

Houston

Homeless Youth

Risk & Resilience Survey

202

young people

Average Age:
21
years old

Gender Identity

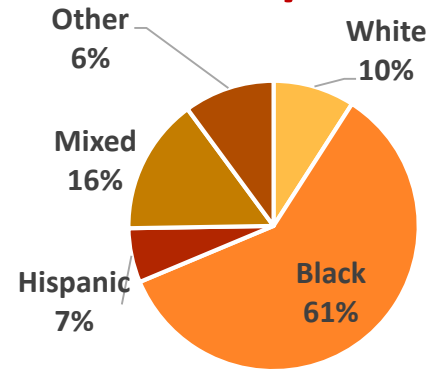
56% Males
41% Female
3% Trans/Other

Education:

72%

have diploma
or GED

Race/Ethnicity

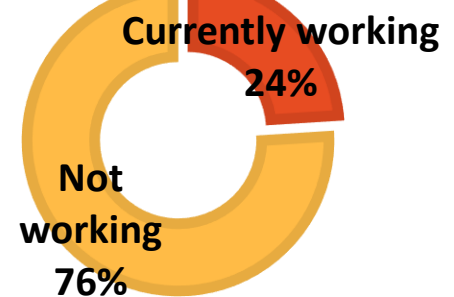


Sexual Orientation

Straight 73%
Bisexual 15%
Gay/Lesbian 8%
Questioning 3%

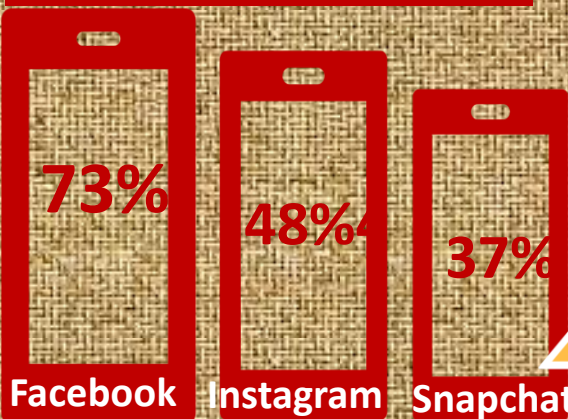
81% are
originally
from **Houston Area**

Employment



In past year,
30% had
worked
full-time.

Social Media Use:



52%
use social
media 1 or
more times
a day

Homeless History

60%
Kicked out by
family,
relative,
foster parent

15%
Couldn't
pay rent

12%
Aged out of
foster care
or juvenile
justice

16%
Ran away

System Involvement

37% have been in juvenile justice

18% have been in both

43% have been in foster care system

25% have some type of gang affiliation

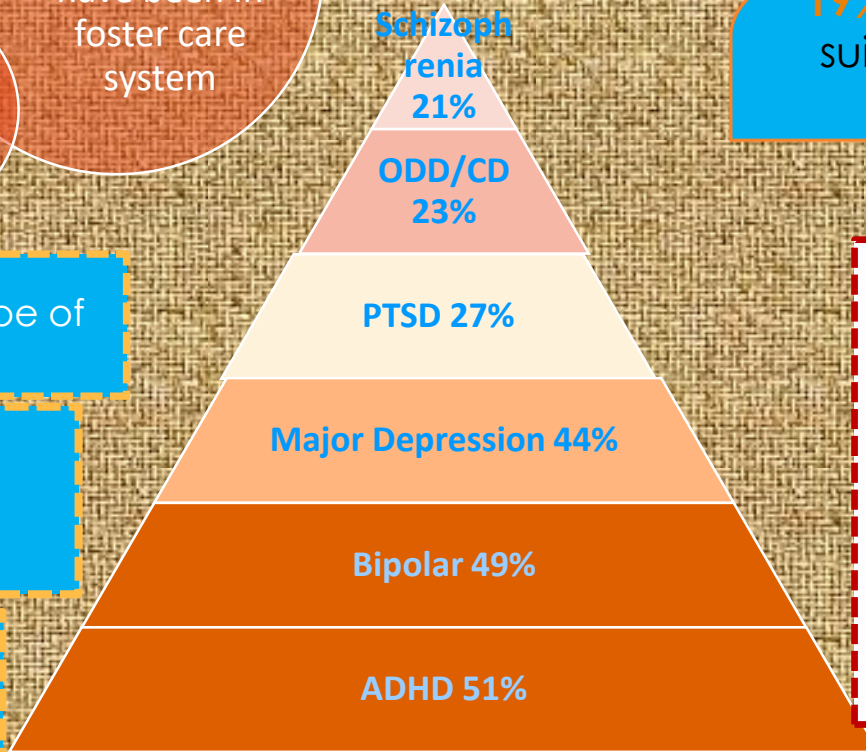
53% have been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant

56% have been arrested since age 18

Mental Health

In the last year, **31%** had suicidal thoughts

19% attempted suicide in past year



20% report they currently need mental health treatment

Since Homeless

26%

Have been sexually assaulted

40%

Have been physically assaulted

57%

Have witnessed an assault

Community partners



Investigators



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