

APPENDIX D

Summary of YCT! Results: Overall & by Age

Appendix D: Youth Count Texas! Summary of Survey Results

The following briefly describes the process for combining data from across sites for initial data collection.

Data were collected by Child and Family Research Partnership at the University of Texas (CFRP) and Texas Network of Youth Services (TNOYS) from local CoC lead agencies and other Youth Count implementers participating in YCT!. Local CoCs worked individually with CFRP to determine data delivery preferences in which data would be shared securely. Options for CoCs to share local-level data included, 1) using an online Qualtrics survey developed by CFRP to directly enter local survey data, in which CFRP would be able to directly download the data, 2) uploading files (either PDFs of scanned surveys or raw, local-level excel data files) to a secure, password-protected server, or 3) mailing in paper surveys for CFRP to organize into an electronic data file. If the CoCs chose an option that provided CFRP with copies of surveys, CFRP staff entered the surveys into Qualtrics and downloaded the local data from the server.¹

A total of 1,007 surveys were received from communities across the state. Duplicates were removed by CFRP for a reduced sample of 913 which was provided to the University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work for data analysis. A total of 155 cases were removed by UH GCSW because they did not meet eligibility criteria i.e. there was no data on age (n=69), the age exceeded 24 (n=25), or the person had spent the prior night in a stable housing situation (n=61). The maximum sample size in final analysis is 758.

The number of respondents varies for each question asked because different communities administered different versions of the survey. Below are descriptive results for the items asked in the 2 page version of the survey overall, and compared by age (under 19 vs. 19-24). Footnotes in the table are provided to indicate which communities were missing if a question was not included in that community.

¹ Osborne, C., Youth Count Texas! 2016 Data Collection and Methodology

Valid Surveys Collected in Each Site

	Total	Under 19	19-24
Austin	61	7	54
Bryan	40	34	6
Corpus Christi	203	164	39
Dallas	64	15	49
Denton	16	8	8
El Paso	61	10	51
Ft. Worth	11	3	8
Garland	1	0	1
Houston	89	14	75
Irving	1	0	1
McKinney	1	0	1
New Braunfels/Comal & Guadalupe Counties	49	37	12
San Antonio	96	81	15
Tyler	19	2	17
Victoria	11	1	10
Waco	35	23	12
	758	399	359

1. Age

Table 1a Age with five categories

	Frequency	%
3-12	50	6.6
13-18	217	28.6
Under 18, age unknown	132	17.4
19-24	337	44.5
18-24, age unknown	22	2.9
Total	758	100.0

Table 1b: A binary variable of age derived from the five categories.

	Frequency	%
Under 19	399	52.6
19-24	359	47.4
Total	758	100.0

2. Where did you sleep last night?

Table 2: Location participants slept on the night before interview

	Frequency	%
Shelter	126	19.8
Transitional housing	127	20.0
Street	180	28.3
Unstable housing	186	29.2
Other	17	2.7
Total	636	100.0

*Missing=El Paso

Notes: Responses were collapsed into the four categories based on the responses to these categories:

(1) Shelter: emergency shelter; domestic violence shelter; hotel or motel paid for with voucher from a church or social services agency.

(2) Transitional housing: transitional housing, veteran administration domiciliary; subsidized housing.

(3) Street: street/sidewalk/bridge; bus ort rain station; woods or outdoor encampment; abandoned building; vehicle.

(4) Unstable housing: substandard housing; in a place that you are being evicted from within two weeks; hotel or motel paid with own funds; sharing housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason; staying informally with friends; mental health facility; substance abuse treatment center; corrections facility; hospital; foster home or group home.

3. What is the total number of months you've been without a permanent home in the past 3 years?

Table 3a: Number of months without a permanent home

	frequency	%
less than 6 months	123	58.3
6 months to 11 months	21	10.0
12 months to 23 months	37	17.5
more than 24 months	30	14.2
Total	211	100.0

Missing=Comal, Denton, El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, Tyler, Victoria and some participants from Corpus Christi

Table 3b: Number of months without a permanent home

Months as homeless	age category		Total
	under 19	19-24	
less than 6 months	85	38	123
6 months to 11 months	8	13	21
12 months to 23 months	18	19	37
more than 24 months	11	19	30
Total	122	89	211

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4. How long has your current episode of not having a permanent home lasted (in days)?

Table 4a: Current episode of not having a permanent home lasted

	frequency	%
Less than 1 months	76	20.7
1 month to less than 3 months	52	14.1
3 months to less than 6 months	89	24.2
6 months to less than 12 months	46	12.5
More than 1 year	105	28.5
Total	368	

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Table 4b: Current episode * age category

Current episode	age category		Total
	under 19	19-24	
less than 1 months	33	43	76
1- 3 months	22	30	52
3-6 months	48	41	89
6-12 months	11	35	46
More than 1 year	33	72	105
	147	221	368

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5. Was your first experience without a permanent home with your family or on your own?

Table 5a: First experience without a permanent home

Responses	frequency	%
With family	201	47.6
On my own	221	52.4
Total	441	

Missing=Houston, El Paso and San Antonio

Table 5b: Age category* first homeless experience with family or on my own

Was your first experience without a permanent home			Total
	Under 19	19-24	
With family	159	42	201
On my own	92	129	221
Total	251	171	422

Missing=Houston, El Paso and San Antonio

6. Please share the reasons that contributed to why you are homeless or do not have a permanent place to live (and/or why you are no longer able to live where you lived previously) at this time

Table 6a: Reasons for homelessness

Reasons for homelessness	n	Percent of Cases
Financial reasons ^A	201/516	39.0%
Family reasons ^B	102/526	19.4%
Kicked out by family	89/570	15.6%
Foster care or CPS related	66/631	10.5%
Health related problem ^C	57/550	10.4%
Abandonment by parent/guardian	39/490	8.0%
Ran away from home	44/570	7.7%
Protect self or family members	35/489	7.2%
Criminal justice related reasons ^D	29/492	5.9%
Lifestyle choice	23/489	4.7%
Too crowded (doubled up)	19/489	3.9%
Kicked out the the house by friends	19/489	3.9%
Pregnant or parenting	11/489	2.2%
Sexual orientation	6/489	1.2%

Missing=Some participants from Corpus Christi were not asked this question. El Paso and San Antonio made major revision in the items so not all options were available in all communities.

Table 6b: age*reasons for homelessness[#]

	Age categories		Total
	under 19	19-24	
financial reasons	53	148	201
family related reasons	47	55	102
Kicked out by family	36	53	89
Foster care or CPS related	46	20	66
health related reasons	17	40	57
Ran away from home	26	18	44
Abandonment by parent/guardian	21	18	39
Protect self or family members	17	18	35
criminal related reasons	9	20	29
Lifestyle choice	10	13	23
Too crowded (doubled up)	8	11	19
Kicked out the house by friends	5	14	19
Pregnant or parenting	3	8	11
Sexual orientation	3	3	6
Total	196	265	461

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Notes: The 26 answer options in questionnaire were categorized into 14 in this analysis.

^AFinancial reasons included: Financial reasons, unable to pay rent or mortgage, loss of public aid, unemployment, moved to seek work, evicted

^BFamily reasons included: family illness, divorce or separation, domestic violence

^CHealth related problem included: physical disability, hospital discharge, mental illness, substance abuse

^DCriminal justice related reasons included left jail, prison or detention; criminal record

Demographics

7. What is your gender?

Table 7a: Frequency of Gender

	frequency	%
Male	248	48.2
Female	260	50.6
Transgender	6	1.2
Total	514	100.0

Missing=Comal, Denton, Tyler, Victoria and some from Corpus Christi

Table 7b: Gender * age category

	Age category		Total
	under 19	19-24	
Male	89	159	248
Female	157	103	260
Transgender	2	4	6
Total	248	266	514

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8. What is your sexual orientation"

Table 8a: Sexual orientation

	frequency	%
Straight	319	83.7
LGBTQ	62	16.3
Total	381	100.0

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Table 8b: age category * LGBTQ

Age category	Straight	LGBTQ	Total
under 19	163	22	185
19-24	156	40	196
Total	319	62	381

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9. Race

Table 9a: Frequency of race

	frequency	%
African American	187	37.2
Other/Native/Asian	36	7.2
White	280	55.7
Total	503	

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Table 9b: Race*Age category

Race	age category		Total
	under 19	19-24	
African American	75	112	187
Other/Native/Asian	14	22	36
White	157	123	280
Total	246	257	503

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10. Do you consider yourself Hispanic or Latino?

Table 10a: Ethnicity

	frequency	%
No	265	55.2
Yes	215	44.8
Total	480	100.0

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Table 10b: Ethnicity * age category

Hispanic	age category		Total
	under 19	19-24	
No	108	157	265
Yes	127	88	215
Total	235	245	480

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Table 10b: Ethnicity * age category

	age category		Total
	under 19	19-24	
African American, Non Hispanic	64	102	166
African American, Hispanic	11	10	21
White, Non Hispanic	48	56	104
White, Hispanic	110	68	178
Other, Non Hispanic	8	12	20
Other, Hispanic	6	10	16
Total	247	258	505

Education

11. Are you enrolled in school right now?

Table 11a: Enrolled in School

	frequency	%
No	288	42.1
Yes	396	57.9
total	684	

Table 11b: Age category * enrollment in school

Are you enrolled in school right now?			
	Under 19	19-24	Total
No	41	247	288
Yes	336	60	396
Total	377	307	684

12. Highest level of education

Table 12a: Frequency of highest level of education

Responses	frequency	valid percent
without HS diploma	391	63.6
HS dip/GED or above	224	36.4
Total	615	100.0

Table 12a: Frequency of highest level of education

Responses	Under 19	19-24	Total
without HS diploma	285	106	391
HS dip/GED or above	22	202	224
Total	307	308	615

Table 12b: age category* highest level of education

13. While in school, have you ever needed Special Education services?

Table 13: Special education services

Responses	frequency	%
No	179	74.0
Yes	63	26.0
total	242	100.0

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Employment

14. Are you able to work?

Table 14a: Being able to work

	frequency	%
No	72	17.3
Yes	345	82.7
Total	417	

Missing=El Paso, San Antonio and some participants from Dallas

Table 14b: Age category * able to work

	Are you able to work?		Total
	Under 19	19-24	
No	55	17	72
Yes	119	226	345
Total	174	243	417

Missing=El Paso, San Antonio and some participants from Dallas

15. What is your job status?

Table 15a: Job status

	Frequency	%
Unemployed/Not working but looking for work	168	50.8
Not working or looking for work	59	17.8
Regular full-time job	43	13.0
Regular part-time job	44	13.3
Temporary job	10	3.0
Day labor/odd jobs	9	2.7
Total	333	100.0

Missing=El Paso, San Antonio and some participants from Dallas

Table 15b: age category * job status

	Under 19	19-24	Total
Unemployed/Not working but looking for work	51	117	168
Not working or looking for work	24	35	59
Regular full-time job	10	33	43
Regular part-time job	26	18	44
Temporary job	3	7	10
Day labor/odd jobs	2	7	9
Total	116	217	333

Missing=El Paso, San Antonio and some participants from Dallas

16. Unemployment status

Table 16: Unemployment status

	frequency	%
less than 1 week	30	19.5
1 week to less than 1 month	25	16.2
1 month to less than 6 months	62	40.3
6 months to less than one year	15	9.7
one year or longer	22	14.3
Total	758	

Missing=Comal, El Paso, San Antonio and some participants from Dallas

Family Situation

17. Are you pregnant or expecting a child?

Table 17a: Pregnancy

	Frequency	%
No	329	85.0
Yes	58	15.0
Total	387	100.0

Table 17b: Pregnant * age category

	age category		Total
	under 19	19-24	
No	142	187	329
Yes	28	30	58
Total	170	217	387

18. Have you ever had a child?

Table 18a: Have a child

	frequency	valid percent
No	270	68.2
Yes	126	31.8
Total	396	

Missing=El Paso and some participants from Corpus Christi

Table 18b: Have a child * age category

	age category		Total
	under 19	19-24	
No	121	149	270
Yes	32	94	126
Total	153	243	396

Missing=El Paso and some participants from Corpus Christi

Table 18c: Have kid(s) or pregnant

Have kid(s) or pregnant	frequency	%
No	230	63.7
Yes	131	36.3
Total	361	

Missing=El Paso and some participants from Corpus Christi

Table 18d: Have kid(s) or pregnant * age category

	Have kid(s) or pregnant		Total
	No	Yes	
under 19	106	40	146
19-24	124	91	215
	230	131	361

Missing=El Paso and some participants from Corpus Christi

19. Is the child currently with you?

Table 19a: Being with child

	frequency	valid percent
No	68	54.8
Yes	56	45.2
Total	124	100.0

Missing=El Paso and some participants from Corpus Christi

Table 19b: Age category * Being with child

	Is the child currently with you?		Total
	Under 19	19-24	
Yes	11	57	68
No	26	30	56
	37	87	124

Missing=El Paso and some participants from Corpus Christi

20. If your child is not with you, who is he with?

Table 20: Who the child is with

	Frequency	%
With the other parent	18	32.1
With family or friends	18	32.1
W/CPS	5	8.9
Adopted by someone else	6	10.7
Deceased	3	5.4
Other	6	10.7
Total	56	100.0

Missing=El Paso and some participants from Corpus Christi

21. Family type

Table 21a: Family type

	response	percent of cases (528)
I am a single individual adult	257	48.7%
I am unaccompanied minor	91	17.2%
I am a minor living with one or more parent(s)/guardian	81	15.3%
I am a single parent with children	40	7.6%
I am part of couple with no children	26	4.9%
I am a parent in a two-parent family	13	2.5%
Other type of family	27	5.8%
Total	535	100%

Missing=Dallas

Table 21b: age category * family type

	age category		Total
	under 19	19-24	
Single Individual Adult	52	205	257
Unaccompanied Minor	80	11	91
Parent in a 2 Parent Family	2	11	13
Couple, No Children	2	24	26
Single Parent, No Children	9	31	40
Minor with Parent/Guardian	81	0	81
Total	253	282	535

Missing=Dallas

Health & Mental health

22. Do you have the following health conditions? (Check all that apply)

Table 22a: Health conditions

	Frequency	%
Mental illness	112/281	39.9%
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	32/205	15.6%
Physical disability	21/262	8%
Alcohol abuse or addiction	14/205	6.8%
Other substance abuse	16/260	6.2%
Developmental disability	15/260	5.8%
Other chronic physical illness	3/137	2.2%
Traumatic Brain Injury	3/205	1.5%
HIV/AIDS	1/224	0.4%

Missing=Comal, Corpus Christi, Denton, Tyler, Victoria

Table 22b: Do any of these keep you from getting or holding a job?

	Frequency	%
No	175	79.9
Yes	44	20.1
Total	219	

Missing=Comal, Corpus Christi, Denton, Tyler, Victoria

Experiences

23. Have you experienced physical or sexual violence while without permanent housing?

Table 23: physical or sexual violence

	Frequency	%
No	159	83.2
Yes	32	16.8
Total	191	

Missing=Comal, Corpus Christi, Denton, El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, Tyler, Victoria

24. Have you ever experienced any of the following?

Table 24: Have you ever experienced any of the following

	Response	Percent of cases
Alcohol Abuse or Addiction	73/156	46.8%
Child abuse or neglect	53/156	34%
Sexual assault	46/200	23%
Gang involvement	14/156	9%
Foster care system involvement	99/261	37.9%
Legal problems or prior conviction	39/200	19.5%

Missing=Comal, Corpus Christi, Denton, El Paso, Houston, Tyler, Victoria and some participants from Dallas

Perceived needs

25. Are there any items that you need help accessing?

Table 25: Items that homeless youth need help accessing

Items	Frequency	%
Bus pass	99/351	28.2%
Clothing	82/327	25.1%
Birth Certificate	75/327	22.9%
State ID	71/327	21.7%
Emergency food	61/327	18.7%
Social security card	58/327	17.7%
Hygiene supplies	56/327	17.1%
Laundry facilities	40/327	12.2%
Phone number/Voicemail	36/327	11.0%
Shower/Restroom	35/327	10.7%
Storage	34/327	10.4%
Contraception	22/327	6.7%
Other	24/327	7.3%

Missing=Comal, El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, Tyler, Victoria and some participants from Dallas, Denton were not asked this question.

26. Which services do you need that you are not getting?

Table 26: Services needed

Items	Frequency	%
Dental care	75/394	20.6%
Enrollment in government benefits	68/394	18.7%
Transportation	55/437	17.1%
Employment services	54/394	14.8%
Case management	47/437	14.6%
Permanent housing (for non-disabled)	39/442	12.3%
Routine medical care	34/442	10.8%
Enrollment in school or GED program	38/394	10.4%
Emergency shelter	33/437	10.3%
Mental health care	31/399	8.6%
Child care	30/394	8.2%
Transitional housing	24/437	7.5%
Child support	21/437	6.5%
Life skills training	21/437	6.5%

Peer support or other emotional support	20/442	6.3%
Emergency medical care	19/437	5.9%
Tutoring	16/437	5%
Legal aid	18/394	4.9%
English classes	15/394	4.1%
Emancipation assistance	12/437	3.7%
Permanent supportive housing (for di	10/442	3.2%
Substance abuse treatment	8/437	2.5%
School-based homeless services	7/442	2.2%
Help locating family	6/437	1.9%
Worker's comp	2/437	0.6%
Other	13/442	4.1%

Missing=Comal, El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, Tyler, Victoria and some participants from Dallas, Denton