



**Fact sheet: Homeless lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth in San Francisco, Calif.**

**1) How many homeless youth in the city/state?**

- a) **San Francisco:** According to the mayor's office, approximately 4,000 homeless youth are estimated to live in San Francisco. Source: San Francisco Workgroup on Homeless and Runaway Youth (2005). *Addressing the needs of homeless and runaway youth: Recommendations to Mayor Gavin Newsom*. San Francisco: San Francisco Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families.
  - i) 6,248 people were homeless and living on the streets of San Francisco in January 2005 when the last point-in-time census was completed by the City of San Francisco.
- b) **California:** There is no publicly available estimate of the number of homeless youth statewide.
  - i) In 2005 there were 170,270 homeless people statewide in California according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

**2) How many are LGBT?**

- a) We estimate that between 800 and 1,600 homeless youth in San Francisco are LGBT.
- b) This calculation is based on research that demonstrates that 20 to 40 percent of all homeless youth identify LGBT.

**3) What are their public agencies city or state that deal with them?**

- a) San Francisco Department of Human Services (see contact info below)

**4) What has the city/state done to address needs of homeless LGBT youth?**

- a) There is an initiative between the Board of Supervisors, San Francisco City Council and Larkin Street Youth Services to provide housing targeted at the predominantly LGBT youth community that calls the Castro area home.
- b) The City of San Francisco conducts a point-in-time count every other year. The 2007 count, scheduled for Jan. 31 will, for the first time, include a count of all persons residing in shelters and other such accommodations and for the first time cover the entire geographic area of the city and county of San Francisco.

**5) Contact information for a San Francisco service provider with focus and expertise on LGBT youth:**

**Larkin Street Youth Services**  
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**6) Contact information for public agencies or key person's office:**

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