PIT Count Youth Survey (Comprehensive)

Hello, my name is ______. Today we are asking youth some questions to better understand their housing status. It is up to you whether you want to participate, and your answers will not be shared with anyone outside of our team. Can I have about 10 minutes of your time?    ☐ Yes [Go to Q1]    ☐ No [Thank respondent; go to observation tool]

1. How old are you?
☐ Under 18  ☐ 18-24  ☐ 25 and older [Switch to Adult survey; begin with Q3]

2. Where did you sleep on the night of [NIGHT OF COUNT]?
☐ Street or sidewalk
☐ Vehicle (car, van, RV, truck)
☐ Park or other public outdoor space
☐ Abandoned or empty building/squatting
☐ Bus, train station, airport
☐ Under bridge/overpass
☐ Outdoor encampment
☐ Other location (specify):

3. Can you tell me all the places you slept in the past week?
☐ Street or sidewalk
☐ Vehicle (car, van, RV, truck)
☐ Park or other public outdoor space
☐ Abandoned or empty building/squatting
☐ Bus, train station, airport
☐ Under bridge/overpass
☐ Outdoor encampment
☐ Other location (specify below):

4. Did another volunteer or survey worker already ask you these same questions about where you are staying tonight?
☐ No  ☐ Yes → Thank you! Those are all the questions I have

5. What is your race? You can select one or more races. [Read all except ‘please specify’]
☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
☐ Black or African American
☐ White
☐ Don’t Know/Refuse to Answer

6. Are you Hispanic or Latino?
☐ Yes, Hispanic/Latino
☐ No, not Hispanic/Latino
☐ Don’t Know/Refuse to Answer

7. How would you define your gender?
☐ Male  ☐ Female  ☐ Transgender
☐ Gender Non-Conforming (i.e., not exclusively male or female)

8. How long have you been homeless this time? Think about only time spent staying in shelters and/or on the streets.
☐ _____ Days  ☐ _____ Weeks  ☐ _____ Months  ☐ _____ Years
☐ Don’t know / Refuse to answer

9. Is this the first time that you have been living on the street, in a shelter, or transitional housing program?
☐ Yes [Skip to Q12]  ☐ No  ☐ Don’t know / Refuse to answer

10. Including this time, how many separate times have you been homeless (living on the street or in a shelter) in the past three years, that is, since January 2014? Was it 4 or more times or less than 4 times?
☐ Less than 4 times  ☐ 4 or more times  ☐ Don’t know / Refuse to answer

11. If you add up all the times you have been homeless in the last 3 years, about how long have you been homeless? Your best guess is fine.
☐ _____ Days  ☐ _____ Weeks  ☐ _____ Months  ☐ _____ Years
☐ Don’t know / Refuse to answer

12. Which of the following best represents how you think of yourself?
☐ Lesbian or gay
☐ Straight
☐ Bi/Trans
☐ Other:

13. [If female] Are you currently pregnant? [If male or ‘other’]: Are you expecting to become a parent in the next 9 months?
☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Don’t know / Refuse to answer
24. Have any of the issues we just discussed (alcohol or drug use, physical or mental disabilities, your mental health, learning difficulties, or HIV/AIDS) ever kept you from getting a job or obtaining or staying in stable housing?
- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Refuse to answer

25. Do you receive a disability check, such as a Social Security check (SSI or SSDI) or a Veteran Disability Compensation check?
- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Refuse to answer

26. Are you experiencing homelessness because you are currently fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking?
- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Refuse to answer

27. Have you ever been placed in foster care or stayed in a group home?
- No
- Don't know / Refuse to answer
- Yes

28. Have you stayed overnight or longer in jail, prison, or a juvenile detention facility?
- No
- Don't know / Refuse to answer
- Yes

29. Have you stayed overnight or longer in a treatment or healthcare facility?
- No
- Don't know / Refuse to answer
- Yes

30. Are you currently enrolled in school?
- Yes, and attend regularly
- Yes, suspended
- No, obtained GED
- No, dropped out within last 6 months
- Don't know
- No, and attend irregularly
- No, graduated from high school
- No, expelled
- No, dropped out 6 months ago or more
- Refused
31. What is the highest grade or level of schooling you completed?

- [ ] Less than 5th grade
- [ ] School program does not have grade levels
- [ ] 5th to 6th grade
- [ ] GED completion
- [ ] 7th to 8th grade
- [ ] Some post-secondary education/college
- [ ] 9th to 11th grade
- [ ] Don’t know
- [ ] 12th grade
- [ ] Refuse to answer

32. In the past year, in what ways did you make money? [Select all that apply]

- [ ] Full-time job
- [ ] Part-time job including on-call or irregular hours
- [ ] Working under the table
- [ ] Money from friends or family
- [ ] Hustling
- [ ] Panhandling
- [ ] Sex work
- [ ] Government program (disability, welfare, food stamps, unemployment, etc.)
- [ ] Other (specify): ____________________________
- [ ] Don’t know / Refuse to answer

33. Think about the last time you felt that you were living in safe and stable housing. How long ago was that?

- [ ] Less than 1 month ago
- [ ] 1 month to less than 3 months ago
- [ ] 3 months to less than 6 months ago
- [ ] 6 months to 1 year
- [ ] More than 1 year
- [ ] Never felt stably housed [Skip to Q36]
- [ ] Don’t know / Refuse to answer

34. Who did you live with the last time you lived in stable housing?

- [ ] Family member
- [ ] Friend(s)/roommate(s)
- [ ] Partner/significant other
- [ ] Alone
- [ ] Don’t know / Refuse to answer

35. What is the primary reason you left or lost your last stable housing situation?

- [ ] Chose to leave
- [ ] Had to leave
- [ ] Don’t know
- [ ] Refuse to answer

36. In order to stay in any housing situation, have you ever…? [Select all that apply]

- [ ] Stayed with someone you didn’t know or trust
- [ ] Stayed somewhere that didn’t feel safe
- [ ] Stayed with a sexual partner that you would not have otherwise
- [ ] Stayed on a couch or floor for longer than one week
- [ ] None of the above
- [ ] Refuse to answer

37. In the past year, what services or supports, for example from government programs or charities, have you accessed? [Select all that apply]

- [ ] Free meals
- [ ] Transportation assistance or bus passes
- [ ] Job training or employment services
- [ ] Drop-in/day services
- [ ] Legal assistance
- [ ] Health services
- [ ] Mental health services
- [ ] Substance abuse treatment/services
- [ ] Housing services
- [ ] Education services
- [ ] Other (specify): ____________________________
- [ ] None
- [ ] Don’t know / Refuse to answer

38. In the past year, what issues have you encountered in trying to get help or access services? [Select all that apply]

- [ ] Lack of transportation
- [ ] Did not have ID/personal documents
- [ ] Did not know where to go for help
- [ ] Did not qualify for service
- [ ] Placed on a waitlist and never heard back
- [ ] Language barrier
- [ ] Could not access because of age
- [ ] No issues accessing services/assistance
- [ ] Other (specify): ____________________________
- [ ] None
- [ ] Don’t know / Refuse to answer

Those are all the questions we have for you. We realize that some of the topics covered are personal and can be difficult to talk about. As a reminder your responses will not be shared with anyone outside of our team. Thank you for taking the survey and being a part of this important data collection effort.