

# 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]?**

<b>UNSHeltered</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Street or sidewalk	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle (car, van, RV, truck)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Park or other public outdoor space	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned or empty building/squatting	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bus, train station, airport	
<b>SHELTERed</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Under bridge/overpass	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor encampment	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other location ( <i>specify</i> ): _____	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency shelter (or Motel/Hotel paid for by a non-profit or government entity)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Transitional housing	
<b>NOT HOMELESS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Runaway Homeless Youth Program (TLP/MGH)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth shelter	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Motel/hotel that you paid for	<b>[If respondent answers with any of these, thank them for their time, and do not continue with survey.]</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> House or apartment	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Jail, hospital, treatment program	

3. **Can you tell me all the places you slept in the past week?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Street or sidewalk                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency shelter                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle (car, van, RV, truck)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional housing                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Park or other public outdoor space             | <input type="checkbox"/> Runaway Homeless Youth Program (TLP/MGH) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned/empty building/squatting             | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth shelter                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bus, train station, airport                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/hotel                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under bridge/overpass                          | <input type="checkbox"/> House or apartment                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor encampment                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Jail, hospital, treatment program        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other location ( <i>specify below</i> ): _____ |   |

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    Asian  
 Black or African American    Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
 White    Other (*specify below*): \_\_\_\_\_  
 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    Bisexual  
 Something else    I don't know    I'd rather not say

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

**[If under 18 (Q1 = less than 18), skip to Q17]**

**14. Have you ever served in the US Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard)?**

- Yes       No       Don't know / Refuse to answer

**15. Were you ever called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist?**

- Yes       No       Don't know / Refuse to answer

**16. Have you ever received health care or benefits from a Veterans Administration Medical Center?**

- Yes       No       Don't know / Refuse to answer

**17. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have [If female:] 4 or more drinks of alcohol in a row / [If male:] 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row?**

- 0 days       1 day       2 days       3 to 5 days  
 6 to 9 days       10 to 19 days       20+ days       Don't know / Refuse to answer

**18. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use marijuana on your own – that is without a doctor telling you to?**

- 0 days       1 day       2 days       3 to 5 days  
 6 to 9 days       10 to 19 days       20+ days       Don't know / Refuse to answer

**19. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use other illicit drugs or substances on your own – that is without a doctor telling you to?**

- 0 days       1 day       2 days       3 to 5 days  
 6 to 9 days       10 to 19 days       20+ days       Don't know / Refuse to answer

**20. Do you have any physical disabilities?**

- Yes       No       Don't know / Refuse to answer

**21. Have you ever received special education services from school at any point for more than 6 months?**

- Yes       No       Don't know / Refuse to answer

**22. Have you ever received services, or felt like you needed help with your mental health?**

- Yes       No       Don't know / Refuse to answer

**23. Do you have HIV/AIDS or have you had any related illness?**

- 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

**[For Q27-29: Only ask 'Part B' if answer is 'Yes']**

**27. Have you ever been placed in foster care or stayed in a group home?**

- No       Don't know / Refuse to answer       Yes

**25B. If you left [SETTING] in the past 3 years, did anyone help you get housing?**

- Yes       No       Not in past 3 years       Don't know / Refused to answer

**28. Have you stayed overnight or longer in jail, prison, or a juvenile detention facility?**

- No       Don't know / Refuse to answer       Yes

**26B. If you left [SETTING] in the past 3 years, did anyone help you get housing?**

- Yes       No       Not in past 3 years       Don't know / Refused to answer

**29. Have you stayed overnight or longer in a treatment or healthcare facility?**

- No       Don't know / Refuse to answer       Yes

**27B. If you left [SETTING] in the past 3 years, did anyone help you get housing?**

- Yes       No       Not in past 3 years       Don't know / Refused to answer

**30. Are you currently enrolled in school?**

- Yes, and attend regularly       Yes, and attend irregularly  
 Yes, suspended       No, graduated from high school  
 No, obtained GED       No, expelled  
 No, dropped out within last 6 months       No, dropped out 6 months ago or more  
 Don't know       Refused

**31. What is the highest grade or level of schooling you completed?**

- Less than 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- School program does not have grade levels
- GED completion
- Some post-secondary education/college
- Don't know
- 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
- Partner/significant other
- Don't know / Refuse to answer
- Friend(s)/roommate(s)
- Alone

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

- Chose to leave
- Don't know
- Had to leave
- 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): \_\_\_\_\_
- 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.