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No desea responder |
| 25c. Depresión | <input type="checkbox"/> Si | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No desea responder |
| 25d. Abuso de Alcohol | <input type="checkbox"/> Si | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No desea responder |
| 25e. Abuso de Drogas | <input type="checkbox"/> Si | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No desea responder |
| 25f. Violencia doméstica o familiar | <input type="checkbox"/> Si | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No desea responder |
| 25g. Problemas crónicos de salud | <input type="checkbox"/> Si | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No desea responder |
| 25h. Enfermedades asociadas al SIDA/HIV | <input type="checkbox"/> Si | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No desea responder |
| 25i. Desorden de estrés post traumático | <input type="checkbox"/> Si | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No desea responder |
| 25j. Discapacidad del desarrollo (Condicion crónica que limita significativamente las habilidades de una persona para hablar, escuchar, ver, caminar o llevar a cabo tareas básicas) | <input type="checkbox"/> Si | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No desea responder |

26. Alguna vez estuvo en un foster care o albergue temporal? (Pensando cuando tenía menos de 18 años, fue Ud. removido de su hogar por el estado, el condado o una corte y enviado a vivir con personas distintas a su madre y su padre?)☐ Si ☐ No**27. Cuál es el mayor nivel educativo alcanzado?**

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Menos del sexto grado | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduado de AA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No terminó secundaria | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduado de BA o superior |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma de Secundaria/GED | <input type="checkbox"/> Certificado técnico |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Algo de College, sin título | |

28. Tiene generalmente alimentos para consumir diariamente?☐ Si ☐ A veces ☐ No

Appendix III: Survey Results by Age Group

1. Age

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Less than 13 years	0.0%	0.0%
	0	0
13-17 years	50.9%	0.0%
	58	0
18-21 years	41.2%	0.0%
	47	0
22-30 years	7.9%	14.8%
	9	60
31-40 years	0.0%	26.4%
	0	107
41-50 years	0.0%	37.0%
	0	150
51-60 years	0.0%	17.5%
	0	71
More than 60 years	0.0%	4.2%
	0	17
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	114	405

2. Which racial / ethnic group do you identify with the most?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
White/Caucasian	28.1%	33.4%
	32	135
Black/African American	15.8%	22.3%
	18	90
Hispanic/Latino	29.8%	31.4%
	34	127
American Indian/Alaskan Native	3.5%	4.2%
	4	17
Asian	2.6%	4.7%
	3	19
Pacific Islander	0.0%	2.0%
	0	8
Other/Multi-ethnic	20.2%	2.0%
	23	8
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	114	404

3. How do you identify yourself?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Male	60.5%	72.4%
	69	291
Female	35.1%	27.1%
	40	109
Transgender	4.4%	0.5%
	5	2
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	114	402

4. Have you ever served in the United States Armed Forces?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	1.8%	15.6%
	2	63
No	98.2%	84.4%
	112	341
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	114	404

4a. Did you serve in the regular military or in a National Guard or military reserve unit?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Regular Military	0.0%	87.3%
	0	55
National Guard	100.0%	6.3%
	1	4
Reserve	0.0%	11.1%
	0	7
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	1	63

4b. Were you disabled during or as a result of your service?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	100.0%	28.6%
	1	18
No	0.0%	71.4%
	0	45
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	1	63

5. Do you live alone without family, partner, or friends?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	40.4%	59.4%
	46	240
No	59.6%	40.6%
	68	164
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	114	404

5a. Do you live with:

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Spouse or partner	11.8%	21.9%
	8	35
Child/children	19.1%	19.4%
	13	31
Parent or legal guardian	8.8%	0.6%
	6	1
Other family member(s)	13.2%	8.1%
	9	13
Friend(s)	47.1%	31.3%
	32	50
Other	25.0%	37.5%
	17	60
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	68	160

6. Where do you usually stay at night?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Outdoors/streets/parks/creeks	13.3%	20.8%
	15	84
Automobile	0.0%	5.2%
	0	21
Unconverted garage/attic/basement	2.7%	3.7%
	3	15
Backyard or storage structure	3.5%	2.2%
	4	9
Abandoned building	3.5%	0.5%
	4	2
Motel/hotel	11.5%	3.2%
	13	13
A place in a house not normally used for sleeping (kitchen, living room, etc.)	5.3%	2.2%
	6	9
Emergency shelter	8.0%	28.7%
	9	116
Transitional housing	15.0%	3.7%
	17	15
Other shelter	8.0%	3.2%
	9	13
Public facilities	0.0%	1.7%
	0	7
Encampment	2.7%	6.9%
	3	28
Van	1.8%	4.2%
	2	17
Camper	0.9%	3.0%
	1	12
With family/friends	21.2%	8.2%
	24	33
Other	2.7%	2.5%
	3	10
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	113	404

7. In the last 30 days, have you ever tried to stay at a shelter or transitional housing facility in Santa Clara County and been turned away?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes, a shelter	19.5%	25.2%
	22	102
Yes, transitional housing	1.8%	2.2%
	2	9
Yes, both	0.9%	2.5%
	1	10
No	77.9%	70.1%
	88	284
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	113	405

7a. Why were you turned away?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
There were no beds available	48.0%	59.0%
	12	69
Don't know	24.0%	8.5%
	6	10
Couldn't follow shelter rules	8.0%	7.7%
	2	9
They didn't accept friend/family	12.0%	4.3%
	3	5
They didn't accept pets	4.0%	2.6%
	1	3
Alcohol/drug problems	12.0%	20.5%
	3	24
They didn't accept teenager/children	8.0%	2.6%
	2	3
I was pregnant	12.0%	0.0%
	3	0
Because of my disability	0.0%	2.6%
	0	3
Had no identification	0.0%	5.1%
	0	6
Other	4.0%	6.0%
	1	7
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	25	117

8. Is this the first time you have been homeless?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	64.0%	36.4%
	73	147
No	36.0%	63.6%
	41	257
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	114	404

8a. In the last 12 months how many times have you been homeless, including this present time? (Total sample)

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
One time	82.5%	60.5%
	94	245
2 times	6.1%	9.9%
	7	40
3 times	2.6%	8.1%
	3	33
4 times	2.6%	4.2%
	3	17
5 times	1.8%	1.2%
	2	5
6 times	0.9%	2.0%
	1	8
More than 6 times	3.5%	14.1%
	4	57
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	114	405

8b. In the last 3 years how many times have you been homeless, including this present time?
(Total sample)

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
One time	71.1%	47.7%
	81	193
2 times	7.9%	10.6%
	9	43
3 times	6.1%	8.9%
	7	36
4 times	2.6%	4.7%
	3	19
5 times	0.9%	5.4%
	1	22
6 times	4.4%	4.2%
	5	17
More than 6 times	7.0%	18.5%
	8	75
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	114	405

9. How long have you been homeless since you last lived in a permanent housing situation?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
7 days or less	13.5%	0.5%
	15	2
8 -30 days	10.8%	4.2%
	12	17
2 months	13.5%	4.7%
	15	19
3 months	9.0%	6.2%
	10	25
4 months	9.9%	6.7%
	11	27
5 months	8.1%	3.7%
	9	15
6 months	9.0%	8.2%
	10	33
7 months	4.5%	5.7%
	5	23
8 months	2.7%	3.5%
	3	14
9 months	2.7%	3.2%
	3	13
10 months	1.8%	2.2%
	2	9
11 months	1.8%	1.0%
	2	4
12 months	4.5%	5.0%
	5	20
1-2 years	0.9%	9.4%
	1	38
2-3 years	3.6%	12.7%
	4	51
More than 3 years	3.6%	23.1%
	4	93
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	111	403

10. Where were you living right before you most recently became homeless?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Santa Clara County	78.9%	79.2%
	90	320
Other County in California	16.7%	14.1%
	19	57
Out of State	4.4%	6.7%
	5	27
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	114	404

10a. How long had you lived in Santa Clara County before becoming homeless?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
7 days or less	5.6%	0.3%
	5	1
8 - 30 days	2.2%	1.3%
	2	4
1 - 3 months	4.4%	1.3%
	4	4
4 - 6 months	5.6%	2.5%
	5	8
7 - 11 months	2.2%	1.9%
	2	6
1 - 2 years	6.7%	5.9%
	6	19
3 - 5 years	8.9%	13.1%
	8	42
6 - 10 years	7.8%	12.8%
	7	41
More than 10 years	56.7%	60.9%
	51	195
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	90	320

11. Immediately before you became homeless this last time, were you:

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Living in a home owned by you or your partner ¹	6.1%	6.2%
	7	25
Renting a home or apartment	9.6%	35.1%
	11	141
Staying with friends	14.0%	16.2%
	16	65
Living with relatives	46.5%	14.4%
	53	58
Living in subsidized housing	0.9%	1.7%
	1	7
In jail or prison	5.3%	15.7%
	6	63
In a hospital	0.0%	0.0%
	0	0
In a treatment program	1.8%	4.0%
	2	16
In foster care	7.0%	0.2%
	8	1
Other	8.8%	6.5%
	10	26
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	114	402

¹ Caution should be used when interpreting these data. Some youth respondents may have misunderstood this response option as living in a home owned by relatives, rather than a partner / spouse.

12. What do you think is the primary event that led to your homelessness?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Lost job	21.4%	33.9%
	24	137
Landlord raised rent	0.9%	3.0%
	1	12
Alcohol or drug use	15.2%	26.2%
	17	106
Illness or medical problem	0.0%	1.7%
	0	7
Mental health issues	0.9%	3.5%
	1	14
Family/ domestic violence	8.0%	3.0%
	9	12
Incarceration/discharged from prison	0.9%	9.2%
	1	37
Got too old for foster care	4.5%	0.0%
	5	0
Divorced or separated	0.9%	3.7%
	1	15
Don't know/ decline to state	8.9%	2.5%
	10	10
Landlord sold / stopped renting or re-used property	4.5%	2.5%
	5	10
Hospitalization/treatment program	0.0%	0.5%
	0	2
Argument/family or friend asked you to leave	23.2%	6.2%
	26	25
Hurricane Katrina	0.0%	0.0%
	0	0
Other natural disaster/ fire/ flood	0.0%	0.0%
	0	0
For being Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender	0.0%	0.5%
	0	2
Lost home I owned through foreclosure	0.0%	0.5%
	0	2
Lost retirement savings	0.0%	0.0%
	0	0
Other	5.4%	2.2%
	6	9
Runaway	5.4%	0.5%
	6	2
Death in family	0.0%	0.5%
	0	2
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	112	404

12a. What might have prevented you from becoming homeless?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Case management leaving hospital / jail / prison	3.8%	15.8%
	4	64
Help getting access to government benefits	7.5%	17.8%
	8	72
If I didn't lose my job	0.0%	0.2%
	0	1
More family support	3.8%	0.0%
	4	0
Job training / employment assistance	41.5%	41.3%
	44	167
Mental health services	6.6%	16.8%
	7	68
Health insurance / services	4.7%	8.9%
	5	36
Legal assistance	6.6%	13.9%
	7	56
Transportation assistance	4.7%	16.8%
	5	68
Alcohol/drug counseling	26.4%	36.9%
	28	149
Rent / mortgage assistance	12.3%	34.9%
	13	141
Affordable / free childcare	1.9%	4.0%
	2	16
Other	17.0%	7.9%
	18	32
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	106	404

13. What is keeping you from getting permanent housing?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Can't afford rent	51.3%	65.1%
	58	263
No job / no income	54.9%	62.6%
	62	253
No money for moving costs	11.5%	26.5%
	13	107
No housing availability	5.3%	16.6%
	6	67
No transportation	5.3%	22.3%
	6	90
Bad credit	4.4%	24.3%
	5	98
Eviction record	4.4%	12.6%
	5	51
Criminal record	0.9%	21.5%
	1	87
Don't want to	8.0%	3.2%
	9	13
Other	3.5%	4.7%
	4	19
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	113	404

14. Are you currently using any of the following services/ assistance?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Emergency shelter	35.4%	43.5%
	40	176
Health services	4.4%	15.1%
	5	61
Mental health services	2.7%	9.4%
	3	38
Transitional housing	16.8%	11.4%
	19	46
Free meals	54.9%	56.8%
	62	230
Food pantry	15.0%	22.0%
	17	89
Bus passes	26.5%	27.4%
	30	111
Job training	8.0%	7.4%
	9	30
Alcohol/ drug counseling	6.2%	11.6%
	7	47
Shelter day services	10.6%	21.2%
	12	86
Legal assistance	3.5%	2.2%
	4	9
Not using any services	15.0%	18.0%
	17	73
Other	0.9%	1.5%
	1	6
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	113	405

15. Are you currently receiving any of the following forms of government assistance?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
General Assistance or General Relief	6.7%	25.5%
	7	101
I am not currently receiving any of these	71.2%	49.2%
	74	195
Work2future / Project Hope	1.9%	1.8%
	2	7
Food Stamps	12.5%	30.3%
	13	120
Service-connected VA Disability Compensation	0.0%	2.3%
	0	9
SSI (Supplemental Security Income) / SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance)	1.9%	6.6%
	2	26
Not service-connected VA Disability Pension	1.9%	1.5%
	2	6
Other Veteran's Benefits	0.0%	2.0%
	0	8
Social Security	1.9%	4.0%
	2	16
Cash Aid / CalWORKS	4.8%	2.8%
	5	11
WIC	1.9%	0.8%
	2	3
Other governmental assistance	1.9%	2.5%
	2	10
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	104	396

15a. If you are not receiving any government assistance, why not?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Don't think I'm eligible	37.0%	30.4%
	27	59
Will apply soon	17.8%	13.4%
	13	26
Don't need government assistance	8.2%	7.2%
	6	14
Paper work too difficult	4.1%	11.3%
	3	22
Immigration issues	0.0%	4.6%
	0	9
I am afraid my children will be taken away from me	1.4%	1.5%
	1	3
Have no identification	20.5%	21.1%
	15	41
No permanent address	28.8%	25.3%
	21	49
No transportation	11.0%	17.5%
	8	34
Never applied	27.4%	18.6%
	20	36
Benefits were cut off	2.7%	12.9%
	2	25
I have applied for one or more of these services, and I am currently waiting for approval	5.5%	4.6%
	4	9
Don't know where to go	13.7%	7.7%
	10	15
Turned down	6.8%	10.8%
	5	21
Other	12.3%	11.3%
	9	22
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	73	194

16. What is your total (gross) monthly income from all government benefits?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Zero	70.9%	51.8%
	78	207
\$1 - \$100	4.5%	3.8%
	5	15
\$101 - \$200	9.1%	16.0%
	10	64
\$201 - \$300	1.8%	6.5%
	2	26
\$301 - \$400	1.8%	5.5%
	2	22
\$401 - \$500	1.8%	1.8%
	2	7
\$501 - \$600	3.6%	1.3%
	4	5
\$601 - \$700	1.8%	2.0%
	2	8
\$701 - \$800	0.9%	2.0%
	1	8
\$801 - \$900	1.8%	4.3%
	2	17
\$901 - \$1,000	1.8%	3.0%
	2	12
Over \$1,000	0.0%	2.3%
	0	9
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	110	400

17. Are you currently employed?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
No, unemployed	85.1%	87.6%
	97	354
Yes, part-time	9.6%	7.9%
	11	32
Yes, full-time	5.3%	4.5%
	6	18
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	114	404

17a. What is keeping you from getting employment?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Need education	36.5%	25.6%
	35	90
No transportation	15.6%	27.3%
	15	96
No tools for trade	5.2%	9.4%
	5	33
No work permit (No S.S. #)	12.5%	2.0%
	12	7
Don't want to work	6.3%	7.1%
	6	25
No jobs	25.0%	33.5%
	24	118
No child care	3.1%	1.4%
	3	5
Retired	0.0%	1.4%
	0	5
Alcohol /drug issue	18.8%	27.3%
	18	96
No photo identification	6.3%	11.4%
	6	40
Need training	25.0%	31.8%
	24	112
Spouse/partner doesn't want me to work	1.0%	0.6%
	1	2
Need clothing	17.7%	26.7%
	17	94
No shower facilities	13.5%	15.9%
	13	56
No phone	18.8%	29.5%
	18	104
Health problems	7.3%	15.1%
	7	53
Disabled	6.3%	15.3%
	6	54
Criminal record	10.4%	23.0%
	10	81
No permanent address	21.9%	31.8%
	21	112
Other	6.3%	6.0%
	6	21
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	96	352

18. What are your other sources of income?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Family / friends	40.0%	35.7%
	42	117
Side jobs/odd jobs	0.0%	2.1%
	0	7
None	2.9%	5.5%
	3	18
Pension	2.9%	0.0%
	3	0
Child support	1.0%	1.5%
	1	5
Panhandling / asking for money on the street	32.4%	25.0%
	34	82
Recycling	13.3%	42.4%
	14	139
Selling other found items	4.8%	15.2%
	5	50
Selling blood / plasma	1.0%	3.7%
	1	12
Sex work	3.8%	7.0%
	4	23
Other	18.1%	14.0%
	19	46
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	105	328

19. What is your total (gross) monthly income from all non-government sources?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Zero	29.7%	34.5%
	33	137
\$1 - \$100	38.7%	28.2%
	43	112
\$101 - \$200	9.9%	13.4%
	11	53
\$201 - \$300	4.5%	6.3%
	5	25
\$301 - \$400	4.5%	3.3%
	5	13
\$401 - \$500	1.8%	2.5%
	2	10
\$501 - \$600	2.7%	2.0%
	3	8
\$601 - \$700	3.6%	1.8%
	4	7
\$701 - \$800	0.9%	1.8%
	1	7
\$801 - \$900	0.0%	0.8%
	0	3
\$901 - \$1,000	1.8%	1.3%
	2	5
Over \$1,000	1.8%	4.3%
	2	17
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	111	397

20. Do you have any children, living with you or not?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	12.5%	16.4%
	14	66
No	87.5%	83.6%
	98	336
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	112	402

20a. Do you have any children who are...?¹

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
18 or over living with you	61.5%	17.4%
	8	8
In foster care	15.4%	28.3%
	2	13
0 - 5 years living with you	69.2%	37.0%
	9	17
6 - 12 years living with you	30.8%	30.4%
	4	14
13 - 17 years living with you	38.5%	17.4%
	5	8
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	13	46

¹ Caution should be used when interpreting these data. Some youth respondents may have misunderstood this question as asking about other minor children who were living with them, rather than their own children.

20a1. How many children 18 or over are living with you?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
One child	42.9%	50.0%
	3	4
Two children	28.6%	25.0%
	2	2
Three children	0.0%	12.5%
	0	1
Four children	0.0%	12.5%
	0	1
Five children	14.3%	0.0%
	1	0
Six or more children	14.3%	0.0%
	1	0
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	7	8

20a2. How many children do you have in foster care?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
One child	100.0%	30.8%
	2	4
Two children	0.0%	53.8%
	0	7
Three children	0.0%	15.4%
	0	2
Four children	0.0%	0.0%
	0	0
Five children	0.0%	0.0%
	0	0
Six or more children	0.0%	0.0%
	0	0
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	2	13

20a3. How many children 0 - 5 years are living with you?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
One child	71.4%	58.8%
	5	10
Two children	28.6%	29.4%
	2	5
Three children	0.0%	0.0%
	0	0
Four children	0.0%	11.8%
	0	2
Five children	0.0%	0.0%
	0	0
Six or more children	0.0%	0.0%
	0	0
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	7	17

20a4. How many children 6 - 12 years are living with you?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
One child	50.0%	78.6%
	2	11
Two children	0.0%	14.3%
	0	2
Three children	25.0%	7.1%
	1	1
Four children	25.0%	0.0%
	1	0
Five children	0.0%	0.0%
	0	0
Six or more children	0.0%	0.0%
	0	0
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	4	14

20a5. How many children 13 -17 years are living with you?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
One child	33.3%	62.5%
	1	5
Two children	66.7%	25.0%
	2	2
Three children	0.0%	12.5%
	0	1
Four children	0.0%	0.0%
	0	0
Five children	0.0%	0.0%
	0	0
Six or more children	0.0%	0.0%
	0	0
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	3	8

20b. Are your children, ages 6 - 17 years old and living with you, in school?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	60.0%	80.0%
	3	12
No	40.0%	20.0%
	2	3
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	5	15

21. Since you became homeless this last time, have you needed medical care and been unable to receive it?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	19.6%	20.9%
	22	84
No	80.4%	79.1%
	90	318
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	112	402

22. Where do you usually get medical care?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Hospital emergency room	12.5%	42.1%
	14	169
Urgent care clinic	6.3%	9.0%
	7	36
Public health clinic	8.9%	15.7%
	10	63
Veterans Affairs hospital/clinic	0.9%	5.7%
	1	23
Free clinic/community clinic	35.7%	13.0%
	40	52
Private doctor	3.6%	2.2%
	4	9
Friends / family	3.6%	0.0%
	4	0
Don't ever go	19.6%	10.2%
	22	41
Other	8.9%	2.0%
	10	8
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	112	401

22a. How many times in the last 12 months have you used the emergency room for any treatment?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Never	70.8%	49.0%
	80	196
1 time	17.7%	15.8%
	20	63
2 times	7.1%	12.0%
	8	48
3 times	0.9%	9.0%
	1	36
4 times	0.9%	5.5%
	1	22
5 times	0.0%	1.8%
	0	7
More than 5 times	2.7%	7.0%
	3	28
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	113	400

23. How many nights, if any, have you spent in jail or prison during the last 12 months?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
0 nights	76.8%	61.5%
	86	244
1 - 5 nights	10.7%	10.8%
	12	43
6 - 10 nights	3.6%	2.5%
	4	10
11 - 20 nights	3.6%	3.8%
	4	15
21 - 50 nights	1.8%	3.0%
	2	12
More than 50 nights	3.6%	18.4%
	4	73
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	112	397

24. Are you currently on probation or parole?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	8.1%	28.8%
	9	116
No	83.8%	65.8%
	93	265
Decline to state	8.1%	5.5%
	9	22
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	111	403

24a. Were you on probation or parole at the time you most recently became homeless?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	8.0%	27.6%
	9	109
No	83.2%	67.3%
	94	266
Decline to state	8.8%	5.1%
	10	20
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	113	395

25a. Physical disability

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	5.0%	27.0%
	5	106
No	87.0%	69.5%
	87	273
Declined to state	8.0%	3.6%
	8	14
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	100	393

25b. Mental illness

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	13.6%	24.6%
	14	97
No	78.6%	70.8%
	81	279
Declined to state	7.8%	4.6%
	8	18
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	103	394

25c. Depression

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	31.6%	46.0%
	31	182
No	63.3%	50.8%
	62	201
Declined to state	5.1%	3.3%
	5	13
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	98	396

25d. Alcohol abuse

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	26.5%	42.7%
	27	168
No	68.6%	52.2%
	70	205
Declined to state	4.9%	5.1%
	5	20
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	102	393

25e. Drug abuse

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	25.0%	41.9%
	26	167
No	70.2%	52.6%
	73	210
Declined to state	4.8%	5.5%
	5	22
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	104	399

25f. Domestic/partner violence or abuse

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	3.9%	12.0%
	4	47
No	91.2%	81.3%
	93	318
Declined to state	4.9%	6.6%
	5	26
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	102	391

25g. Chronic health problems

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	7.1%	17.9%
	7	70
No	88.9%	77.0%
	88	301
Declined to state	4.0%	5.1%
	4	20
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	99	391

25h. HIV / AIDS related illness

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	2.0%	2.6%
	2	10
No	94.9%	89.2%
	94	348
Declined to state	3.0%	8.2%
	3	32
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	99	390

25i. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	9.6%	16.5%
	10	65
No	85.6%	79.7%
	89	314
Declined to state	4.8%	3.8%
	5	15
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	104	394

25j. Developmental disability

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	4.7%	9.9%
	5	39
No	85.8%	86.5%
	91	339
Declined to state	9.4%	3.6%
	10	14
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	106	392

26. Were you ever in foster care?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	26.1%	10.2%
	29	41
No	73.9%	89.8%
	82	361
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	111	402

27. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Less than 6th Grade	4.4%	9.6%
	5	38
Less than high school diploma	51.3%	28.2%
	58	112
High school diploma/GED	33.6%	39.8%
	38	158
Some college, no degree	7.1%	14.4%
	8	57
AA degree	1.8%	3.3%
	2	13
BA degree or above	0.9%	3.0%
	1	12
Technical Certificate	0.9%	1.8%
	1	7
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	113	397

28. Do you usually get enough to eat on a daily basis?

	13 - 22 years	23 years or more
Yes	57.5%	63.0%
	65	255
Sometimes	33.6%	25.9%
	38	105
No	8.8%	11.1%
	10	45
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	113	405

Appendix IV: Definitions and Abbreviations

Chronic homelessness is defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as "an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more, or has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years."

Disabling condition, for the purposes of this study, is defined as a physical disability, mental illness, depression, alcohol or drug abuse, chronic health problems, HIV/AIDS, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), or developmental disability.

Emergency shelter is the provision of a safe alternative to the streets, either in a shelter facility or through the use of motel vouchers. Emergency shelter is short-term, usually for 30 days or less. Domestic violence shelters are typically considered a type of emergency shelter, as they provide safe, immediate housing for victims and their children.

Family is defined by HUD as either an adult couple or a single adult with one or more minor children present.

Homeless persons, according to the Stewart B. McKinney Act of 1987, are people who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and have a primary nighttime residence that is either a public or private shelter, an institution that provides temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or a public or private location that is not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

HUD – United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Sheltered homeless persons are those homeless persons who are living in emergency shelters or transitional housing programs.

Single individual refers to an unaccompanied adult or youth.

Transition-aged youth are individuals 18 to 22 years of age. Although defined as adults by HUD, these individuals are considered part of the youth homeless cohort by the local youth homeless population and youth homeless service providers.

Transitional housing facilitates the movement of homeless individuals and families to permanent housing. It is housing in which homeless persons may live up to 24 months and receive supportive services that enable them to live more independently. Supportive services – which help promote residential stability, increased skill level or income, and greater self-determination – may be provided by the organization managing the housing, or coordinated by that organization and provided by other public or private agencies. Transitional housing can be provided in one structure or several structures at one site, or in multiple structures at scattered sites.

Unsheltered homeless persons are those homeless persons who are living on the streets, in abandoned buildings, storage structures, vehicles, encampments, or any other place unfit for human habitation.

Youth, for the purposes of this report, are defined as individuals 13 to 22 years of age.