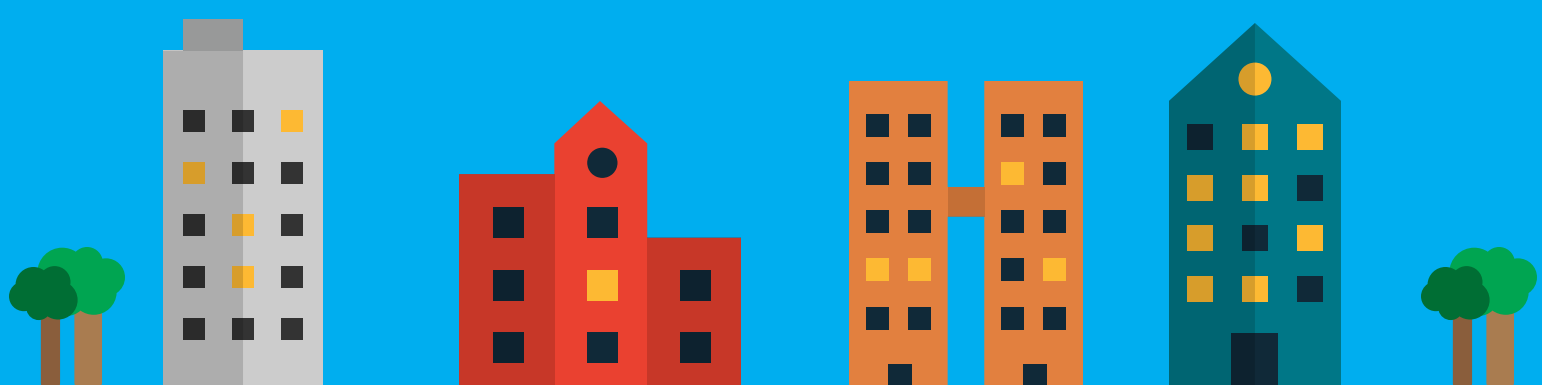


2016 KAMLOOPS YOUTH HOMELESSNESS COUNT

FIRST ANNUAL SURVEY

OCTOBER 13TH TO 21ST, 2016

- This is the first homelessness count to focus specifically on youth (aged 13 to 24) experiences of homelessness
- This PIT (point in time) count took place over one week
- Partnering with **35** service providers; the corrections, foster care & health care systems; and School District 73, we surveyed **281 youth** who may be at-risk of homelessness
- We found that **129** youth had experienced homelessness and of these 129 youth, **56** youth were found to be homeless at the time of the count.

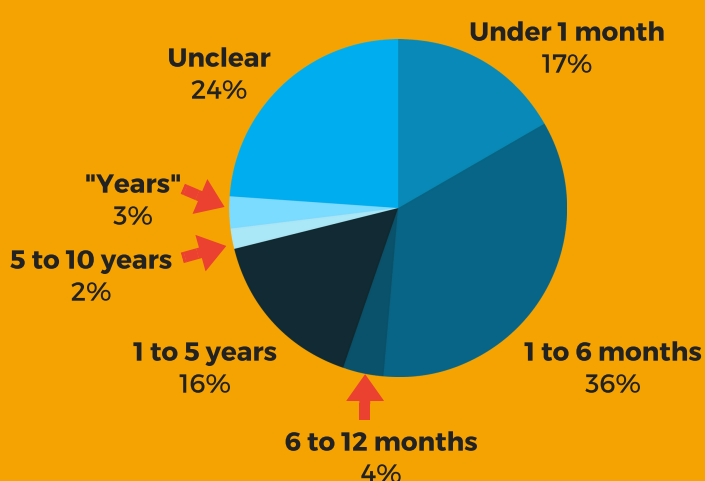


56 CURRENTLY HOMELESS

129 HAVE BEEN HOMELESS

Youth are experiencing homelessness for short and long periods of time. **36 per cent** of youth who have experienced homelessness said that the longest period of homelessness was **1 to 6 months**. The most commonly given reasons for losing housing were addictions/substance abuse* (**43%**) and family conflict (**41%**).

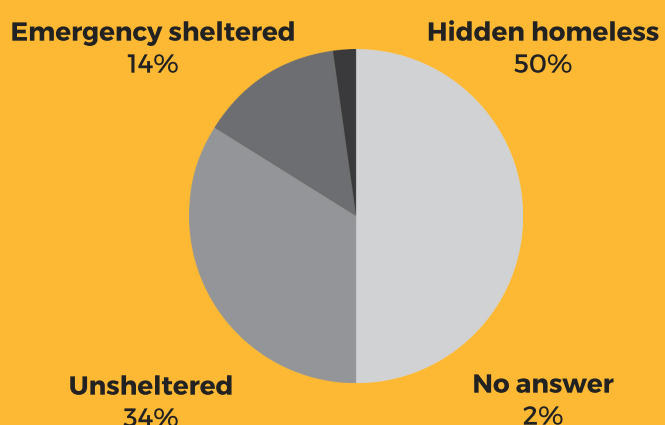
Longest period of homelessness



*May indicate substance use in the youth themselves or in someone else in the home.

For youth currently experiencing homelessness, **71 per cent** were between the ages of 19 and 24 and **27 per cent** were between the ages of 13 and 18. **55 per cent** of currently homeless youth were male. **50 per cent** of currently homeless youth can be called 'hidden homeless', meaning they are provisionally accommodated.

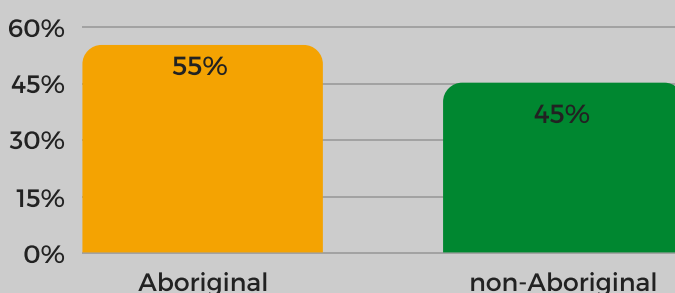
Type of homelessness



What youth are at risk?

Of the 129 youth who had experienced or were experiencing homelessness at the time of the count, the majority identified as being Aboriginal (**55%**).

Cultural identity



54%

Of those who experienced homelessness, **54 per cent** had lived in foster care or a group home.



22%

22 per cent of youth who had experienced homelessness aged out of care.