

# Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Survey: Final Report

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## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On April 13, 2017, 374 eligible youth were surveyed, as part of the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership Homeless Youth Taskforce (Taskforce) youth survey questionnaire. This survey was part of a continuing project to survey at-risk or homeless youth to find out their current living situations, social service experiences, and to collect basic demographic information and descriptors. The following table provides a breakdown of the total number of youth surveyed by region.

**Table 1. Total Number of Youth by gender identity Surveyed by Region\***

	Female	Male	Transgender Identify as female	Transgender Identify as male	Not Sure	Other	Total	Total Percentage
Morongo Basin	16	28	0	0	0	0	44	12.05%
Mountains	10	8	0	0	0	0	18	4.93%
Redlands	13	46	0	0	0	0	59	16.16%
San Bernardino	55	68	0	0	0	0	123	33.7%
Victorville	13	20	3	0	1	0	37	10.14%
West Valley	31	51	0	1	0	1	84	23.01%
<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* Nine surveys (n=9) contained a missing value for gender identity.

According to the youth surveyed, approximately 2/3 resided on the day of the survey at the home of a parent, guardian, foster parent, friend, relative, partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend. Approximately 10% of youth resided in temporary, emergency, or transitional housing. Over 18% resided outdoors in a public place, abandoned building, or vehicle.

**Table 2. Where did you stay last night?\***

	11-17 years	18-25 years	Total	Valid percent
Home of parent, guardian or foster parent	39	17	56	16.14%
Home of a friend or relative in an area meant for regular sleeping	48	80	128	36.89%
Home of a friend or relative in an area not meant for regular sleeping	4	20	24	6.92%
Group home	1	8	9	2.59%
Home of partner, boyfriend or girlfriend	7	11	18	5.19%
With someone they did not know because they needed a place to stay	1	3	4	1.15%
Youth or adult shelter	6	13	19	5.48%
Transitional living program	0	5	5	1.44%
Hotel/motel paid for by a government program or nonprofit organization	0	1	1	0.29%
Hotel/motel paid for by some other way	1	2	3	0.86%
Outdoors in a public place, i.e. park, street, campground, bus station, etc.	2	37	39	11.24%
Abandoned building; squatted	0	8	8	2.31%
Car, bus, or RV	0	15	15	4.32%
Hospital, psychiatric facility, or drug/alcohol treatment center	1	2	3	0.86%
Juvenile detention, jail, or prison	1	1	2	0.58%
Somewhere else	0	13	13	3.75%

\* Twenty-seven surveys (n=27) contained a missing value for age range

When asked how long the youth have been residing in similar places, approximately 2 out of 3 noted that they have resided there for months (39%) and/or years (28%). In addition, similarly over 60% of youth noted that they would be able to reside at the same location for 14 days without being asked to leave.

The following table shows the breakdown of demographic information based on age (this information does not include missing values). Three age ranges were included in the survey: Range A (0-10 years of age), Range B (11-17 years of age), and Range C (18-25 years of age). There were zero (0) respondents to Range A.

**Table 3. Demographics by Age of Respondent**

	<b>11-17 years</b>	<b>18-25 years</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Ethnicity/Race</b>			
Hispanic/Latino*	55	92	147
Black/African American	35	64	99
Native American or Alaskan Native	0	2	2
Asian	2	1	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	8	10	18
White	39	107	146
Two or more races	26	52	78
<b>Gender Identity</b>			
Female	60	78	138
Male	56	164	220
Transgender, Identify as Female	0	3	3
Transgender, Identify as Male	0	1	1
Not sure	0	1	1
Other	1	0	1
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>			
Gay or Lesbian	6	10	16
Straight	105	207	312
Bisexual	2	18	20
Questioning	0	2	2
Other	0	6	6
Prefer not to answer	3	4	7
<b>Health</b>			
Physical, mental, emotional or developmental disability	26	92	118
<b>Education</b>			
Currently enrolled in school	108	94	202
<b>Highest Grade/Year completed</b>			
8 <sup>th</sup> grade or less	7	6	13
9 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> grade	100	123	223
12 <sup>th</sup> grade (diploma)	9	77	86
GED certificate	0	14	14
Some college	1	18	19
Associate's degree	0	1	1

Bachelor's degree	0	1	1
Post-secondary training	0	3	3
<b>Household Information</b>			
Are you a parent?	5	38	43
If yes, are you currently living with your child?	3	14	17
Are you pregnant or gotten someone else pregnant?	3	11	14

\*Respondents who identify as Hispanic, or Latino may be of any race.

Approximately 3% (n=10) of the respondents noted military service. Nearly 1 out of 4 (n=87) self-identified as “in” or “formerly in” foster care. Approximately 1/3 of youth (n=120) identified as having been involved in the justice system at one time or another. Just over 20% (n=77) of youth identified as having a job, paid internship, or other type of employment.

Forty-four percent of youth (n=163) were currently accessing youth related services at the time of the survey. The primary issues experienced by youth in accessing services noted in the survey included lack of transportation, not having necessary identification or personal documents, not knowing where to go for assistance, and not qualifying for services. The following table identifies barriers ever experienced by youth in accessing youth-related services (this information does not include missing values).

**Table 4. Experienced the Following in Accessing Services**

	11-17 years	18-25 years	Total
Lack of transportation	43	132	175
Did not have I.D./personal documents	30	90	120
Did not know where to go for help	25	74	99
Other reason	46	47	93
Felt uncomfortable	17	49	66
Placed on a wait list and never heard back	12	35	47
Did not qualify for services	19	25	44
Did not follow through or return for services	8	31	39
Language barrier	2	8	10
Has not experienced any issues in accessing services	1	8	9

Youth were asked to identify reasons for loss of housing or homeless status. Of youth that responded to the question, approximately 27% (n=100) were homeless 3 times or less in the past three years. The following table lists the reasons youth noted for being homeless (this information only includes those responses under “check all that apply”; the same youth may have responded to multiple reasons).

**Table 5. Reasons for Loss of Housing or Becoming Homeless**

	11-17 years	18-25 years	Total
Ran away/kicked out from my family home	46	125	171
Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home	4	20	24
Violence at home between family members	34	56	90
Differences with parents about religious beliefs	12	26	38
Because of some other reason*	55	106	161

\* Identified as financial issues, family conflict, alcohol/drug use in home, parent deported/left, health issues.

## II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Homelessness among youth is an issue of concern throughout the country. Many youth, whether unaccompanied or residing with friends and/or family, experience many of the same factors such as poverty, domestic violence, substance abuse, lack of housing stability, and mental health disorders that contribute to adult homelessness. Youth homelessness is often characterized through crisis resulting from family instability and breakdown, which result in youth running away from negative environments or through abandonment.

Risks Associated with Youth Homelessness:

- High Mobility (Residential and School) can lead to enrollment problems such as:
  - Lack of school or immunization records; and proof of residence or guardianship
- Loss and isolation
- Lack of transportation, regular meals, clothing, etc.
- May experience poor health, fatigue, and hunger
- Stigma, youth often face prejudice and misunderstanding
- Issues related to safety – (Street life/Violence)
- Youth taking on adult worries
- Discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity

According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) most recent report, State of Homelessness in America 2016 Report<sup>1</sup>, unaccompanied homeless youth contribute to approximately 6.5 percent (36,907 people) of the overall homeless population according to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Point-In-Time Counts nationally conducted. In the same report is it estimated that in 2015, in the State of California that approximately 9% of individuals that experience homelessness are unaccompanied children and youth. This number represents both sheltered and unsheltered children and youth, including transitional aged youth 18-24 years old.

The NAEH report also noted that PITCs may not present an accurate enumeration of homeless youth as communities are still adopting and developing strategies to ensure that homeless youth are captured during these counts.

In order to address the issue of youth homelessness in San Bernardino County, the Children's Network Policy Council (Policy Council) established the Homeless Youth Taskforce (Taskforce) in February 2010. The Taskforce was created to investigate the needs of homeless youth in the county and to find solutions to address those needs. Homeless youth are a distinct and vulnerable population in need of intensive, developmentally appropriate, and targeted support. The Taskforce seeks to raise awareness of the issue of child and youth homelessness, educate the public about the unique needs and challenges

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<sup>1</sup> National Alliance to End Homelessness. (2016). State of Homelessness in America Report. Retrieved from <http://www.endhomelessness.org/library/entry/SOH2016>.

of this population, promote homeless youth prevention and intervention programs, reduce barriers to services, and coordinate efforts to reduce duplication and ensure efficiency.

The Taskforce is comprised of representatives of faith-based and community-based organizations, public and private agencies, concerned members of the public, and youth currently experiencing homelessness. In 2014, the Policy Council approved the transition of the Taskforce from the oversight of the Policy Council to the Interagency Council on Homelessness which oversees the implementation of the 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness in San Bernardino County.

### **1. Understanding Youth Homelessness**

The main question that arises in many communities is trying to determine what exactly is meant when we speak of youth homelessness. There are many different ways to describe youth homelessness, and this often is further muddled by the various descriptors used by separate agencies to define the homeless youth population. These different definitions lead to inaccurate comparisons based on enumeration methodologies by various federal agencies and homeless organizations that often present conflicting counts of this population.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services<sup>2</sup> uses the following:

- An individual or family who lacks housing, including whose primary residence during the night is a supervised public or private facility (e.g., shelters) that provides temporary living accommodations, and an individual who is a resident in transitional housing.
- A homeless person is an individual without permanent housing who may live on the streets; stay in a shelter, mission, single room occupancy facilities, abandoned building or vehicle; or in any other unstable or non-permanent situation, including living “doubled-up.”

The California Department of Education<sup>3</sup> defines homelessness as:

- The term homeless children and youth mean individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This definition also includes:
  - Children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
  - Children who may be living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, shelters, or awaiting foster care placement
  - Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
  - Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings, or

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<sup>2</sup> See: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Homelessness. <http://www.hhs.gov/programs/social-services/homelessness/index.html>.

<sup>3</sup> See: California Department of Education: Resources for Homeless Children and Youths. <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/cy/>.

- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are children who are living in similar circumstances listed above

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development<sup>4</sup> defines homelessness as:

- An individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence;
- An individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
- An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements;
- An individual or family who will imminently lose their housing; has no subsequent residence identified; and lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing; and
- Unaccompanied youth and homeless families with children and youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes who have experienced a long-term period without living independently in permanent housing, have experienced persistent instability as measured by frequent moves over such period, and can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic conditions.

## **2. Survey Background**

This is the third year the Taskforce decided to conduct an in-depth survey of youth within select cities in San Bernardino County as a result of the varying inconsistencies that exists with several youth counts as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Education McKinney-Vento Act guidelines. In the 2015-2016 school year, there were 35,165 homeless public school students in San Bernardino County according to the Department of Education<sup>5</sup>. Through the HUD-mandated Point in Time Count<sup>6</sup>, only 116 unsheltered and 69 sheltered children and youth were identified county-wide.

Such discrepancies pose challenges in obtaining much needed funding for these youth. Therefore, in 2015, the Taskforce took on the task of conducting a pilot survey in hopes of gaining more accurate data that reflected the needs of our communities. Since then the Taskforce has expanded the focus from four to six major areas of the County. Our volunteers made contact with over 370 youth self-identified as homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The following sections of this report present our findings, examine the challenges we faced, and a look forward to recommendations for next steps.

Our county had previously counted homeless youth during the HUD-mandated Point in Time Count. However, the Taskforce viewed several limitations with this count. The time frame in which the count

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<sup>4</sup> 24 CFR Part 91, 582 and 583.

<sup>5</sup> San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools. (2017). McKinney Vento homeless youth number.

<sup>6</sup> Institute for Urban Initiatives. (2017). San Bernardino County 2017 Homeless Count and Subpopulation Survey: Final Report. Retrieved from: <http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/08/2017-SBC-HCSS.pdf>.

was implemented, 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., did not lend itself to locating youth who may be living on the streets. Instead, the Taskforce recognized the need to hold a survey during the day, at a time when these youth were more visible in the community.

### **3. When was the survey administered?**

The survey took place on April 13, 2017, during a 24 hour period and was made available online to participating regions to ensure surveys were available to youth during school and outside of school. The survey was implemented where large populations of unaccompanied homeless youth had been identified previously.

Through the Homeless Youth Survey we hope to achieve three main goals: 1) to more accurately depict the magnitude of the problem in our county, 2) to better understand the causes behind this problem and, 3) to utilize this data to capture additional funding to help support these youth in need and to make the system more responsive to their needs.

### **4. Who was considered homeless and surveyed?**

Per guidelines set out by the Taskforce, a youth was considered homeless and surveyed when they fell within the following criteria:

- Living on the streets or in an area not meant for human habitation, such as a car or abandoned building;
- Residing in an emergency shelter and/or treatment facility (i.e. crisis residential);
- Residing in transitional housing designated for homeless families;
- Living in a motel or hotel; and
- Living in unstable housing situations such as “couch surfing.”

### **5. Who was not considered homeless, however where still surveyed for homeless history?**

Per guidelines set out by the Taskforce, a youth was not considered homeless and surveyed when they resided in one of the following places noted:

- Currently living in a house, apartment or unit with a parent, relative or guardian; and
- Currently residing in foster care homes or foster care group homes.

### **6. Who carried out the count?**

The survey was administered this year electronically through SurveyMonkey® in collaboration with the Key Contact Leaders of each region and by youth (18 to 25) who made contact with approximately 370 youth. SurveyMonkey® is an online survey software tool that assists agencies in the creation and administration of professional online surveys. The survey was implemented in six major areas of San Bernardino County; the region’s Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Centers served as the main youth deployment and contact sites for that area. In other areas, two service providers, including one youth shelter and one youth drop-in center, coordinated the survey administration in their regions. A “Train

the Trainer” session was conducted by the Office of Homeless Services in order to train the lead volunteers in each major area who in turn trained the youth volunteers. The key to the survey implementation was to keep it as peer driven as possible. Adults were on-site with the youth volunteers to ensure their safety and to assist with resources.

Youth who participated in the survey received a hygiene kit that included a homeless youth resource guide developed by the Taskforce and a gift card to be used for the purchase of food. The youth volunteers also received a gift card for their participation in administering the survey to their peers.

### III. METHODOLOGY

In order to shed light on the plight of youth homelessness in San Bernardino County, the Taskforce conducted the following activities: 1) coordinated the administration of the youth survey within the piloted major areas; and 2) implemented the survey.

#### 1. Coordinating the Administration of the Youth Survey

Coordinating the survey included the following activities: a) determining areas to be surveyed; b) establishing a youth survey regional key contact team; and c) involving similarly aged youth to participate as survey volunteers.

##### a. Determining Areas to be Surveyed

The survey was implemented in six major areas of San Bernardino County:

- **Morongo Basin** which consists of the areas surrounding the town of Yucca Valley, the city of Twentynine Palms, and the unincorporated areas of the Eastern High Desert region of San Bernardino County.
- **Mountain Region** which consisted primarily of the city of Big Bear and its surrounding unincorporated areas.
- The city of **Redlands** and its unincorporated areas.
- The city of **San Bernardino**, including areas of the city of Colton, and the unincorporated area of Muscoy.
- The city of **Victorville** and its unincorporated areas.
- **West Valley Region** which consisted primarily of the city of Rancho Cucamonga and its surrounding areas including unincorporated areas.

These areas were included in the survey coverage area through input from youth who were actively involved in the development of the survey, as areas where homeless youth tend to congregate. These areas tended to connect with cities that had functioning TAY Centers nearby, homeless youth shelters and/or youth drop in centers.

**TAY Centers** were created to provide integrated mental health and community services to transitional aged youth (16-25 years-old) who are unserved, underserved, inappropriately served and homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless. Transitional age youth typically have been over-represented in the Justice System and out-of-home (foster care, group homes, and institutions) placements. TAY Centers provide a high level of care with services that are gender specific, culturally, and linguistically appropriate to assist youth in their transition to adulthood and independence.

**Homeless Youth Shelters** generally provide short-term shelter for homeless and runaway youth between the ages of 11-17. These programs offer intensive individual, group, and family counseling with the goal of reuniting youth with their families whenever possible, preventing future issues that may destabilize the youth's housing, and providing youth with a safe place to go.

**Youth Drop-In Centers** provide safe locations and/or facilities where youth can access essential resources such as food, clothing, hygiene items, safe storage of their belongings, access to computers and phones, showers, and health services free of charge. These services provide youth with information on safe housing, mental health services, employment training, educational support, independent living skills, and referrals.

**b. Establishing a Youth Survey Regional Key Contact Team**

For each region of the county to be surveyed, a Key Contact Team was established and consisted of representatives from the Taskforce, the participating TAY Centers, Homeless Youth Shelter providers and Youth Drop-In Centers who were able to provide insight and knowledge regarding youth homelessness and strategies for youth specific outreach. This team also included various representatives from public and private agencies, local government, law enforcement, community- and faith-based organizations, youth advocates, and members of the public. Homeless and previously homeless youth were also contacted to serve as direct youth Key Leaders for all 6 major areas.

The Taskforce coordinated the Key Contact Teams with the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health Transitional Age Youth Manager and staff to coordinate deployment sites or identify areas within the survey region where homeless youth congregate.

**c. Involving Similarly-Aged Youth to Participate as Survey Volunteers.**

The primary purpose of the Key Leaders was to raise youth awareness of the survey and actively involve and recruit other transitional aged youth to participate in the implementation of the survey. Volunteers were recruited both within the survey region and throughout the county from a wide range of youth oriented service providers and other interested community stakeholders.

Youth peers that volunteered to survey homeless in the regional areas included persons previously involved in the provision or receipt of direct youth services and youth currently participating in youth oriented support programs.

Handouts and recruitment materials were developed and distributed to recruit volunteers.

**2. Implementing the Survey**

The Youth Survey Instrument was administered by the youth volunteers to gather information regarding youth characteristics to assist the Taskforce and various organizations. A unique identifier was established to maintain confidentiality and to screen for duplicate entries (see Attachment A for the Survey Instrument).

Youth surveyors were instructed to collect the following information from every youth surveyed: first 3 letters of their first name, first 3 letters of their last name, state born, and age range.<sup>7</sup> Information gathered was input into a database for analysis and including missing variables and input errors.

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<sup>7</sup> Age ranges included: A-(0-10 yr), B-(11-17yr), and C-(18-25 yr).

Additional demographic information such as race<sup>8</sup>, ethnicity<sup>9</sup>, gender identity<sup>10</sup>, and sexual orientation<sup>11</sup> was also included in the survey, which served two purposes: assisting with the prevention of duplicative entries and basic demographics.

Survey implementation occurred through two main interactions within the regional area, which included street-based outreach, where youth volunteers went to pre-identified areas, and magnet events, where youth were encouraged to convene and participate to engage in the survey and to connect with resources and services.

#### **a. Street-based Outreach**

Teams of three youth volunteers were accompanied by one adult expert. Each team went to areas where youth had been known to gather such as skate parks and libraries. The youth volunteers approached the street youth and conducted the survey. Adult experts, who included social workers, licensed social services professionals, and trained individuals, were on scene if needed as subject matter experts.

#### **b. Magnet Events**

In some communities, the youth participants were told to meet at pre-designated areas. For example, one group stayed after school until the other students had departed and then met with a team of volunteers to take the survey. This proved successful in rural areas where transportation poses an issue. Partnering with the Homeless Liaisons at the various school districts proved to be vital in connecting with homeless youth to arrange for survey completion and the provision of available resources.

The youth interviewed described their experiences – how they became homeless, what life on the street is like, their interactions with police, their education and aspirations, their mental health experiences, how they go about getting help – the services they need, and the changes they would like to see happen in policy or regulations.

### **C. Online Survey**

For the first time, youth had the option of taking the survey online during the 24-hour period. This allowed youth to answer the questions in private and eliminated the issue of school districts directly taking information they would have to report. All the information gathered was confidential. Those who took the survey online were able to collect a hygiene kit from their school district.

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<sup>8</sup> Race: a) Black/African American, b) Native American or Alaskan Native, c) Asian, d) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, e) White, and f) Two or more races.

<sup>9</sup> Yes or No answer to Hispanic or Latino.

<sup>10</sup> Current Gender Identity: a) female, b) male, c) transgender and identify as a girl or woman, d) transgender and identify as a boy or man, e) not sure, and f) other (please specify).

<sup>11</sup> How do you think of yourself?: a) Gay or Lesbian, b) Straight, c) Bisexual, d) Queer, e) Questioning, f) Other, g) I don't know, and h) prefer not to answer.

#### **IV. HOMELESS YOUTH SURVEY SUMMARIES**

In order to better understand the needs of youth that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, the Taskforce's survey was designed to collect and report basic demographics and descriptors as part of the survey. Appendix A includes homeless youth subpopulation survey summaries (see pages 19-48). Appendix B includes youth survey summaries by region (see pages 50-77).

Survey questions were also compiled in order to ensure that youth specific data would be collected for the following:

- State Born:
  - CA;
  - Outside CA;
  - Outside U.S.A.
- Age Range:
  - 0-10 Years of Age;
  - 11-17 Years of Age;
  - 18-25 Years of Age.
- Ethnicity:
  - Hispanic or Latino.
- Race:
  - Black/African American;
  - Native American or Alaskan Native;
  - Asian;
  - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
  - White;
  - Two or more races.
- Gender Identity:
  - Female;
  - Male;
  - Transgender, and identify as a girl or woman;
  - Transgender, and identify as a boy or man;
  - Not Sure;
  - Other.
- Sexual Orientation:
  - Gay or Lesbian;
  - Straight;
  - Bisexual;
  - Queer;
  - Questioning;
  - Other;
  - I don't know;
  - Prefer not to answer.

- Housing Status and Stability
- Education
- Employment
- Foster Care
- Justice System Involvement
- Accessing Services
- Household Status
- Disability Status
- Military Service

## V. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING HOMELESS YOUTH SERVICES

This section outlines opportunities that the Taskforce has identified to assist youth service planners to improve youth related services within the region. These opportunities are aligned with the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership's 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness and its update, *Recalibrating for Results*<sup>12</sup>.

Next steps include the following five recommendations:

### **Recommendation 1: Examine Transportation Resources Available for Youth**

Youth expressed the need for transportation resources to access services such as emergency shelter, food banks, counseling and mental health services, etc. Transportation is an ongoing issue within San Bernardino County as the region encompasses more than 20,000-square-miles, larger than the state of Rhode Island. There are 9,411 roadway miles in San Bernardino County which is the second largest number for a county in the State. Providing transportation is expensive, particularly because the county is so large.

According to the United States Department of Transportation<sup>13</sup>, socioeconomic conditions such as income, disabilities, gender, ethnicity, and education are all factors affecting mobility. Homeless youth also face structural obstacles due to lack of transportation such as the need to make multiple trips for eligibility and program requirements for essential services and access to mainstream resources. Application processes can be lengthy and complicated. Due to a homeless youth's lack of stability, completing requirements and meeting with providers and agencies can be difficult.

The Taskforce recommends exploring potential solutions to increase access to transportation for homeless youth to increase access to services such as emergency shelters, community and behavioral health clinics, DMV and educational institutions. For example, OmniTrans offers a *GoSmart*<sup>14</sup> program which provides students at participating schools, colleges and universities in the San Bernardino Valley unlimited rides on OmniTrans fixed routes. The *GoSmart* program is a discounted fare program in which OmniTrans negotiates pricing with partner organizations. Funding comes from student fees and/or administrative sources. An opportunity would be to study the benefits of such systems to enhance services provided by local youth shelters and/or drop in centers.

Additionally OmniTrans offers a Travel Training program that helps individuals go where they want by teaching them to use the public transportation system. The free program works with seniors and persons with disabilities, helping them understand how to use OmniTrans bus system. It gives participants the information, the confidence and the skills they need to enjoy all the benefits of riding

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<sup>12</sup> San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership Website. (2015). 10 Year Strategy to End Homelessness in the County of San Bernardino. Website accessed on October 19, 2015:

<http://www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp/Tenyearstrategy.aspx>

<sup>13</sup> United States Department of Transportation. (2015). Research, statistics, and technology. Website access on October 19, 2015: <https://www.transportation.gov/research-and-statistics>

<sup>14</sup> Omnitrans. (2015). GoSmart Program. Website accessed on October 19, 2015:

<http://www.omnitrans.org/fares-passes/gosmart/>

the bus. This service can be utilized to enhance services provided by local youth shelters/ or drop in centers to assist youth and their families in using the public transportation system.

## **Recommendation 2: Outreach and Education Campaign on Resources Available**

The Taskforce encourages the development of a campaign to educate homeless youth, transitional aged youth, and/or youth estranged from their families on available services, resources, and effective transitions to independence.

The Taskforce recommends expanding the development of a peer-aged Youth Street Outreach Team to work directly with the homeless youth and at-risk youth service providers to identify youth resources available, and assist in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of youth outreach programming. Identifying funding sources for this type of campaign and outreach team may be useful to its creation and sustainability.

In 2016 the Taskforce formed a West End Youth Ambassador Group that includes the TAY population that has experienced recovery with mental health and substance abuse. The Group consists of youth ambassadors who are or have experienced homelessness to assist the Taskforce with identifying other homeless youth who are disconnected from school and who are not aware of services that are available. These youth have also been engaged to assist with the youth survey. The Ambassador Group has recently expanded and formed a Central Valley Youth Ambassador Group.

It is recommended that an outreach campaign take into account the unique needs of homeless youth to support their access to mainstream federal, state, and local programs. The Taskforce encourages the following educational interventions:

- Increasing awareness of housing/shelter resources
- Increasing awareness of the Department of Motor Vehicles No Fee Identification Card Program
  - Train future peer surveyors to inform youth about the No Fee program when youth respond as not having an ID/or personal documents when asked about their experience accessing services.
- Increasing awareness of Mental and Public Health services available
- Increasing awareness of alcohol/drug use services available
- Identify and increase awareness of immigrant deportation services available
  - collaboration and coordination with local Consulates in the County to identify and gather information on current services available to youth and their families affected by deportation of a family member
- The continued identification and/or expansion of youth drop-in centers
  - collaboration and coordination with the local municipalities and other local jurisdictions to identify and gather information on all current and potential services available to homeless youth
- Training for service providers on the needs and resource available to homeless youth
- Improved use of technology to reach out to homeless youth
- Coordination and collaboration with public and non-profit providers to prioritizing access and services for homeless youth
- Increasing data collection efforts

- Training for businesses on the needs and resources available to homeless youth
- Mapping of resources and gaps in services throughout the County

### **Recommendation 3: Develop a Support Structure to Promote Youth Housing Stability**

Based on the results of the survey, the Taskforce recommends looking at housing for homeless youth that is flexible and able to accommodate the unique needs of youth, particularly transitional age youth and foster youth as they enter into homelessness with diverse needs. Housing programs should be based on a continuum of housing that emphasizes youth-centered assistance to promote independent living, such as:

- Prevention services, including outreach
- Crisis stabilization
- Proactive family reconciliation
- Emergency or Temporary shelter
- Host homes, where a youth lives with a host family in which they can participate in the everyday activities of family and community life
- Youth focused transitional housing programs
- Short to long term rental assistance
- Permanent supportive housing

Individualized case management and needs assessments are an essential component in developing an effective array of services to meet the particular needs of each homeless youth.

### **Recommendation 4: Develop a Support Structure to Promote Educational Attainment**

When doing outreach to youth, the taskforce will connect homeless and unaccompanied youth to educational services and homeless liaisons at school districts, charter schools, colleges and universities. In order to encourage youth to continue their education, the taskforce recommends:

- Connecting youth, when appropriate, to GED programs, Regional Occupation Programs, and Adult Education Programs
- Develop scholarships specific to homeless youth for educational attainment after high school, including technical trade schools, community colleges, and universities
- Collaborate with local educational institutions to facilitate connections to our youth as early as possible
- Establishing a relationship with programs such as Job Corps to train our youth for the type of jobs available in our county
- Utilize Youth Ambassadors to communicate to youth about the importance of finishing high school and/or attaining higher education.

### **Recommendation 5: Income/Employment Services Campaign on Resources Available**

Youth described financial issues such as poverty, lack of income, loss of employment as a factor in leading to homelessness. The Taskforce recommends the development of a targeted campaign with

local employment resources to assist youth and, when appropriate, their families in obtaining employment.

The Taskforce will continue collaborating with the San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board (WDB) to educate homeless eligible youth, ages 16 to 24, how to access the variety of career and educational services through Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funded programs. WIOA Youth Programs are designed to help enhance job skills, develop leadership qualities, explore career options, participate in adult and peer mentoring opportunities, and take advantage of work experiences. These services are available in all regions of the County.

The Taskforce will also continue collaborating with San Bernardino County WDB to educate homeless adults about America's Job Centers of California. There are three centers in the County to provide residents an easy one-stop access point to the state's employment services. Services for job seekers include assistance in assessing skills, finding job opportunities and training, preparing resumes, and much more.

## **Appendix A: Homeless Youth Subpopulation Survey Summaries**

## Age (11-17 Years)

Total Surveyed: 117

- State Born:
  - 83.8% or 98 were born in CA;
  - 6.8% or 8 were born in another state outside of CA;
  - 6.8% or 8 were born outside the United States.
  
- Ethnicity:
  - 47% or 55 identified as Hispanic or Latino.
  
- Race:
  - 15.5% or 35 were Black/African American;
  - 0% or 0 were Native American or Alaskan Native
  - 1.7% or 2 was Asian;
  - 6.8% or 8 were Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
  - 33.3% or 39 were White;
  - 22.2% or 26 identified as two or more races;
  - 6% or 7 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Gender Identity:
  - 51.3% or 60 identified as Female;
  - 47.9% or 56 identified as Male;
  - 0% or 0 identified as Transgender, and identify as a girl or woman;
  - 0% or 0 identified as Transgender, and identify as a boy or man;
  - 0% or 0 identified as not sure;
  - 0.9% or 1 identified as other;
  - 0% or 0 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Sexual Orientation:
  - 5.1% or 6 were Gay or Lesbian;
  - 89.7% or 105 were Straight;
  - 1.7% or 2 were Bisexual;
  - 0% or 0 were Queer;
  - 0% or 0 were Questioning;
  - 0% or 0 were Other;
  - 0% or 0 responded I don't know;
  - 2.6% or 3 preferred not to answer;
  - 0.9% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.

- Housing Status and Stability:
  - Where did you stay last night?
    - 33.3% or 39 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;
    - 41% or 48 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;
    - 3.4% or 4 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - outdoors or indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping;
    - 0.9% or 1 stayed in a group home;
    - 6% or 7 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
    - 0.9% or 1 stayed with someone they did not know because they needed a place to stay;
    - 5.1% or 6 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
    - 0% or 0 stayed at a transitional living program
    - 0% or 0 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by a government program or nonprofit organization;
    - 0.9% or 1 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by some other way;
    - 1.7% or 2 stayed outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.;
    - 0% or 0 stayed in an abandoned building or squatted;
    - 0% or 0 stayed in a car, bus, or RV;
    - 0.9% or 1 stayed in a hospital, psychiatric facility, or drug/alcohol treatment center;
    - 0.9% or 1 stayed in a juvenile detention, jail, or prison;
    - 0% or 0 stayed somewhere else;
    - 5.1% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.
  - How long have you been staying there?
    - 6.8% or 8 have been staying there for days;
    - 8.5% or 10 have been staying there for weeks;
    - 42.7% or 50 have been staying there for months;
    - 35% or 41 have been staying there for years;
    - 6.8% or 8 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
    - 76.9% or 90 responded “yes”;
    - 6% or 7 responded “no”;
    - 15.4% or 18 responded “I don’t know”;
    - 1.7% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  - How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
    - 9.4% or 11 have been without a home or place to stay for days;

- 6% or 7 have been without a home or place to stay for weeks;
  - 34.2% or 40 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
  - 27.4% or 32 have been without a home or place to stay for years;
  - 23.1% or 27 did not have a recorded answer.
- Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
  - 6.8% or 8 responded 0 times;
  - 29.1% or 34 responded 1-3 times;
  - 22.3% or 26 responded 4-10 times;
  - 28.5% or 33 responded 11-50 times;
  - 13.7% or 16 did not have a recorded answer.
- Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
  - 39.3% or 46 responded “yes”.
- Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
  - 3.4% or 4 responded “yes”.
- Violence at home between family members.
  - 29.1% or 34 responded “yes”.
- Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
  - 10.3% or 12 responded “yes”.
- Left home because of some other reason
  - 47% or 55 responded “yes”<sup>15</sup>.
- Education
  - Highest grade completed?
    - 6% or 7 completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade or less;
    - 85.5% or 100 completed 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade;
    - 7.7% or 9 completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade (diploma);
    - 0% or 0 completed GED certificate;
    - 0.9% or 1 completed some college;
    - 0% or 0 completed an Associate’s degree;
    - 0% or 0 completed a Bachelor’s degree;
    - 0% or 0 completed Post-secondary training;

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<sup>15</sup> The majority of responses to “left home because of some other reason” were as a result of the financial reasons, family conflict/differences, alcohol and drug use in household, parent deported, parent left, health issues.

- 0% or 0 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?
    - 92.3% or 108 responded “yes”;
    - 7.7% or 9 responded “no”;
    - 0% or 0 did not have a recorded answer.
- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
  - 18.8% or 22 responded “yes”;
  - 79.5% or 93 responded “no”;
  - 1.7% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
- Have you ever been in foster care?
  - 19.7% or 23 responded “yes”;
  - 75.2% or 88 responded “no”;
  - 5.1% or 6 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
  - 0% or 0 did not have a recorded answer.
- Justice System Involvement
  - 22.2% or 26 responded “yes”;
  - 77.8% or 91 responded “no”;
  - 3.6% or 0 did not have a recorded answer.
- Accessing Services and issues experienced
  - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
    - 25.6% or 30 responded “yes”;
    - 72.6% or 85 responded “no”;
    - 1.7% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Lack of transportation.
    - 43 responded “yes”.
  - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
    - 30 responded “yes”.
  - Did not know where to go for help.
    - 25 responded “yes”.
  - Did not qualify for services.
    - 19 responded “yes”.

- Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
  - 12 responded “yes”.
- Did not follow through or return for services.
  - 8 responded “yes”.
- Language barrier.
  - 2 responded “yes”.
- Felt uncomfortable.
  - 17 responded “yes”.
- Some other reason.
  - 46 responded “yes”.
- Have not experienced any issues.
  - 1 responded “yes”.
- Household Status
  - How many biological children do you have?
    - 93.2% or 109 responded as having 0 children;
    - 4.3% or 5 responded as having 1 child;
    - 2.6% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
  - How many of your children are currently living with you?
    - 94% or 110 responded as having 0 children living with them;
    - 1.7% or 2 responded as having 1 child living with them;
    - 0.9% or 1 responded as having 2 children living with them;
    - 3.4% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
    - 2.6% or 3 responded “yes”;
    - 90.6% or 106 responded “no”;
    - 3.4% or 4 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
    - 1.7% or 2 preferred not to answer;
    - 1.7% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
  - 22.2% or 26 responded “yes”;
  - 76.9% or 90 responded “no”;

- 0.9% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
- Military Service
  - 0% or 0 responded “yes”;
  - 98.3% or 115 responded “no”;
  - 1.7% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.

## Age (18-25 Years)

Total Surveyed: 250

- State Born:
  - 81.6% or 204 were born in CA;
  - 12.8% or 32 were born in another state outside of CA;
  - 2.4% or 6 were born outside the United States;
  - 3.2% or 8 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Ethnicity:
  - 36.8% or 92 identified as Hispanic or Latino.
  
- Race:
  - 25.6% or 64 were Black/African American;
  - 0.8% or 2 were Native American or Alaskan Native;
  - 0.4% or 1 was Asian;
  - 4% or 10 was Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
  - 42.8% or 107 were White;
  - 20.8% or 52 identified as two or more races;
  - 5.6% or 14 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Gender Identity:
  - 31.2% or 78 identified as Female;
  - 65.6% or 164 identified as Male;
  - 1.2% or 3 identified as Transgender, and identify as a girl or woman;
  - 0.4% or 1 identified as Transgender, and identify as a boy or man;
  - 0.4% or 1 identified as not sure;
  - 0% or 0 identified as other;
  - 1.2% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Sexual Orientation:
  - 4% or 10 were Gay or Lesbian;
  - 82.8% or 207 were Straight;
  - 7.2% or 18 were Bisexual;
  - 0% or 0 were Queer;
  - 0.8% or 2 were Questioning;
  - 2.4% or 6 were Other;
  - 0% or 0 responded I don't know;
  - 1.6 % or 4 preferred not to answer;
  - 1.2% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.

- Housing Status and Stability:
  - Where did you stay last night?
    - 6.8% or 17 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;
    - 32% or 80 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;
    - 8% or 20 stayed at the home of a Friend or other relative's home - outdoors or indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping;
    - 3.2% or 8 stayed in a group home;
    - 4.4% or 11 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
    - 1.2% or 3 stayed with someone they did not know because they needed a place to stay;
    - 5.2% or 13 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
    - 2% or 5 stayed at a transitional living program
    - 0.4% or 1 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by a government program or nonprofit organization;
    - 0.8% or 2 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by some other way;
    - 14.8% or 37 stayed outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.;
    - 3.2% or 8 stayed in an abandoned building or squatted;
    - 6% or 15 stayed in a car, bus, or RV;
    - 0.8% or 2 stayed in a hospital, psychiatric facility, or drug/alcohol treatment center;
    - 0.4% or 1 stayed in a juvenile detention, jail, or prison;
    - 5.2% or 13 stayed somewhere else;
    - 5.6% or 14 did not have a recorded answer.
  - How long have you been staying there?
    - 14.4% or 36 have been staying there for days;
    - 12% or 30 have been staying there for weeks;
    - 38.4% or 96 have been staying there for months;
    - 24.4% or 61 have been staying there for years;
    - 10.8% or 27 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
    - 54.8% or 137 responded “yes”;
    - 17.2% or 43 responded “no”;
    - 25.2% or 63 responded “I don’t know”;
    - 2.8% or 7 did not have a recorded answer.
  - How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
    - 4% or 10 have been without a home or place to stay for days;

- 5.2% or 13 have been without a home or place to stay for weeks;
    - 32.8% or 82 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
    - 41.2% or 103 have been without a home or place to stay for years;
    - 16.8% or 42 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
    - 0.4% or 1 responded 0 times;
    - 22.4% or 56 responded 1-3 times;
    - 22% or 55 responded 4-10 times;
    - 40.4% or 101 responded 11-50 times;
    - 2% or 5 responded 51-100 times;
    - 12.8% or 32 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
    - 50% or 125 responded “yes”.
  - Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
    - 8% or 20 responded “yes”.
  - Violence at home between family members.
    - 22.4% or 56 responded “yes”.
  - Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
    - 10.4% or 26 responded “yes”.
  - Left home because of some other reason
    - 42.4% or 106 responded “yes”<sup>16</sup>.
- Education
  - Highest grade completed?
    - 2.4% or 6 completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade or less;
    - 49.2% or 123 completed 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade;
    - 30.8% or 77 completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade (diploma);
    - 5.6% or 14 completed GED certificate;
    - 7.2% or 18 completed some college;
    - 0.4% or 1 completed an Associate’s degree;
    - 0.4% or 1 completed a Bachelor’s degree;

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<sup>16</sup> The majority of responses to “left home because of some other reason” were as a result of the financial reasons, family conflict/differences, alcohol and drug use in household, parent deported, parent left, health issues.

- 1.2% or 3 completed Post-secondary training;
    - 2.8% or 7 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?
    - 37.6% or 94 responded “yes”;
    - 60.8% or 152 responded “no”;
    - 1.6% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
  - 22% or 55 responded “yes”;
  - 76.4% or 191 responded “no”;
  - 1.6% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
- Have you ever been in foster care?
  - 24.8% or 62 responded “yes”;
  - 69.6% or 174 responded “no”;
  - 4.4% or 11 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
  - 1.2% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
- Justice System Involvement
  - 37.2% or 93 responded “yes”;
  - 60.8% or 152 responded “no”;
  - 2% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
- Accessing Services and issues experienced
  - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
    - 52.4% or 131 responded “yes”;
    - 45.6% or 114 responded “no”;
    - 2% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Lack of transportation.
    - 132 responded “yes”.
  - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
    - 90 responded “yes”.
  - Did not know where to go for help.
    - 74 responded “yes”.
  - Did not qualify for services.
    - 25 responded “yes”.

- Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
  - 35 responded “yes”.
- Did not follow through or return for services.
  - 31 responded “yes”.
- Language barrier.
  - 8 responded “yes”.
- Felt uncomfortable.
  - 49 responded “yes”.
- Some other reason.
  - 47 responded “yes”.
- Have not experienced any issues.
  - 8 responded “yes”.
- Household Status
  - How many biological children do you have?
    - 81.2% or 203 responded as having 0 children;
    - 8.8% or 22 responded as having 1 child;
    - 3.6% or 9 responded as having 2 children;
    - 1.2% or 3 responded as having 3 children;
    - 1.6% or 4 responded as having 4 children;
    - 3.6% or 9 did not have a recorded answer.
  - How many of your children are currently living with you?
    - 89.6% or 224 responded as having 0 children living with them;
    - 4.4% or 11 responded as having 1 child living with them;
    - 0.8% or 2 responded as having 2 children living with them;
    - 0.4% or 1 responded as having 3 children living with them;
    - 4.8% or 12 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
    - 4.4% or 11 responded “yes”;
    - 87.2% or 218 responded “no”;
    - 3.6% or 9 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
    - 4.8% or 12 did not have a recorded answer.

- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
  - 36.8% or 92 responded “yes”;
  - 61.2% or 153 responded “no”;
  - 2% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Military Service
  - 4% or 10 responded “yes”;
  - 94.4% or 236 responded “no”;
  - 1.6% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.

## All

Total Surveyed: 374

- State Born:
  - 82.1% or 307 were born in CA;
  - 10.7% or 40 were born in another state outside of CA;
  - 3.7% or 14 were born outside the United States;
  - 3.5% or 13 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Age
  - 0% or 0 were 0-10 years of age;
  - 31.3% or 117 were 11-17 years of age;
  - 66.8% or 250 were 18-25 years of age;
  - 1.9% or 7 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Ethnicity:
  - 39.6% or 148 identified as Hispanic or Latino.
  
- Race:
  - 27% or 101 were Black/African American;
  - 0.5% or 2 were Native American or Alaskan Native
  - 0.8% or 3 were Asian;
  - 5.3% or 20 was Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
  - 39.8% or 149 were White;
  - 20.9% or 78 identified as two or more races;
  - 5.6% or 21 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Gender Identity:
  - 38% or 142 identified as Female;
  - 59.6% or 223 identified as Male;
  - 0.8% or 3 identified as Transgender, and identify as a girl or woman;
  - 0.3% or 1 identified as Transgender, and identify as a boy or man;
  - 0.3% or 1 identified as not sure;
  - 0.3% or 1 identified as other;
  - 0.8% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Sexual Orientation:
  - 4.3% or 16 were Gay or Lesbian;
  - 84.5% or 316 were Straight;
  - 5.6% or 21 were Bisexual;
  - 0% or 0 were Queer;

- 0.5% or 2 were Questioning;
  - 1.6% or 6 were Other;
  - 0% or 0 responded I don't know;
  - 2.1% or 8 preferred not to answer;
  - 1.3% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
- Housing Status and Stability:
    - Where did you stay last night?
      - 15.2% or 57 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;
      - 34.5% or 129 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;
      - 6.7% or 25 stayed at the home of a Friend or other relative's home - outdoors or indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping;
      - 2.4% or 9 stayed in a group home;
      - 4.8% or 18 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
      - 1.1% or 4 stayed with someone they did not know because they needed a place to stay;
      - 5.1% or 19 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
      - 1.3% or 5 stayed at a transitional living program
      - 0.3% or 1 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by a government program or nonprofit organization;
      - 0.8% or 3 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by some other way;
      - 10.7% or 40 stayed outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.;
      - 2.1% or 8 stayed in an abandoned building or squatted;
      - 4% or 15 stayed in a car, bus, or RV;
      - 0.8% or 3 stayed in a hospital, psychiatric facility, or drug/alcohol treatment center;
      - 0.5% or 2 stayed in a juvenile detention, jail, or prison
      - 3.7% or 14 stayed somewhere else;
      - 5.9% or 22 did not have a recorded answer.
    - How long have you been staying there?
      - 11.8% or 44 have been staying there for days;
      - 10.7% or 40 have been staying there for weeks;
      - 39.3% or 147 have been staying there for months;
      - 28.1% or 105 have been staying there for years;
      - 10.2% or 38 did not have a recorded answer.
    - Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
      - 61% or 228 responded "yes";

- 13.6% or 51 responded “no”;
    - 23% or 86 responded “I don’t know”;
    - 2.4% or 9 did not have a recorded answer.
  - How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
    - 5.6% or 21 have been without a home or place to stay for days;
    - 5.3% or 20 have been without a home or place to stay for weeks;
    - 32.9% or 123 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
    - 36.6% or 137 have been without a home or place to stay for years;
    - 19.5% or 73 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
    - 2.4% or 9 responded 0 times;
    - 24.3% or 91 responded 1-3 times;
    - 22.4% or 84 responded 4-10 times;
    - 36.6% or 136 responded 11-50 times;
    - 1.5% or 5 responded 51-100 times;
    - 13.1% or 49 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
    - 46.3% or 173 responded “yes”.
  - Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
    - 6.7% or 25 responded “yes”.
  - Violence at home between family members.
    - 24.6% or 92 responded “yes”.
  - Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
    - 10.2% or 38 responded “yes”.
  - Left home because of some other reason
    - 43.6% or 163 responded “yes”<sup>17</sup>.
- Education
  - Highest grade completed?
    - 3.5% or 13 completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade or less;

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- 60.2% or 225 completed 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade;
    - 23.5% or 88 completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade (diploma);
    - 3.7% or 14 completed GED certificate;
    - 5.1% or 19 completed some college;
    - 0.3% or 1 completed an Associate's degree;
    - 0.5% or 2 completed a Bachelor's degree;
    - 1.1% or 4 completed Post-secondary training;
    - 2.1% or 8 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?
    - 54.3% or 203 responded "yes";
    - 44.1% or 165 responded "no";
    - 1.6% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.
- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
  - 20.6% or 77 responded "yes";
  - 77.3% or 289 responded "no";
  - 2.1% or 8 did not have a recorded answer.
- Have you ever been in foster care?
  - 23.3% or 87 responded "yes";
  - 70.6% or 264 responded "no";
  - 4.8% or 18 responded "I don't know/not sure";
  - 1.3% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
- Justice System Involvement
  - 32.1% or 120 responded "yes";
  - 66% or 247 responded "no";
  - 1.9% or 7 did not have a recorded answer.
- Accessing Services and issues experienced
  - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
    - 43.6% or 163 responded "yes";
    - 54% or 202 responded "no";
    - 2.4% or 9 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Lack of transportation.
    - 179 responded "yes".
  - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
    - 122 responded "yes".

- Did not know where to go for help.
  - 103 responded “yes”.
- Did not qualify for services.
  - 44 responded “yes”.
- Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
  - 47 responded “yes”.
- Did not follow through or return for services.
  - 39 responded “yes”.
- Language barrier.
  - 10 responded “yes”.
- Felt uncomfortable.
  - 67 responded “yes”.
- Some other reason.
  - 93 responded “yes”.
- Have not experienced any issues.
  - 9 responded “yes”.
- Household Status
  - How many biological children do you have?
    - 84.2% or 315 responded as having 0 children;
    - 7.2% or 27 responded as having 1 child;
    - 2.4% or 9 responded as having 2 children;
    - 1.1% or 4 responded as having 3 children;
    - 1.1% or 4 responded as having 4 children;
    - 0.3% or 1 responded as having 5 children;
    - 3.7% or 14 did not have a recorded answer.
  - How many of your children are currently living with you?
    - 90.4% or 338 responded as having 0 children living with them;
    - 3.5% or 13 responded as having 1 child living with them;
    - 0.8% or 3 responded as having 2 children living with them;
    - 0.3% or 1 responded as having 3 children living with them;
    - 5.1% or 19 did not have a recorded answer.

- Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
  - 3.7% or 14 responded “yes”;
  - 88% or 329 responded “no”;
  - 3.5% or 13 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
  - 0.5% or 2 preferred not to answer;
  - 4.3% or 16 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
  - 32.1% or 120 responded “yes”;
  - 66% or 247 responded “no”;
  - 1.9% or 7 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Military Service
  - 2.7% or 10 responded “yes”;
  - 95.7% or 358 responded “no”;
  - 1.6% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.

## Female

Total Surveyed: 142

- State Born:
  - 82.4% or 117 were born in CA;
  - 8.5% or 12 were born in another state outside of CA;
  - 4.9% or 7 were born outside the United States;
  - 4.2% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Age
  - 42.3% or 60 were 11-17 years of age;
  - 54.9% or 78 were 18-25 years of age;
  - 2.8% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Ethnicity:
  - 46.5% or 66 identified as Hispanic or Latino.
  
- Race:
  - 23.2% or 33 were Black/African American;
  - 0.7% or 1 was Native American or Alaskan Native;
  - 2.1% or 3 were Asian;
  - 5.6% or 8 were Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
  - 43.7% or 62 were White;
  - 19% or 27 identified as two or more races;
  - 5.6% or 8 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Sexual Orientation:
  - 5.6% or 8 were Gay or Lesbian;
  - 81.0% or 115 were Straight;
  - 9.2% or 13 were Bisexual;
  - 0.7% or 1 were Questioning;
  - 0.7% or 1 were Other;
  - 2.1% or 3 preferred not to answer;
  - 0.7% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Housing Status and Stability:
  - Where did you stay last night?
    - 17.6% or 25 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;

- 43.7% or 62 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;
  - 6.3% or 9 stayed at the home of a Friend or other relative's home - outdoors or indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping;
  - 0.7% or 1 stayed in a group home;
  - 7.7% or 11 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
  - 0.7% or 1 stayed with someone they did not know because they needed a place to stay;
  - 3.5% or 5 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
  - 0.7% or 1 stayed at a transitional living program
  - 0.7% or 1 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by a government program or nonprofit organization;
  - 0.7% or 1 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by some other way;
  - 5.6% or 8 stayed outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.;
  - 2.8% or 4 stayed in a car, bus, or RV;
  - 0.7% or 1 stayed in a juvenile detention, jail, or prison
  - 2.1% or 3 stayed somewhere else;
  - 6.3% or 9 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- How long have you been staying there?
  - 10.6% or 15 have been staying there for days;
  - 8.5% or 12 have been staying there for weeks;
  - 45.8% or 65 have been staying there for months;
  - 25.4% or 36 have been staying there for years;
  - 9.9% or 14 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
  - 66.2% or 94 responded “yes”;
  - 10.6% or 15 responded “no”;
  - 22.5% or 32 responded “I don’t know”;
  - 0.7% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
  - 4.9% or 7 have been without a home or place to stay for days;
  - 5.6% or 8 have been without a home or place to stay for weeks;
  - 35.9% or 51 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
  - 33.1% or 47 have been without a home or place to stay for years;
  - 20.4% or 29 did not have a recorded answer.

- Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
  - 3.5% or 5 responded 0 times;
  - 23.9% or 34 responded 1-3 times;
  - 23.1% or 33 responded 4-10 times;
  - 34.5% or 49 responded 11-50 times;
  - 14.8% or 21 did not have a recorded answer.
- Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
  - 43% or 61 responded “yes”.
- Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
  - 4.9% or 7 responded “yes”.
- Violence at home between family members.
  - 27.5% or 39 responded “yes”.
- Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
  - 12% or 17 responded “yes”.
- Left home because of some other reason
  - 43% or 61 responded “yes”<sup>18</sup>.
- Education
  - Highest grade completed?
    - 5.6% or 8 completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade or less;
    - 64.1% or 91 completed 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade;
    - 20.4% or 29 completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade (diploma);
    - 2.8% or 4 completed GED certificate;
    - 3.5% or 5 completed some college;
    - 1.4% or 2 completed a Bachelor’s degree;
    - 0.7% or 1 completed Post-secondary training;
    - 1.4% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?
    - 64.1% or 91 responded “yes”;
    - 35.2% or 50 responded “no”;
    - 0.7% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.

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<sup>18</sup> The majority of responses to “left home because of some other reason” were as a result of the financial reasons, family conflict/differences, alcohol and drug use in household, parent deported, parent left, health issues.

- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
  - 25.4% or 36 responded “yes”;
  - 72.5% or 103 responded “no”;
  - 2.1% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Have you ever been in foster care?
  - 20.4% or 29 responded “yes”;
  - 73.2% or 104 responded “no”;
  - 4.9% or 7 responded “I don’t know/not sure”
  - 1.4% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Justice System Involvement
  - 19.7% or 28 responded “yes”;
  - 78.9% or 112 responded “no”;
  - 1.4% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Accessing Services and issues experienced
  - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
    - 33.8% or 48 responded “yes”;
    - 64.8% or 92 responded “no”;
    - 1.4% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  
  - Lack of transportation.
    - 67 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
    - 45 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not know where to go for help.
    - 41 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not qualify for services.
    - 19 responded “yes”.
  
  - Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
    - 20 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not follow through or return for services.
    - 10 responded “yes”.

- Language barrier.
  - 3 responded “yes”.
- Felt uncomfortable.
  - 30 responded “yes”.
- Some other reason.
  - 38 responded “yes”.
- Have not experienced any issues.
  - 3 responded “yes”.
- Household Status
  - How many biological children do you have?
    - 84.5% or 120 responded as having 0 children;
    - 7% or 10 responded as having 1 child;
    - 2.1% or 3 responded as having 2 children;
    - 1.4% or 2 responded as having 3 children;
    - 4.9% or 7 did not have a recorded answer.
  - How many of your children are currently living with you?
    - 85.9% or 122 responded as having 0 children living with them;
    - 5.6% or 8 responded as having 1 child living with them;
    - 2.1% or 3 responded as having 2 children living with them;
    - 0.7% or 1 responded as having 3 children living with them;
    - 5.6% or 8 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
    - 4.9% or 7 responded “yes”;
    - 90.8% or 129 responded “no”;
    - 2.1% or 3 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
    - 0.7% or 1 preferred not to answer;
    - 1.4% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
  - 26.1% or 37 responded “yes”;
  - 71.8% or 102 responded “no”;
  - 2.1% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.

- Military Service
  - 1.4% or 2 responded “yes”;
  - 98.6% or 140 responded “no”.

## Male

Total Surveyed: 223

- State Born:
  - 82.1% or 183 were born in CA;
  - 11.7% or 26 were born in another state outside of CA;
  - 3.1% or 7 were born outside the United States;
  - 3.1% or 7 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Age
  - 25.1% or 56 were 11-17 years of age;
  - 73.5% or 164 were 18-25 years of age;
  - 1.3% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Ethnicity:
  - 36.3% or 81 identified as Hispanic or Latino.
  
- Race:
  - 29.1% or 65 were Black/African American;
  - 0.4% or 1 was Native American or Alaskan Native
  - 5.4% or 12 were Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
  - 37.7% or 84 were White;
  - 22% or 49 identified as two or more races;
  - 5.4% or 12 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Sexual Orientation:
  - 3.1% or 7 were Gay or Lesbian;
  - 88.3% or 197 were Straight;
  - 2.7% or 6 were Bisexual;
  - 0.4% or 1 were Questioning;
  - 2.2% or 5 were Other;
  - 2.2% or 5 preferred not to answer;
  - 0.9% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Housing Status and Stability:
  - Where did you stay last night?
    - 13.5% or 30 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;
    - 30% or 67 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;

- 7.2% or 16 stayed at the home of a Friend or other relative's home - outdoors or indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping;
  - 3.6% or 8 stayed in a group home;
  - 3.1% or 7 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
  - 1.3% or 3 stayed with someone they did not know because they needed a place to stay;
  - 6.3% or 14 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
  - 1.3% or 3 stayed at a transitional living program;
  - 0.9% or 2 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by some other way;
  - 13.5% or 30 stayed outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.;
  - 3.1% or 7 stayed in an abandoned building or squatted;
  - 4.9% or 11 stayed in a car, bus, or RV;
  - 0.9% or 2 stayed in a Hospital, psychiatric facility, or drug/alcohol treatment center;
  - 0.4% or 1 stayed at a Juvenile detention, jail, or prison;
  - 4.5% or 10 stayed somewhere else;
  - 5.4% or 12 did not have a recorded answer.
- How long have you been staying there?
  - 11.2% or 25 have been staying there for days;
  - 12.6% or 28 have been staying there for weeks;
  - 36.3% or 81 have been staying there for months;
  - 90.1% or 67 have been staying there for years;
  - 9.9% or 22 did not have a recorded answer.
- Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
  - 57.8% or 129 responded "yes";
  - 15.2% or 34 responded "no";
  - 23.8% or 53 responded "I don't know";
  - 3.1% or 7 did not have a recorded answer.
- How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
  - 5.8% or 13 have been without a home or place to stay for days;
  - 5.4% or 12 have been without a home or place to stay for weeks;
  - 32.3% or 72 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
  - 39% or 87 have been without a home or place to stay for years;
  - 17.5% or 39 did not have a recorded answer.
- Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
  - 1.8% or 4 responded 0 times;

- 25.6% or 57 responded 1-3 times;
    - 21.9% or 49 responded 4-10 times;
    - 37.8% or 84 responded 11-50 times;
    - 1.2% or 3 responded 51-100 times;
    - 11.7% or 26 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
    - 48.9% or 109 responded “yes”.
  - Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
    - 7.6% or 17 responded “yes”.
  - Violence at home between family members.
    - 22.9% or 51 responded “yes”.
  - Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
    - 8.5% or 19 responded “yes”.
  - Left home because of some other reason
    - 43.9% or 98 responded “yes”<sup>19</sup>.
- Education
  - Highest grade completed?
    - 2.2% or 5 completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade or less;
    - 58.7% or 131 completed 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade;
    - 25.6% or 57 completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade (diploma);
    - 4% or 9 completed GED certificate;
    - 5.8% or 13 completed some college;
    - 0.4% or 1 completed an Associate’s degree;
    - 1.3% or 3 completed Post-secondary training;
    - 1.8% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?
    - 49.3% or 110 responded “yes”;
    - 48.9% or 109 responded “no”;
    - 1.8% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
  - 17.5% or 39 responded “yes”;

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<sup>19</sup> The majority of responses to “left home because of some other reason” were as a result of the financial reasons, family conflict/differences, alcohol and drug use in household, parent deported, parent left, health issues.

- 80.7% or 180 responded “no”;
- 1.8% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Have you ever been in foster care?
  - 25.1% or 56 responded “yes”;
  - 69.1% or 154 responded “no”;
  - 4.9% or 11 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
  - 0.9% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Justice System Involvement
  - 39.9% or 89 responded “yes”;
  - 58.3% or 130 responded “no”;
  - 1.8% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Accessing Services and issues experienced
  - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
    - 49.3% or 110 responded “yes”;
    - 48% or 107 responded “no”;
    - 2.7% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.
  
  - Lack of transportation.
    - 108 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
    - 73 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not know where to go for help.
    - 59 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not qualify for services.
    - 23 responded “yes”.
  
  - Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
    - 25 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not follow through or return for services.
    - 27 responded “yes”.
  
  - Language barrier.
    - 7 responded “yes”.
  
  - Felt uncomfortable.

- 34 responded “yes”.
  - Some other reason.
    - 54 responded “yes”.
  - Have not experienced any issues.
    - 5 responded “yes”.
- Household Status
  - How many biological children do you have?
    - 84.8% or 189 responded as having 0 children;
    - 7.2% or 16 responded as having 1 child;
    - 2.7% or 6 responded as having 2 children;
    - 0.9% or 2 responded as having 3 children;
    - 1.3% or 3 responded as having 4 children;
    - 0.4% or 1 responded as having 6 children;
    - 2.7% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.
  - How many of your children are currently living with you?
    - 94.6% or 211 responded as having 0 children living with them;
    - 2.2% or 5 responded as having 1 child living with them;
    - 3.1% or 7 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
    - 3.1% or 7 responded “yes”;
    - 86.5% or 193 responded “no”;
    - 4.0% or 9 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
    - 0.4% or 1 preferred not to answer;
    - 5.8% or 13 did not have a recorded answer.
- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
  - 36.3% or 81 responded “yes”;
  - 62.3% or 139 responded “no”;
  - 1.3% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
- Military Service
  - 3.6% or 8 responded “yes”;
  - 94.2% or 210 responded “no”;
  - 2.2% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.

## **Appendix B: Youth Survey Summaries by Region**

## Morongo Basin

Total Surveyed: 44

- State Born:
  - 79.5% or 35 were born in CA;
  - 20.5% or 9 were born in another state outside of CA.
  
- Age
  - 20.5% or 9 were 11-17 years of age;
  - 97.7% or 34 were 18-25 years of age;
  - 2.3% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Ethnicity:
  - 20.5% or 9 identified as Hispanic or Latino.
  
- Race:
  - 15.9% or 7 were Black/African American;
  - 63.6% or 28 were White;
  - 20.5% or 9 identified as two or more races.
  
- Gender Identity:
  - 36.4% or 16 identified as Female;
  - 63.6% or 28 identified as Male.
  
- Sexual Orientation:
  - 4.5% or 2 were Gay or Lesbian;
  - 81.8% or 36 were Straight;
  - 6.3% or 3 were Bisexual;
  - 2.3% or 1 was Questioning;
  - 4.5% or 2 were Other.
  
- Housing Status and Stability:
  - Where did you stay last night?
    - 4.5% or 2 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;
    - 45.5% or 20 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;
    - 11.4% or 5 stayed at the home of a Friend or other relative's home - outdoors or indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping;
    - 2.3% or 1 stayed in a group home;

- 9.1% or 4 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
  - 9.1% or 4 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
  - 6.8% or 3 stayed outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.;
  - 2.3% or 1 stayed in an abandoned building or squatted;
  - 4.5% or 2 stayed in a car, bus, or RV;
  - 2.3% or 1 stayed in a Hospital, psychiatric facility, or drug/alcohol treatment center;
  - 2.3% or 1 stayed somewhere else.
- How long have you been staying there?
    - 13.6% or 6 have been staying there for days;
    - 9.1% or 4 have been staying there for weeks;
    - 40.9% or 18 have been staying there for months;
    - 31.8% or 14 have been staying there for years;
    - 4.5% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
    - 61.4% or 27 responded “yes”;
    - 6.8% or 3 responded “no”;
    - 31.8% or 14 responded “I don’t know”.
  - How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
    - 11.4% or 5 have been without a home or place to stay for weeks;
    - 36.4% or 16 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
    - 40.9% or 18 have been without a home or place to stay for years;
    - 11.4% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
    - 2.3% or 1 responded 0 times;
    - 18.1% or 8 responded 1-3 times;
    - 31.7% or 14 responded 4-10 times;
    - 38.6% or 17 responded 11-50 times;
    - 9.1% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
    - 63.6% or 28 responded “yes”.
  - Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
    - 11.4% or 5 responded “yes”.

- Violence at home between family members.
  - 34.1% or 15 responded “yes”.
- Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
  - 11.4% or 5 responded “yes”.
- Left home because of some other reason
  - 40.9% or 18 responded “yes”<sup>20</sup>.
- Education
  - Highest grade completed?
    - 45.5% or 20 completed 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade;
    - 29.5% or 13 completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade (diploma);
    - 15.9% or 7 completed some college;
    - 2.3% or 1 completed a Bachelor’s degree;
    - 4.5% or 2 completed Post-secondary training;
    - 2.3% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?
    - 43.2% or 19 responded “yes”;
    - 56.8% or 25 responded “no”.
- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
  - 20.5% or 9 responded “yes”;
  - 79.5% or 35 responded “no”.
- Have you ever been in foster care?
  - 34.1% or 15 responded “yes”;
  - 63.6% or 28 responded “no”;
  - 2.3% or 1 responded “I don’t know/not sure”.
- Justice System Involvement
  - 34.1% or 15 responded “yes”;
  - 65.9% or 29 responded “no”.

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<sup>20</sup> The majority of responses to “left home because of some other reason” were as a result of the financial reasons, family conflict/differences, alcohol and drug use in household, parent deported, parent left, health issues.

- Accessing Services and issues experienced
  - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
    - 52.3% or 23 responded “yes”;
    - 47.7% or 21 responded “no”.
  - Lack of transportation.
    - 20 responded “yes”.
  - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
    - 16 responded “yes”.
  - Did not know where to go for help.
    - 17 responded “yes”.
  - Did not qualify for services.
    - 2 responded “yes”.
  - Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
    - 3 responded “yes”.
  - Did not follow through or return for services.
    - 3 responded “yes”.
  - Felt uncomfortable.
    - 5 responded “yes”.
  - Some other reason.
    - 10 responded “yes”.
- Household Status
  - How many biological children do you have?
    - 90.9% or 40 responded as having 0 children;
    - 6.8% or 3 responded as having 1 child;
    - 2.3% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
  - How many of your children are currently living with you?
    - 93.2% or 41 responded as having 0 children living with them;
    - 4.5% or 2 responded as having 1 child living with them;
    - 2.3% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.

- Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
    - 4.5% or 2 responded “yes”;
    - 90.9% or 40 responded “no”;
    - 4.5% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
  - 47.7% or 21 responded “yes”;
  - 50% or 22 responded “no”;
  - 2.3% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Military Service
  - 2.3% or 1 responded “yes”;
  - 95.5 % or 42 responded “no”;
  - 2.3% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.

## Mountains

Total Surveyed: 18

- State Born:
  - 83.3% or 15 were born in CA;
  - 5.6% or 1 were born in another state outside of CA;
  - 5.6% or 1 was born outside the United States;
  - 5.6% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Age
  - 83.3% or 15 were 11-17 years of age;
  - 16.7% or 3 were 18-25 years of age.
  
- Ethnicity:
  - 38.9% or 7 identified as Hispanic or Latino.
  
- Race:
  - 5.6% or 1 was Native American or Alaskan Native;
  - 5.6% or 1 was Asian
  - 5.6% or 1 was Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
  - 61.1% or 11 were White;
  - 22.2% or 4 identified as two or more races.
  
- Gender Identity:
  - 55.6% or 10 identified as Female;
  - 44.4% or 8 identified as Male.
  
- Sexual Orientation:
  - 100% or 18 were Straight.
  
- Housing Status and Stability:
  - Where did you stay last night?
    - 61.1% or 11 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;
    - 33.3% or 6 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;
    - 5.6% or 1 stayed with someone I did not know because I needed a place to stay.
  
  - How long have you been staying there?
    - 5.6% or 1 have been staying there for weeks;

- 33.3% or 6 have been staying there for months;
    - 55.6% or 10 have been staying there for years;
    - 5.6% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
    - 88.9% or 16 responded “yes”;
    - 11.1% or 2 responded “I don’t know”.
  - How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
    - 11.1% or 2 have been without a home or place to stay for days;
    - 11.1% or 2 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
    - 27.8% or 5 have been without a home or place to stay for years;
    - 50% or 9 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
    - 55.6% or 10 responded 1-3 times;
    - 16.8% or 3 responded 4-10 times;
    - 16.7% or 3 responded 11-50 times;
    - 11.1% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
    - 44.4% or 8 responded “yes”.
  - Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
    - 5.6% or 1 responded “yes”.
  - Violence at home between family members.
    - 22.2% or 4 responded “yes”.
  - Left home because of some other reason
    - 33.3% or 6 responded “yes”<sup>21</sup>.
- Education
  - Highest grade completed?
    - 94.4 % or 17 completed 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade;
    - 5.6% or 1 completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade (diploma).

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<sup>21</sup> The majority of responses to “left home because of some other reason” were as a result of the financial reasons, family conflict/differences, alcohol and drug use in household, parent deported, parent left, health issues.

- Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?
    - 100% or 18 responded “yes”.
- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
  - 38.9% or 7 responded “yes”;
  - 61.1% or 11 responded “no”.
- Have you ever been in foster care?
  - 33.3% or 6 responded “yes”;
  - 55.6% or 10 responded “no”;
  - 11.1% or 2 responded “I don’t know/not sure”.
- Justice System Involvement
  - 11.1% or 2 responded “yes”;
  - 88.9% or 16 responded “no”.
- Accessing Services and issues experienced
  - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
    - 5.6% or 1 responded “yes”;
    - 88.9% or 16 responded “no”;
    - 5.6% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Lack of transportation.
    - 5 responded “yes”.
  - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
    - 5 responded “yes”.
  - Did not know where to go for help.
    - 5 responded “yes”.
  - Did not qualify for services.
    - 1 responded “yes”.
  - Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
    - 2 responded “yes”.
  - Did not follow through or return for services.
    - 1 responded “yes”.

- Felt uncomfortable.
  - 3 responded “yes”.
- Some other reason.
  - 8 responded “yes”.
- Household Status
  - How many biological children do you have?
    - 100% or 18 responded as having 0 children.
  - How many of your children are currently living with you?
    - 100% or 18 responded as having 0 children living with them.
  - Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
    - 100% or 18 responded “no”.
  - How many children under 10 were sleeping in the same place as you last night?
    - 16.7% or 3 responded 0 children;
    - 5.6% or 1 responded 1 child;
    - 5.6% or 1 responded 3 children;
    - 72.2% or 13 did not have a recorded answer.
- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
  - 16.7% or 3 responded “yes”;
  - 83.3% or 15 responded “no”.
- Military Service
  - 100 % or 18 responded “no”.

## Redlands

Total Surveyed: 60

- State Born:
  - 81.7% or 49 were born in CA;
  - 15% or 9 were born in another state outside of CA;
  - 3.3% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Age
  - 11.7% or 7 were 11-17 years of age;
  - 86.7% or 52 were 18-25 years of age;
  - 1.7% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Ethnicity:
  - 21.7% or 13 identified as Hispanic or Latino.
  
- Race:
  - 21.7% or 13 were Black/African American;
  - 1.7% or 1 were Native American or Alaskan Native
  - 3.3% or 2 were Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
  - 53.3% or 32 were White;
  - 15% or 9 identified as two or more races;
  - 5% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Gender Identity:
  - 21.7% or 13 identified as Female;
  - 76.7% or 46 identified as Male;
  - 1.7% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Sexual Orientation:
  - 5% or 3 were Gay or Lesbian;
  - 90% or 54 were Straight;
  - 5% or 3 were Bisexual.
  
- Housing Status and Stability:
  - Where did you stay last night?
    - 15% or 9 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;

- 21.7% or 13 stayed at the home of a Friend or other relative's home - outdoors or indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping;
  - 1.7% or 1 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
  - 1.7% or 1 stayed with someone they did not know because they needed a place to stay;
  - 5% or 3 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
  - 1.7% or 1 stayed at a transitional living program
  - 1.7% or 1 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by some other way;
  - 28.3% or 17 stayed outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.;
  - 6.7% or 4 stayed in an abandoned building or squatted;
  - 13.3% or 8 stayed in a car, bus, or RV;
  - 3.3% or 2 stayed somewhere else.
  
- How long have you been staying there?
  - 21.7% or 13 have been staying there for days;
  - 11.7% or 7 have been staying there for weeks;
  - 40% or 24 have been staying there for months;
  - 21.7% or 13 have been staying there for years.
  - 5% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
  - 41.7% or 25 responded “yes”;
  - 33.3% or 20 responded “no”;
  - 25% or 15 responded “I don’t know”;
  
- How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
  - 8.3% or 5 have been without a home or place to stay for days;
  - 13.3% or 8 have been without a home or place to stay for weeks;
  - 20% or 12 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
  - 50% or 30 have been without a home or place to stay for years;
  - 8.3% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
  - 26.7% or 16 responded 1-3 times;
  - 25% or 15 responded 4-10 times;
  - 48.3% or 29 responded 11-50 times;
  
- Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
  - 71.7% or 43 responded “yes”.

- Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
  - 5% or 3 responded “yes”.
- Violence at home between family members.
  - 25% or 15 responded “yes”.
- Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
  - 3.3% or 2 responded “yes”.
- Left home because of some other reason
  - 26.7% or 16 responded “yes”<sup>22</sup>.
- Education
  - Highest grade completed?
    - 3.3% or 2 completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade or less;
    - 53.3% or 32 completed 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade;
    - 28.3% or 17 completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade (diploma);
    - 10% or 6 completed GED certificate;
    - 5% or 3 completed some college.
  - Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?
    - 16.7% or 10 responded “yes”;
    - 83.3% or 50 responded “no”.
- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
  - 18.3% or 11 responded “yes”;
  - 81.7% or 49 responded “no”;
- Have you ever been in foster care?
  - 16.7% or 10 responded “yes”;
  - 83.3% or 50 responded “no”;
- Justice System Involvement
  - 46.7% or 28 responded “yes”;
  - 53.3% or 32 responded “no”;

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<sup>22</sup> The majority of responses to “left home because of some other reason” were as a result of the financial reasons, family conflict/differences, alcohol and drug use in household, parent deported, parent left, health issues.

- Accessing Services and issues experienced
    - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
      - 71.7% or 43 responded “yes”<sup>23</sup>;
      - 28.3% or 17 responded “no”.
    - Lack of transportation.
      - 37 responded “yes”.
    - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
      - 33 responded “yes”.
    - Did not know where to go for help.
      - 22 responded “yes”.
    - Did not qualify for services.
      - 8 responded “yes”.
    - Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
      - 6 responded “yes”.
    - Did not follow through or return for services.
      - 10 responded “yes”.
    - Felt uncomfortable.
      - 7 responded “yes”.
    - Some other reason.
      - 9 responded “yes”.
    - Have not experienced any issues.
      - 2 responded “yes”.
  - Household Status
    - How many biological children do you have?
      - 86.7% or 52 responded as having 0 children;
      - 6.7% or 4 responded as having 1 child;
      - 5% or 3 responded as having 2 children;
      - 1.7% or 1 responded as having 3 children.
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- How many of your children are currently living with you?
  - 91.7% or 55 responded as having 0 children living with them;
  - 6.7% or 4 responded as having 1 child living with them;
  - 1.7% or 1 responded as having 3 child living with them.
  
- Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
  - 3.3% or 2 responded “yes”;
  - 81.7% or 49 responded “no”;
  - 6.7% or 4 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
  - 8.3% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
  - 28.3% or 17 responded “yes”;
  - 71.7% or 43 responded “no”.
  
- Military Service
  - 3.3% or 2 responded “yes”;
  - 96.7% or 58 responded “no”.

## San Bernardino

Total Surveyed: 125

- State Born:
  - 80.8% or 101 were born in CA;
  - 10.4% or 13 was born in another state outside of CA;
  - 6.4% or 8 were born outside the United States.
  - 2.4% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Age
  - 41.6% or 52 were 11-17 years of age;
  - 58.4% 73 or were 18-25 years of age.
  
- Ethnicity:
  - 44.8% or 56 identified as Hispanic or Latino.
  
- Race:
  - 37.6% or 47 were Black/African American;
  - 4.8% or 6 were Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
  - 22.4% or 28 were White;
  - 28% or 35 identified as two or more races;
  - 7.2% or 9 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Gender Identity:
  - 44% or 55 identified as Female;
  - 54.4% or 68 identified as Male;
  - 1.6% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Sexual Orientation:
  - 5.6% or 7 were Gay or Lesbian;
  - 81.6% or 102 were Straight;
  - 3.2% or 4 were Bisexual;
  - 0.8% or 1 were Questioning;
  - 1.6% or 2 were Other;
  - 4.8% or 6 preferred not to answer;
  - 2.4% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Housing Status and Stability:
  - Where did you stay last night?
    - 21.6% or 27 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;

- 31.2% or 39 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;
  - 3.2% or 4 stayed at the home of a Friend or other relative's home - outdoors or indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping;
  - 6.4 % or 8 stayed in a group home;
  - 7.2% or 9 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
  - 5.6% or 7 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
  - 2.4% or 3 stayed at a transitional living program
  - 0.8% or 1 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by a government program or nonprofit organization;
  - 1.6% or 2 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by some other way;
  - 3.2% or 4 stayed outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.;
  - 1.6% or 2 stayed in a Juvenile detention, jail, or prison;
  - 4.8% or 6 stayed somewhere else.
  - 10.4% or 13 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- How long have you been staying there?
  - 5.6% or 7 have been staying there for days;
  - 10.4% or 13 have been staying there for weeks;
  - 40% or 50 have been staying there for months;
  - 35.2% or 44 have been staying there for years;
  - 8.8% or 11 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
  - 65.6% or 82 responded “yes”;
  - 7.2% or 9 responded “no”;
  - 24% or 30 responded “I don’t know”;
  - 3.2% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
  - 4% or 5 have been without a home or place to stay for days;
  - 4% or 5 have been without a home or place to stay for weeks;
  - 35.2% or 44 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
  - 36.8% or 46 have been without a home or place to stay for years;
  - 20% or 25 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
  - 4% or 5 responded 0 times;
  - 24% or 30 responded 1-3 times;
  - 13.6% or 17 responded 4-10 times;

- 36.8% or 46 responded 11-50 times;
    - 0.8 % or 1 responded 51-100 times;
    - 20.8% or 26 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
    - 27.2% or 34 responded “yes”.
  - Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
    - 4.8% or 6 responded “yes”.
  - Violence at home between family members.
    - 21.6% or 27 responded “yes”.
  - Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
    - 12% or 15 responded “yes”.
  - Left home because of some other reason
    - 51.2% or 64 responded “yes”<sup>24</sup>.
- Education
  - Highest grade completed?
    - 1.6% or 2 completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade or less;
    - 63.2% or 79 completed 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade;
    - 26.4% or 33 completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade (diploma);
    - 3.2% or 4 completed GED certificate;
    - 3.2% or 4 completed some college;
    - 2.4% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?
    - 67.2% or 84 responded “yes”;
    - 31.2% or 39 responded “no”;
    - 1.6% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
  - 20.8% or 26 responded “yes”;
  - 76% or 95 responded “no”;
  - 3.2% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.

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- Have you ever been in foster care?
  - 24.8% or 31 responded “yes”;
  - 65.6% or 82 responded “no”;
  - 7.2% or 9 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
  - 2.4% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Justice System Involvement
  - 23.2% or 29 responded “yes”;
  - 75.2% or 94 responded “no”;
  - 1.6% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Accessing Services and issues experienced
  - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
    - 36.8% or 46 responded “yes”;
    - 60% or 75 responded “no”;
    - 3.2% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
  
  - Lack of transportation.
    - 61 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
    - 25 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not know where to go for help.
    - 25 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not qualify for services.
    - 19 responded “yes”.
  
  - Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
    - 19 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not follow through or return for services.
    - 8 responded “yes”.
  
  - Language barrier.
    - 6 responded “yes”.
  
  - Felt uncomfortable.
    - 26 responded “yes”.

- Some other reason.
  - 30 responded “yes”.
- Have not experienced any issues.
  - 3 responded “yes”.
- Household Status
  - How many biological children do you have?
    - 88.8% or 111 responded as having 0 children;
    - 6.4% or 8 responded as having 1 child;
    - 0.8% or 1 responded as having 2 children;
    - 4% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
  - How many of your children are currently living with you?
    - 92.8% or 116 responded as having 0 children living with them;
    - 1.6% or 2 responded as having 1 child living with them;
    - 0.8% or 1 responded as having 2 child living with them;
    - 4.8% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
    - 1.6% or 2 responded “yes”;
    - 88.8% or 111 responded “no”;
    - 4.8% or 6 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
    - 1.6% or 2 preferred not to answer;
    - 3.2% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
  - 25.6% or 32 responded “yes”;
  - 72.8% or 91 responded “no”;
  - 1.6% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
- Military Service
  - 1.6% or 2 responded “yes”;
  - 95.2% or 119 responded “no”;
  - 3.2% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.

## Victorville

Total Surveyed: 37

- State Born:
  - 78.4% or 29 were born in CA;
  - 8.1% or 3 was born in another state outside of CA;
  - 13.5% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Age
  - 10.8% or 4 were 11-17 years of age;
  - 75.7% or 28 were 18-25 years of age.
  - 13.5% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Ethnicity:
  - 24.3% or 9 identified as Hispanic or Latino.
  
- Race:
  - 35.1% or 13 were Black/African American;
  - 5.4% or 2 were Asian;
  - 10.8% or 4 were Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
  - 21.6% or 8 were White;
  - 21.6% or 8 identified as two or more races;
  - 5.4% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Gender Identity:
  - 35.1% or 13 identified as Female;
  - 54.1% or 20 identified as Male;
  - 8.1% or 3 identified as Transgender, and identify as a girl or woman;
  - 2.7% or 1 identified as not sure.
  
- Sexual Orientation:
  - 5.4% or 2 were Gay or Lesbian;
  - 62.2% or 23 were Straight;
  - 18.9% or 7 were Bisexual;
  - 2.7% or 1 were Other;
  - 5.4% or 2 Prefer not to answer;
  - 5.4% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.

- Housing Status and Stability:
  - Where did you stay last night?
    - 10.8% or 4 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;
    - 13.5% or 5 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;
    - 2.7% or 1 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
    - 5.4% or 2 stayed with someone they did not know because they needed a place to stay;
    - 8.1% or 3 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
    - 21.6% or 8 stayed Outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station;
    - 8.1% or 3 stayed in an abandoned building or squatted;
    - 2.7% or 1 stayed in a Hospital, psychiatric facility, or drug/alcohol treatment center;
    - 10.8% or 4 stayed somewhere else;
    - 16.2% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.
  - How long have you been staying there?
    - 18.9% or 7 have been staying there for days;
    - 16.2% or 6 have been staying there for months;
    - 13.5% or 5 have been staying there for years;
    - 51.4% or 19 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
    - 45.9% or 17 responded “yes”;
    - 21.6% or 8 responded “no”;
    - 24.3% or 9 responded “I don’t know”;
    - 8.1% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
  - How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
    - 8.1% or 3 have been without a home or place to stay for days;
    - 16.2% or 6 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
    - 18.9% or 7 have been without a home or place to stay for years;
    - 56.8% or 21 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
    - 5.4% or 2 responded 0 times;
    - 16.2% or 6 responded 1-3 times;
    - 24.3% or 9 responded 4-10 times;
    - 18.9% or 7 responded 11-50 times;

- 8.1% or 3 responded 51-100 times;
    - 27% or 10 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
    - 29.7% or 11 responded “yes”.
  - Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
    - 8.1% or 3 responded “yes”.
  - Violence at home between family members.
    - 18.9% or 7 responded “yes”.
  - Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
    - 18.9% or 7 responded “yes”.
  - Left home because of some other reason
    - 37.8% or 14 responded “yes”<sup>25</sup>.
- Education
  - Highest grade completed?
    - 5.4% or 2 completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade or less;
    - 37.8% or 14 completed 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade;
    - 27% or 10 completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade (diploma);
    - 5.4% or 2 completed GED certificate;
    - 5.4% or 2 completed some college;
    - 2.7% or 1 completed a Bachelor’s degree;
    - 5.4% or 2 completed Post-secondary training;
    - 10.8% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?
    - 18.9% or 7 responded “yes”;
    - 70.3% or 26 responded “no”;
    - 10.8% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
  - 5.4% or 2 responded “yes”;
  - 83.8% or 31 responded “no”;
  - 10.8% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.

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<sup>24</sup> The majority of responses to “left home because of some other reason” were as a result of the financial reasons, family conflict/differences, alcohol and drug use in household, parent deported, parent left, health issues.

- Have you ever been in foster care?
  - 24.3% or 9 responded “yes”;
  - 67.6% or 25 responded “no”;
  - 2.7% or 1 responded to I don’t know/not sure;
  - 5.4% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Justice System Involvement
  - 37.8% or 14 responded “yes”;
  - 48.6% or 18 responded “no”;
  - 13.5% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Accessing Services and issues experienced
  - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
    - 29.7% or 11 responded “yes”;
    - 64.9% or 24 responded “no”;
    - 5.4% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  
  - Lack of transportation.
    - 13 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
    - 14 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not know where to go for help.
    - 10 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not qualify for services.
    - 2 responded “yes”.
  
  - Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
    - 8 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not follow through or return for services.
    - 4 responded “yes”.
  
  - Language barrier.
    - 1 responded “yes”.
  
  - Felt uncomfortable.
    - 8 responded “yes”.

- Some other reason.
  - 7 responded “yes”.
- Have not experienced any issues.
  - 1 responded “yes”.
- Household Status
  - How many biological children do you have?
    - 59.5% or 22 responded as having 0 children;
    - 8.1% or 3 responded as having 1 child;
    - 2.7% or 1 responded as having 2 child;
    - 8.1% or 3 responded as having 3 child;
    - 8.1% or 3 responded as having 4 child;
    - 2.7% or 1 responded as having 6 child;
    - 10.8% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
  - How many of your children are currently living with you?
    - 73% or 27 responded as having 0 children living with them;
    - 27% or 10 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
    - 5.4% or 2 responded “yes”;
    - 75.7% or 28 responded “no”;
    - 5.4% or 2 responded to I don’t know/not sure;
    - 13.5% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
  - 18.9% or 7 responded “yes”;
  - 73% or 27 responded “no”;
  - 8.1% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
- Military Service
  - 5.4% or 2 responded “yes”;
  - 91.9% or 34 responded “no”;
  - 2.7% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.

## West End

Total Surveyed: 84

- State Born:
  - 88.1% or 74 were born in CA;
  - 4.8% or 4 were born in another state outside of CA;
  - 4.8% or 4 were born outside the United States;
  - 2.4% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Age
  - 32.1% or 27 were 11-17 years of age;
  - 67.9% or 57 were 18-25 years of age.
  
- Ethnicity:
  - 64.3% or 54 identified as Hispanic or Latino.
  
- Race:
  - 20.2% or 17 were Black/African American;
  - 8.3% or 7 was Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
  - 50% or 42 were White;
  - 13.1% or 11 identified as two or more races;
  - 8.3% or 7 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Gender Identity:
  - 36.9% or 31 identified as Female;
  - 60.7% or 51 identified as Male;
  - 1.2% or 1 identified as Transgender, and identify as a boy or man;
  - 1.2% or 1 identified as Other.
  
- Sexual Orientation:
  - 2.4% or 2 were Gay or Lesbian;
  - 91.7% or 77 were Straight;
  - 4.8% or 4 were Bisexual;
  - 1.2% or 1 were Other.
  
- Housing Status and Stability:
  - Where did you stay last night?
    - 13.1% or 11 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;

- 57.1% or 48 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;
  - 3.6% or 3 stayed at the home of a Friend or other relative's home - outdoors or indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping;
  - 2.4% or 2 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
  - 2.4% or 2 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
  - 1.2% or 1 stayed at a transitional living program
  - 8.3% or 7 stayed outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.;
  - 6% or 5 stayed in a car, bus, or RV;
  - 1.2% or 1 stayed in a hospital psychiatric facility, drug/alcohol treatment center;
  - 1.2% or 1 stayed somewhere else;
  - 3.6% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- How long have you been staying there?
  - 11.9% or 10 have been staying there for days;
  - 15.5% or 13 have been staying there for weeks;
  - 47.6% or 40 have been staying there for months;
  - 22.6% or 19 have been staying there for years;
  - 2.4% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
  - 67.9% or 57 responded “yes”;
  - 13.1% or 11 responded “no”;
  - 17.9% or 15 responded “I don’t know”.
  - 1.2% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
  - 7.1% or 6 have been without a home or place to stay for days;
  - 2.4% or 2 have been without a home or place to stay for weeks;
  - 46.4% or 39 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
  - 36.9% or 31 have been without a home or place to stay for years;
  - 7.1% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.
  
- Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
  - 1.2% or 1 responded 0 times;
  - 25% or 21 responded 1-3 times;
  - 29.8% or 25 responded 4-10 times;
  - 37% or 31 responded 11-50 times;
  - 1.2% or 1 responded 51-100 times;
  - 6% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.

- Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
  - 52.4% or 44 responded “yes”.
- Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
  - 7.1% or 6 responded “yes”.
- Violence at home between family members.
  - 27.4% or 23 responded “yes”.
- Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
  - 9.5% or 8 responded “yes”.
- Left home because of some other reason
  - 52.4% or 44 responded “yes”<sup>26</sup>.
- Education
  - Highest grade completed?
    - 8.3% or 7 completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade or less;
    - 71.4% or 60 completed 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade;
    - 14.3% or 12 completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade (diploma);
    - 2.4% or 2 completed GED certificate;
    - 2.4% or 2 completed some college;
    - 1.2% or 1 completed an Associate’s degree.
  - Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?
    - 72.6% or 61 responded “yes”;
    - 27.4% or 23 responded “no”.
- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
  - 26.2% or 22 responded “yes”;
  - 73.8% or 62 responded “no”.
- Have you ever been in foster care?
  - 19% or 16 responded “yes”;
  - 75% or 63 responded “no”;
  - 6% or 5 responded “I don’t know/not sure”.

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<sup>25</sup>The majority of responses to “left home because of some other reason” were as a result of the financial reasons, family conflict/differences, alcohol and drug use in household, parent deported, parent left, health issues.

- Justice System Involvement
  - 34.5% or 29 responded “yes”;
  - 65.5% or 55 responded “no”;
  
- Accessing Services and issues experienced
  - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
    - 42.9% or 36 responded “yes”;
    - 54.8% or 46 responded “no”;
    - 2.4% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
  
  - Lack of transportation.
    - 40 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
    - 25 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not know where to go for help.
    - 21 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not qualify for services.
    - 9 responded “yes”.
  
  - Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
    - 5 responded “yes”.
  
  - Did not follow through or return for services.
    - 11 responded “yes”.
  
  - Language barrier.
    - 2 responded “yes”.
  
  - Felt uncomfortable.
    - 17 responded “yes”.
  
  - Some other reason.
    - 28 responded “yes”.
  
  - Have not experienced any issues.
    - 3 responded “yes”.

- Household Status
  - How many biological children do you have?
    - 82.1% or 69 responded as having 0 children;
    - 8.3% or 7 responded as having 1 child;
    - 4.8% or 4 responded as having 2 children;
    - 1.2% or 1 responded as having 4 children;
    - 3.6% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
  - How many of your children are currently living with you?
    - 90.5% or 76 responded as having 0 children living with them;
    - 6% or 5 responded as having 1 child living with them;
    - 2.4% or 2 responded as having 2 children living with them;
    - 1.2% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
  - Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
    - 7.1% or 6 responded “yes”;
    - 91.7% or 77 responded “no”;
    - 1.2% or 1 responded “I don’t know/not sure”.
- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
  - 42.9% or 36 responded “yes”;
  - 56% or 47 responded “no”;
  - 1.2% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
- Military Service
  - 3.6% or 3 responded “yes”;
  - 96.4% or 81 responded “no”.

## **Appendix C: Survey Instrument**

## 2017 UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

**INTRODUCTION:** Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am helping to conduct a brief survey to better understand the housing needs of young people in our community. It should only take about 10 minutes of your time, and will help us develop more resources and services for young people in our community. If you have not yet taken this survey, are you interested in taking it now?

**SURVEY LOCATION:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SURVEY DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **INITIALS OF SURVEYOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIQUE ID:**      \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_      \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_      \_\_\_      \_\_\_  
                    First 3 letters of first name    First 3 letters of last name    State Born    Age Range: A-(0-10yr), B-(11-17yr), C-(18-25yr)

**HOUSING STATUS & STABILITY** – *First, I have some questions about your housing, including where you stayed last night and reasons you may have ever lost your housing.*

**1. Where did you stay last night?** *Please select one of the following options.*

- a. Home of my parent, guardian, or foster parent
- b. Friend or other relative's home – indoors, on a couch or in a place meant for regular sleeping
- c. Friend or other relative's home – outdoors OR indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping
- d. Group home
- e. Home of my partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend
- f. With someone I did not know because I needed a place to stay
- g. Youth or adult shelter
- h. Transitional living program
- i. Hotel/motel paid for by a government program or non-profit organization
- j. Hotel/motel paid for some other way
- k. Outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.
- l. Abandoned building or squat
- m. Car, bus, or RV
- n. Hospital, psychiatric facility, or drug/alcohol treatment center
- o. Juvenile detention, jail, or prison
- p. Somewhere else (*please specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

**2. How long have you been staying there?**

# \_\_\_\_\_  Days  Weeks  Months  Years

**3. IF A--F: Do you think you could stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?**

a.  Yes      b.  No      c.  I don't know

**4. How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?**

# \_\_\_\_\_  Days  Weeks  Months  Years

**5. Thinking about the past three years, approximately how many months have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?** # \_\_\_\_\_ months

**6. Did you ever lose your housing or become homeless for any of the following reasons? Check all that apply.**

- a.  Ran away/kicked out from my family home
- b.  Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home
- c.  Violence at home between family members
- d.  Differences with parents about religious beliefs
- e.  Because of some other reason (*please specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

**DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION** – *Now, I am going to ask you for some information about your background, including how you identify in your race and ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation.*

**7. With which race do you most identify?**

- a.  Black/African American
- b.  Native American or Alaskan Native
- c.  Asian
- d.  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- e.  White
- f.  Two or more races

**8. In terms of ethnicity, do you identify as Hispanic or Latino?**

a.  Yes      b.  No

**9. What is your current gender identity?**

- a.  Female
- b.  Male
- c.  Transgender, and identify as a girl or woman
- d.  Transgender, and identify as a boy or man
- e.  Not sure
- f.  Other (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

10. Which of the following best represents how you think of yourself?

- a.  Gay or Lesbian
- b.  Straight
- c.  Bisexual
- d.  Queer
- e.  Questioning
- f.  Other
- g.  I don't know
- h.  Prefer not to answer

11. Has a doctor or other health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability? For example, a chronic health condition, a learning disability, a mental health or substance abuse issue, etc.

- a.  Yes
- b.  No

12. Have you ever served in the military? (17 yrs. & up)

- a.  Yes
- b.  No

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, & EXPERIENCES** – Now, I am going to ask a few questions about your education and employment, and some of your life experiences.

13. What is the highest grade or year of school that you have completed?

- a.  8<sup>th</sup> grade or less
- b.  9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- c.  12<sup>th</sup> grade (diploma)
- d.  GED certificate
- e.  Some college
- f.  Associate's degree
- g.  Bachelor's degree
- h.  Post-secondary training

14. Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?

- a.  Yes
- b.  No

15. Do you currently have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment?

- a.  Yes
- b.  No

16. Have you ever been in foster care? For example, were you ever taken out of your home and placed with other family members, a foster family, a group home, etc.

- a.  Yes
- b.  No
- c.  I don't know/not sure

17. Have you ever been involved in the justice system? This includes arrest, jail, juvenile hall, probation camp, staying overnight or longer in jail or prison, and being on probation or parole, etc.

- a.  Yes
- b.  No

18. Are you currently accessing any services in the community? For example, emergency shelter, case management, food banks, counseling or mental health services, etc.

- a.  Yes
- b.  No

If yes, where?

19. Have you recently experienced any of the following issues in trying to get help or access services in the community? Check all that apply.

- a.  Lack of transportation
- b.  Did not have I.D./personal documents
- c.  Did not know where to go for help
- d.  Did not qualify for services
- e.  Placed on a wait list and never heard back
- f.  Did not follow through or return for services
- g.  Language barrier
- h.  Felt uncomfortable
- i.  Some other reason: \_\_\_\_\_
- j.  I have not experienced any issues

**HOUSEHOLD** – Lastly, I have some questions about the household member who are staying with you. Again your responses will not be shared with anyone outside of our team.

20. If you are a parent,

a. How many biological children have you had?

# \_\_\_\_\_ child(ren)  Not applicable

b. How many of your own children are currently living with you?

# \_\_\_\_\_ child(ren)  Not applicable

21. Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?

- a.  Yes
- b.  No
- c.  I don't know/not sure
- d.  Prefer not to answer

22. How many people in your household were sleeping in the same place as you last night?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Children (under 10 years of age)
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Children (11-17 years of age)
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Youth (18-25 years of age)
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ Adults (26 years of age and older)

**THANK YOU** for taking the time to participate in this survey!