

Homeless Youth Point in Time Count

A snapshot of how many youth are struggling with housing stability on any given day in Saint John, NB

How many youth aged 16-24 are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in Saint John? On June 4th 2014, the Human Development Council conducted a 24 hour point in time count for homeless youth. We partnered with local youth serving agencies, Saint John's 5 high schools, the Saint John Police Force, faith community, shelters, addictions and mental health agencies to see just how many youth are struggling with housing security. Here are the results:

On that day 50 youth connected to a service

Of those 50 youth...

15 were in existing housing programs

12 youth were residents of First Steps Housing Project Inc. A supportive transitional housing facility for pregnant young women (16-29) and their infants who have no safe place to live.

3 youth were residents of the One Life program, a housing program for homeless youth wanting to complete their education.

35 connected to a support service on the day of the count

Support service staff included school guidance counsellors, outreach/case managers, shelter staff, police, health, mental health and addictions staff

Gender



76%

Females



24%

Males

Support services that were identified as being of assistance to those counted were as follows:



71% Employee and Skill Development



54% Food Security



43% Mental Health



23% Addiction Services

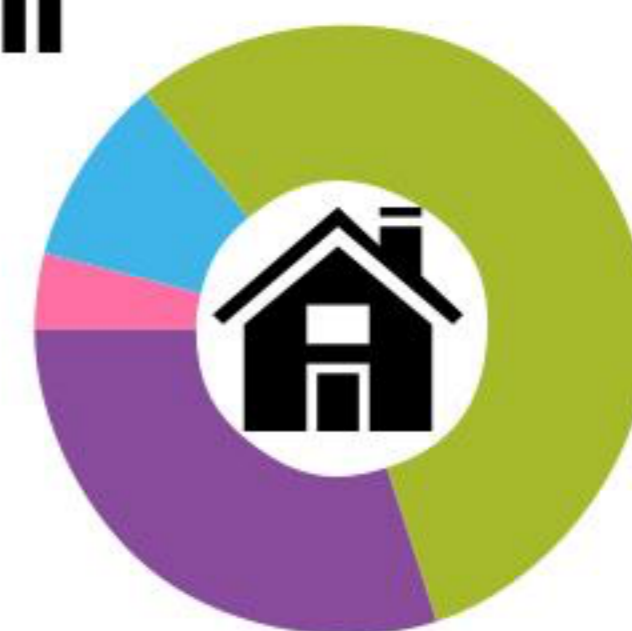
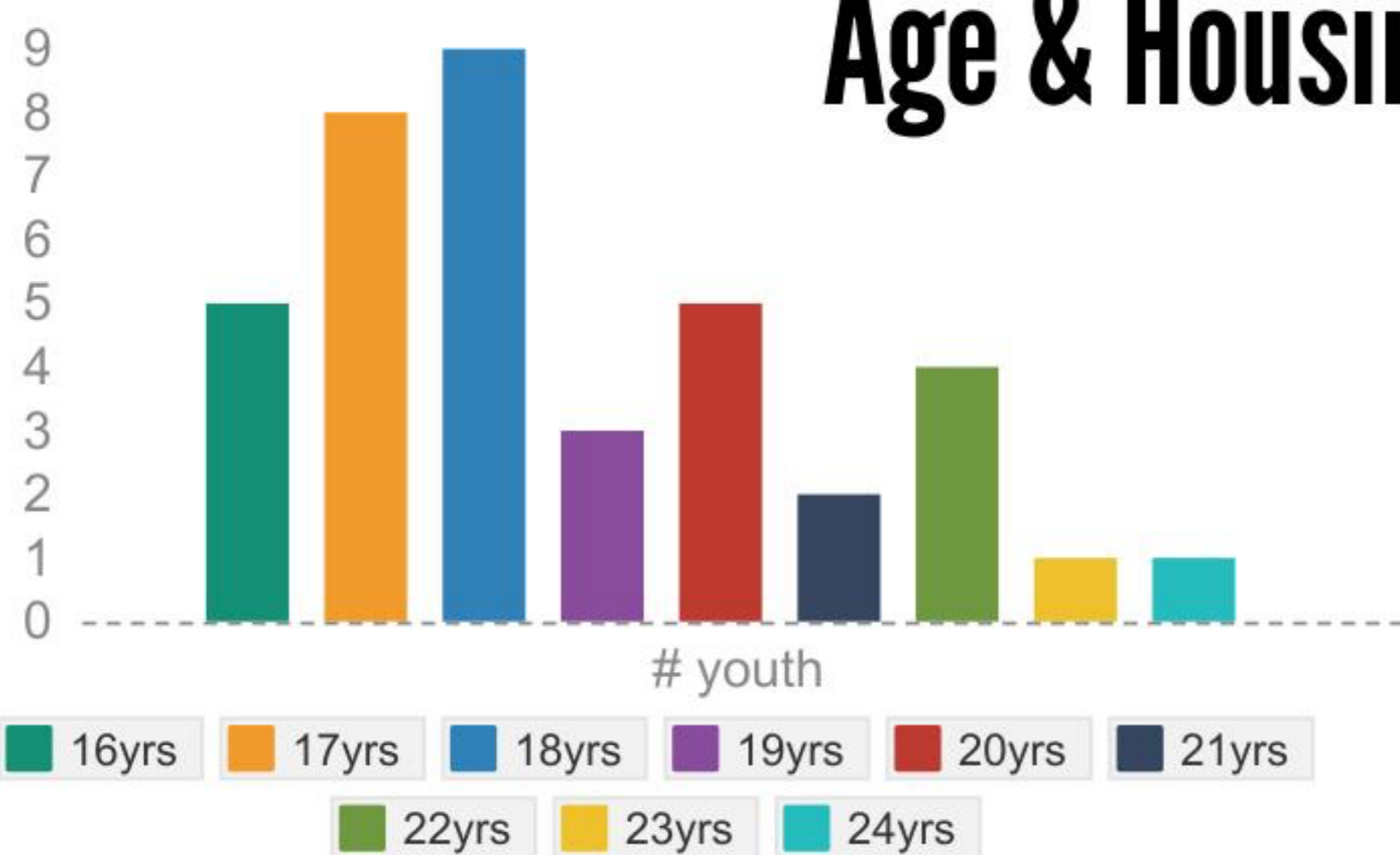


34% Academic Support



54% Family Intervention

Age & Housing Breakdown



Age of respondents

Described Housing Situation

This Homeless Youth Point in Time count is one step in the development of a plan to end youth homelessness in Saint John. The Human Development Council in partnership with Eva's Initiative's Mobilizing Local Capacity to End Youth Homelessness is working to significantly change the course of youth homelessness locally and across the country.