

# IN BoS CoC Youth Programs



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# FEDERAL DEFINITIONS OF HOMELESSNESS

- HUD defines homelessness literally as “a person who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence,” measured by the Point in Time Count (PIT). In 2024, the national PIT count measured **770,000** homeless people.
- US DOE and HHS recognize housing instability; any precarious, transient living situation, to include doubled up, living in a motel/hotel, car, and other places not meant for human habitation. US DOE recognized **3.7 million** were doubled up in 2019; **2.3 million were children from birth-grade 12.**
- Those who are “unstably housed,” are not eligible for federal homeless assistance. Congressional leaders base Homeless Assistance Grants on PIT count data.



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# HOMELESS CHILDREN & YOUTH ACT (HR 5221)

- HR 5221 introduced on 8/15/2023 by US representatives Mikie Sherrill, (D-NJ), Bill Posey (R-FL) Delia Ramirez (D-IL) & Don Bacon, (R-NE). Currently before the Committees on Financial Services, Education and the Workforce. (3/24/25)
- HR 5221 seeks to align federal definitions of homelessness for children and youth, streamline assistance, leverage resources and bring greater visibility to the reality of family and youth homelessness.
- Unstable housing puts children and youth at high risk of trafficking and violence. HR 5221 seeks to assess these youth for services using the same “vulnerability” indices currently used to prioritize people for assistance.



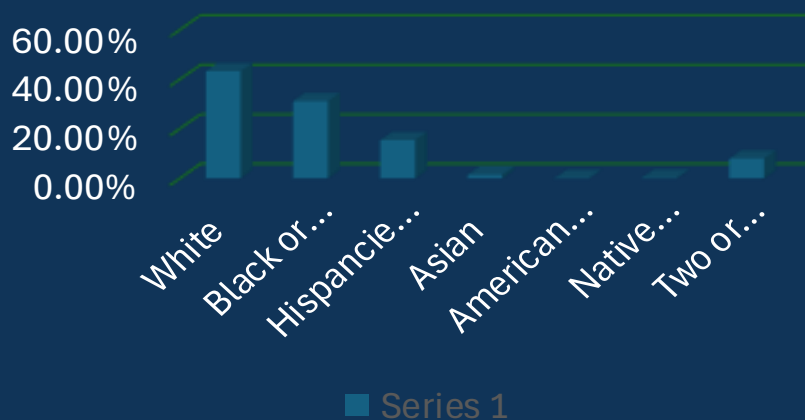
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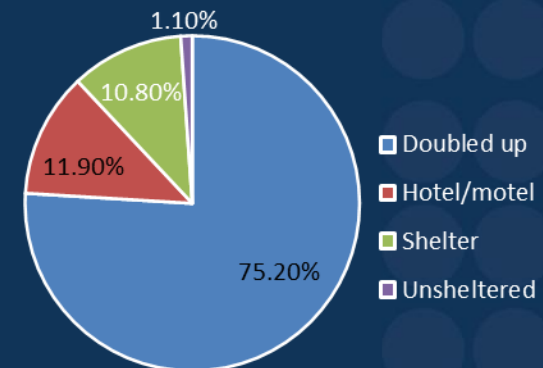
# Youth and Young Adult (YYA) Housing Security in Indiana 2022-2023

Pre K-12 students	18,701	1.8%
Children under 3	7,142	3.77%
Unaccompanied (FAFSA)	452	

## Race and Ethnicity



## Location when identified



\*per SchoolHouse Connection [Child and Youth Homelessness Data Profiles](#) | [Tableau Public](#)

# IHCDA YOUTH SUPPLEMENTAL SURVEY

The Youth Supplemental Survey, piloted in 2024, is only for individuals who are between **14 and 24 years** old AND who were NOT staying in a shelter, transitional housing program, hotel/motel paid for by an agency, or a place not meant for human habitation. These are locations not included in the PIT count.

The Youth Supplemental Survey (YSS) was designed with youth involvement and input. The YSS helps us advocate for HUD resources which are youth specific. The data is not entered into HMIS.

IN 2024, 39 Indiana YYA were reported; in 2025, 23 YYA were reported with the YSS.

# HUD FUNDING IMPACTING YYA HOMELESSNESS

- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP): “to support selected communities in the development and implementation projects that demonstrate how a comprehensive community approach to serving youth experiencing homelessness can dramatically reduce youth homelessness.”
- To date, there have been 8 rounds of this funding. Indianapolis CoC received in 2019. Award amount is \$500,000-\$15 million which rolls into CoC funding after two-three years.



# YOUTH HOMELESSNESS SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT GRANT (YHSI)

## YHSI goals & objectives

**Increase the state and local capacity to better serve youth and create projects that are responsive to the needs of youth at-risk or experiencing homelessness in the community.**

- Establish and foster partnerships
- Improve the capacity of youth in the community
- Improve the centralized or coordinated assessment system also known as Coordinated Entry Systems (CES)
- Improve data collection and use between systems that work with youth at-risk-of and experiencing homelessness.
- Assess, address, and improve equity in youth homeless response systems

# YHSI Timeline

HUD drops NO FO	IHCDA submits application	IHCDA receives notice of award	TA & Cohorts & Budget webinars	Internal controls	Project planning/work ing groups/ contractors	Projects complete
11/ 15/23	2/15/24	6/ 4/24 \$1.5 million	7/24- 12/24	8/24- 2/25	9/24-current	04/27



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# IN BoS CoC YHSI projects

1. **Statewide Homeless Youth Needs Assessment** – gather all existing data about homeless youth, do qualitative research with groups of people with lived experience across the state – then create a study that highlights needs and opportunities. The results will be reported at the Youth Symposium.
2. **Coordinated Entry Alignment** – work with a committee of youth service and homeless service providers, along with the YAB, to develop a diversion tool for youth, and to develop a CE module to be used if someone presents in the CE system as an unaccompanied youth. We will hire a consultant to work with us to develop these tools and train service providers in the BoS CoC to utilize these tools.
3. **Youth Homelessness Symposium** – work with partners across the state to bring high-level presenters and trainers for a symposium about youth homelessness to be attended by YABs and youth services providers across the state. Summer 2026.

# YHSI PROJECTS (CONT)

**4. Develop Statewide Partnerships** – develop and manage two committees regarding youth homelessness – Youth Housing Strategy Group, comprising of youth facing service providers to advise IHCD on the work of this award and other BoS CoC homeless youth services policies and guidelines: The State Interagency Council on Youth Homelessness- state level funders (mostly governmental) of youth and homeless to discuss coordination of funds and messages to the field of organizations serving this population.

**5. Support and train YABs** – support the ongoing development of the current BoS CoC YAB, elevating their expertise through community engagement and input in housing systems. The YAB reports to the BoS CoC Board Community Engagement committee. Develop training for YAB members (ours and others around the state) on how to best impact the systems of care that they represent.



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