

# San Francisco Youth

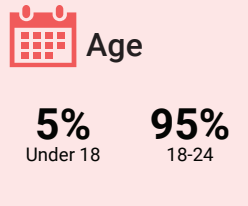
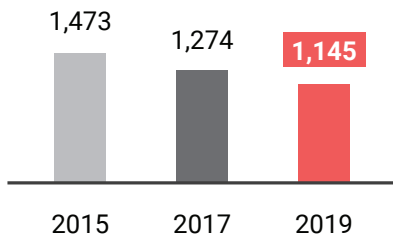
## Homeless Count & Survey

### 2019 Executive Summary

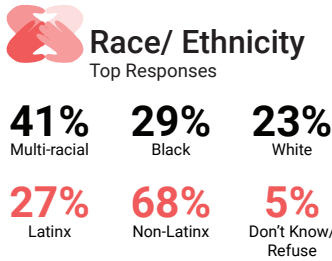
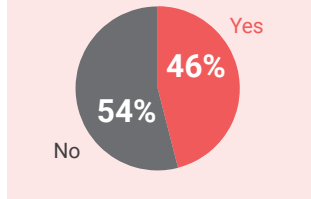
Every two years, during the last 10 days of January, communities across the country conduct comprehensive counts of the local homeless populations in order to measure the prevalence of homelessness in each local Continuum of Care.

The 2019 City and County of San Francisco Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 24, 2019. While the entire county was canvassed by teams of volunteers, teams led by young people with lived experience of homelessness conducted a supplemental count of youth under the age of 25. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 184 unsheltered and sheltered unaccompanied youth in order to profile their experience and characteristics.

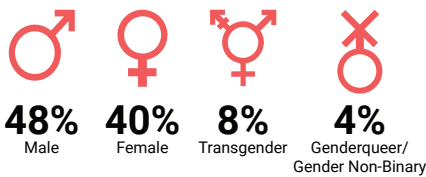
#### 2015-19 Homeless Youth Population



#### LGBTQ+ Status



#### Gender



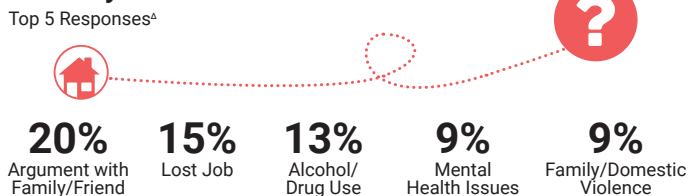
#### Foster Care



#### Experience with Violence in the Past Year



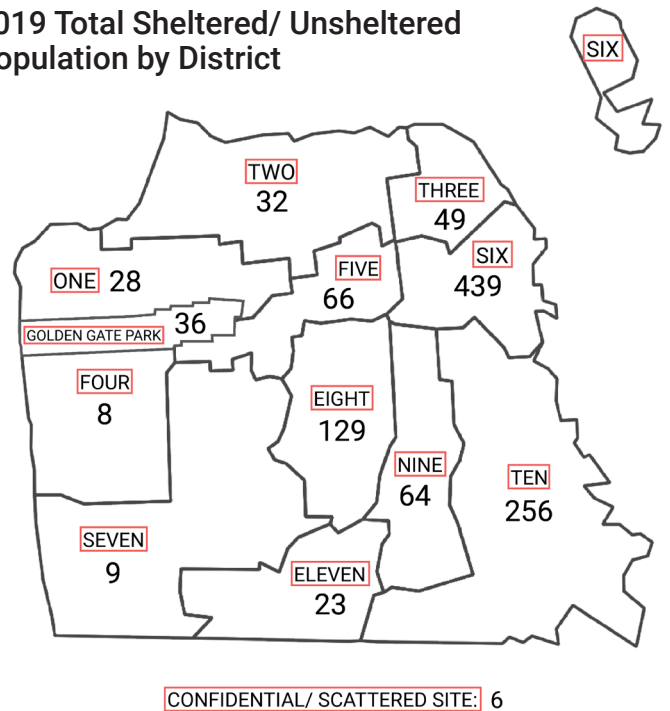
#### Primary Cause of Homelessness\*



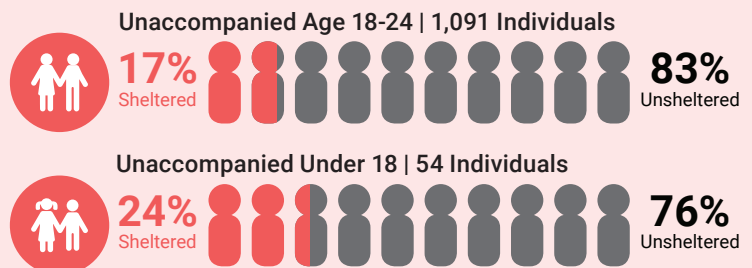
#### 2019 Sheltered/ Unsheltered Youth Population



#### 2019 Total Sheltered/ Unsheltered Population by District

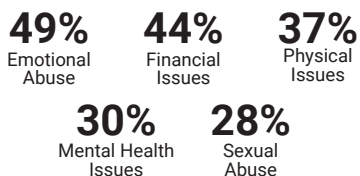


#### Household Breakdown



## Contributing Causes to Youth Homelessness

Top 5 Responses<sup>Δ</sup>



## First Episode of Homelessness



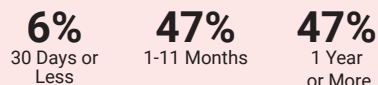
**36%** of survey respondents reported currently experiencing homelessness for the first time.

## Obstacles to Permanent Housing<sup>+</sup>

Top 5 Responses<sup>Δ</sup>



## Duration of Current Episode of Homelessness

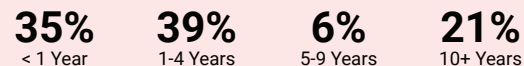


## Supportive Adult in the Bay Area

**42%** of survey respondents stated that they have a supportive adult in the Bay Area.



## Length of Time in San Francisco



## Self-Reported Health<sup>+</sup>

Current health conditions that may affect the housing stability or employment of those experiencing homelessness.



**48%**

Psychiatric/Emotional Conditions



**PTSD**

**43%**

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder



**31%**

Alcohol & Drug Use



**21%**

Physical Disability



**18%**

Chronic Health Problems



**12%**

Traumatic Brain Injury



**8%**

HIV/ AIDS Related Illness

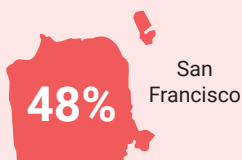
## Disabling Conditions

**41%** of survey respondents reported that at least one of their health conditions was disabling.



A disabling condition is defined by HUD as a developmental disability, HIV/AIDS, or a long-term physical or mental impairment that impacts a person's ability to live independently, but could be improved with stable housing.

## Residence Prior to Homelessness



## Education & Employment



**58%** of survey respondents were either currently in school or employed.

## Juvenile Justice System Involvement



**24%** of survey respondents reported involvement in the justice system before age 18.

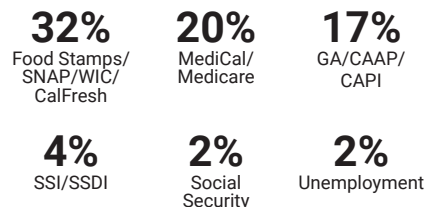
## Services & Assistance



**52%** of survey respondents reported receiving benefits.

## Benefits Currently Accessing<sup>+</sup>

Top 6 Responses<sup>Δ</sup>



## \*Subpopulation Definitions

### Chronically Homeless

An individual with one or more disabling conditions or a family with a head of household with a disabling condition who:

- » Has been continuously homeless for 1 year or more and/or;
- » Has experienced 4 or more episodes of homelessness within the past 3 years.

### Veterans

Persons who have served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. This does not include inactive military reserves or the National Guard unless the person was called up to active duty.

### Families

A household with at least one adult member (persons 18 or older) and at least one child member (persons under 18).

### Unaccompanied Youth & Young Adults

Youth under the age of 18 and young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 years old who are experiencing homelessness and living without a parent or legal guardian.

+ Multiple response question, results may not add up to 100%.

Δ Only displaying top responses, all response data are available in the full report.

Note: Some percentages have been rounded so total percentage will equal 100%.

For more information about the San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing and the efforts to address homelessness in San Francisco, please visit [HSH.SFGov.org](http://HSH.SFGov.org)

Source: Applied Survey Research, 2019, San Francisco Homeless Count & Survey, Watsonville, CA.