

# PIT Count Youth Survey (Comprehensive)

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

1. **How old are you?**

Under 18    18-24    25 and older **[Switch to Adult survey; begin with Q3]**

2. **Where did you sleep on the night of Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup>?**

UNSHeltered	Street or sidewalk
	Vehicle (car, van, RV, truck)
	Park or other public outdoor space
	Abandoned or empty building/squatting
	Bus, train station, airport
	Under bridge/overpass
	Outdoor encampment
Other location (specify): _____	
SHeltered	Emergency shelter
	Transitional housing
	Runaway Homeless Youth Program (TLP/MGH)
	Youth shelter
Motel/hotel	<b>[If respondent is living at home, thank them for their time, and do not continue with survey.]</b>
House or apartment (home)	<b>[If respondent is living at home, thank them for their time, and do not continue with survey.]</b>
Friend's house/apartment	<b>[If respondent is living at home, thank them for their time, and do not continue with survey.]</b>
Jail, hospital, treatment program	<b>[If respondent is living at home, thank them for their time, and do not continue with survey.]</b>

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

Street or sidewalk	Emergency shelter
Vehicle (car, van, RV, truck)	Transitional housing
Park or other public outdoor space	Runaway Homeless Youth Program (TLP/MGH)
Abandoned/empty building/squatting	Youth shelter
Bus, train station, airport	Motel/hotel
Under bridge/overpass	House or apartment
Outdoor encampment	Friends house (can't go home)
Other location (specify below):	Jail, hospital, treatment program

4. **Did another volunteer or survey worker already ask you these same questions about where you are staying tonight?**

No    Yes → **Thank you! Those are all the questions I have**

5. **What is your race? You can select one or more races. [Read all except 'please specify']**

American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian
Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
White	Other (specify below): _____
Don't Know/Refuse to Answer	_____

6. **Are you Hispanic or Latino?**

Yes, Hispanic/Latino  
No, not Hispanic/Latino  
Don't Know/Refuse to Answer

7. **How would you define your gender?**

Male    Female    Transgender (M→F)    Transgender (F→M)  
Don't identify as male, female, or transgender    Don't know / Refuse to answer

8. **How long have you been homeless this time? Think about only time spent staying in shelters and/or on the streets.**

\_\_\_\_ Days    \_\_\_\_ Weeks    \_\_\_\_ Months    \_\_\_\_ Years  
Don't know / Refuse to answer

9. **Is this the first time that you have been living on the street, in a shelter, or transitional housing program?**

Yes    No    Don't know / Refuse to answer

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

Lesbian or gay	Straight	Bisexual
Something else	I don't know	I'd rather not say

11. **[If female:] Are you currently pregnant? [If male or 'other':] Are you expecting to become a parent in the next 9 months?**

Yes    No    Don't know / Refuse to answer

- 12. Are you currently enrolled in school?**      Yes      No
- What is the highest grade or level of schooling you completed?**
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Less than 5 <sup>th</sup> grade           | School program does not have grade levels |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> grade  | GED completion                            |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> grade  | Some post-secondary education/college     |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> grade | Don't know                                |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> grade                    | Refuse to answer                          |

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

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

**14. Think about the last time you felt that you were living in safe and stable housing.**

**How long ago was that?**

- Less than 1 month ago
- 1 month to less than 3 months ago
- 3 months to less than 6 months ago
- 6 months to 1 year
- More than 1 year
- Never felt stably housed
- Don't know / Refuse to answer

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

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Family member                 | Friend(s)/roommate(s) |
| Partner/significant other     | Alone                 |
| Don't know / Refuse to answer |                       |

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

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|----------------|------------------|
| Chose to leave | Forced to leave  |
| Don't know     | Refuse to answer |

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

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

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

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

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

- Lack of transportation
- Did not have ID/personal documents
- Did not know where to go for help
- Did not qualify for service
- Placed on a waitlist and never heard back
- Language barrier
- Could not access because of age
- No issues accessing services/assistance
- Other (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know / Refuse to answer

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

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

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

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

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

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

23. Do you have any physical disabilities?

Yes      No      Don't know / Refuse to answer

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

Yes      No      Don't know / Refuse to answer

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

Yes      No      Don't know / Refuse to answer

26. Have any of the issues we just discussed (alcohol or drug use, physical or mental disabilities, your mental health, learning difficulties, or HIV/AIDS) ever kept you from getting a job or obtaining or staying in stable housing?

Yes      No      Don't know / Refuse to answer

27. Do you receive a disability check, such as a Social Security check (SSI or SSDI) ?

Yes      No      Don't know / Refuse to answer

28. Have you ever been physically, emotionally, or sexually abused by a relative or another person you have stayed with, such as a spouse, partner, brother or sister, or parent?

Yes      No      Don't know / Refuse to answer

**[For Q29-31: Only ask 'Part B' if answer is 'Yes']**

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

No      Don't know / Refuse to answer      Yes

30B. If you left **[SETTING]** in the past 3 years, did anyone help you get housing?

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

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

No      Don't know / Refuse to answer      Yes

30B. If you left **[SETTING]** in the past 3 years, did anyone help you get housing?

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

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

No      Don't know / Refuse to answer      Yes

31B. If you left **[SETTING]** in the past 3 years, did anyone help you get housing?

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

