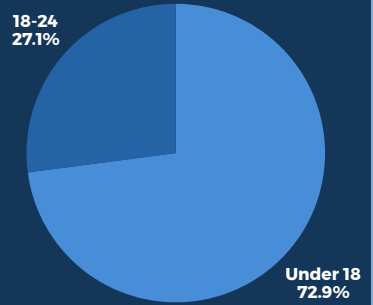


# YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IN VERMONT

Across the state of Vermont, youth homelessness is a pressing issue faced by countless young people.

In **2025**, Vermont's Point-in-Time Report found that **868** youths faced some form of homelessness.

Of those 868 individuals, **633** were under 18 years of age, and **235** were 18-24 years of age.



## Homelessness in Rural Communities



Many unique challenges arise for youth facing housing instability and homelessness within Vermont due to the state's many **rural** communities.

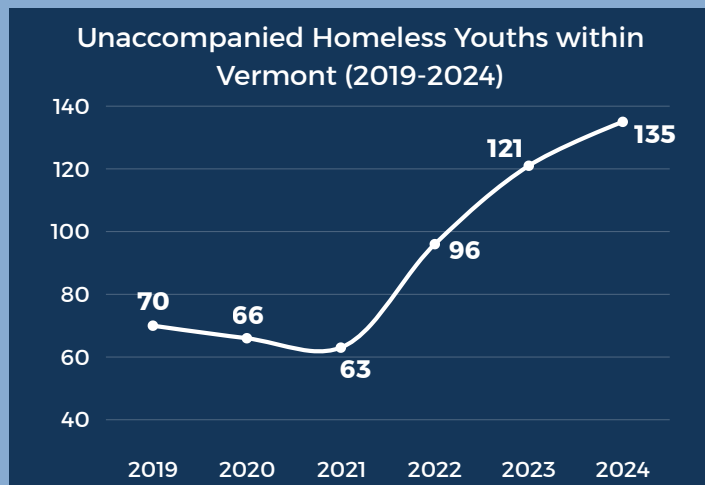
For youth in rural communities, homelessness can look very different from homelessness in more urban environments. Youth often rely on **couch surfing** at friends' or strangers' homes, **sleeping in vehicles**, or **staying outdoors**.

Some **unique challenges** of homelessness in rural communities include, but are not limited to:

- Limited access to vital services designed for youth experiencing homelessness
- Increased difficulty connecting with education and employment opportunities
- A higher risk of experiencing the destabilizing effects of changes to one's community, such as the collapse of an industry or the emergence of a substance use epidemic

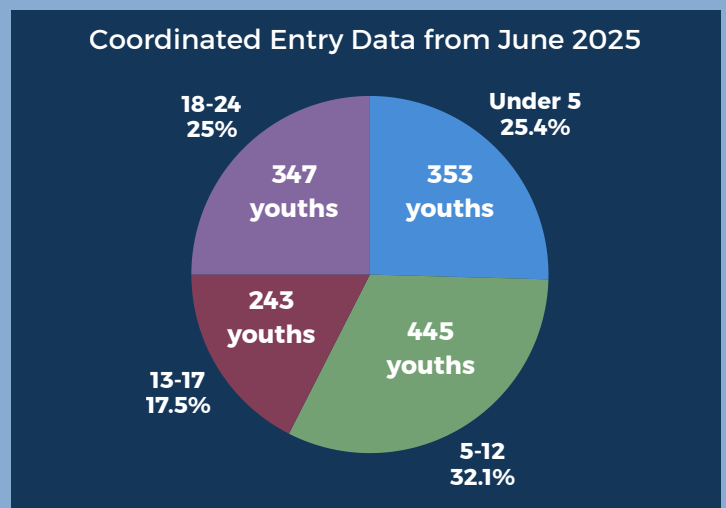
## Further Statistics

Based on data acquired by the Vermont Agency of Education, the number of **Unaccompanied Homeless Youths** has nearly **doubled** over the last five years, with a **92.9%** increase.



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Vermont's **Coordinated Entry Data** from **June of 2025** found that **1,388** youths were experiencing some form of homelessness within the month of June.



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