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How Juvenile Records Push Youth Into Homelessness

Youth should not become homeless because of their juvenile records. Having a juvenile record can impact housing options for youth as well as their families.

If a young person has a juvenile record, it can prevent their entire family from accessing public housing.



Records can tear apart families. If a youth has a record, families can be denied public housing or the child must live elsewhere. If a youth or their family cannot find housing, they may experience homelessness.

Of youth ages 14-21 who experienced homelessness:¹

77.8% had at least one prior encounter with the police



61.8% were arrested



43.7% had been in a juvenile detention center, jail, or prison at some point



For many youth, their first experience of homelessness occurs after they are released from jail or prison.²

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