

LGBTQ2S YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IN CANADA


40,000

YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS
IN CANADA

6,000-7,000 PER NIGHT

[25-40%]

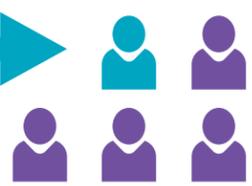
HOMELESS YOUTH IN CANADA
IDENTIFY AS LGBTQ2S

There are no recent national studies that have measured and specifically focused on LGBTQ2S youth homelessness. Since this data remains limited, this graphic shares statistics from a Toronto-based count.

20%
HOMELESS
POPULATION
= YOUTH


HOMELESS YOUTH IN TORONTO

2,000 PER NIGHT

[21%] → 

YOUTH IN TORONTO SHELTERS
IDENTIFY AS LGBTQ2S

LGBTQ2S youth are **overrepresented** in the homeless youth population, but **underrepresented** in shelters.

9 EMERGENCY YOUTH SHELTERS



 = 381

5 TRANSITIONAL YOUTH HOUSING PROGRAMS



 = 137

LGBTQ2S youth have difficulty finding shelters where they feel safe and respected; they experience high rates of discrimination and violence in shelters.



HOMO /
TRANS
PHOBIA
IN SHELTERS



LGBTQ2S SPECIFIC HOUSING OPTIONS ARE AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT IN ADDRESSING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS AND MEETING THE NEEDS OF LGBTQ2S YOUTH.

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