New York City Youth Count 2018
Estimating and Understanding Characteristics of Homeless and Unstably Housed Youth

Overall Youth Point-in-Time Data

Each year, NYC conducts a point-in-time count of youth who are homeless, unsheltered, or unstably housed. The Youth Count utilizes the Homeless Outreach Population Estimation (HOPE) method to identify homeless and unstably housed youth. The survey was conducted over five days, from January 22 to January 26, 2018.

Living Situations

Of the 220 unsheltered youth, 36 were identified in the Youth Count. The Youth Count survey asked questions about where youth spent the night on Monday, January 22, which is the same date as HOPE and the shelter count took place from Tuesday 1/23 to Friday 1/26. Youth were asked where they spent the night, and responses were categorized based on where they spent the night on the night of January 22.

HUD Unsheltered Estimate

- 9% Homeless Outreach Population Estimation (HOPE)
- 9% NYC youth point-in-time (Youth Count)
- 12% NYC sheltered youth count
- 80% NYC homeless youth count (Youth Count)
- 100% NYC overall youth count

The Youth Count was designed to estimate the number of homeless youth in NYC, and the results were compared to the HOPE and sheltered youth counts. The data was collected on Monday, January 22, which is the same date as the HOPE and the shelter count.

Living Situation Categories

- Unsheltered
- Sheltered
- Outside
- Stable

Demographics

Youth were asked several questions about their demographic characteristics, including age, race/ethnicity, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

Sexual Orientation by Living Situation

- Gay / Lesbian
- Heterosexual
- Transgender Male
- Transgender Female
- Other

Race

- White
- Hispanic / Latino
- Black / African American
- Multiple Races
- Other

Gender

- Female
- Male
- Transgender Female
- Transgender Male
- Other

Living Situation on Monday 1/22

- 36% Unsheltered
- 20% Sheltered
- 10% Outside
- 10% Stable

Number of Places Stayed in Past Month

- 1 2 3 4 5+

Length of Time without Permanent Place to Stay

- < 1 week
- 1 week - 6 months
- 6 months - 1 year
- 1-2 years
- 2 years - 10 years
- > 10 years

Places Stayed Over Past Month

- 20% Unstably housed youth
- 80% Stably housed youth

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Places Stayed Over Past Month

- 36% Unstably housed youth
- 64% Stably housed youth