

# What is the 2018 Connecticut Youth Count?

## What

In 2015, Connecticut conducted the first count of homeless youth, or **the Youth Count**. The Count helped identify more than 3,000 youth struggling with homelessness and housing instability. Based on the **2017 Youth Count!** Connecticut estimated 4396 youth to be homeless or unstably housed.

The 2018 Youth Count is a statewide volunteer effort that builds on best practices from previous counts to estimate homeless and unstably housed youth.

## Why

The objective is to **end youth homelessness by 2020**.

The Youth Count is essential to getting the **data & resources** that will make this happen, and collaboration between service providers, community groups, and **youth** make the count possible.

Having great data is critical to getting the resources that are so desperately needed to house homeless and unstably housed youth.

## How

From January 24-30, 2018 teams of youth and volunteers survey young people along routes, at organizations & at hotspots to collect information on their housing status.

Youth are not identified by name, but volunteers can connect youth to services during the count.

Information is sent to the Connecticut Coalition To End Homelessness (CCEH) to analyze and share with the wider community, state, and federal partners.

## Get involved

CCEH and regional Youth Engagement Teams (YETIs) are calling for support from youth and communities.

**Help us end youth homelessness.** Contact the CT Coalition to End Homelessness to be connected with your regional Youth Count coordinator at 860-721-7876 x106 or visit <http://www.cceh.org/youth-count/> for more information.