

iCount 2016 –Analysis of Findings

Surveys Completed = 268

- 111 [ages 13-17]
- 145 [ages 18-24]
- 12 invalid/incomplete)

Analyzed in Three Categories:

Unaccompanied Youth: McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act:

The Act defines unaccompanied youth as, “a youth (<21) not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.” This means that the youth is not living with a parent or guardian, and includes youth who are residing with a caregiver who does not have legal guardianship and youth who are living on their own.

132 meet this definition

For comparison: 102 in 2015; 65 in 2014

DOE Definition of Homeless: The U.S. Department of Education

The U.S. Department of Education defines homeless youth as youth (<21) who “**lack a fixed, regular, and nighttime residence**” or an “individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is a) a supervised or publically operated **shelter** designed to provide temporary living accommodations; b) an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized including **welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing** for the mentally ill; or c) a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.” This definition includes both youth who are unaccompanied by families **and those who are homeless with their families.**

58 meet this definition

HUD Definition of Homeless: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

HUD defines a homeless individual as someone who “has a primary nighttime residence that is a private or public space not designed or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping” (Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, 2011).

12 meet this definition

For comparison: 11 in 2015

Due to the challenging nature of counting this mostly hidden population, *the results of the Youth Count represent the **minimum** number of youth experiencing homelessness*

Total Respondents	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD
268	154	58	12

Who did you stay with last night?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
By myself	36	21	6	63
With a friend (but without my parents or legal guardian)	46	25	1	72
With relatives (grandma, brother, cousin..(but not parents or legal guardian))	48	1		49
With my parents		1	4	5
With a legal guardian		2	1	3
With foster parents		1		1
With a neighbor	1			1
With a stranger	1			1
No response		1		1

Where did you stay last night?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
In a house or apt	77			77
At a friend's place	29	29		58
In a hotel/motel		3		3
At a shelter/ treatment center	16	22		38
Street, car, beach or park	3	4	9	16
College dormitory/ housing	6			6
Other - not meant for living			3	3
No response	1			1

How long have you been staying where you stayed last night?

	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
One week or less	19	11	1	31
1 week - 1 month	33	20	7	60
1 - 12 months	59	23	3	85
More than one year	20	3	1	24
No response	1	1	0	2

Can you stay where you stayed last night for the next 14 days?

	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
No	18	7	4	29
Yes	82	30	4	116
I don't know/not sure	29	21	4	54
No response	3		0	0

Have you been staying in places not meant for living such as streets, car, park, abandoned building, emergency shelter or safe haven for either: Four or more times in the past 3 years OR 1 year or longer?

	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
No	84	35	2	121
1 year or longer	16	10	7	33
4 or more times in past 3 years	22	12	3	37
No response	10	1	0	11

If you are not living/staying with your parents or legal guardians, what is the main reason?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
Disagreement with parent(s)/legal guardian(s)	30	16	3	49
I wanted to leave	12	4	1	17
There was physical, sexual or mental abuse at home	8	7	2	17
I left foster care/group home and had no place to go	2			2
I was released from jail/detention and had no place to go	1	1		2
I turned 18 and was asked to leave my home	12	6		18
My house was too small for everyone to live there	4		1	1
Issues with my sexual orientation/gender identity	4	2		6
My use of drugs or alcohol	1	1		2
My parents' use of drugs or alcohol	5	1		6
I was pregnant or got someone pregnant	4		1	1
Parent(s) deceased	9	1		10
Parents living elsewhere	3	1		4
Kicked out/ asked to leave general	3	2	1	6
Parent(s) homeless/ housing insecure	4	5	1	10
Other	20	4	1	25
No response	8	5	1	14

How many times have you had to move in the past twelve (12) months?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
0	28	11	2	41
1-2	42	16	4	62
3-5	49	22	4	75
6-10	9	6	2	17
11 or more	4	3	0	7
No response	0	0	0	0

Did you move by choice?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
No	95	44	10	149
Yes	34	12	2	48
No response	3	2	0	5

Are you going to school?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
No	23	12	5	40
Yes	108	45	7	160
No response	1	1	0	2

What is the last grade you completed in school?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
1-6	6	3		9
7	4	5	1	17
8	10	3		21
9	14	7		30
10	9	5		24
11	44	20	2	77
12	26	8	4	50
Some college	17	6	4	27
College degree	1	1	1	3
No response	1	0	0	1

What is your source of income?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
None	63	30	5	98
Job	26	9	3	38
Cash Benefits (SSI, SSDI, RTI/PESS..)	8	4	1	13
Non-Cash Benefits (Food stamps, Medicaid...)	18	12	1	31
Cash Benefits and Non-Cash Benefits	1			1
None and Non- Cash Benefits	2		1	1
Job and Non- Cash Benefits	7	1		8
None and Cash Benefits	1			1
Job, Cash Benefits, and Non-Cash Benefits	2			2
None and Job	1	1		2
No response	3	1	1	5

Have you ever served in the U.S. Military, Armed Forces, or Coast Guard?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
No	130	58	12	200
Yes	1	0	0	1
No response	1	0	0	1

Have you ever been in foster care?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
No	107	40	12	159
Yes	23	18	0	41
No response	2	0	0	2

Are you expecting a child?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
No	127	55	11	193
Yes	4	3	1	8
No response	1	0	0	1

Do you have any children?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
No	109	48	2	159
Yes	21	8	7	36
No response	2	2	2	6

If yes, do they live with you?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
No	26	9	2	37
Yes	22	7	1	30
No response/not applicable	84	29	9	122

Have you traded sex or drugs for a place to live?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
No	122	54	10	186
Yes	9	4	2	15
No response	1	0	0	1

What is your age?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
12	1			13
13	3	2	1 (11-17)	18
14	6	6		26
15	10	4		29
16	10	4		30
17	20	10		47
18	42	19	11 (18-24)	79
19	19	5		43
20	10	4		34
21	8	3		32

Where were you born?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
In Miami-Dade County	80	40	9	129
In Florida, outside of Miami-Dade County	9	1	1	11
Outside of the State	14	6	1	21
Outside of the US	29	11	1	41

How long have you been living in Miami-Dade County prior to experiencing issues with housing?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
1 week or less	3	1	0	4
More than a week-less than a month	1	1	0	2
1-3 months	4	3	0	7
More than 3 months, less than a year	15	6	1	22
More than 12 months	12	4	1	17
1 year or longer	92	40	7	139
No response	5	3	3	11

What is your race?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
Black or African American	70	24	7	101
White	35	19	4	58
Multiracial	13	9	1	23
Other	11	5	0	16
No response	3	1	0	4

Are you Hispanic or Latino/a?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
No	84	34	9	127
Yes	48	23	2	73
No response		1	1	2

What is your gender identity?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
Male	41	14	5	60
Female	83	37	6	126
Transgender, male to female	3	3		6
Gender neutral	2	2		4
Prefer not to answer	1			1
No response	2	2	1	5

What is your sexual orientation?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
Straight	99	39	11	149
Gay	8	4	1	13
Lesbian	2	1		3
Bisexual	8	6		14
Questioning/Don't know	3	2		5
Other: Pansexual	1	1		2
Prefer not to answer	8	3		11
No response	4	3		7

Please select all of the following that apply to you				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
Drug or alcohol abuse	3			3
HIV/AIDS	3	1		4
Special Education	5	3		8
Mental health issues	6	6		12
Physical disability	1			1
Special Ed and Mental Health	3	1		4
Drug or Alcohol Abuse and Mental Health issues	3	2		5
Drug or alcohol abuse, special ed, and mental health issues	1	1		2
No response	107	44	12	163

Where did you learn about this survey?				
	Unaccompanied (13-21)	DOE (13-21)	HUD (13-24)	All
Website	16	7	2	25
Social Media	3	2		5
Public Transit Ad	10	5	4	19
Article	1			1
Community Event	10	1		11
Word of mouth	28	16	2	46
Other	51	23	4	78
No response	13	1		14

Where did you learn about this survey OTHER?

Case manager
 College program
 Counselor
 Educate Tomorrow
 Federation Of Families
 FIU -FPP

Lotus house
Maestre
MDCPS
Miami Bridge
Ms.Kyles
Ms.Lampkin
Poster
Project Upstart
Public Library
Radio 99 Jams
School
School counselor
School poster
School social worker
Social work at school
Social worker
Teacher told me about it
Trust counselor
Tv ad
Worker