

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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92. What is the highest grade in school you have completed?

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	%
8th grade or less	12	20.0%	15	17.9%	27	18.8%	3	1.1%	1	0.3%	4	0.6%	15	4.7%	16	3.4%	31	3.9%
Some high school	47	78.3%	69	82.1%	116	80.6%	111	42.4%	128	32.9%	239	36.7%	158	49.1%	197	41.6%	355	44.7%
GED	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	6.5%	24	6.2%	41	6.3%	17	5.3%	24	5.1%	41	5.2%
High school graduate	1	1.7%	-	-	1	0.7%	86	32.8%	159	40.9%	245	37.6%	87	27.0%	159	33.6%	246	30.9%
Some college, but no degree	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	14.5%	72	18.5%	110	16.9%	38	11.8%	72	15.2%	110	13.8%
Completed any college degree (2-year Associate or higher)	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	2.7%	5	1.3%	12	1.8%	7	2.2%	5	1.1%	12	1.5%
Total	60	100%	84	100%	144	100.0%	262	100%	389	100%	651	100.0%	322	100%	473	100%	795	100.0%

93. While you were in school, did you ever have an IEP or Individual Education Plan, or receive Special Education services?

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	23	39.7%	37	45.1%	60	42.9%	127	48.8%	169	43.7%	296	45.7%	150	47.2%	206	43.9%	356	45.2%
No	35	60.3%	45	54.9%	80	57.1%	133	51.2%	218	56.3%	351	54.3%	168	52.8%	263	56.1%	431	54.8%
Total	58	100%	82	100%	140	100.0%	260	100%	387	100%	647	100.0%	318	100%	469	100%	787	100.0%

94. Did you attend elementary, middle or junior high school, high school, or GED classes at all during the last school year?

<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	%
Yes	49	89.1%	77	93.9%	126	92.0%	54	50.5%	71	58.7%	125	54.8%	103	63.6%	148	72.9%	251	68.8%
No	6	10.9%	5	6.1%	11	8.0%	53	49.5%	50	41.3%	103	45.2%	59	36.4%	55	27.1%	114	31.2%
Total	55	100%	82	100%	137	100.0%	107	100%	121	100%	228	100.0%	162	100%	203	100%	365	100.0%

95. For those who attended elementary, middle or junior high school, high school, or GED classes at all during the last school year, did you have any of the following problems?

<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	%
Truancy or skipping school	27	55.1%	33	45.2%	60	49.2%	24	44.4%	30	42.9%	54	43.5%	51	49.5%	63	44.1%	114	46.3%
Suspensions or expulsions	11	22.4%	19	25.7%	30	24.4%	10	18.5%	5	7.2%	15	12.2%	21	20.4%	24	16.8%	45	18.3%
Poor or failing grades	25	52.1%	39	52.7%	64	52.5%	20	37.0%	25	35.7%	45	36.3%	45	44.1%	64	44.4%	109	44.3%
Trouble getting to school because of housing or transportation issues	17	34.7%	32	43.8%	49	40.2%	18	33.3%	31	44.3%	49	39.5%	35	34.0%	63	44.1%	98	39.8%
Not feeling safe at school	7	14.3%	5	6.8%	12	9.8%	6	11.1%	5	7.1%	11	8.9%	13	12.6%	10	6.9%	23	9.3%

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96. How many different schools did you attend in the last school year?

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	%
0	2	3.6%	5	6.4%	7	5.3%	31	34.4%	31	28.7%	62	31.3%	33	22.8%	36	19.4%	69	20.8%
1	30	54.5%	33	42.3%	63	47.4%	38	42.2%	46	42.6%	84	42.4%	68	46.9%	79	42.5%	147	44.4%
2	16	29.1%	24	30.8%	40	30.1%	15	16.7%	23	21.3%	38	19.2%	31	21.4%	47	25.3%	78	23.6%
3	6	10.9%	8	10.3%	14	10.5%	5	5.6%	7	6.5%	12	6.1%	11	7.6%	15	8.1%	26	7.9%
4	1	1.8%	6	7.7%	7	5.3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.7%	6	3.2%	7	2.1%
5	-	-	2	2.6%	2	1.5%	-	-	1	0.9%	1	0.5%	-	-	3	1.6%	3	0.9%
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.1%	-	-	1	0.5%	1	0.7%	-	-	1	0.3%
Total	55	100%	78	100%	133	100.0%	90	100%	108	100%	198	100.0%	145	100%	186	100%	331	100.0%

97. Are you currently enrolled in any school or educational program?

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	49	87.5%	78	94.0%	127	91.4%	48	44.9%	71	58.2%	119	52.0%	97	59.5%	149	72.7%	246	66.8%
No	7	12.5%	5	6.0%	12	8.6%	59	55.1%	51	41.8%	110	48.0%	66	40.5%	56	27.3%	122	33.2%
Total	56	100%	83	100%	139	100.0%	107	100%	122	100%	229	100.0%	163	100%	205	100%	368	100.0%

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98. For those attending school this year, did you attend school today (Thursday, October 22)?

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	41	83.7%	68	87.2%	109	85.8%	24	51.1%	37	52.9%	61	52.1%	65	67.7%	105	70.9%	170	69.7%
No	8	16.3%	10	12.8%	18	14.2%	23	48.9%	33	47.1%	56	47.9%	31	32.3%	43	29.1%	74	30.3%
Total	49	100%	78	100%	127	100.0%	47	100%	70	100%	117	100.0%	96	100%	148	100%	244	100.0%

99. For those attending school this year, but did not attend school today, why did you not attend school today?

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	%
No school or no classes today	2	25.0%	1	10.0%	3	16.7%	8	36.4%	6	19.4%	14	26.4%	10	33.3%	7	17.1%	17	23.9%
Starting soon; not enrolled yet	3	37.5%	2	20.0%	5	27.8%	5	22.7%	6	19.4%	11	20.8%	8	26.7%	8	19.5%	16	22.5%
Lack of motivation; didn't want to	1	12.5%	3	30.0%	4	22.2%	3	13.6%	8	25.8%	11	20.8%	4	13.3%	11	26.8%	15	21.1%
R was sick (or had a sick child)	-	-	1	10.0%	1	5.6%	-	-	7	22.6%	7	13.2%	-	-	8	19.5%	8	11.3%
Working	-	-	2	20.0%	2	11.1%	1	4.5%	2	6.5%	3	5.7%	1	3.3%	4	9.8%	5	7.0%
No transportation; ride was late	1	12.5%	1	10.0%	2	11.1%	1	4.5%	2	6.5%	3	5.7%	2	6.7%	3	7.3%	5	7.0%
Lack of childcare	2	25.0%	-	-	2	11.1%	1	4.5%	-	-	1	1.9%	3	10.0%	-	-	3	4.2%
Had an appointment	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	13.6%	-	-	3	5.7%	3	10.0%	-	-	3	4.2%
Working on credits at home / on-line	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4.5%	1	3.2%	2	3.8%	1	3.3%	1	2.4%	2	2.8%
Looking for shelter/housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3.2%	1	1.9%	-	-	1	2.4%	1	1.4%
Doesn't get along with teacher	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4.5%	-	-	1	1.9%	1	3.3%	-	-	1	1.4%
Because of location of housing / shelter	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4.5%	-	-	1	1.9%	1	3.3%	-	-	1	1.4%
Money problems	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3.2%	1	1.9%	-	-	1	2.4%	1	1.4%
Total	8	100%	10	100%	18	100.0%	22	100%	31	100%	53	100.0%	30	100%	41	100%	71	100.0%

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100. For those not attending school this year, what are the main reasons you are not attending school 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	%
Dealing with other issues or problems	6	85.7%	1	20.0%	7	58.3%	32	59.3%	26	52.0%	58	55.8%	38	62.3%	27	49.1%	65	56.0%
Have to work	-	-	1	20.0%	1	8.3%	15	27.8%	15	30.0%	30	28.8%	15	24.6%	16	29.1%	31	26.7%
No permanent address	-	-	1	20.0%	1	8.3%	7	13.0%	21	42.0%	28	26.9%	7	11.5%	22	40.0%	29	25.0%
Not interested, no motivation	-	-	1	20.0%	1	8.3%	19	35.2%	8	16.0%	27	26.0%	19	31.1%	9	16.4%	28	24.1%
Dropped out	-	-	1	20.0%	1	8.3%	15	27.8%	7	14.0%	22	21.2%	15	24.6%	8	14.5%	23	19.8%
Child care	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5.6%	4	8.0%	7	6.7%	3	4.9%	4	7.3%	7	6.0%
Mental health issues	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3.7%	1	2.0%	3	2.9%	2	3.3%	1	1.8%	3	2.6%
In process of picking a school / starting school soon / not yet enrolled	1	14.3%	-	-	1	8.3%	1	1.9%	1	2.0%	2	1.9%	2	3.3%	1	1.8%	3	2.6%
No time	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3.7%	1	2.0%	3	2.9%	2	3.3%	1	1.8%	3	2.6%
Working on GED	1	14.3%	-	-	1	8.3%	1	1.9%	-	-	1	1.0%	2	3.3%	-	-	2	1.7%
No money / can't afford college	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4.0%	2	1.9%	-	-	2	3.6%	2	1.7%
Need a parent's signature	1	14.3%	1	20.0%	2	16.7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.6%	1	1.8%	2	1.7%
Other (unspecified)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.9%	-	-	1	1.0%	1	1.6%	-	-	1	0.9%
Lack information about post secondary programs of interest to R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2.0%	1	1.0%	-	-	1	1.8%	1	0.9%
Waiting for paperwork needed to start or enroll	1	14.3%	-	-	1	8.3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.6%	-	-	1	0.9%
Missed enrollment deadline	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.9%	-	-	1	1.0%	1	1.6%	-	-	1	0.9%
Learning disability	-	-	1	20.0%	1	8.3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.8%	1	0.9%
Pregnant / had a baby	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2.0%	1	1.0%	-	-	1	1.8%	1	0.9%
No transportation	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.9%	-	-	1	1.0%	1	1.6%	-	-	1	0.9%
Total	7	100%	5	100%	12	100.0%	54	100%	50	100%	104	100.0%	61	100%	55	100%	116	100.0%

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101. Are you currently enrolled in any adult education or training programs?

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	5	8.5%	3	3.6%	8	5.6%	54	20.8%	54	13.8%	108	16.6%	59	18.5%	57	12.1%	116	14.6%
No	54	91.5%	80	96.4%	134	94.4%	206	79.2%	336	86.2%	542	83.4%	260	81.5%	416	87.9%	676	85.4%
Total	59	100%	83	100%	142	100.0%	260	100%	390	100%	650	100.0%	319	100%	473	100%	792	100.0%

102. What education or training program are you enrolled in?

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	%
2-year college or technical	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	37.0%	26	48.1%	46	42.6%	20	33.9%	26	45.6%	46	39.7%
GED	3	60.0%	2	66.7%	5	62.5%	21	38.9%	13	24.1%	34	31.5%	24	40.7%	15	26.3%	39	33.6%
Adult Basic Education	2	40.0%	-	-	2	25.0%	7	13.0%	5	9.3%	12	11.1%	9	15.3%	5	8.8%	14	12.1%
Post-secondary customized training (truck driving, CNA, etc.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.9%	4	7.4%	5	4.6%	1	1.7%	4	7.0%	5	4.3%
Other (not specified)	-	-	1	33.3%	1	12.5%	1	1.9%	1	1.9%	2	1.9%	1	1.7%	2	3.5%	3	2.6%
4-year college	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.9%	2	3.7%	3	2.8%	1	1.7%	2	3.5%	3	2.6%
Alternative Learning Center	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3.7%	-	-	2	1.9%	2	3.4%	-	-	2	1.7%
Internship program	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.9%	1	0.9%	-	-	1	1.8%	1	0.9%
Supported work program/vocational rehabilitation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.9%	1	0.9%	-	-	1	1.8%	1	0.9%
Youthbuild/Tree Trust	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.9%	-	-	1	0.9%	1	1.7%	-	-	1	0.9%
On-the-job training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.9%	1	0.9%	-	-	1	1.8%	1	0.9%
Total	5	100%	3	100%	8	100.0%	54	100%	54	100%	108	100.0%	59	100%	57	100%	116	100.0%