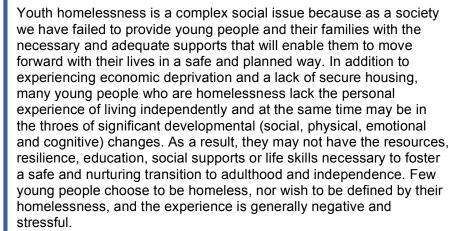




2. PFC Student Worksheet - What is youth homelessness?

"Youth homelessness" refers to the situation and experience of young people between the ages of 13 and 24 who are living independently of parents and/or caregivers, but do not have the means or ability to acquire a stable, safe or consistent residence.



Youth homelessness is the denial of basic human rights and once identified as such, it must be remedied. All young people have the right to the essentials of life, including adequate housing, food, safety, education and justice.

The degrees of homelessness:

"1) **Unsheltered**, or absolutely homeless and living on the streets or in places not intended for human habitation;

2) **Emergency Sheltered**, including those staying in overnight shelters for people who are homeless, as well as shelters for those impacted by family violence;

3) **Provisionally Accommodated**, referring to those whose accommodation is temporary or lacks security of tenure and finally,

4) At Risk of Homelessness, referring to people who are not homeless, but whose current economic and/or housing situation is precarious or does not meet public health and safety standards."

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1 in 5 shelter users are youth



male to female ratio in youth shelters



25 - 40% of youth experiencing homelessness self-identified as LGBTQ

(Gaetz, 2014)