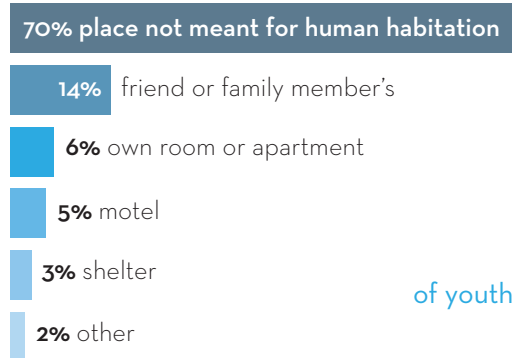


THE PROBLEM

SPY YOUTH SURVEYED:

Where did you sleep last night?



Los Angeles is in the midst of a housing crisis, hosting the highest number of homeless individuals in the country, with numbers steadily rising. While the overall homeless count rose by 23% in 2017, youth homelessness grew disproportionately by 61%.

The young people we serve at SPY find themselves homeless or at-risk of homelessness through no fault of their own. Of those surveyed, 69% reported being kicked out by a parent or care giver or running away from unbearable home environments that include physical and/or sexual abuse, homophobia, parental mental illness, or substance abuse.

This vulnerable population of unhoused youth is extremely underserved, and at risk of becoming chronically homeless without sufficient resources and support.

23%
of youth report having experienced
domestic violence

26%
of youth state they are a current or
former foster youth

16%
of youth state they were or are a
part of the **Juvenile Justice System**

