

Youth homelessness in your area

There are **47,748** 16-24 year olds in **Wiltshire**.



22 homeless young people reported in Wiltshire in the last 3 months.

This is a rate of **5** young people per 10,000 being reported as homeless every 3 months.

Compared to a national average of **4** per 10,000 16-24 year olds.

This is the number of young people accepted as homeless by the local authority.



It only includes those in 'priority need' such as care leavers and people with children, and so will not include most single homeless young people.

The actual real number of homeless young people is likely to be much higher.

For example **1027** young people were housed in the **South West** in the first three months of 2014 by housing associations because they were homeless. Only **66%** of these young people met official criteria and were included in the official homelessness statistics.



Over the last couple of years reporting of youth homelessness by local authorities has been falling. From **97%** of authorities reporting in 2012, to below **70%** reporting in 2014. So lots of data are missing.

Youth unemployment

1.5% of 16 to 24 year olds are claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in **Wiltshire**. This compares to **1.8%** nationally.

0.2% of 16 to 24 year olds are claiming Jobseeker's Allowance for more than 12 months. This compared to **0.2%** nationally.

Other factors relating to youth homelessness



Homeless young people are affected by the following factors in a disproportionately negative way and are less likely to be able to access the positive opportunities available to other young people.

Social care

38 per 10,000 children are in care in **Wiltshire**, compared to the national average of **51**.

Environment



Wiltshire has a deprivation rank of **225** out of **326** local authorities, where low ranks indicate high levels of deprivation.

Education

60% of young people achieved 2 A levels or equivalent compared to the national average of **57%**.



There is a **32%** achievement gap between children on free school meals or with special educational needs and their peers, compared to the nation average of **31%**.

52 young people per 10,000 have started an apprenticeship in the last year, compared to the national average of **44** per 10,000.

63 secondary school pupils per 1,000 are persistent truants, compared to the national average of **52** per 1,000.

Health



There are **121** emergency hospital admissions for under 24s per 10,000 per year, compared to the national average of **112** per 10,000.

0.7% of people have serious mental health problems, compared to the national average of **0.8%**.



If you would like to find out more about how Centrepont supports homeless young people and how you can get involved, please contact the Policy and Public Affairs team: policy@centrepont.org.

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