

BACKGROUND AND NOTES ON THE 2015 TABLES FOR YOUTH

These tables provide detailed survey results from the October 2015 Statewide survey of people without permanent shelter. The data are provided to help planners and service providers develop summary information about the characteristics of homeless people, their experiences and needs, and the barriers that prevent them from obtaining housing.

For actual counts of people who were homeless on October 22, 2015, see the report *Statewide and Region Counts of Homeless People* found at http://mnhomeless.org/minnesota-homeless-study/detailed-data-counts/2015/All-2015-Homeless-Counts_3-16.pdf. Other reports regarding the 2015 homeless study are published at www.mnhomeless.org as they are available.

To fit with legislation, we have defined these segments of the youth homeless population as follows:

- **Unaccompanied minors:** age 17 and under and not with their parents.
- **Young adults:** age 18 through 24.
- **Youth** combines both groups to describe all homeless persons ages 17 and under and on their own.

Interviews were conducted on October 22, 2015 with 213 unaccompanied minors, ages 17 and under, including 119 in temporary housing programs and 94 in non-shelter locations. These minors had a total of 5 children with them. In addition, interviews were conducted with 1,250 young adults, ages 18 through 24, including 889 in temporary housing programs and 361 in non-shelter locations. Young adult respondents had a total of 539 children with them.

NOTES FOR INTERPRETING THE DATA TABLES

Tables report frequency distributions for all questions included in the survey. There are two sets of data tables about homeless youth. The first includes breakdowns by geographic area (Twin Cities metro area vs. greater Minnesota), **by gender, and by shelter type** (emergency shelter, transitional housing programs, and temporary arrangements/street). **The second includes break-downs by age grouping** (minors vs. young adults) **and by geographic area** (Twin Cities metro area vs. greater Minnesota) The metro region includes the following counties: Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington. Temporary arrangements include outside, abandoned buildings, staying with friends or family members, and temporary paid, exchange, or voucher arrangements.

The data tables are organized by question. Within each question, data tables display the responses for greater Minnesota, the Twin Cities metro area, and statewide. For one set of data tables, they are also organized by shelter type (emergency shelter, transitional housing programs, and temporary arrangements/street) and gender; for the other, they are organized by age grouping (minor youth, age 17 and under vs. young adults, age 18-24).

The total number of responses is different for each question, based on the number of valid responses to that question. Missing data (cases when a respondent did not answer a question) are not reported or included in the percentages.

The percentages apply only to the respondents who were qualified to answer that question. Some tables report data that were collected only from those who answered a previous question in a certain way.

For example, many questions about children are asked only of those persons who have children with them, so the percentages apply only to that group.

The tables do not contain data for all homeless youth in Minnesota. Although efforts were made to interview as many persons as possible, not all homeless youth staying in shelter on October 22, 2015 were interviewed for this study. Based on counts of actual shelter use on survey night, 49 percent of youth were interviewed. Interviews are only conducted with one person per household and the survey is voluntary. In addition, youth are more likely to be sleeping in temporary arrangements with friends and less likely to be found in shelters. It was not feasible to cover the state to find all homeless youth staying in non-shelter locations. Consequently, this study describes primarily those homeless youth who are connected in some way to service providers and does not represent all youth experiencing homelessness on the date of the survey.

Unlike in the adult data tables, these data are not weighted. In the companion adult tables, survey results have been statistically adjusted to reflect the actual adult populations residing in shelters and transitional housing programs (1,502 men and 1,428 women) on the day of the survey. We do not weight the data in the youth tables. This is because many homeless youth do not use shelter and we do not want to over-represent the backgrounds and experiences of the small proportion of those using shelter during the one-night snapshot.

For questions about the study, please refer to our publications on homelessness at www.mnhomeless.org or contact michelle.gerrard@wilder.org.

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131. Are you currently employed?

By Region Within Age Group	Unaccompanied minors (17 years or younger)						Young adults (18 to 24 years)						Total (24 years or younger)					
	Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide		Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide		Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	18	30.5%	25	29.8%	43	30.1%	94	36.4%	194	50.4%	288	44.8%	112	35.3%	219	46.7%	331	42.1%
No	41	69.5%	59	70.2%	100	69.9%	164	63.6%	191	49.6%	355	55.2%	205	64.7%	250	53.3%	455	57.9%
Total	59	100%	84	100%	143	100.0%	258	100%	385	100%	643	100.0%	317	100%	469	100%	786	100.0%

132. For those who are employed, how many hours, on average, do you work per week?

By Region Within Age Group	Unaccompanied minors (17 years or younger)						Young adults (18 to 24 years)						Total (24 years or younger)					
	Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide		Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide		Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1-15 hours	6	33.3%	6	24.0%	12	27.9%	14	14.9%	25	13.3%	39	13.8%	20	17.9%	31	14.6%	51	15.7%
16-24 hours	4	22.2%	8	32.0%	12	27.9%	16	17.0%	36	19.1%	52	18.4%	20	17.9%	44	20.7%	64	19.7%
25-34 hours	6	33.3%	4	16.0%	10	23.3%	27	28.7%	47	25.0%	74	26.2%	33	29.5%	51	23.9%	84	25.8%
35-40 hours	2	11.1%	5	20.0%	7	16.3%	31	33.0%	67	35.6%	98	34.8%	33	29.5%	72	33.8%	105	32.3%
41 or more hours	-	-	2	8.0%	2	4.7%	6	6.4%	13	6.9%	19	6.7%	6	5.4%	15	7.0%	21	6.5%
Total	18	100%	25	100%	43	100.0%	94	100%	188	100%	282	100.0%	112	100%	213	100%	325	100.0%
Part-time (1-34 hours / week)	16	88.9%	18	72.0%	34	79.1%	57	60.6%	108	57.4%	165	58.5%	73	65.2%	126	59.2%	199	61.2%
Full-time (35+ hours / week)	2	11.1%	7	28.0%	9	20.9%	37	39.4%	80	42.6%	117	41.5%	39	34.8%	87	40.8%	126	38.8%
Total	18	100%	25	100%	43	100.0%	94	100%	188	100%	282	100.0%	112	100%	213	100%	325	100.0%

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133. For those who are employed, what is your current hourly rate for your main job?

By Region Within Age Group	Unaccompanied minors (17 years or younger)						Young adults (18 to 24 years)						Total (24 years or younger)					
	Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide		Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide		Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than \$7.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.5%	1	0.4%	-	-	1	0.5%	1	0.3%
\$7.25 - \$7.99	1	5.6%	1	4.3%	2	4.9%	1	1.1%	1	0.5%	2	0.7%	2	1.8%	2	1.0%	4	1.3%
\$8.00 - \$9.99	14	77.8%	14	60.9%	28	68.3%	50	54.9%	90	48.1%	140	50.4%	64	58.7%	104	49.5%	168	52.7%
\$10.00 - \$11.99	3	16.7%	6	26.1%	9	22.0%	33	36.3%	61	32.6%	94	33.8%	36	33.0%	67	31.9%	103	32.3%
\$12.00 - \$15.99	-	-	1	4.3%	1	2.4%	6	6.6%	31	16.6%	37	13.3%	6	5.5%	32	15.2%	38	11.9%
\$16.00 or more	-	-	1	4.3%	1	2.4%	1	1.1%	3	1.6%	4	1.4%	1	0.9%	4	1.9%	5	1.6%
Paid by the job or on commission	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	18	100%	23	100%	41	100.0%	91	100%	187	100%	278	100.0%	109	100%	210	100%	319	100.0%

134. For those who are employed, has your main job lasted for at least 3 months?

By Region Within Age Group	Unaccompanied minors (17 years or younger)						Young adults (18 to 24 years)						Total (24 years or younger)					
	Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide		Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide		Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	6	46.2%	12	54.5%	18	51.4%	44	52.4%	82	50.6%	126	51.2%	50	51.5%	94	51.1%	144	51.2%
No	7	53.8%	10	45.5%	17	48.6%	40	47.6%	80	49.4%	120	48.8%	47	48.5%	90	48.9%	137	48.8%
Total	13	100%	22	100%	35	100.0%	84	100%	162	100%	246	100.0%	97	100%	184	100%	281	100.0%

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135. For those who are not employed, have you been laid off, terminated, or had your job eliminated in the last 6 months?

By Region Within Age Group	Unaccompanied minors (17 years or younger)						Young adults (18 to 24 years)						Total (24 years or younger)					
	Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide		Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide		Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	3	7.9%	11	22.0%	14	15.9%	54	36.5%	43	25.0%	97	30.3%	57	30.6%	54	24.3%	111	27.2%
No	35	92.1%	39	78.0%	74	84.1%	94	63.5%	129	75.0%	223	69.7%	129	69.4%	168	75.7%	297	72.8%
Total	38	100%	50	100%	88	100.0%	148	100%	172	100%	320	100.0%	186	100%	222	100%	408	100.0%

136. For those who are not employed, how long has it been since you last held a job?

By Region Within Age Group	Unaccompanied minors (17 years or younger)						Young adults (18 to 24 years)						Total (24 years or younger)					
	Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide		Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide		Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than 6 months	8	21.1%	14	28.6%	22	25.3%	82	54.7%	84	48.8%	166	51.6%	90	47.9%	98	44.3%	188	46.0%
6-12 months	2	5.3%	3	6.1%	5	5.7%	27	18.0%	44	25.6%	71	22.0%	29	15.4%	47	21.3%	76	18.6%
13-24 months	2	5.3%	2	4.1%	4	4.6%	12	8.0%	14	8.1%	26	8.1%	14	7.4%	16	7.2%	30	7.3%
25-36 months	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	4.7%	9	5.2%	16	5.0%	7	3.7%	9	4.1%	16	3.9%
37-48 months	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.7%	1	0.6%	2	0.6%	1	0.5%	1	0.5%	2	0.5%
Over 48 months	1	2.6%	-	-	1	1.1%	2	1.3%	2	1.2%	4	1.2%	3	1.6%	2	0.9%	5	1.2%
Never held a job	25	65.8%	30	61.2%	55	63.2%	19	12.7%	18	10.5%	37	11.5%	44	23.4%	48	21.7%	92	22.5%
Total	38	100%	49	100%	87	100.0%	150	100%	172	100%	322	100.0%	188	100%	221	100%	409	100.0%

	Unaccompanied minors (17 years or younger)						Young adults (18 to 24 years)						Total (24 years or younger)					
	Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide		Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide		Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide	
Mean (days)	350		160		237		270		286		279		277		272		274	
Median (days)	150		60		90		120		180		150		135		150		150	

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137. For those who are not employed, are you currently looking for work?

By Region Within Age Group	Unaccompanied minors (17 years or younger)						Young adults (18 to 24 years)						Total (24 years or younger)					
	Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide		Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide		Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	14	36.8%	29	56.9%	43	48.3%	111	73.0%	136	76.8%	247	75.1%	125	65.8%	165	72.4%	290	69.4%
No	24	63.2%	22	43.1%	46	51.7%	41	27.0%	41	23.2%	82	24.9%	65	34.2%	63	27.6%	128	30.6%
Total	38	100%	51	100%	89	100.0%	152	100%	177	100%	329	100.0%	190	100%	228	100%	418	100.0%

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138. For those who are not employed, what do you feel are the biggest barriers or problems to getting a job now?

By Region Within Age Group	Unaccompanied minors (17 years or younger)						Young adults (18 to 24 years)						Total (24 years or younger)					
	Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide		Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide		Greater Minnesota		Metro		Statewide	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Transportation	7	23.3%	9	19.6%	16	21.1%	56	41.2%	54	33.3%	110	36.9%	63	38.0%	63	30.3%	126	33.7%
Personal reasons (e.g. motivation, time, family problems, etc.)	8	26.7%	13	28.3%	21	27.6%	15	11.0%	33	20.4%	48	16.1%	23	13.9%	46	22.1%	69	18.4%
Housing	4	13.3%	8	17.4%	12	15.8%	17	12.5%	31	19.1%	48	16.1%	21	12.7%	39	18.8%	60	16.0%
Resources needed to work or look for work	2	6.7%	5	10.9%	7	9.2%	22	16.2%	30	18.5%	52	17.4%	24	14.5%	35	16.8%	59	15.8%
Child care	2	6.7%	1	2.2%	3	3.9%	21	15.4%	24	14.8%	45	15.1%	23	13.9%	25	12.0%	48	12.8%
Mental health	1	3.3%	5	10.9%	6	7.9%	24	17.6%	14	8.6%	38	12.8%	25	15.1%	19	9.1%	44	11.8%
Job experience / history	-	-	3	6.5%	3	3.9%	15	11.0%	21	13.0%	36	12.1%	15	9.0%	24	11.5%	39	10.4%
Criminal history	1	3.3%	-	-	1	1.3%	21	15.4%	14	8.6%	35	11.7%	22	13.3%	14	6.7%	36	9.6%
Age (too old or too young)	12	40.0%	21	45.7%	33	43.4%	-	-	2	1.2%	2	0.7%	12	7.2%	23	11.1%	35	9.4%
Employment opportunities	1	3.3%	2	4.3%	3	3.9%	15	11.0%	12	7.4%	27	9.1%	16	9.6%	14	6.7%	30	8.0%
Physical health	1	3.3%	2	4.3%	3	3.9%	12	8.8%	14	8.6%	26	8.7%	13	7.8%	16	7.7%	29	7.8%
Education	2	6.7%	1	2.2%	3	3.9%	7	5.1%	14	8.6%	21	7.0%	9	5.4%	15	7.2%	24	6.4%
Miscellaneous other barrier(s)	2	6.7%	3	6.5%	5	6.6%	2	1.5%	8	4.9%	10	3.4%	4	2.4%	11	5.3%	15	4.0%
Discrimination / prejudice / race	-	-	1	2.2%	1	1.3%	-	-	6	3.7%	6	2.0%	-	-	7	3.4%	7	1.9%
Children's health / safety / etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1.5%	1	0.6%	3	1.0%	2	1.2%	1	0.5%	3	0.8%
Total	30	100%	46	100%	76	100.0%	136	100%	162	100%	298	100.0%	166	100%	208	100%	374	100.0%