

New York City Youth Count 2020

Estimating and Understanding Characteristics of Homeless and Unstably Housed Youth

Each year, NYC conducts a point-in-time count of homeless adults, families and youth based on the guidelines put forth by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). 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 NYC Youth Count, administered by the Department of Youth and Community Development, to identify unsheltered youth who were not counted during HOPE.

Citywide Youth Point-in-Time Count

Data based on the HOPE Count, NYC Youth Count and the census of all NYC shelters for youth ages 14 to 24

	Unsheltered	Sheltered		Total
		Emergency	Transitional	
Unaccompanied (single) Youth*	257	1,693	468	2,418
Parenting Youth	n/a	2,004	11	2,015
Children of Parenting Youth	n/a	2,306	14	2,320
Total	257	6,003	493	6,753

* Based on the HUD definition, unaccompanied youth are young people between the ages of 14 through 24 without children.

Youth Count Data: Overview of Surveys

The Youth Count took place from Tuesday, January 28th to Friday, January 31st. Youth were asked where they spent the night on Monday, January 27th (the same date as HOPE and the shelter census). Program staff at the participating programs, which included drop-in centers, outreach teams, community centers and schools asked every participant ages 14 through 24 and under to complete a short survey to better understand and estimate homeless and unstably housed youth.

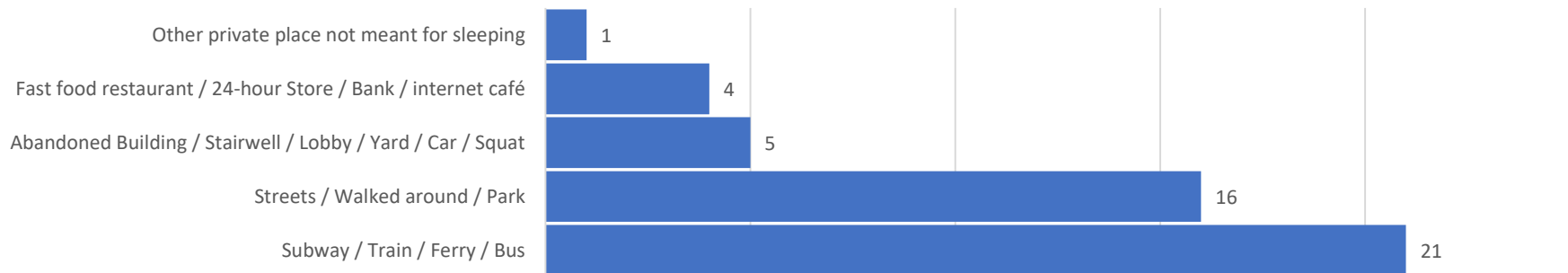
The living situation reported in the surveys (n= 1184) were categorized based on where youth spent the night on Monday, January 27, 2020. The categories identified youth who were **1) unsheltered**, according to HUD’s definition of residing in a place not meant for human habitation **2) in an unstable 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.

Youth Count Results

Please note that young people were able to identify whether their living situation is stable or unstable. As a result the categories are duplicated among the living situations. For example, “friend’s place” can be stable or unstable. The categories where young people stayed are below. Please note that 8 young people identified as being outside of New York City on January 27,2020.

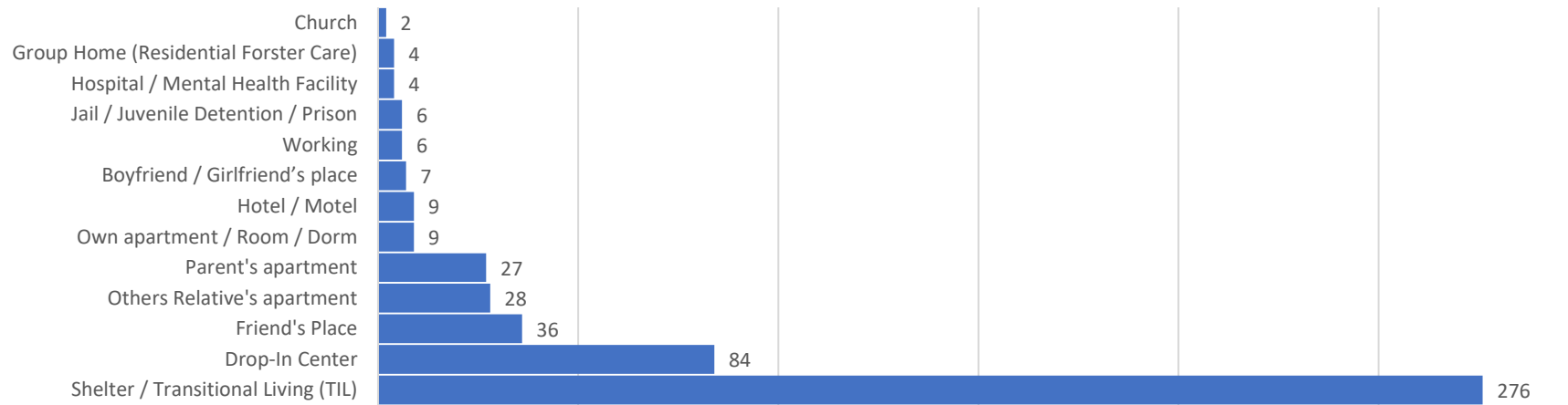


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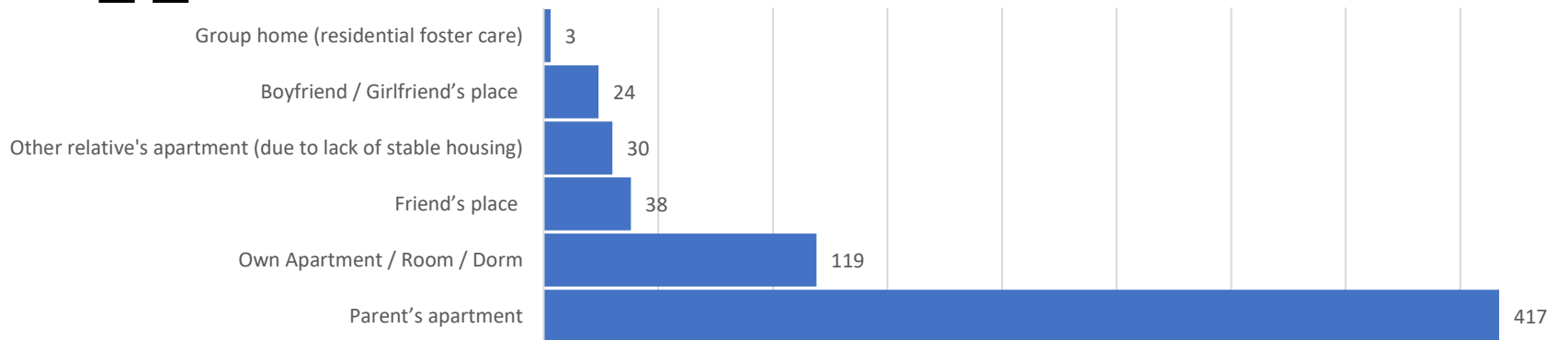




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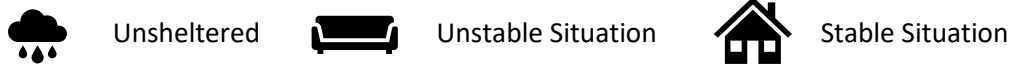


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Demographics by Living Situation




Youth were asked questions about their demographics and characteristics. Please note that the questions were not mandatory, so the number of responses vary. These percentages may not be representative of the entire population.






Ethnicity by Living Situation

	 Unsheltered n=44	 Unstable n=454	 Stable n=583
Latinx	52%	47%	39%
Not Latinx	48%	53%	61%
Total	100%	100%	100%




Gender by Living Situation

	 Unsheltered n=46	 Unstable n=487	 Stable n=623
Male	59%	47%	60%
Female	22%	41%	36%
Transgender Male	2%	2%	1%
Transgender Female	7%	4%	1%
Gender Non Binary	4%	3%	2%
Other	7%	2%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%




Sexual Orientation by Living Situation

	 Unsheltered n=45	 Unstable n=484	 Stable n=613
Bisexual	16%	14%	15%
Gay	9%	6%	3%
Lesbian	0%	4%	2%
Other	2%	3%	1%
Pansexual	11%	8%	3%
Queer	7%	3%	0%
Questioning	2%	1%	1%
Straight	53%	62%	76%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Age by Living Situation

	 Unsheltered n=44	 Unstable n=494	 Stable n=628
<18	0%	7%	41%
18-20	41%	49%	31%
21-24	59%	44%	29%
Total	100%	100%	100%




Race by Living Situation

	 Unsheltered n=47	 Unstable n=468	 Stable n=612
American Indian / Alaskan Native	2%	2%	2%
Asian	0%	2%	1%
Black / African American	53%	57%	65%
Multiple Race	9%	12%	14%
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0%	1%	0%
Other	26%	19%	16%
White	11%	7%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%




Living Situation Categories

The Youth Count survey asked questions about where youth had spent the night over the past month to understand the transience of their episodes of 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 in the Past Month

		1	2	3	4	5+
	n=43	14%	14%	21%	23%	28%
	n=473	49%	27%	12%	5%	7%
	n=611	74%	16%	5%	2%	3%




Length of Time Without a Permanent Place to Stay

		N/A	Less than 1 week	1 week to 6 months	6 months to 1 year	1 year to 2 years	More than 2 years
	n=47	0%	0%	19%	28%	21%	32%
	n=491	14%	1%	27%	18%	16%	24%
	n=583	85%	2%	4%	2%	3%	4%

Places Stayed Over Past Month vs Monday, January 27th

To understand the transient nature of youths' living situations, youth were asked to identify the types of places they had stayed over the past month. These were categorized as unsheltered, unstable and stable. Along the top of the chart are the categories of living situations where youth stayed on January 27th. Along the side are the categories of living situations where youth stayed over the past month. Because youth may have stayed in multiple categories of living situations, percentages total over 100%.

Living Situation on Monday, January 27th

	Unsheltered n=47	Unstable n=498	Stable n=631
	100%	5%	1%
	68%	100%	19%
	11%	11%	100%