Unaccompanied Homeless Children and Youth
IN THE UNITED STATES

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PIT DATA
On a single night in January 2013...

45,616 homeless children & youth were unaccompanied
86.4% were youth (18–24)
13.6% were children (17 & under)

23% of all homeless children & youth were unaccompanied

Unaccompanied homeless children & youth in sheltered & unsheltered locations
41% 59% Unaccompanied Children
51% 49% Unaccompanied Youth

KEY TERM
UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN are people who are not part of a family or in a multi-child household during their episode of homelessness, and who are under the age of 18.

UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH are people who are not part of a family during their episode of homelessness and who are between the ages of 18 and 24.
One-Night Estimates of Unaccompanied Homeless Children and Youth

For the first time, communities submitted PIT estimates of homelessness in three age categories: 17 and under, 18 to 24, and 25 and older. This section describes the extent of homelessness among children (17 and under) and youth (18 to 24), focusing mostly on unaccompanied children and youth. Unaccompanied children are homeless alone, and not in the company of an adult (18 or older). Unaccompanied youth are assumed to be homeless alone and are not in the company of a child.

On a Single Night in January 2013

- 45,616 homeless children and youth were unaccompanied on a night in January 2013. Among them, 86.4 percent were youth ages 18 to 24 and the remaining 13.6 percent were children age 17 and under.
- Of all the 198,382 children and youth who were homeless, 23 percent were unaccompanied (45,616 people).
- Of all the 60,233 youth homeless on one night, nearly two-thirds (65.4%) were unaccompanied. In contrast, a much smaller share of all homeless children was unaccompanied (4.5%).
- Unaccompanied children and youth, who are homeless as individuals, make up 12.3 percent of all homeless individuals on the one-night count.
- Nearly 6 in 10 unaccompanied children (3,675 children) were counted in places not meant for human habitation.
- Slightly under half of unaccompanied youth were in unsheltered locations, about the same rate as for individual adults 25 years and older.

Data Source: PIT 2013
Includes Puerto Rico and U.S. territories

EXHIBIT 4.1: Homeless and Unaccompanied Children and Youth
PIT Estimates by Age, 2013

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<th>Homeless Population</th>
<th>All Homeless Children &amp; Youth</th>
<th>Unaccompanied Homeless Children &amp; Youth</th>
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<td>Total homeless children &amp; youth</td>
<td>198,382</td>
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<td>Children (17 and under)</td>
<td>138,149</td>
<td>69.6%</td>
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<td>Youth (18–24)</td>
<td>60,233</td>
<td>30.4%</td>
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Note: The 2013 PIT estimates are slightly lower than estimates reported in the 2013 AHAR Part 1. The reduction reflects an adjustment to the estimates of unsheltered homeless individuals submitted by the Los Angeles City and County Continuum of Care. The adjustment removed 1,308 youth and 16,966 adults age 25 and older from 2013. This change applies to all PIT estimates in this section. See the supporting PIT data tabulations posted on HUD’s Resource Exchange at www.hudexchange.info.

EXHIBIT 4.2: Homeless Unaccompanied Children and Youth, Older Individual Adults, and People in Families
By Sheltered Status, 2013 (in %)

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<th>Sheltered</th>
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<td>Unaccompanied Children (under 18)</td>
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<td>Children in multi-child households</td>
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<td>Unaccompanied Youth (18-24)</td>
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<td>Individual Adults &gt;24</td>
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<td>People in Families</td>
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TOTAL ESTIMATES

UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTHPIT
By State and Sheltered Status

On a Single Night in January 2013
- California had the highest number of unaccompanied homeless children in the U.S., 1,864, followed by Florida (1,117), and Texas (568).
- California (12,297), New York (3,497), and Florida (2,344) had the highest number of unaccompanied homeless youth.
- California (49.7%), Florida (9.2%), Nevada (7.7%), Texas (4.9%), and Oregon (3.2%) represented nearly three quarters of all unaccompanied children and youth in unsheltered locations in the U.S.

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