

YOUTHCOUNT! 1.0

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
2013 YOUTH SURVEY

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WHERE WE LOOKED

- Done in conjunction with PIT Count
- Outreach to schools
- Street outreach (17 surveys)
- Covenant House (43 surveys)
- Ft Bend Women's Shelter (4 surveys)
- Star of Hope (17 surveys)
- Hay Center (11 surveys)
- Salvation Army Social Services (18 surveys)
- Open Gate – Bering UMC – Youth Advocates (30 surveys)
- Montrose Grace Place (9 surveys)
- HAWC (2 surveys)
- Kinder Emergency Shelter (6 surveys)



WHAT WE FOUND

SCHOOL DATA

- Limited information could be asked
- Information on housing instability, not homelessness per HUD definition
- 616 valid interviews:
 - 65% living with legal guardian (not homeless)
- Of the 218 not living with legal guardian:
 - 6 were in a shelter; 1 was unsheltered
 - 3 had own apartment (ages 17, 18, and 19)
 - 208 were doubled up; most had adult in household



WHAT WE FOUND

BASIC DEMOGRAPHICS

- 160 youth surveyed
 - Unsheltered (19%)
 - Sheltered (54%)
 - Doubled up/precariously housed (28%)
- Ages 12-24 yrs; average of 20 yrs
- Half were male
- Slightly over half were Black
- One-quarter were Hispanic

WHAT WE FOUND

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

- 11 transgender
 - 6 identified as boy/man
 - 5 identified as girl/woman
- 1 in 5 identified as gay or bisexual



WHAT WE FOUND

EDUCATIONAL/WORK STATUS

- 2 of 3 not currently enrolled in school
- 1 of 3 had not completed high school
- 3 of 4 did not work in the past week
- 1 in 3 had been in correctional system in past year



WHAT WE FOUND

FAMILY STATUS

- 2 out of 5 had been in foster care
 - Most common reason for leaving was aged out
- Last permanent home
 - 123 Houston area
 - 9 Texas, not Houston area
 - 17 outside Texas
- 1 out of 3 youth had children; One-half of these lived with their child(ren)
- 14 out of 83 females (17%) currently pregnant



CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

- Geographic area of Houston EMA
- Lack of youth shelters
- Would have been better to disconnect from PIT count
- Data from school districts of limited value
- Try snowball sampling next time

QUESTIONS?



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