

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IN AMERICA



1 IN 10
YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-25
 experienced a form of homelessness over a 12-month period

3.5M
YOUNG ADULTS



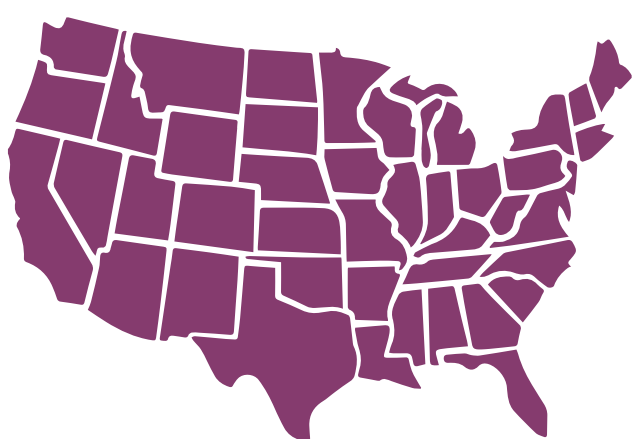
1 IN 30
YOUTH AGES 13-17
 experienced a form of homelessness over a 12-month period

700K
YOUTH



4.2 MILLION Youth and young adults experience homelessness

AMERICANS GENERALLY UNDERESTIMATED THE NUMBER OF YOUNG HOMELESS ADULTS IN THE U.S.



13%

answered correctly with an estimation between 3 and 4 million when asked to approximate the number of homeless young adults between ages 18 and 25.

FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

- ⊗ Family conflict / rejection
- ⊗ Residential instability
- ⊗ Engagement with child welfare system
- ⊗ Lack of social support networks

WHO IS HOMELESS?

33%

of homeless youth report to have once been part of the foster care system

50%

of homeless youth have been in the juvenile justice system, in jail or detention

2X

LGBTQ+ youth were more than twice as likely to have experienced homelessness

83%



BLACK

increased risk

33%



HISPANIC

increased risk



Young parents—especially unmarried—had a three times higher risk than non-parenting peers

CHALLENGES YOUTH ARE EXPERIENCING:

- ➔ Mental health challenges
- ➔ Violence & victimization
- ➔ Substance abuse
- ➔ Difficulty accessing education & employment

TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH, WE NEED TO ADEQUATELY FUND AND PROMOTE SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVES LIKE:

- ✓ Transitional housing
- ✓ Drop-In Resources
- ✓ Early Intervention
- ✓ Supportive Services
- ✓ Youth Engagement & Outreach
- ✓ Flexible Housing Pool for Youth