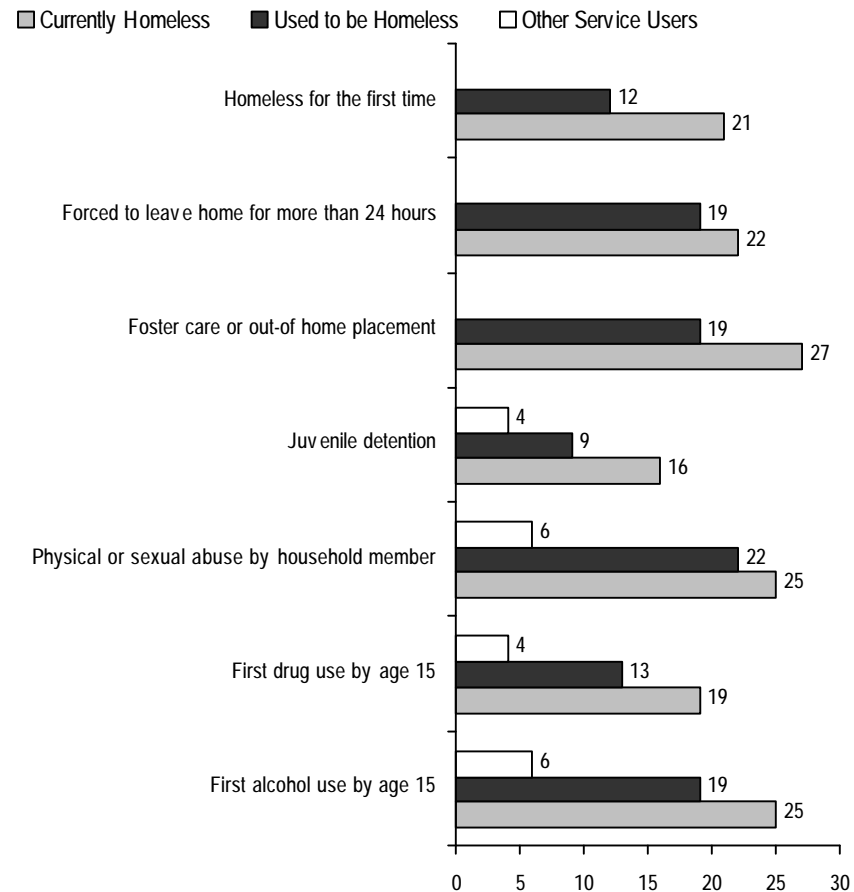


Could Some of Today's Troubled Youth Be Tomorrow's Homeless?

Formerly and currently homeless adults are more likely to have endured childhood abuse, used drugs or alcohol at an early age, or spent time in juvenile detention than other adults who never were homeless but are poor enough to use the same services, such as soup kitchens or drop-in centers. Experiences away from one's childhood family also may be risk factors for adult homelessness.

Percentage with adverse experience before age 18



SOURCE: Urban Institute analysis of weighted 1996 National Survey of Homeless Assistance Providers and Clients data.

To see the full report, "Homelessness: Programs and the People They Serve—Findings of the National Survey of Homeless Assistance Providers and Clients," by Martha Burt, Laudan Aron, Toby Douglas, Jesse Valente, Edgar Lee, and Britta Iwen, visit www.urban.org.