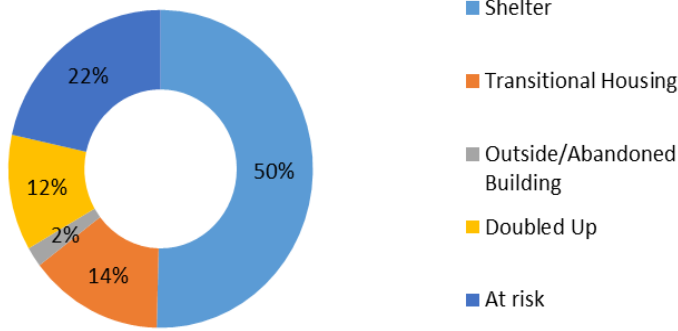


Hampden County Homeless/At-Risk Youth Count: 2014 Highlights

The Hampden County Continuum of Care participated in the first annual statewide point-in-time count of homeless and at-risk youth in January 2014. The count identified and surveyed youth age 24 or younger who were not living with a parent or guardian and were homeless.

Location of Homeless/At-Risk Youth Counted

Total of 246 youth 24 or under, not with their parents



234 youth were surveyed

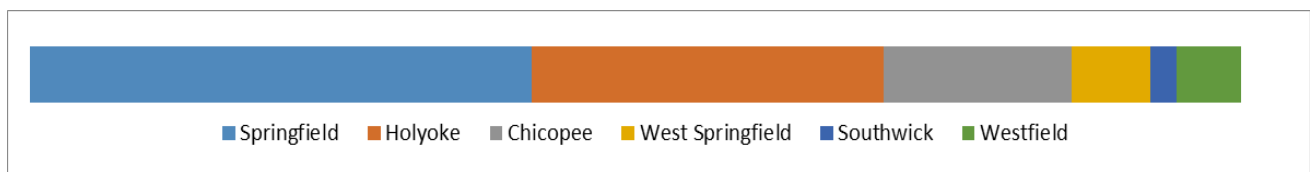
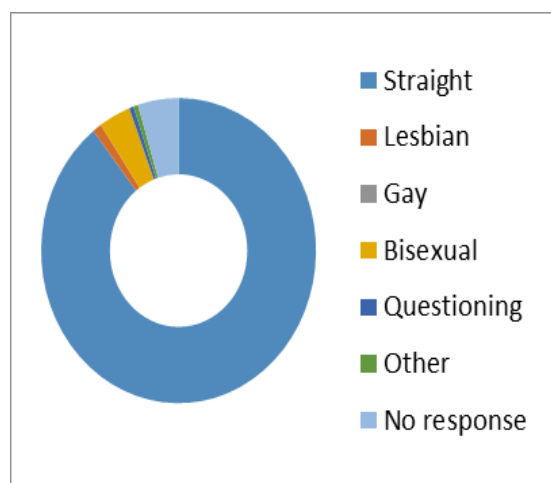
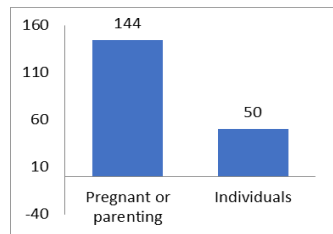
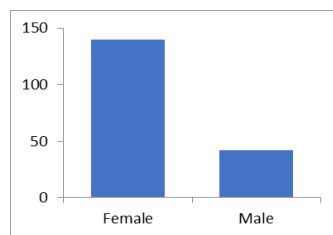
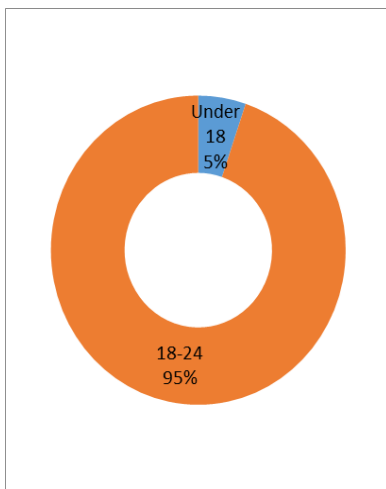
193 youth were homeless;
29 of these were doubled up

In addition to the homeless youth, **53 youth were at risk** of becoming homeless because they did not know if they could stay in their current living situation for more than another 14 days

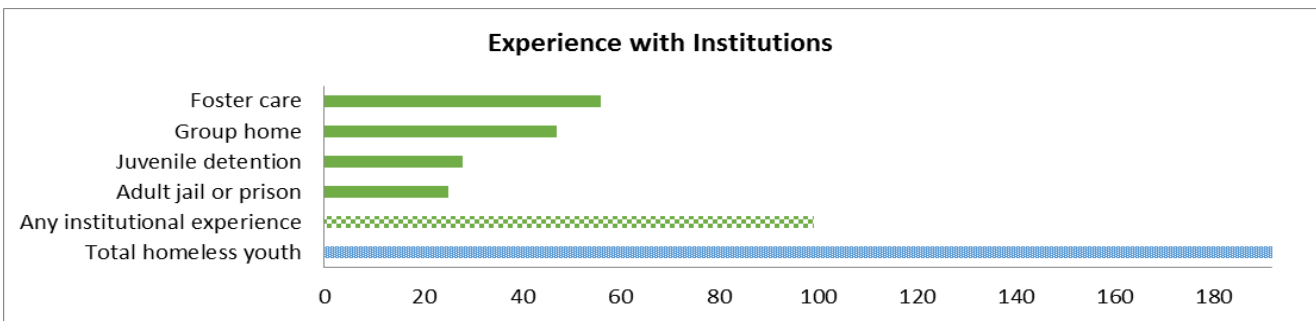
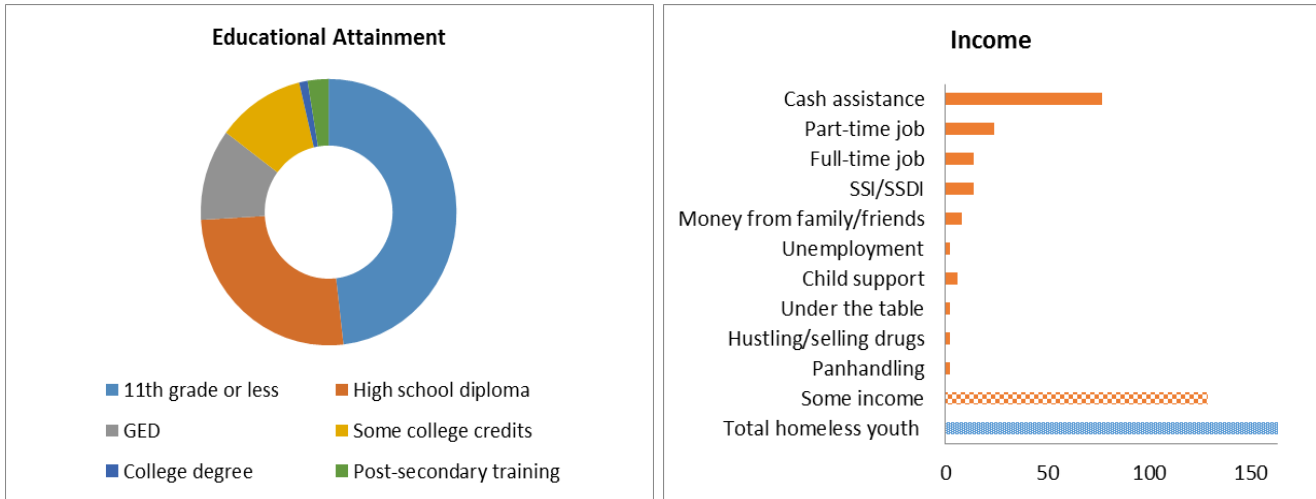
Who did we survey? Age, Gender and Family Type, Sexual Orientation, City or Town

The majority of the homeless youth that we surveyed were in the family shelter system (as heads of households), so the data is not an accurate reflection of all youth who were homeless on the night of the count. The sample is strongly skewed to represent the characteristics of women 18-24 years old who are pregnant or parenting, in shelter in Springfield, Holyoke and Chicopee.

National data indicates that the number of homeless youth includes more males than females and that 20-40% are LGBTQ. Our data set is 95% female and 94% straight.

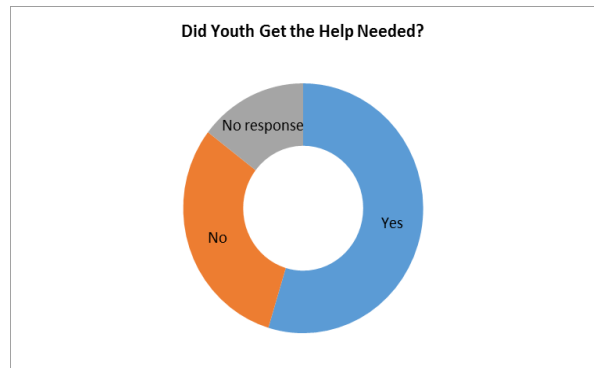
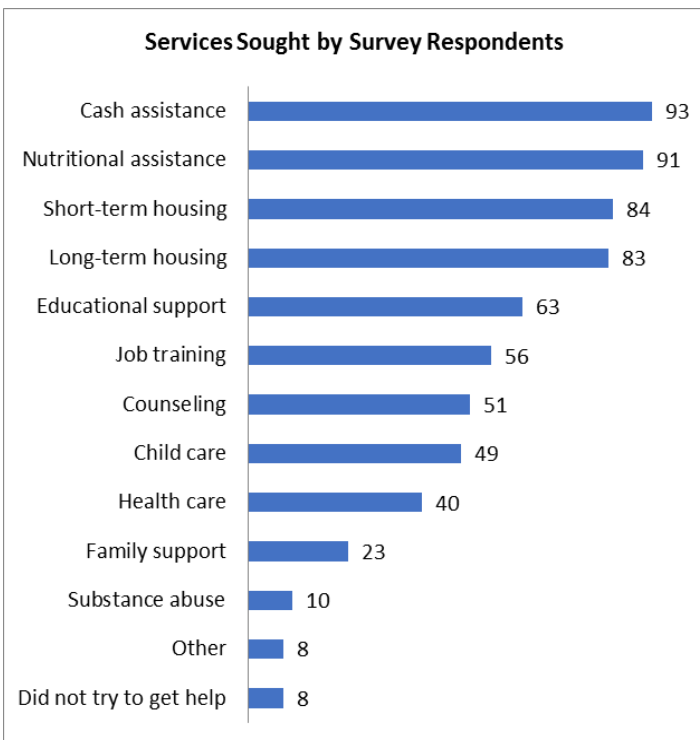


Characteristics of Respondants



The top 3 reasons that youth no longer live with parents or guardians are youth wanting to leave home, overcrowding, and pregnancy.

Access to Services



Top Reasons Youth Did Not Get Help Needed

- Put on waiting list (30)
- No transportation (27)
- Didn't hear back (18)
- Didn't have ID or documents (11)