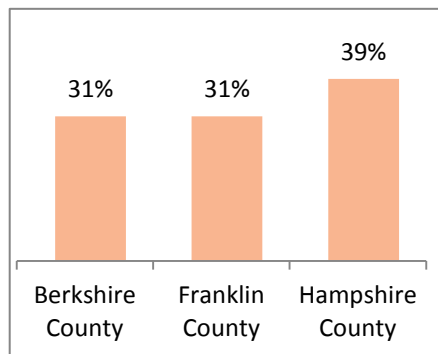


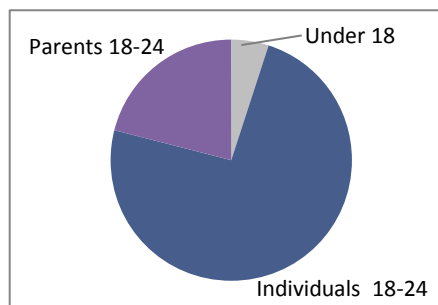
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Fifty-nine young adults and unaccompanied youth who were homeless were surveyed during the 2014 Point In Time Count as part of a statewide Youth Count. These young people met the state's criteria for inclusion in the survey: They were unsheltered/living outside, or living in shelter, or doubled up and/or couch surfing.

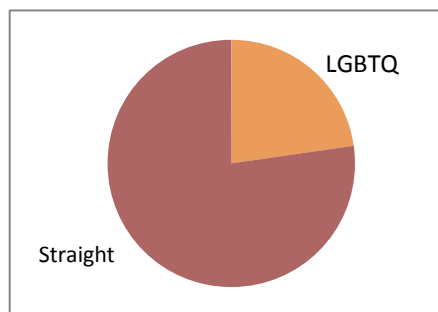
Location. Of the 59 persons surveyed, 39% were staying in Hampshire County, 31% were staying in Franklin County, and 31% were staying in Berkshire County. Most of those surveyed were staying in emergency shelter; the location of respondents thus corresponded to the locations of 3 County CoC shelters, with the majority of respondents staying in Northampton, Greenfield, and Pittsfield.



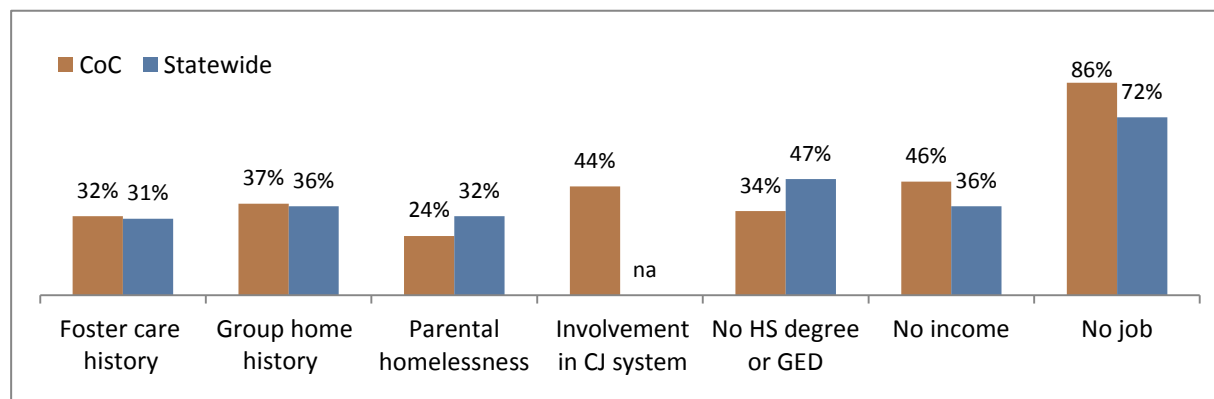
Respondent Characteristics. Three of the survey respondents were unaccompanied youth under the age of 18. Twelve respondents were parents with children and 42 persons were unaccompanied adults. Ten of the individuals were veterans.



The ethnic, racial and gender composition of the survey group reflected the overall population of persons who stay in 3 County CoC shelters: About 70% were Non-Hispanic White; 30% were persons of color; and about 40% were female. Sexual orientation, which is not typically collected by shelter programs, revealed that 20% of respondents identified as LGBTQ. It should be noted that missing data rates exceeded 10% for most demographic fields.




Adverse Experiences. 85% of the young people surveyed reported experiences that are known risk factors for homelessness, or barriers to self-sufficiency, or both.




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Data Report (n=59)




Age Group	#	%
Youth under 18 yrs	3	5%
Single Adults 18-24 yrs	43	74%
Parents 18-24 yrs	12	21%




Gender	#	%
Female	23	39%
Male	30	51%
Missing	6	10%




Sexual Orientation	#	%
Straight	40	68%
Lesbian	2	3%
Gay	0	0%
Bisexual	6	10%
Questioning	2	3%
Other	2	3%
Missing	7	12%



Ethnicity	#	%
Hispanic	8	14%
Not Hispanic	29	49%
Don't Know	4	7%
Missing	18	31%




Race	#	%
African American or Black	8	14%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	2%
White	42	72%
Missing	7	12%





Veterans	#	%
Yes	10	17%
No	41	69%
Missing	8	14%

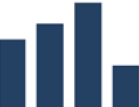
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Income		#	%
	Yes	25	42%
	No	27	46%
	Missing	7	12%


Most frequent sources: cash assistance, SSI, employment


Education		#	%
	8th grade or less	2	3%
	9th - 11th grade	18	31%
	HS diploma	17	29%
	GED	6	10%
	Some college	9	15%
	Missing	7	12%

Children		#	%
	Have children	23	39%
	Children living with them	13	22%
	Missing	6	10%

Risk Factors		#	%
	Foster care history	19	32%
	Group home history	22	37%
	Involvement in criminal justice system*	26	44%
	Parents have hx of homelessness	14	24%

*includes staying in a juvenile detention center and/or jail

Age at which Left Home		#	%
	Under 16	7	12%
	16 - 17 yrs	26	44%
	18 - 21 yrs	22	37%
	22 and over	2	3%
	Missing	2	3%

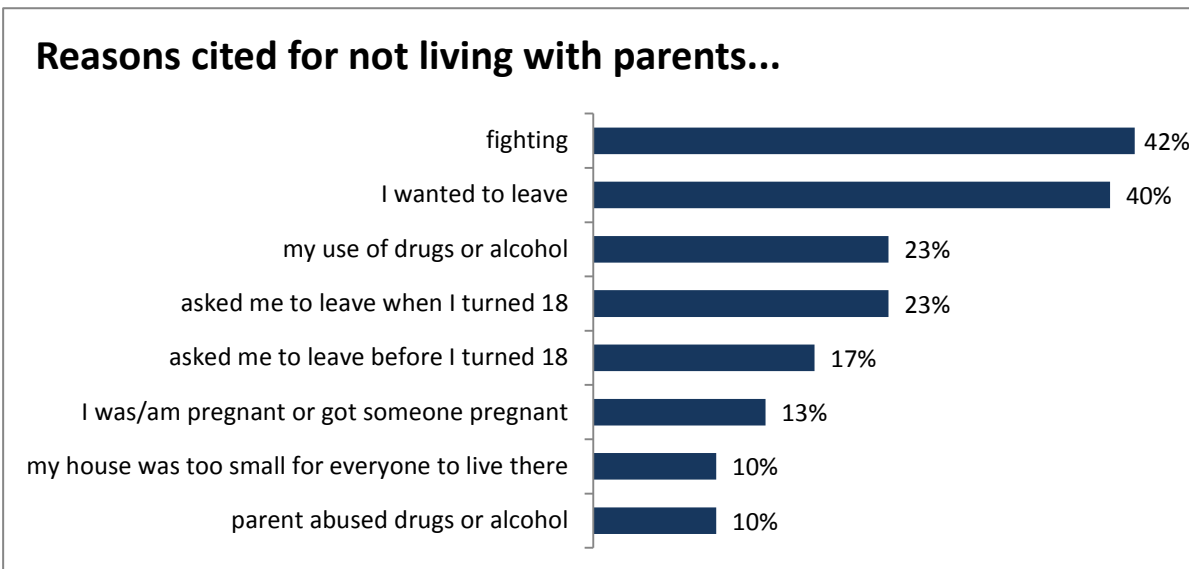
Staying Where		#	%
	Shelter	44	75%
	With family or friends	14	24%
	Place not meant for habitation	1	2%

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Community	#	%
Berkshire County	18	31%
Adams	2	3%
Dalton	1	2%
Great Barrington	1	2%
Hinsdale	1	2%
North Adams	2	3%
Pittsfield	10	17%
Williamstown	1	2%
Franklin/No. Quabbin	18	31%
Athol	1	2%
Greenfield	17	29%
Hampshire County	23	39%
Amherst	8	14%
Easthampton	1	2%
Leeds	8	14%
Northampton	6	10%



Survey respondents were asked why they were no longer living with their parents. 52 persons cited a reason (88% of respondents).



Fewer than 5 persons cited these reasons: abuse or neglect; did not feel safe; left jail or prison; left foster care; parent died.

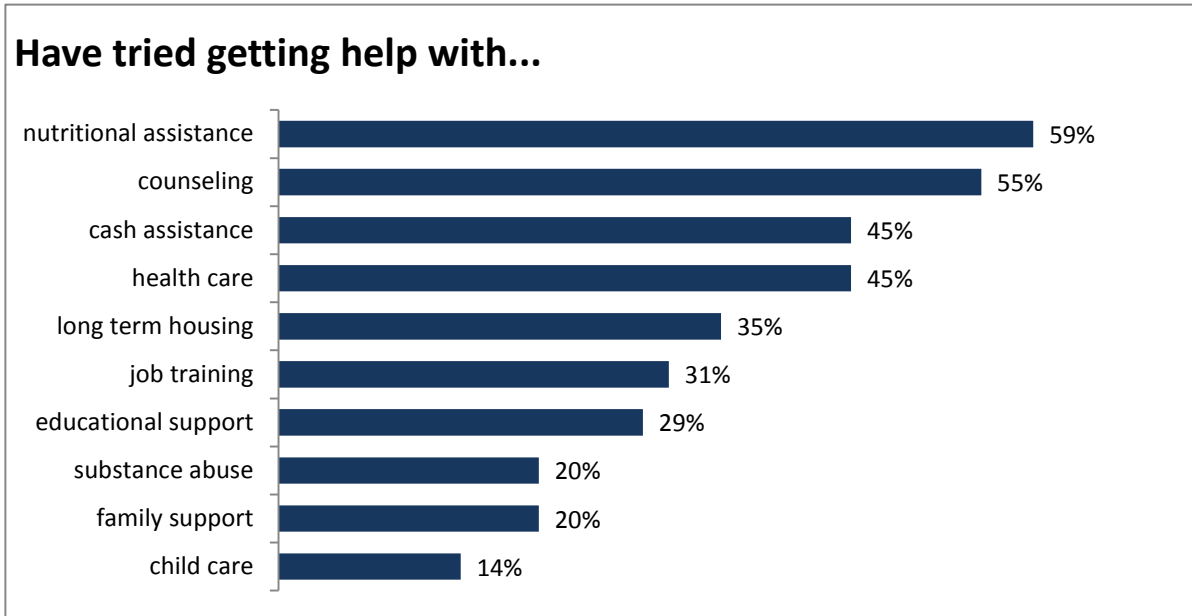
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Note: Reasons cited were analyzed according to age groups (under 18 yrs; 18-19 yrs; 20-21 yrs; 22-24 yrs). No statistically significant differences were found between groups.

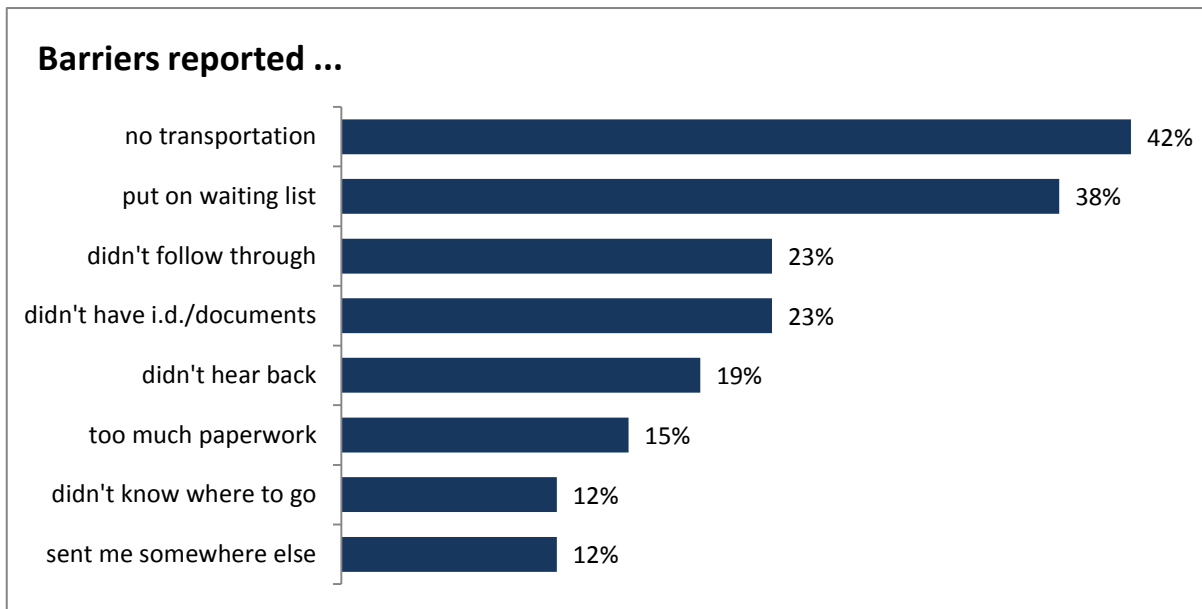
Services

Survey respondents were asked about the types of services they had sought out in the past.

Some 49 persons (83%) responded that they had sought out some type of assistance. The most frequent response aside from short-term housing was nutritional assistance and counseling.



About half of these respondents reported that they had received the help that they sought. The most frequently cited reason for not receiving help was problems with transportation.



Additional barriers reported by fewer than 3 persons included: didn't feel comfortable or safe; language barrier; not eligible.