

HOMELESSNESS SURVEY
(PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THIS SURVEY.)

This survey was created by Boyle County ASAP in partnership with Centre College. This survey will help us identify obstacles to safe and affordable housing for all. Filling out this survey is voluntary and you may stop at any time. Your survey information is confidential and will NOT be shared with anyone other than the research team. We will never ask your name and we will report our findings so that your survey information will NOT be able to be identified.

Are you currently experiencing homelessness?
 Yes No
*****If not, please hand the survey back.**

I identify my gender as (check all that apply):
 Woman Non-binary
 Man Not-listed: _____
 Transgender Prefer not to say

What is your current relationship status?
 Married Separated
 Divorced Widowed
 Never Married Other: _____
 Long Term Partner Relationship

Over the past 30 days, what was your total monthly income from all sources?
 \$0-99 \$1000-\$1,499
 \$100-449 \$1,500-\$2999
 \$450-749 More than \$3000
 \$750-\$999

Race/Ethnicity (check all that apply):
 Asian White
 Black Other: _____
 Hispanic/Latino
 Native American /Alaskan Native

Which of the following categories best describes your experience with alcohol or drugs (check all that apply)
 don't drink or use drugs
 casual user
 active addiction
 in recovery from substance use

Age _____

Where were you living at the time you most recently lost your housing?
 (City or zip code): _____

Are you currently (check all that apply):
 Employed full time Student
 Employed part time Unemployed
 Employed seasonal Retired

If unemployed or underemployed, are you currently:
 Unable to work
 Looking for work
 Not looking for work

What is the highest degree or level of education you have completed?
 Less than high school
 High school degree
 Associate's degree
 Bachelor's degree
 Graduate or Professional degree

| Basic information | Yes | No | Not sure |
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| Were you born in the U.S.A.? | | | |
| Do you have children (aged 0-18)? | | | |
| Are any of your children (18 and under) currently living with you? | | | |
| Have you ever been in foster care? | | | |
| Have you ever been arrested? | | | |
| Are you currently on probation or parole? | | | |
| Have you ever stayed in an overnight treatment program for alcohol or substances? | | | |
| Have you ever overdosed on a substance? | | | |
| Have you ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces? | | | |
| Do you receive any disability benefits such as Social Security Disability Income or Veterans Disability Benefits? | | | |
| Is this the first time you have experienced homelessness? | | | |
| Do you feel safe in your current living arrangement? | | | |
| Have you experienced physical or sexual abuse in the past 30 days? | | | |
| Over the past 30 days, is getting enough to eat a problem for you? | | | |
| Over the past 30 days, has obtaining clothes been a problem for you? | | | |
| Over the past 30 days, have you had trouble finding a bathroom or shower to use? | | | |
| Do you have a chronic health problem or medical condition? | | | |
| Do you have any psychiatric or mental health conditions? | | | |
| Do you have a physical disability? | | | |

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How long have you lived in Boyle County?

- 7 days or less
- 8-20 days
- 1-3 months
- 7-11 months
- 1 year
- More than 1 year

How long have you experienced homelessness this current time?

- 7 days or less
- 8-20 days
- 1-3 months
- 7-11 months
- 1 year
- More than 1 year

Immediately before you experienced homelessness this current time, where were you living?

- A home owned or rented by you or your partner
- Subsidized housing or permanent supportive housing
- Hospital or treatment facility
- A home owned or rented by friends/ relatives
- Juvenile justice facility
- Foster care
- Jail or prison
- Hotel/ motel

What do you think are the events or conditions that led to your homelessness? (Check all that apply)

- Lost job
- Increase in expenses
- Couldn't pay rent
- Eviction
- Criminal record
- Alcohol use
- Drug use
- Illness/ medical problem
- Divorce/ separation/ break up
- Family violence
- Argument with family or friend
- Spousal/ partner violence
- Mental health issues
- Landlord raised rent or foreclosed on house
- Aging out of foster care
- Trouble accessing government benefits
- Other _____
- Don't know

Where have you been staying during your experience of homelessness? (Check all that apply)

- Backyard or storage structure
- Motel/hotel
- A place in a house not normally used for sleeping (kitchen, foyer, hallway), porch or garage
- Emergency shelter
- Transitional housing
- Public facility (train station, transit center, bus depot)
- Outdoors/ streets/ parks
- Tent/ Encampment
- Van/ Automobile/ car
- Camper/RV
- Abandoned building

What would be most helpful for you right now? (Check all that apply)

- Rental assistance/ Affordable Housing
- Child care support
- Legal Assistance
- Hotel vouchers
- Food
- Tent
- Hygiene kits for things like soap, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.
- Showers
- Bus Pass/ Transportation
- Employment support/ Workforce placement (Jobs)
- Mental health treatment
- Medical care, including medications
- Dental care
- Substance use treatment
- Free Narcan to reduce overdoses
- Identification
- Social security card
- Case management or other support
- Phone
- Other (please describe): _____
- None

How old were you the first time you experienced homelessness?

- 0-17 years old
- 18-24 years old
- 25-59 years old
- 60 years or older

Call 988 for 24-Hour Suicide Prevention Crisis Line, Call 1-800-928-8000 for Mental Health/Substance Use crisis line 24 hours, For free Narcan & Syringe Exchange Program, go to Boyle Co. Health Dept. at 448 S. 3rd St. Calling 911 is always an option in an emergency.

Is there anything else that you would like us to know that we haven't asked?

Descriptive Statistics – Fall 2023 - Homelessness Survey

25 Surveys

9 surveys at the Amen Corner

3 surveys at the New Hope Food Pantry

13 surveys at the Boyle County Health Department's Syringe Exchange Program

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| Age | 20-30 yrs | 32% |
| | 31-40 yrs | 20% |
| | 41-50 yrs | 28% |
| | 51-65 yrs | 20% |
| Where were you living at the time you most recently lost your housing? | Boyle County | 54% |
| | Other Counties | 46% |
| Employment | Employed full time | 16.7% |
| | Employed part time | 4.2% |
| | Unemployed | 75% |
| | Retired | 4.2% |
| If unemployed or underemployed, are you currently? | Unable to work | 14.3% |
| | Looking for work | 76.2% |
| | Not looking for work | 9.5% |
| What is the highest degree or level of education you have completed? | Less than high school | 36% |
| | High school | 64% |
| Gender | 52% - Women; 48% - Men | |
| Relationship Status | Married | 8% |
| | Divorced | 12% |
| | Never Married | 32% |
| | Long Term Partner | 28% |
| | Separated | 16% |
| | Other | 4% |
| Total monthly household income | \$0-99 | 66.7% |
| | \$100-449 | 4.2% |
| | \$750-999 | 8.3% |
| | \$1000-1499 | 16.7% |
| | \$1500-2999 | 4.2% |
| Race/Ethnicity | Black | 12.5% |
| | Hispanic/ Latino | 4.2% |
| | White | 79.2% |
| Which of the following categories best describes your experience with alcohol or drugs? | Don't drink or use drugs | 36% |
| | Casual User | 12% |
| | Active Addiction | 36% |
| | In recovery | 12% |
| | Multiple | 4% |

| Basic information | Yes | No |
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| Were you born in the U.S.A.? | 96% | 4% |
| Do you have children (aged 0-18)? | 60% | 40% |
| Are any of your children (18 and under) currently living with you? | 27.3% | 72.7% |
| Have you ever been in foster care? | 44% | 56% |
| Have you ever been arrested? | 75% | 25% |
| Are you currently on probation or parole? | 37.5% | 62.5% |
| Have you ever stayed in an overnight treatment program for alcohol or substances? | 52% | 48% |
| Have you ever overdosed on a substance? | 32% | 68% |
| Have you ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces? | 8% | 92% |
| Do you receive any disability benefits such as Social Security Disability Income or Veterans Disability Benefits? | 26.1% | 73.9% |
| Is this the first time you have experienced homelessness? | 60% | 40% |
| Do you feel safe in your current living arrangement? | 76% | 24% |
| Have you experienced physical or sexual abuse in the past 30 days? | 8% | 92% |
| Over the past 30 days, is getting enough to eat a problem for you? | 80% | 20% |
| Over the past 30 days, has obtaining clothes been a problem for you? | 80% | 20% |
| Over the past 30 days, have you had trouble finding a bathroom or shower to use? | 72% | 28% |
| Do you have a chronic health problem or medical condition? | 48% | 52% |
| Do you have any psychiatric or mental health conditions? | 36% | 64% |
| Do you have a physical disability? | 36% | 64% |

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| How long have you been in Boyle County? | 7 days or less | 20.8% |
| | 8-30 days | 4.2% |
| | 1-3 months | 0% |
| | 4-6 months | 8.3% |
| | 7-11 months | 8.3% |
| | 1-2 years | 4.2% |
| | More than 2 years | 54.2% |
| How long have you experienced homelessness this current time? | 7 days or less | 17.4% |
| | 8-30 days | 17.4% |
| | 1-3 months | 4.3% |
| | 4-6 months | 13% |
| | 7-11 months | 17.4% |
| | 1-2 years | 17.4% |
| | More than 2 years | 13% |
| Immediately before you experienced homelessness, where were you living? | A home owned or rented | 50% |
| | Subsidized housing | 4.2% |
| | Hospital or treatment facility | 4.2% |
| | A home owned or rented by friends/ relatives | 8.3% |
| | Foster care | 4.2% |
| | Jail or prison | 4.2% |
| | Hotel/ Motel | 4.2% |
| | Other | 12.5% |
| | Multiple | 4.0% |

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| <p>What do you think are the events or conditions that led to your homelessness? (check all that apply)</p> <p><i>** this number is likely skewed compared to the actual population of people experiencing homelessness in Boyle County because many of our surveys came from the Syringe Exchange program.</i></p> <p><i>69.2% of respondents from the Syringe Exchange program said that they thought that Drug Use led to their homelessness whereas only 9.1% of respondents from the other two locations said that drug use led to their homelessness</i></p> | Drug use | 41.7% |
| | Eviction | 33.3% |
| | Lost job | 25.0% |
| | Criminal record | 16.7% |
| | Family violence | 16.7% |
| | Mental health issues | 16.7% |
| | Other | 13.0% |
| | Increase in expenses | 12.5% |
| | Alcohol use | 12.5% |
| | Illness/ medical problem | 12.5% |
| | Divorce/ separation/ break up | 12.5% |
| | Argument with Family/ Friend | 8.3% |
| | Couldn't pay rent | 8.3% |
| | Spousal/ partner violence | 4.2% |
| | Don't Know | 4.2% |
| | Trouble Accessing Benefits | 4.2% |
| <p>Where have you been staying during your experience of homelessness? (Check all that apply)</p> | Couch Hopping with Friends/ Family | 25.0% |
| | Tent/ Encampment | 20.8% |
| | Van/ Automobile/ car | 20.8% |
| | Abandoned building | 16.7% |
| | Backyard or storage structure | 12.5% |
| | Camper/RV | 12.5% |
| | Motel/hotel | 8.3% |
| | A place in a house not normally used for sleeping (kitchen, foyer, hallway), porch or garage | 8.3% |
| | Outdoors/ streets/ parks | 8.3% |
| | Other | 8.3% |
| | Emergency shelter | 4.2% |
| | Transitional housing | 4.2% |

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| What would be most helpful for you right now? (Check all that apply) | Rental assistance/ Affordable housing | 82.6% |
| | Food | 69.6% |
| | Hotel vouchers | 60.9% |
| | Hygiene kits | 60.9% |
| | Employment support | 43.5% |
| | Tent | 39.1% |
| | Showers | 34.8% |
| | Substance use treatment | 30.4% |
| | Case management | 22.7% |
| | Free Narcan to reduce overdoses | 21.7% |
| | Phone | 21.7% |
| | Dental care | 21.7% |
| | Bus Pass/ Transportation | 17.4% |
| | Identification | 17.4% |
| | Legal assistance | 17.4% |
| | Mental health treatment | 13.0% |
| | Childcare support | 13.0% |
| | Social security card | 13.0% |
| Medical care/ medications | 8.7% | |
| Other | 8.7% | |

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| How old were you the first time you experienced homelessness? | 0-17 years old | 9.5% |
| | 18-24 years old | 28.6% |
| | 25-59 years old | 52.4% |
| | 60 years or older | 9.5% |