



agenda

# COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## CSPNC | Homelessness Committee Meeting Monday, February 3, 2020, 6:00 p.m. Angels Gate Cultural Center, Building G 3601 S. Gaffey Street, San Pedro, CA 90731

**Participation is open to all Stakeholders of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council.**

1. Attendance.
2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.
3. Update on Hate Crimes in the area from LAPD. Further discussion of Hate Crimes monitoring and reporting. Update on issues relating to our LGBTQ community.
4. 2020 Homeless Count – debriefing from Kathleen Martin, Deployment Site Coordinator for San Pedro.
5. Discussion/Introduction of the Voices of Youth Count. Missed Opportunities: Youth Homelessness in America – Chaplin Hall – University of Chicago (A Research to Impact Brief). We will watch two under 10 minute clips from the VYC website.
6. February and March Mobile Shower Event at United Methodist Church/sponsored by County Supervisor Janice Hahn. Distribution of personal property placards to LAHSA and Harbor Interfaith.
7. Discussion of County of Los Angeles efforts to alleviate homelessness in San Pedro. Update on the Temporary Shelter proposed at 8<sup>th</sup> and Beacon to include wrap around services, utilizing ABH model.
8. Adjournment.

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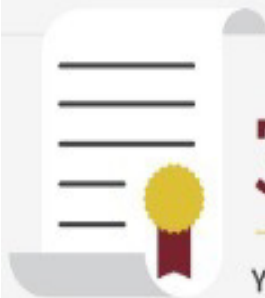
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## Figure 5. Youth at Greater Risk of Experiencing Homelessness

Statistics describe the relative risk of certain groups of young adults, 18-25, having reported “explicit homelessness” in the last 12 months.



**346%**

**Youth with less than a high school diploma or GED**

had a 346% higher risk than their peers who completed high school.

**162%**

**Youth reporting annual household income of less than \$24,000**

had a 162% higher risk of reporting homelessness.

**33%**

**Hispanic, non-White youth**

had a 33% higher risk of reporting homelessness.

**120%**

**LGBT youth**

had a 120% higher risk of reporting homelessness.

**83%**

**Black or African American youth**

had an 83% higher risk of reporting homelessness.

**200%**

**Unmarried parenting youth**

had a 200% higher risk of reporting homelessness.



# Missed Opportunities: Youth Homelessness in America

## National Estimates

*Foundational evidence for understanding the scale, scope, and urgency of youth homelessness in America.*

Adolescence and young adulthood represent a key developmental window. Every day of housing instability and the associated stress represents a missed opportunity to support healthy development and transitions to productive adulthood. Voices of Youth Count gives voice to young people across our nation who lack the necessary supports to achieve independence and make their unique contributions to our society.

Through multiple methods and research angles, Voices of Youth Count sought to capture and understand the voices and experiences of thousands of young people. While the deprivation of housing stability was the common thread in Voices of Youth Count research, the stories of youth homelessness—and the opportunities for intervention—rarely centered on housing alone.

Every experience, every youth, was unique. Their experiences ranged widely in duration, sleeping arrangements, safety, and circumstances. With the data gained through Voices of Youth Count, we can better understand the challenge so that we can develop more effective policy and practice.

*Missed Opportunities: National Estimates* summarizes the results of the Voices of Youth Count national survey that estimates the percentage of United States youth, ages 13 to 25, who have

experienced unaccompanied homelessness at least once during a recent 12-month period. The survey captured homelessness experiences broadly, including couch surfing in addition to arrangements like sleeping on the streets, in cars, or in shelters.

Until now, one major challenge to putting solutions in place has been the lack of credible data on the size and characteristics of the youth population who experience homelessness and a way to track how this population changes over time. Without credible numbers and deeper understanding, it has been difficult for the nation to develop a well-resourced and tailored response to address this hidden problem in our communities.

Voices of Youth Count, in this and future briefs over the coming year, will speak to the evidence while seeking solutions.

**No more missed opportunities.**

## RESULTS SHOW

### 1 in 10

young adults ages 18 to 25 endures some form of homelessness in a year. Half of the prevalence involves couch surfing only.

### 1 in 30

adolescent minors ages 13 to 17 endures some form of homelessness in a year. A quarter of the prevalence involves couch surfing only.

Rates of youth experiencing homelessness were similar in rural and nonrural areas.

**Youth 13-17**  
4.2%  
Household prevalence in urban counties.  
4.4%  
Household prevalence in rural counties.

**Young Adults 18-25**  
9.6%  
Population prevalence in urban counties.  
9.2%  
Population prevalence in rural counties.



About half of the youth who experienced homelessness over a year faced homelessness **for the first time**.

## Particular subpopulations are at higher risk for homelessness

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# Missed Opportunities: LGBTQ Youth Homelessness in America

April 2018

*Foundational evidence for understanding the scale, scope, and urgency of LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness in America*

As a nation, we have an obligation to keep our young people out of harm's way so that they can lead productive lives and contribute fully to our communities. Every day of housing instability and the associated stress represents a missed opportunity to support healthy development and transitions to productive adulthood. Voices of Youth Count gives voice to young people across America who lack the support they need to achieve independence.

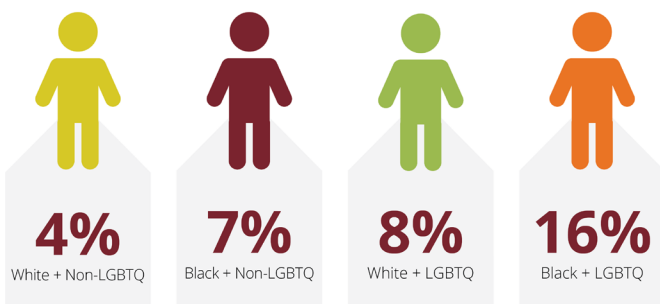
*Missed Opportunities: LGBTQ Youth Homelessness in America* is among the first national assessments of the increased risks that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) young people face when they experience homelessness. The findings show that LGBTQ young adults are more than twice as likely to experience homelessness as their non-LGBTQ peers.

They are also at greater risk for experiencing high levels of hardship, including higher rates of assault, trauma, exchanging sex for basic needs, and early death. Black LGBTQ youth, especially young men, have the highest rates of homelessness.

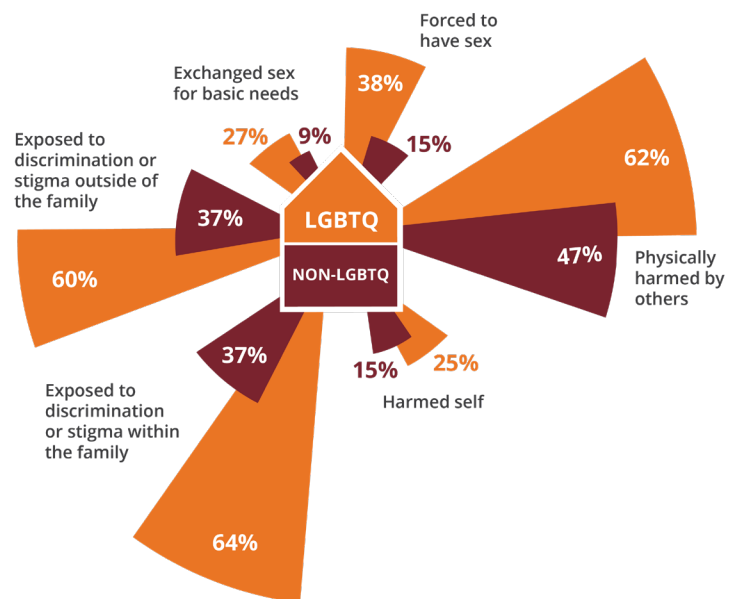
Although the challenges facing LGBTQ youth are sizable, Voices of Youth Count also points to solutions that can help protect youth who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. By acting on these recommendations, we can help shape positive and healthier futures for our young people, our communities, and our nation. Young adults want to be accepted and seen not simply for their sexual or gender identity, but as holistic and valuable human beings with multidimensional identities and stories of both struggle and resilience.

**No more missed opportunities.**

Youth who are black *and* LGBTQ reported the highest rates of homelessness



LGBTQ youth endured especially high levels of adversity among youth experiencing homelessness



## Recommendations

1. Provide enhanced **training to providers** to identify and respond to the trauma and hardship faced by this population.
2. Engage **LGBTQ youth as full partners** in strengthening systems and services.
3. Encourage community organizations working with runaway and homeless youth to initiate **more sensitive data** collection about sexual orientation and gender identity.
4. Enhance **guidance in federal grants that serve young people** so these resources can better support LGBTQ and minority LGBTQ youth.
5. **Locate LGBTQ-sensitive outreach, services, and housing options** in or near predominantly black and multiracial communities **equitably**.
6. Evaluate the **most promising interventions** to determine their effectiveness for LGBTQ youth. The federal government can take the lead by providing evaluation funding for core interventions.