New York City Youth Count 2018
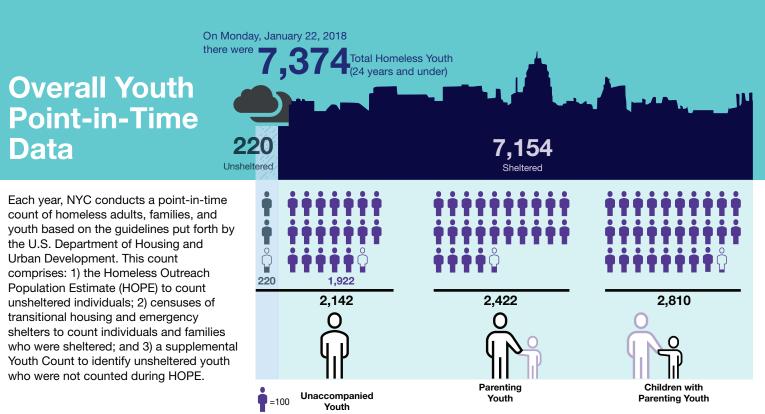
Estimating and Understanding Characteristics of Homeless and Unstably Housed Youth
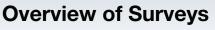
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Overall Youth Point-in-Time Data

On Monday, January 22, 2018 there were **7,374** Total Homeless Youth (24 years and under)

220 Unsheltered

7,154 Sheltered

Each year, NYC conducts a point-in-time count of homeless adults, families, and youth based on the guidelines put forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This count comprises: 1) the Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) to count unsheltered individuals; 2) censuses of transitional housing and emergency shelters to count individuals and families who were sheltered; and 3) a supplemental Youth Count to identify unsheltered youth who were not counted during HOPE.

220 / 1,922
2,142 Unaccompanied Youth

2,422 Parenting Youth

2,810 Children with Parenting Youth
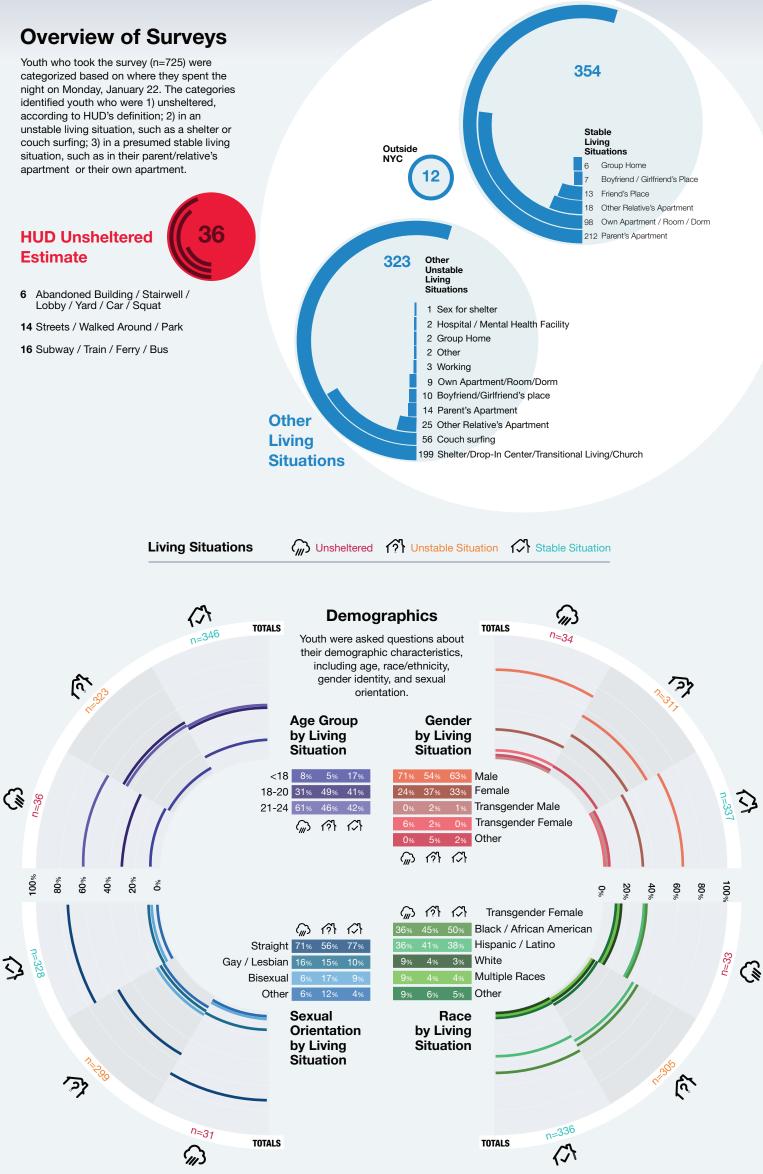
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Youth Count Data

Of the 220 unsheltered youth, 36 were identified in the Youth Count. The Youth Count took place from Tuesday 1/23 to Friday 1/26. Youth were asked where they spent the night on Monday 1/22 (the same date as HOPE and the shelter census). Program staff at the participating programs, which included drop-in centers, outreach teams and community centers, asked every client age 24 and under to complete a short survey to better understand and estimate homeless and unstably housed youth.

Overview of Surveys

Youth who took the survey (n=725) were categorized based on where they spent the night on Monday, January 22. The categories identified youth who were 1) unsheltered, according to HUD's definition; 2) in an unstable living situation, such as a shelter or couch surfing; 3) in a presumed stable living situation, such as in their parent/relative's apartment or their own apartment.

Outside NYC **12**

354 Stable Living Situations
- 6 Group Home
- 7 Boyfriend / Girlfriend's Place
- 13 Friend's Place
- 18 Other Relative's Apartment
- 98 Own Apartment / Room / Dorm
- 212 Parent's Apartment

HUD Unsheltered Estimate **36**
- 6 Abandoned Building / Stairwell / Lobby / Yard / Car / Squat
- 14 Streets / Walked Around / Park
- 16 Subway / Train / Ferry / Bus

323 Other Unstable Living Situations
- 1 Sex for shelter
- 2 Hospital / Mental Health Facility
- 2 Group Home
- 2 Other
- 3 Working
- 9 Own Apartment/Room/Dorm
- 10 Boyfriend/Girlfriend's place
- 14 Parent's Apartment
- 25 Other Relative's Apartment
- 56 Couch surfing
- 199 Shelter/Drop-In Center/Transitional Living/Church

Other Living Situations

Living Situations

- 🌧 Unsheltered
- 👣 Unstable Situation
- 🏠 Stable Situation

Demographics

Youth were asked questions about their demographic characteristics, including age, race/ethnicity, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

TOTALS n=346 / n=323 / n=36 / n=328 / n=289 / n=31

TOTALS n=34 / n=311 / n=337 / n=33 / n=355 / n=336

Age Group by Living Situation

	🌧	👣	🏠
<18	8%	5%	17%
18-20	31%	49%	41%
21-24	61%	46%	42%

Gender by Living Situation

	🌧	👣	🏠	
71%	54%	63%		Male
24%	37%	33%		Female
0%	2%	1%		Transgender Male
6%	2%	0%		Transgender Female
0%	5%	2%		Other

Sexual Orientation by Living Situation

	🌧	👣	🏠
Straight	71%	56%	77%
Gay / Lesbian	16%	15%	10%
Bisexual	6%	17%	9%
Other	6%	12%	4%

Race by Living Situation

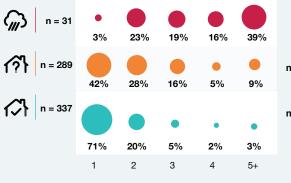| 🌧	👣	🏠	
			Transgender Female
36%	45%	50%	Black / African American
36%	41%	38%	Hispanic / Latino
9%	4%	3%	White
9%	4%	4%	Multiple Races
9%	6%	5%	Other

Living Situation Categories

The Youth Count survey asked questions about where youth had spent the night over the past month in an effort to understand the transience of their homelessness. Youth were asked how many places they had spent the night over the past month, what types of places they had stayed and how long they had been without a permanent place to stay.

Number of Places Stayed in Past Month

	1	2	3	4	5+
🌧 n = 31	3%	23%	19%	16%	39%
👣 n = 289	42%	28%	16%	5%	9%
🏠 n = 337	71%	20%	5%	2%	3%

Length of Time without Permanent Place to Stay

	N/A	< 1 week	1 week - 6 months	6 months - 1 year	1-2 years	> 2 years
🌧 n = 32	0%	0%	19%	19%	22%	41%
👣 n = 306	4%	3%	28%	17%	20%	28%
🏠 n = 336	87%	1%	4%	2%	1%	4%

Places Stayed Over Past Month vs Monday, Jan 22

Example:
Of the youth who were unsheltered on the night of Monday, January 22, 64% of them also stayed in an unstable situation over the past month.

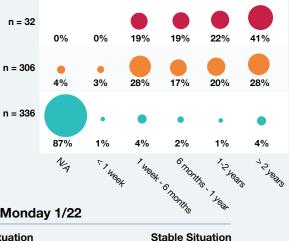### Living Situation on Monday 1/22

Unsheltered 🌧 n=36 — 100% / 64% / 3% / 10%

Unstable Situation 👣 n=323 — 100% / 7% / 2% / 10%

Stable Situation 🏠 n=354 — 100%

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

Places Stayed Over Past Month