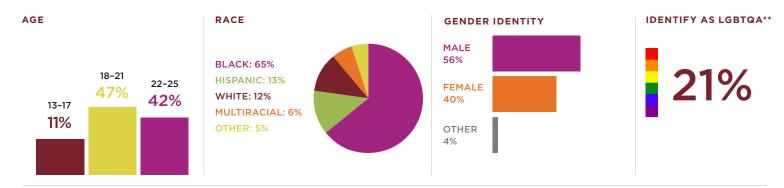
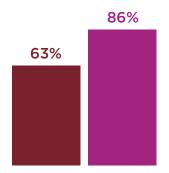
Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Research conducted by Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago provides a broad and deep understanding of the youth who are homeless or unstably housed in our community. This data can help us craft local solutions so that all of our young people can be stably housed, in school and/or at work, contributing to our community, and reaching their full potential.

SURVEY OF YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS*

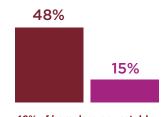


EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT



63% of homeless or unstably housed 18- to 25-year-olds had received a high school diploma or GED.

This compares to **86% of 18- to 25-year-olds** in a national sample who reported having a high school diploma or GED.



48% of homeless or unstably housed 16- to 24-year-olds in Cook County were neither attending school nor employed when surveyed.

This compares to only **15% of all Cook County youth** who are neither in school nor working.



29% of homeless or unstably housed 18- to 25-year-olds were attending school when surveyed.

PREGNANCY AND PARENTHOOD

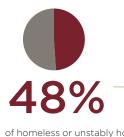


34% of females reported being pregnant or a parent.



16% of males reported they were parents or their partner was pregnant.

FOSTER CARE AND DETENTION OR INCARCERATION



of homeless or unstably housed youth had been in foster care and/or had been in detention or incarcerated. 25% had been in detention or incarcerated

In a national sample, 15% of 24- to 34-year-olds had been in detention or incarcerated.

10% had been in foster care

In a national sample, 2% of 18- to 28-year-olds had ever been in foster care.

14% had been in both

52% had been in neither

SURVEY OF RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH PROVIDERS***

147

total beds were available for youth ages 18 to 25.

28

total beds were available for youth ages 13 to 17. 50%

had waiting lists for their programs.

46%

had **turned** youth **away** in the past year.



- * In a 24-hour "point in time" count in the summer of 2016, 862 homeless youth were identified; 689 of them were surveyed.
- ** Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, or asexual.
- *** Agencies were categorized as runaway and homeless youth providers if they indicated that they operated any programs specifically for runaway and homeless youth, regardless of whether those programs were federally funded.



voicesofyouthcount.org

Hall's other partners.



Voices of Youth Count is a national policy research initiative of Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago. It is designed to link evidence and action to end youth homelessness. This research was made possible with generous support from Chapin Hall, Arcus Foundation, Ballmer Group Philanthropy, Campion Foundation, Casey Family Programs, Elton John AIDS Foundation, Melville Charitable Trust, Pierce Family Foundation, Polk Bros. Foundation, Raikes Foundation, an anonymous foundation, and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Chapin Hall is solely responsible for the accuracy of the opinions, statements, and interpretations contained in this publication. They do not necessarily reflect the views of the government or any of Chapin