

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.

Contact with family

220. How long has it been since you have had contact with any of your family or relatives other than those living with you here?

<i>Greater Minnesota</i>	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations				Greater Minnesota					
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than 1 month	17	70.8%	22	73.3%	26	74.3%	56	84.8%	51	70.8%	57	73.1%	94	71.8%	135	77.6%	229	75.1%
More than 1 month, but less than 1 year	4	16.7%	6	20.0%	5	14.3%	7	10.6%	13	18.1%	12	15.4%	22	16.8%	25	14.4%	47	15.4%
1 year or more	3	12.5%	2	6.7%	4	11.4%	3	4.5%	8	11.1%	9	11.5%	15	11.5%	14	8.0%	29	9.5%
Total	24	100%	30	100%	35	100%	66	100%	72	100%	78	100%	131	100.0%	174	100.0%	305	100.0%

220. How long has it been since you have had contact with any of your family or relatives other than those living with you here?
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<i>Metro</i>	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations				Metro					
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than 1 month	43	81.1%	54	78.3%	28	80.0%	83	78.3%	68	65.4%	57	72.2%	139	72.4%	194	76.4%	333	74.7%
More than 1 month, but less than 1 year	6	11.3%	10	14.5%	5	14.3%	15	14.2%	18	17.3%	12	15.2%	29	15.1%	37	14.6%	66	14.8%
1 year or more	4	7.5%	5	7.2%	2	5.7%	8	7.5%	18	17.3%	10	12.7%	24	12.5%	23	9.1%	47	10.5%
Total	53	100%	69	100%	35	100%	106	100%	104	100%	79	100%	192	100.0%	254	100.0%	446	100.0%

**220. How long has it been since you have had contact with any of your family or relatives other than those living with you here?
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	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations				Statewide					
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than 1 month	60	77.9%	76	76.8%	54	77.1%	139	80.8%	119	67.6%	114	72.6%	233	72.1%	329	76.9%	562	74.8%
More than 1 month, but less than 1 year	10	13.0%	16	16.2%	10	14.3%	22	12.8%	31	17.6%	24	15.3%	51	15.8%	62	14.5%	113	15.0%
1 year or more	7	9.1%	7	7.1%	6	8.6%	11	6.4%	26	14.8%	19	12.1%	39	12.1%	37	8.6%	76	10.1%
Total	77	100%	99	100%	70	100%	172	100%	176	100%	157	100%	323	100.0%	428	100.0%	751	100.0%

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 Contact with family

221. In the last 12 months, have any of the following people helped you to find the services you need?

Greater Minnesota	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations				Greater Minnesota					
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Friend	12	52.2%	19	63.3%	13	37.1%	29	44.6%	55	72.4%	60	74.1%	80	59.7%	108	61.4%	188	60.6%
Partner / Significant other	3	13.0%	6	20.0%	9	25.7%	13	20.0%	23	30.3%	34	42.0%	35	26.1%	53	30.1%	88	28.4%
Your parent	9	39.1%	12	41.4%	9	26.5%	26	40.0%	26	33.8%	32	40.0%	44	32.8%	70	40.2%	114	37.0%
Another relative	3	12.5%	11	36.7%	10	28.6%	22	33.8%	35	45.5%	36	44.4%	48	35.3%	69	39.2%	117	37.5%
Social worker	14	58.3%	16	53.3%	10	28.6%	36	55.4%	24	31.2%	35	43.2%	48	35.3%	87	49.4%	135	43.3%
Shelter staff person	16	66.7%	23	76.7%	19	54.3%	15	23.1%	15	19.5%	17	21.0%	50	36.8%	55	31.3%	105	33.7%
Youth worker	6	25.0%	7	23.3%	27	77.1%	40	61.5%	31	40.3%	25	30.9%	64	47.1%	72	40.9%	136	43.6%
Outreach worker	6	26.1%	2	6.9%	8	23.5%	21	32.3%	15	20.0%	17	21.0%	29	22.0%	40	22.9%	69	22.5%
Teacher or other school staff	-	-	4	13.3%	7	20.0%	9	13.8%	12	15.6%	25	30.9%	19	14.1%	38	21.6%	57	18.3%
Guardian ad Litem or other court staff	1	4.3%	2	6.7%	-	-	5	7.7%	3	3.9%	5	6.2%	4	3.0%	12	6.8%	16	5.2%
Foster or Host Home parent	-	-	4	13.3%	-	-	4	6.2%	1	1.3%	6	7.4%	1	0.7%	14	8.0%	15	4.8%

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221. In the last 12 months, have any of the following people helped you to find the services you need?
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<i>Metro</i>	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations				Metro					
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Friend	25	47.2%	36	50.0%	21	60.0%	60	55.0%	71	68.9%	54	64.3%	117	61.3%	150	56.6%	267	58.6%
Partner / Significant other	16	30.2%	23	31.5%	11	31.4%	40	36.7%	40	37.7%	32	37.2%	67	34.5%	95	35.4%	162	35.1%
Your parent	15	28.3%	28	38.9%	9	25.7%	40	36.7%	29	27.4%	22	25.9%	53	27.3%	90	33.8%	143	31.1%
Another relative	17	32.1%	30	41.1%	11	31.4%	42	38.5%	38	35.8%	24	28.2%	66	34.0%	96	36.0%	162	35.1%
Social worker	15	28.8%	37	51.4%	20	57.1%	70	64.2%	36	34.3%	42	50.0%	71	37.0%	149	56.2%	220	48.1%
Shelter staff person	27	51.9%	49	67.1%	17	48.6%	45	41.3%	29	27.6%	22	25.9%	73	38.0%	116	43.4%	189	41.2%
Youth worker	17	32.7%	26	36.1%	23	65.7%	43	39.8%	65	61.3%	43	50.0%	105	54.4%	112	42.1%	217	47.3%
Outreach worker	8	15.4%	16	22.5%	10	28.6%	14	12.8%	36	34.3%	25	30.1%	54	28.1%	55	20.9%	109	24.0%
Teacher or other school staff	10	18.9%	19	26.0%	10	28.6%	23	21.1%	24	22.9%	31	36.0%	44	22.8%	73	27.2%	117	25.4%
Guardian ad Litem or other court staff	5	9.4%	9	12.7%	-	-	5	4.6%	4	3.8%	1	1.2%	9	4.6%	15	5.7%	24	5.2%
Foster or Host Home parent	3	5.7%	3	4.1%	1	2.9%	4	3.7%	3	2.8%	1	1.2%	7	3.6%	8	3.0%	15	3.3%

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221. In the last 12 months, have any of the following people helped you to find the services you need?
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Statewide	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations				Statewide					
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Friend	37	48.7%	55	53.9%	34	48.6%	89	51.1%	126	70.4%	114	69.1%	197	60.6%	258	58.5%	455	59.4%
Partner / Significant other	19	25.0%	29	28.2%	20	28.6%	53	30.5%	63	34.6%	66	39.5%	102	31.1%	148	33.3%	250	32.4%
Your parent	24	31.6%	40	39.6%	18	26.1%	66	37.9%	55	30.1%	54	32.7%	97	29.6%	160	36.4%	257	33.5%
Another relative	20	26.0%	41	39.8%	21	30.0%	64	36.8%	73	39.9%	60	36.1%	114	34.5%	165	37.2%	279	36.1%
Social worker	29	38.2%	53	52.0%	30	42.9%	106	60.9%	60	33.0%	77	46.7%	119	36.3%	236	53.5%	355	46.2%
Shelter staff person	43	56.6%	72	69.9%	36	51.4%	60	34.5%	44	24.2%	39	23.5%	123	37.5%	171	38.6%	294	38.1%
Youth worker	23	30.3%	33	32.4%	50	71.4%	83	48.0%	96	52.5%	68	40.7%	169	51.4%	184	41.6%	353	45.8%
Outreach worker	14	18.7%	18	18.0%	18	26.1%	35	20.1%	51	28.3%	42	25.6%	83	25.6%	95	21.7%	178	23.4%
Teacher or other school staff	10	13.2%	23	22.3%	17	24.3%	32	18.4%	36	19.8%	56	33.5%	63	19.2%	111	25.0%	174	22.5%
Guardian ad Litem or other court staff	6	7.9%	11	10.9%	-	-	10	5.7%	7	3.8%	6	3.6%	13	4.0%	27	6.1%	40	5.2%
Foster or Host Home parent	3	3.9%	7	6.8%	1	1.4%	8	4.6%	4	2.2%	7	4.2%	8	2.4%	22	5.0%	30	3.9%

222. Is there currently any adult in your life that you trust and have regular contact with?

<i>Greater Minnesota</i>	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations				Greater Minnesota					
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	17	70.8%	26	92.9%	27	77.1%	60	92.3%	54	76.1%	69	87.3%	98	75.4%	155	90.1%	253	83.8%
No	7	29.2%	2	7.1%	8	22.9%	5	7.7%	17	23.9%	10	12.7%	32	24.6%	17	9.9%	49	16.2%
Total	24	100%	28	100%	35	100%	65	100%	71	100%	79	100%	130	100.0%	172	100.0%	302	100.0%

222. Is there currently any adult in your life that you trust and have regular contact with?

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<i>Metro</i>	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations				Metro					
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	37	69.8%	55	75.3%	30	88.2%	86	79.6%	78	74.3%	62	74.7%	145	75.5%	203	76.9%	348	76.3%
No	16	30.2%	18	24.7%	4	11.8%	22	20.4%	27	25.7%	21	25.3%	47	24.5%	61	23.1%	108	23.7%
Total	53	100%	73	100%	34	100%	108	100%	105	100%	83	100%	192	100.0%	264	100.0%	456	100.0%

222. Is there currently any adult in your life that you trust and have regular contact with?

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<i>Statewide</i>	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations				Statewide					
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	54	70.1%	81	80.2%	57	82.6%	146	84.4%	132	75.0%	131	80.9%	243	75.5%	358	82.1%	601	79.3%
No	23	29.9%	20	19.8%	12	17.4%	27	15.6%	44	25.0%	31	19.1%	79	24.5%	78	17.9%	157	20.7%
Total	77	100%	101	100%	69	100%	173	100%	176	100%	162	100%	322	100.0%	436	100.0%	758	100.0%

223. For those with adults who they trust and have regular contact with, who is that?

Greater Minnesota	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations				Greater Minnesota					
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Your parent	8	47.1%	6	24.0%	2	8.0%	26	43.3%	20	40.0%	13	19.7%	30	32.6%	45	29.8%	75	30.9%
Another relative	4	23.5%	6	24.0%	8	32.0%	10	16.7%	10	20.0%	24	36.4%	22	23.9%	40	26.5%	62	25.5%
A friend	3	17.6%	4	16.0%	2	8.0%	2	3.3%	13	26.0%	14	21.2%	18	19.6%	20	13.2%	38	15.6%
Youth worker	-	-	-	-	8	32.0%	10	16.7%	2	4.0%	1	1.5%	10	10.9%	11	7.3%	21	8.6%
Partner or significant other	-	-	3	12.0%	3	12.0%	7	11.7%	1	2.0%	5	7.6%	4	4.3%	15	9.9%	19	7.8%
A social worker	1	5.9%	2	8.0%	-	-	3	5.0%	1	2.0%	2	3.0%	2	2.2%	7	4.6%	9	3.7%
A foster or Host Home parent	-	-	2	8.0%	-	-	-	-	1	2.0%	2	3.0%	1	1.1%	4	2.6%	5	2.1%
A shelter staff person	-	-	2	8.0%	1	4.0%	1	1.7%	-	-	1	1.5%	1	1.1%	4	2.6%	5	2.1%
Teacher or other school staff	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2.0%	3	4.5%	1	1.1%	3	2.0%	4	1.6%
Outreach worker	1	5.9%	-	-	1	4.0%	1	1.7%	1	2.0%	-	-	3	3.3%	1	0.7%	4	1.6%
Pastor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.5%	-	-	1	0.7%	1	0.4%
Total	17	100%	25	100%	25	100%	60	100%	50	100%	66	100%	92	100.0%	151	100.0%	243	100.0%

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223. For those with adults who they trust and have regular contact with, who is that?
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Metro	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations				Metro					
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Your parent	20	57.1%	19	35.2%	8	26.7%	24	28.2%	24	31.6%	10	16.1%	52	36.9%	53	26.4%	105	30.7%
Another relative	5	14.3%	13	24.1%	6	20.0%	24	28.2%	21	27.6%	15	24.2%	32	22.7%	52	25.9%	84	24.6%
A friend	2	5.7%	5	9.3%	3	10.0%	9	10.6%	10	13.2%	11	17.7%	15	10.6%	25	12.4%	40	11.7%
Partner or significant other	4	11.4%	7	13.0%	1	3.3%	8	9.4%	7	9.2%	10	16.1%	12	8.5%	25	12.4%	37	10.8%
Youth worker	1	2.9%	2	3.7%	7	23.3%	6	7.1%	5	6.6%	5	8.1%	13	9.2%	13	6.5%	26	7.6%
A social worker	1	2.9%	4	7.4%	1	3.3%	5	5.9%	5	6.6%	4	6.5%	7	5.0%	13	6.5%	20	5.8%
Teacher or other school staff	-	-	2	3.7%	-	-	3	3.5%	1	1.3%	7	11.3%	1	0.7%	12	6.0%	13	3.8%
A shelter staff person	1	2.9%	2	3.7%	2	6.7%	4	4.7%	-	-	-	-	3	2.1%	6	3.0%	9	2.6%
A foster or Host Home parent	-	-	-	-	2	6.7%	2	2.4%	-	-	-	-	2	1.4%	2	1.0%	4	1.2%
Guardian ad Litem or other court staff	1	2.9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.3%	-	-	2	1.4%	-	-	2	0.6%
Outreach worker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.6%	-	-	2	1.4%	-	-	2	0.6%
Total	35	100%	54	100%	30	100%	85	100%	76	100%	62	100%	141	100.0%	201	100.0%	342	100.0%

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Statewide	Emergency shelter / Domestic violence shelter				Transitional housing / Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations				Statewide					
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Your parent	28	53.8%	25	31.6%	10	18.2%	50	34.5%	44	34.9%	23	18.0%	82	35.2%	98	27.8%	180	30.8%
Another relative	9	17.3%	19	24.1%	14	25.5%	34	23.4%	31	24.6%	39	30.5%	54	23.2%	92	26.1%	146	25.0%
A friend	5	9.6%	9	11.4%	5	9.1%	11	7.6%	23	18.3%	25	19.5%	33	14.2%	45	12.8%	78	13.3%
Partner or significant other	4	7.7%	10	12.7%	4	7.3%	15	10.3%	8	6.3%	15	11.7%	16	6.9%	40	11.4%	56	9.6%
Youth worker	1	1.9%	2	2.5%	15	27.3%	16	11.0%	7	5.6%	6	4.7%	23	9.9%	24	6.8%	47	8.0%
A social worker	2	3.8%	6	7.6%	1	1.8%	8	5.5%	6	4.8%	6	4.7%	9	3.9%	20	5.7%	29	5.0%
Teacher or other school staff	-	-	2	2.5%	-	-	3	2.1%	2	1.6%	10	7.8%	2	0.9%	15	4.3%	17	2.9%
A shelter staff person	1	1.9%	4	5.1%	3	5.5%	5	3.4%	-	-	1	0.8%	4	1.7%	10	2.8%	14	2.4%
A foster or Host Home parent	-	-	2	2.5%	2	3.6%	2	1.4%	1	0.8%	2	1.6%	3	1.3%	6	1.7%	9	1.5%
Outreach worker	1	1.9%	-	-	1	1.8%	1	0.7%	3	2.4%	-	-	5	2.1%	1	0.3%	6	1.0%
Guardian ad Litem or other court staff	1	1.9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.8%	-	-	2	0.9%	-	-	2	0.3%
Pastor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.8%	-	-	1	0.3%	1	0.2%
Total	52	100%	79	100%	55	100%	145	100%	126	100%	128	100%	233	100.0%	352	100.0%	585	100.0%