Houston
Homeless Youth
Risk & Resilience Survey

Average Age: 21 years old

Gender Identity
56% Males
41% Female
3% Trans/Other

Race/Ethnicity
- White 10%
- Black 61%
- Mixed 16%
- Hispanic 7%
- Other 6%

Education:
72% have diploma or GED

81% are originally from Houston Area

Employment
- Currently working 24%
- Not working 76%

Gender Identity
- Straight 73%
- Bisexual 15%
- Gay/Lesbian 8%
- Questioning 3%

Sexual Orientation

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

Social Media Use:
- Facebook 73%
- Instagram 48%
- Snapchat 37%

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

202 young people

52% use social media 1 or more times a day

Sexual Orientation
- Straight 73%
- Bisexual 15%
- Gay/Lesbian 8%
- Questioning 3%
37% have been in juvenile justice

43% have been in foster care system

18% have been in both

25% have some type of gang affiliation

53% have been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant

56% have been arrested since age 18

In the last year, 31% had suicidal thoughts

19% attempted suicide in past year

20% report they currently need mental health treatment

Mental Health

Schizophrenia 21%

ODD/CD 23%

PTSD 27%

Major Depression 44%

Bipolar 49%

ADHD 51%

Have been sexually assaulted

Have been physically assaulted

Have witnessed an assault

Since Homeless

Community partners

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