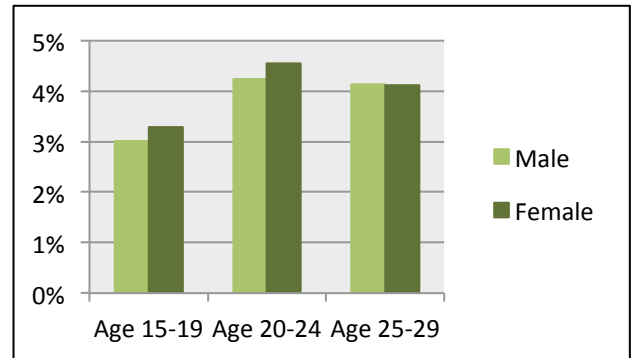


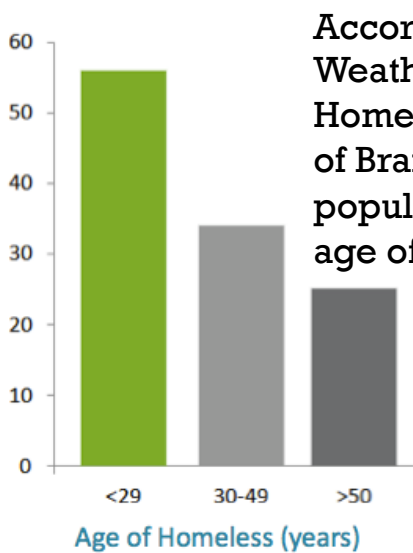
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Youth between the ages of 15 and 29 make up 23% of the population of Brandon. And, as stated in The City of Brandon's Youth Plan, "the challenge for any community is to break the cycle of reaction to the factors of "at risk youth" and to build programs and services that are more proactive in nature."



Youth 15 – 29 in Brandon as Percentage of Total Population



According to the 2015 Cold Weather Point-in-Time Homeless Count, nearly 1/2 of Brandon's homeless population are under the age of 30.



Affordability	Health
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of affordable, youth focused housing. Low income. Lack of financial management skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental health concerns such as anxiety, depression, and mood disorders. Untreated addictions issues.
<p>In addition to these common themes, it was also found that a lack of life-skills, family supports, advocates, and references all contribute to youth homelessness in our community.</p>	



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Research participants were asked what our community needs in order to prevent and end youth homeless, and this is what we've learned!

Youth

- A place to go that can help me find what I need
- Someone to take me to look at / for housing
- Someone that will advocate for me
- A place like 7th Street that is more accessible for youth
- More community-building events that are accessible, appropriate, and affordable for youth

Professionals

- A place that is specific for youth that will advocate for them, provide access to resources, and offer programming and services
- More youth specific affordable housing
- More funding
- A permanent youth housing coordinator
- A 7th Street Health Access Centre for youth
- Transitional supportive housing units that is geared to the specific needs of youth
- Mentorship programs
- Leadership programs
- Bringing education around housing and homelessness into schools
- A resource centre that is easy to access, and is store front / not inside the provincial building



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