



Youth Definition for Discussion

Motivation

To define the age range that can be categorized as “Youth” for housing and services to be used for the Community Data Dashboard.

Definitions for youth

Encompass all youth housing, programs, services, and supports in the Capital Regional District.

- a) **Housing** – for the purpose of housing/rent, an individual between the ages of 15 and 24 is considered a youth.
- b) **Programs, Services, and Supports** – for the purpose of programs/services/supports, an individual between the ages of 15 and 29 is considered a youth.

Other examples of youth definitions

- Homelessness Hub, Definition of Youth Homelessness: 13 – 24 ([Homelessness Hub](#))
- United Nations: 15 – 24 ([United Nations](#))
- BC Youth Supported Independent Living: 17 - 21 ([Youth Supported Independent Living](#))
- Threshold Housing Society, support for: 15 - 24 ([Threshold Housing](#))
- Vancouver Youth Housing Programs: 16 – 24 ([Vancouver Youth Housing Programs](#))
- Statistics Canada: 15 – 29 ([Statistics Canada](#))

