

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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Placement outside of the home

70. Have you ever lived in any of the following social service or treatment facilities?

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	%
Foster home	24	40.0%	25	29.8%	49	34.0%	110	42.0%	125	32.1%	235	36.1%	134	41.6%	150	31.7%	284	35.7%
Group home	13	22.0%	12	14.3%	25	17.5%	68	26.0%	85	22.0%	153	23.6%	81	25.2%	97	20.6%	178	22.5%
Drug or alcohol treatment facility	7	11.7%	8	9.6%	15	10.5%	67	25.6%	57	14.7%	124	19.0%	74	23.0%	65	13.8%	139	17.5%
Residence for people with physical disabilities	1	1.7%	3	3.6%	4	2.8%	17	6.5%	11	2.8%	28	4.3%	18	5.6%	14	3.0%	32	4.0%
Halfway house	2	3.3%	2	2.4%	4	2.8%	45	17.3%	31	8.0%	76	11.7%	47	14.7%	33	7.0%	80	10.1%
Facility for persons with mental health problems	25	41.7%	23	27.7%	48	33.6%	95	36.3%	102	26.2%	197	30.3%	120	37.3%	125	26.5%	245	30.9%
Any of the above facilities	36	60.0%	45	53.6%	81	56.3%	185	70.6%	218	55.9%	403	61.8%	221	68.6%	263	55.5%	484	60.8%

71. Have you ever lived in any of the following social service or treatment facilities as a child (17 or younger)?

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	%
Foster home	24	40.0%	25	29.8%	49	34.0%	108	41.2%	123	31.6%	231	35.5%	132	41.0%	148	31.3%	280	35.2%
Group home	13	22.0%	12	14.3%	25	17.5%	55	21.0%	74	19.2%	129	19.9%	68	21.2%	86	18.3%	154	19.5%
Drug or alcohol treatment facility	7	11.7%	8	9.6%	15	10.5%	38	14.5%	34	8.7%	72	11.1%	45	14.0%	42	8.9%	87	11.0%
Residence for people with physical disabilities	1	1.7%	3	3.6%	4	2.8%	11	4.2%	9	2.3%	20	3.1%	12	3.7%	12	2.5%	24	3.0%
Halfway house	2	3.3%	2	2.4%	4	2.8%	10	3.8%	13	3.4%	23	3.5%	12	3.8%	15	3.2%	27	3.4%
Facility for persons with mental health problems	25	41.7%	23	27.7%	48	33.6%	73	28.0%	76	19.5%	149	22.9%	98	30.5%	99	21.0%	197	24.8%
Any of the above facilities	36	60.0%	45	53.6%	81	56.3%	158	60.3%	193	49.5%	351	53.8%	194	60.2%	238	50.2%	432	54.3%

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72. Have you ever lived in any of the following social service or treatment facilities at any time in the last 2 years?

<i>By Region Within Age Group</i>	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	%
Foster home	17	28.3%	11	13.6%	28	19.9%	25	9.5%	16	4.1%	41	6.3%	42	13.0%	27	5.8%	69	8.7%
Group home	9	15.3%	9	10.7%	18	12.6%	20	7.6%	23	6.0%	43	6.6%	29	9.0%	32	6.8%	61	7.7%
Drug or alcohol treatment facility	5	8.3%	6	7.2%	11	7.7%	37	14.2%	38	9.8%	75	11.6%	42	13.1%	44	9.3%	86	10.9%
Residence for people with physical disabilities	1	1.7%	1	1.2%	2	1.4%	10	3.8%	7	1.8%	17	2.6%	11	3.4%	8	1.7%	19	2.4%
Halfway house	2	3.3%	1	1.2%	3	2.1%	32	12.3%	17	4.4%	49	7.6%	34	10.6%	18	3.8%	52	6.6%
Facility for persons with mental health problems	19	31.7%	17	20.5%	36	25.2%	45	17.2%	54	13.9%	99	15.3%	64	19.9%	71	15.1%	135	17.0%
Any of the above facilities	27	45.0%	30	35.7%	57	39.6%	92	35.1%	98	25.1%	190	29.1%	119	37.0%	128	27.0%	247	31.0%

73. Have you ever lived in any of the following social service or treatment facilities for more than 30 days?

<i>By Region Within Age Group</i>	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	%
Foster home	19	31.7%	15	18.3%	34	23.9%	92	35.4%	108	27.9%	200	30.9%	111	34.7%	123	26.2%	234	29.7%
Group home	9	15.3%	7	8.3%	16	11.2%	47	18.0%	66	17.1%	113	17.5%	56	17.5%	73	15.6%	129	16.3%
Drug or alcohol treatment facility	6	10.0%	5	6.0%	11	7.7%	51	19.6%	44	11.3%	95	14.6%	57	17.8%	49	10.4%	106	13.4%
Residence for people with physical disabilities	1	1.7%	2	2.4%	3	2.1%	12	4.6%	10	2.6%	22	3.4%	13	4.0%	12	2.5%	25	3.1%
Halfway house	1	1.7%	1	1.2%	2	1.4%	32	12.3%	23	5.9%	55	8.5%	33	10.3%	24	5.1%	57	7.2%
Facility for persons with mental health problems	9	15.3%	9	11.3%	18	12.9%	46	17.6%	50	12.9%	96	14.8%	55	17.2%	59	12.6%	114	14.5%
Any of the above facilities	26	43.3%	26	31.0%	52	36.1%	146	55.7%	175	44.9%	321	49.2%	172	53.4%	201	42.4%	373	46.9%

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74. Did you leave any of these kinds of social service or treatment facilities in the last 12 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	20	33.3%	17	20.5%	37	25.9%	49	18.8%	51	13.1%	100	15.4%	69	21.5%	68	14.4%	137	17.3%
No	40	66.7%	66	79.5%	106	74.1%	212	81.2%	339	86.9%	551	84.6%	252	78.5%	405	85.6%	657	82.7%
Total	60	100%	83	100%	143	100.0%	261	100%	390	100%	651	100.0%	321	100%	473	100%	794	100.0%

75. For those who left one of these social service or treatment facilities in the last 12 months, which one did you leave last?

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	%
Foster home	6	30.0%	3	17.6%	9	24.3%	11	22.4%	6	11.8%	17	17.0%	17	24.6%	9	13.2%	26	19.0%
Group home	1	5.0%	1	5.9%	2	5.4%	8	16.3%	5	9.8%	13	13.0%	9	13.0%	6	8.8%	15	10.9%
Drug or alcohol treatment facility	2	10.0%	2	11.8%	4	10.8%	6	12.2%	15	29.4%	21	21.0%	8	11.6%	17	25.0%	25	18.2%
Residence for people with physical disabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2.0%	2	3.9%	3	3.0%	1	1.4%	2	2.9%	3	2.2%
Some type of halfway house	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	18.4%	2	3.9%	11	11.0%	9	13.0%	2	2.9%	11	8.0%
Facility for persons with mental health problems	11	55.0%	11	64.7%	22	59.5%	14	28.6%	21	41.2%	35	35.0%	25	36.2%	32	47.1%	57	41.6%
Total	20	100%	17	100%	37	100.0%	49	100%	51	100%	100	100.0%	69	100%	68	100%	137	100.0%

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76. For those who left one of these social service or treatment facilities in the last 12 months, were you homeless at the time you went into that facility?

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	31.6%	8	47.1%	14	38.9%	25	53.2%	31	66.0%	56	59.6%	31	47.0%	39	60.9%	70	53.8%
No	13	68.4%	9	52.9%	22	61.1%	22	46.8%	16	34.0%	38	40.4%	35	53.0%	25	39.1%	60	46.2%
Total	19	100%	17	100%	36	100.0%	47	100%	47	100%	94	100.0%	66	100%	64	100%	130	100.0%

77. For those who left one of these social service or treatment facilities in the last 12 months, did you have a stable place to live when you left?

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	12	63.2%	9	52.9%	21	58.3%	20	42.6%	20	42.6%	40	42.6%	32	48.5%	29	45.3%	61	46.9%
No	7	36.8%	8	47.1%	15	41.7%	27	57.4%	27	57.4%	54	57.4%	34	51.5%	35	54.7%	69	53.1%
Total	19	100%	17	100%	36	100.0%	47	100%	47	100%	94	100.0%	66	100%	64	100%	130	100.0%

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78. Of those who left social service or treatment facilities in the past 12 months, proportion who had a stable place to live by type of facility left.

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	%
Last left foster home	1	20.0%	1	33.3%	2	25.0%	4	36.4%	3	50.0%	7	41.2%	5	31.3%	4	44.4%	9	36.0%
Last left group home	1	100%	1	100%	2	100.0%	2	28.6%	1	20.0%	3	25.0%	3	37.5%	2	33.3%	5	35.7%
Last left drug or alcohol treatment facility	1	50.0%	2	100%	3	75.0%	2	33.3%	4	28.6%	6	30.0%	3	37.5%	6	37.5%	9	37.5%
Last left residence for people with physical disabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	1	100%	1	50.0%	0	0.0%	1	100%	1	50.0%
Last left some type of halfway house	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	62.5%	0	0.0%	5	50.0%	5	62.5%	0	0.0%	5	50.0%
Last left facility for persons with mental health problems	9	81.8%	5	45.5%	14	63.6%	7	50.0%	11	57.9%	18	54.5%	16	64.0%	16	53.3%	32	58.2%

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79. For those who left one of these social service or treatment facilities in the last 12 months, did you receive any help finding a stable place to live when you left?

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	9	47.4%	5	29.4%	14	38.9%	12	25.5%	17	36.2%	29	30.9%	21	31.8%	22	34.4%	43	33.1%
No	10	52.6%	12	70.6%	22	61.1%	35	74.5%	30	63.8%	65	69.1%	45	68.2%	42	65.6%	87	66.9%
Total	19	100%	17	100%	36	100.0%	47	100%	47	100%	94	100.0%	66	100%	64	100%	130	100.0%

80. For those who left one of these facilities in the last 12 months, were you offered follow-up or aftercare services by someone at that facility before leaving?

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	7	36.8%	11	64.7%	18	50.0%	23	48.9%	21	44.7%	44	46.8%	30	45.5%	32	50.0%	62	47.7%
No	12	63.2%	6	35.3%	18	50.0%	24	51.1%	26	55.3%	50	53.2%	36	54.5%	32	50.0%	68	52.3%
Total	19	100%	17	100%	36	100.0%	47	100%	47	100%	94	100.0%	66	100%	64	100%	130	100.0%

81. For those who have been in an out-of-home placement, have you ever run away from foster care, a group home, a treatment center, or other placement?

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	12	28.6%	11	21.6%	23	24.7%	58	32.0%	60	26.3%	118	28.9%	70	31.4%	71	25.4%	141	28.1%
No	30	71.4%	40	78.4%	70	75.3%	123	68.0%	168	73.7%	291	71.1%	153	68.6%	208	74.6%	361	71.9%
Total	42	100%	51	100%	93	100.0%	181	100%	228	100%	409	100.0%	223	100%	279	100%	502	100.0%

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82. For those who have been in an out-of-home placement, have you ever had to leave a foster or group home, correctional facility, or other placement, because you were too old to stay there?

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	1	2.7%	-	-	1	1.2%	21	13.3%	19	9.9%	40	11.5%	22	11.3%	19	8.1%	41	9.5%
No	36	97.3%	45	100%	81	98.8%	137	86.7%	172	90.1%	309	88.5%	173	88.7%	217	91.9%	390	90.5%
Total	37	100%	45	100%	82	100.0%	158	100%	191	100%	349	100.0%	195	100%	236	100%	431	100.0%