ABOUT YPR'S CENSUS

Young People in Recovery (YPR) is a national, peer-led organization that serves youth and young adults in recovery from substance use disorder. YPR aims to improve access to resources such as housing, education and employment that sustain long-term recovery.

YPR envisions a world where all young people have the resources they need to thrive in recovery from addiction to drugs and alcohol. YPR’s mission is to provide the life skills and peer supports to help people recover from substance use disorder and reach their full potential. By creating a national network of individuals in recovery, we empower people to get involved in their communities by providing them with the tools and support to take charge of their futures.

At the start of 2021, YPR had 61 chapters in 16 states. Despite the COVID pandemic, in 2020 YPR provided over 37,000 services through more than 4,200 events (mostly virtual). These activities consist of all-recovery meetings that support the many pathways to recovery (12-Step, harm reduction, medication-assisted, faith-based and others); pro-social events like sports, yoga, holiday
parties, and other activities where young people can meet an alternative peer group that supports their recovery; life-skills curriculum programs and community-based workshops that focus on recovery capital components such as employment, housing, education, personal finances, recovery messaging and empowerment.

From January through March 2021, YPR implemented its first-ever chapter census to get a better understanding of who we are serving through our work. Over 300 YPR chapter members completed our survey, answering questions about age, race, gender, ethnicity, income level, education level, criminal justice involvement, housing security, healthcare utilization, and overall satisfaction with YPR services. As an organization, we are more diverse than we realized!

We are proud that YPR has been a safe and inclusive space for so many young people and that our work has had an impact in their lives. When we come together to support each other in recovery, we all grow stronger. Read on to learn more!
SEXUAL ORIENTATION

- Heterosexual/straight: 77.5%
- Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Queer/Pansexual: 18%
- Prefer not to answer: 4.2%
- Free from being labeled: 0.3%

RACE

- White or Caucasian: 71%
- Not White: 29%
RACE

- American Indian/Alaska Native or Biracial including Indigenous: 7.1%
- Asian (including East Asia, Southeast Asia & Indian subcontinent) or Biracial including Asian: 3.8%
- Black/African-American or Biracial including Black or African-American: 9.7%
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander or Biracial including Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 0.9%
- Prefer not to answer: 7.7%
ETHNICITY

- Hispanic/Latinx: 10.9%
- Not Hispanic/Latinx: 71.1%
- Prefer not to answer: 18%

INCOME LEVEL

- Under $25,000 annually: 60%
- Under $49,999 annually: 40%
- Over $50,000 annually: 14%
- Over $75,000 annually: 4%
- Prefer not to answer: 26%
**EDUCATION LEVEL**

- Have not completed high school or GED: 7.1%
- Have not completed any college: 38.9%
- Completed some college: 32.8%
- Associate's Degree: 9.6%
- Bachelor's Degree: 12.2%
- Graduate Degree: 4.2%
- Prefer not to answer: 2.3%

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

- I am a full-time student with no other current occupation: 3.5%
- I am in school and have a part-time job: 5.5%
- I am unemployed: 39.2%
- I have a full-time job: 33.1%
- I have a part-time job but am not in school: 8.7%
- I have multiple part-time jobs but would prefer a full-time one: 1%
- Prefer not to answer: 9%

*US Unemployment rate at time of survey was between 6-6.3%*
CURRENT HOUSING

- I am a student & live in dorms or other off-campus housing: 1%
- Prefer not to answer: 5.1%
- I live with my parents: 11.9%
- I own my current apartment or house: 14.8%
- I am homeless, living in a homeless shelter, or other: 10.3%
- I rent my current apartment or house: 35.7%
- I live in transitional housing: 21.2%

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT

- Prefer not to answer: 11.7%
- I have never been involved with the criminal justice system: 15.6%
- I have been involved with the criminal justice system: 72.7%
I am currently on parole or on probation: 15.6%

The most severe charge I’ve ever faced is a misdemeanor: 8.6%

The most severe charge I’ve ever faced is a felony: 15%

I have served time in jail, prison or juvenile justice for a drug-related offense: 18.1%

I have served time in jail, prison or juvenile justice for a non-drug related offense: 15.4%

I have served time in jail, prison or juvenile justice for a drug-related offense: 15.6%

I have never been charged with a misdemeanor or a felony: 15.6%

*This data does not reflect unique entries, participants selected as many categories that applied to them.*
**Healthcare Utilization: ER Visits**

Have you visited the ER in the last month for a substance use crisis such as an overdose?

- **Yes**: 4.8%
- **No**: 94.2%
- **Prefer not to answer**: 1%

**Healthcare Utilization: Mental & Behavioral Health Visits**

In the past 30 days, have you visited a behavioral health specialist such as a therapist, peer specialist or psychiatrist for counseling or medication management for your substance use disorder?

- **Yes**: 39.9%
- **No**: 57.6%
- **Prefer not to answer**: 2.6%
Healthcare Utilization: Routine Health Visits

In the past 30 days, have you visited a healthcare provider for routine healthcare unrelated to your substance use disorder?

Satisfaction with YPR Services & Activities

Would you recommend YPR to a friend?