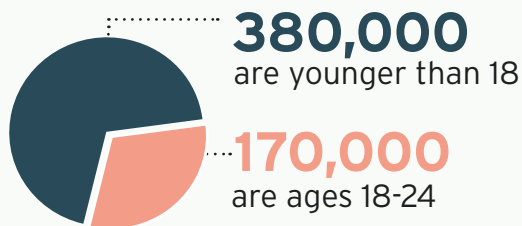


## NUMBER OF HOMELESS<sup>\*</sup> YOUNG PEOPLE

**550,000**  
PER YEAR

<sup>\*</sup> Homelessness lasting longer than one week



# HOMELESS YOUTH & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

**Y**oung people who are homeless also are often sexually assaulted. You can help by listening to youth who have been harmed by homelessness and sexual violence. Your support can make a positive difference in their lives over time.

## RUNAWAY YOUTH



**1 IN 3 RUNAWAYS** have been forced to perform a sexual act against their will



**12.4 TO 13.9 YEARS OLD** was the average age range of first leaving home

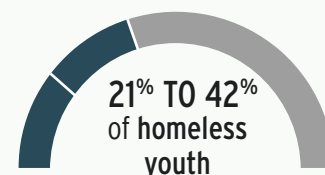
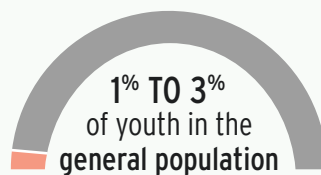


**46% OF LGBTQ YOUTH** run away because of family rejection of sexual orientation or gender identity



Rates of major depression, conduct disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder are **3 TIMES HIGHER** among runaway youth

## HOMELESS YOUTH



PERCENTAGE REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

**1 IN 3 TEENS ON THE STREET**

WILL BE **LURED** INTO  
**PROSTITUTION**  
WITHIN



**48 HOURS** OF  
LEAVING HOME

**MORE THAN 1 IN 3 HOMELESS YOUTH ENGAGE IN SURVIVAL SEX. OF THEM:**



**82%** trade sex for money



**48%** trade sex for food or a place to stay



**22%** trade sex for drugs



**LGBTQ YOUTH ARE 3X MORE LIKELY** TO HAVE ENGAGED IN SURVIVAL SEX

**32%**

of homeless youth have attempted suicide



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## ABOUT THIS INFOGRAPHIC

This infographic is a companion piece to *Linking the Roads: Working with Youth Who Experience Homelessness and Sexual Violence*. It uses the term "homeless youth" to include ages 12-24. Identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity and cultural values can affect how youth react to the traumas they experience from sexual violence and homelessness. All other terminology is taken from the references below. To access a copy of the guide, go to [www.nsvrc.org/publications](http://www.nsvrc.org/publications) or use the QR code at right.



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