



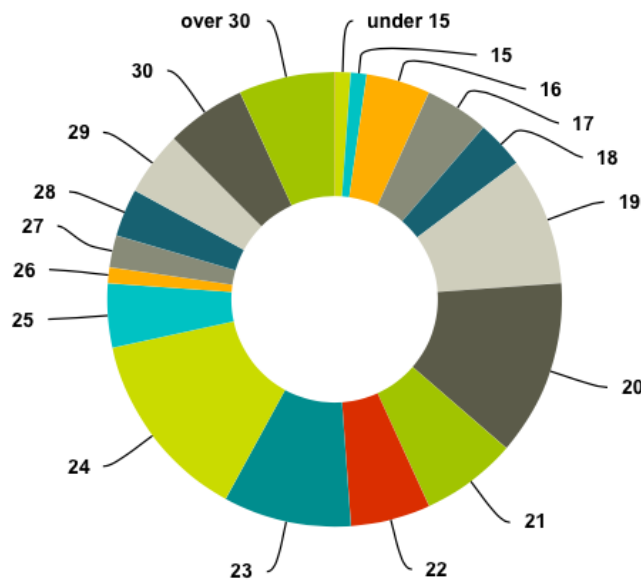
Youth Housing YYJ

Results from the 2017 Youth Housing YYJ survey produced by the City of Victoria Youth Council. To identify current trend affecting youth in Victoria in regards to housing issues.

89 Total Respondents

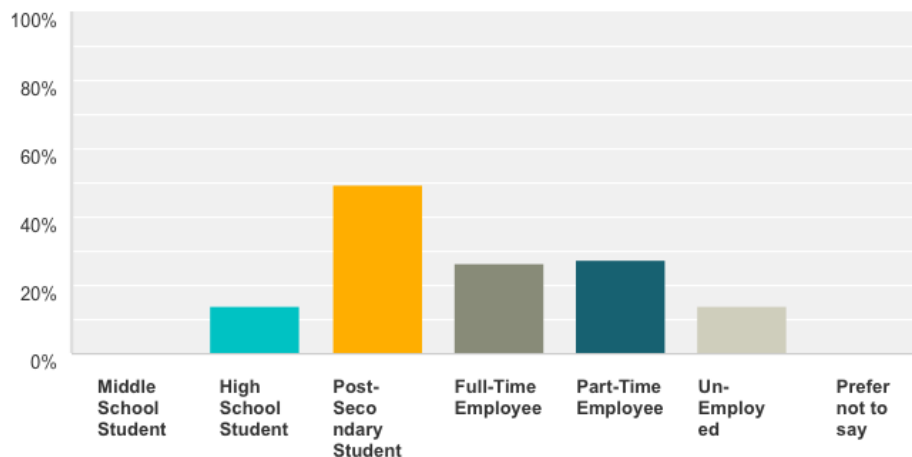
How old are you?

Answered: 88 Skipped: 1



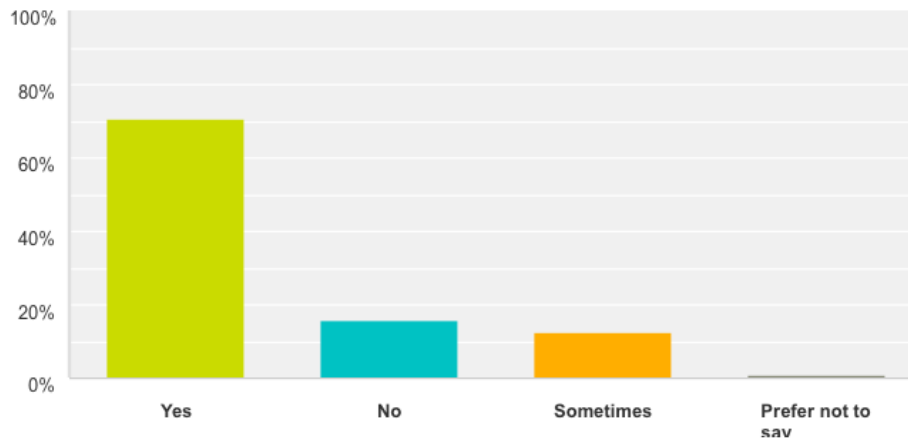
What is your current position? (Please choose all that apply)

Answered: 87 Skipped: 2



Have you ever experienced housing insecurity? (We define housing insecurity as high housing costs compared to income, poor housing quality, and/or housing that is unstable, overcrowded, or non-existent.)

Answered: 89 Skipped: 0



Current Problems Identified in Survey:

(sorted by frequency of answer)

Unaffordable rent

Having nowhere to go/no options

Terrified of losing current housing situation

Landlords refusing to follow Tenancy Act

Forced reliance on family/friends for housing

Having to decide between pets and housing

Highly competitive rental market

Renovictions

Evicted so that landlords can resume occupancy

Ageing-out of youth housing

No stable long-term housing

Overcrowded housing

Stuck in unsafe living situations

Discrimination from landlords/potential landlords

Living in illegal units and afraid to complain about issues

Struggling to find housing as an international student

Suggested Solutions:

(sorted by frequency of answer)

- More affordable housing (government and private)**
- Support for youth facing discrimination in housing/landlord abuse**
- Housing specifically for vulnerable youth**
- More pet friendly-housing**
- Ban on rental bidding wars**
- Free buss passes for youth**
- Government rent allowances for youth**
- Rent controls/cap**
- Year-round youth emergency shelter**
- More housing within walking distance of amenities**
- More student housing provided by universities**
- Youth collective/co-op housing**
- Housing with supportive services in it for youth with addictions**
- Less stigma around housing issues**
- More support services for finding affordable housing**
- Better advertisement of current support services**
- More support for youth to understand tenancy laws**
- Youth-lead support services/mentorship**
- More micro-housing**
- Housing support for international students**
- City bylaw to require realistic, affordable units in new buildings**
- Tax on empty homes**
- Ability to break leases without penalty if the landlord threatens you**
- Tenancy board reform**
- “Wet” emergency shelters for youth**
- More incentives for people to rent out empty rooms**
- Queer-friendly emergency shelters**
- Meet-ups for people seeking housing/roommates**