



Fact sheet: Homeless lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth in Atlanta, Ga.

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

- a) There is no publicly available source of data on the number of homeless youth in Atlanta or statewide.
- b) 5,393 sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons (adults and youth) were counted in the city by Pathways Community Network's homeless census on the night of January 24-25, 2006.
- c) Based on this figure, it is estimated that over the course of a year 21,600 individuals experience homelessness in the metropolitan Atlanta area.

2) How many are LGBT?

- a) Because there is no source of data on the number of homeless youth, it is not possible to estimate what percentage may identify as LGBT.

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

- a) Georgia Department of Human Resources - Division of Family & Children Services
- b) The **CHRIS (Creativity, Honor, Respect, Integrity, Safety) Kids Rainbow Program** provides a safe and supportive residence for homeless and runaway LGBT and questioning youth. Rainbow is a transitional living life skills program for homeless and runaway sexual minority youth that provides both services and referrals.
- c) **YouthPride** operates a program called Home@YouthPride that intervenes with direct emergency assistance (such as cash or vouchers) to prevent eviction or to put a youth in a safe place on a temporary basis.

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

- a) Atlanta is in the process of developing an LGBT housing "pod" within one of its shelters.
- b) The city has also established the Gateway Center as the centerpiece of the Regional Commission on Homelessness' effort to impact chronic homelessness. The Gateway Center is the point of entry – the gateway – to the community's continuum of care created to help homeless individuals move out of dependency.
- c) Despite these efforts, it is important to note that in 2006 the National Coalition for the Homeless named Atlanta the 4th meanest city in the nation regarding its treatment of homeless people.

5) Contact information for a Atlanta service provider working with LGBT youth:

- a) **Covenant House:** Maxine Shoulders Brandon, Executive Director
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b) **Chris Kids, Inc.:** Kevin Lynch, Director of development
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Atlanta, GA 30329
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Telephone (Dir. Of Development): (404) 564-3410

c) **Youth Pride:** John-Paul Griffin, senior program manager
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a) **United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta (for Commission on Homelessness)**
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b) **Georgia Department of Human Resources
Division of Family & Children Services
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