

Online Viewers

Please note the survey results in these slides are **preliminary** and the final report is pending

Thank You!

Rainbow Alliance for Youth of Edmonton



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Members

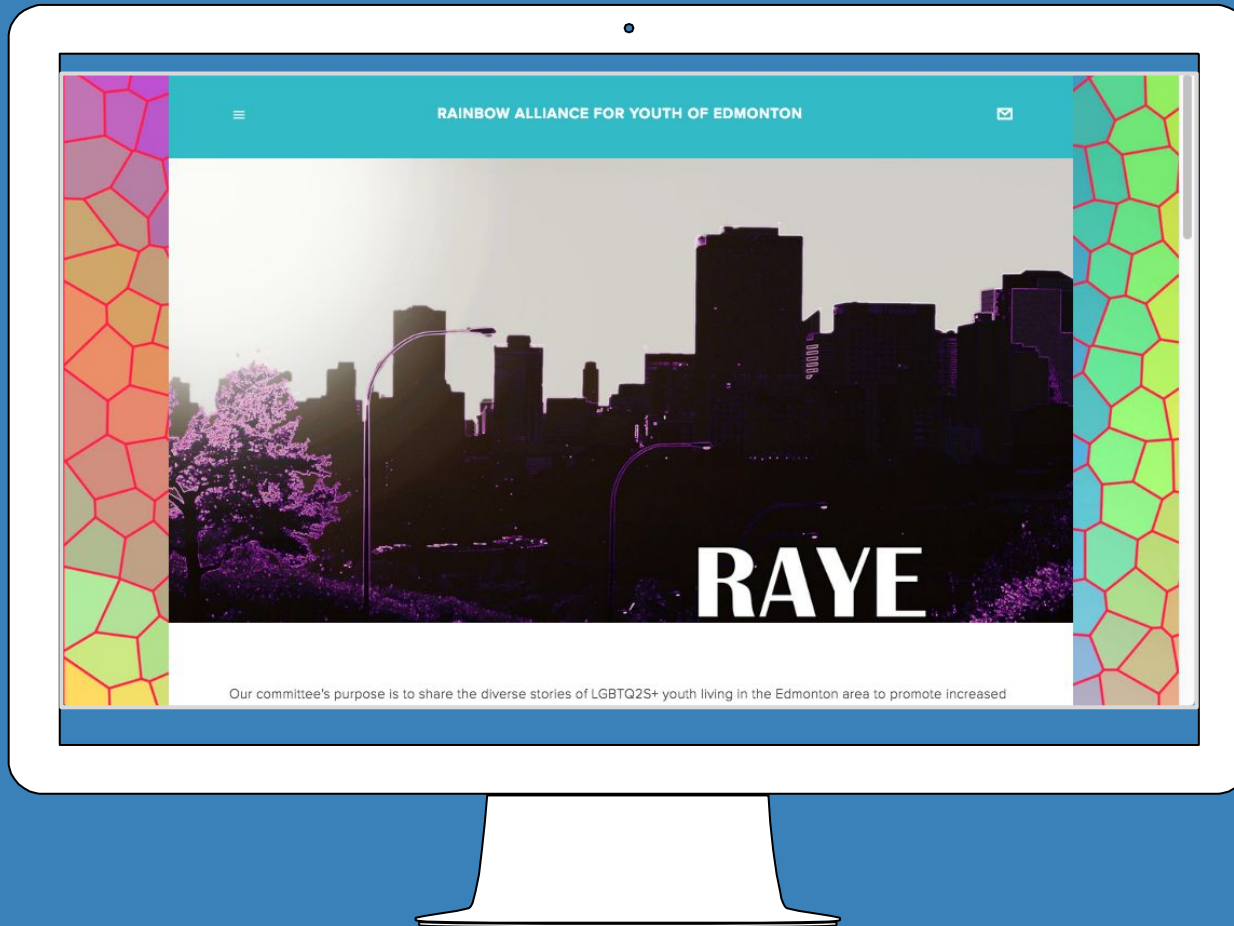
RAYE is a collaborative of organizations who work with LGBTQ2S+ youth in Edmonton & area



THE FAMILY
CENTRE



<https://www.rayedmonton.com>



Purpose

Our committee's purpose is to **share the diverse stories of LGBTQ2S+ youth** living in the Edmonton area to promote **increased understanding, empathy, and knowledge** of this community's specific needs, strengths, and experiences.

Survey

Offered October
2016 - May 2017

134 respondents

LGBTQ2S+ YOUTH BTW 16-24?

RAINBOW ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH OF
EDMONTON (RAYE) NEEDS YOUR HELP!



Photo courtesy of the City of Edmonton

We want to learn more about the experiences of LGBTQ2S+ youth
in Edmonton & area so we can offer better supports & services.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/XVSZSGD

Feel free to take a picture of this link to share with your friends!

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Ages of Respondents

55% of
youth
were
between
16-19
years of
age

26% of
youth
were
between
20-22
years of
age

19% of
youth
were
between
23-24
years of
age

Ethnicity

Canadian - 69%

European Origin - 37%

First Nations, Métis, Inuit - 21%

Asian - 4%

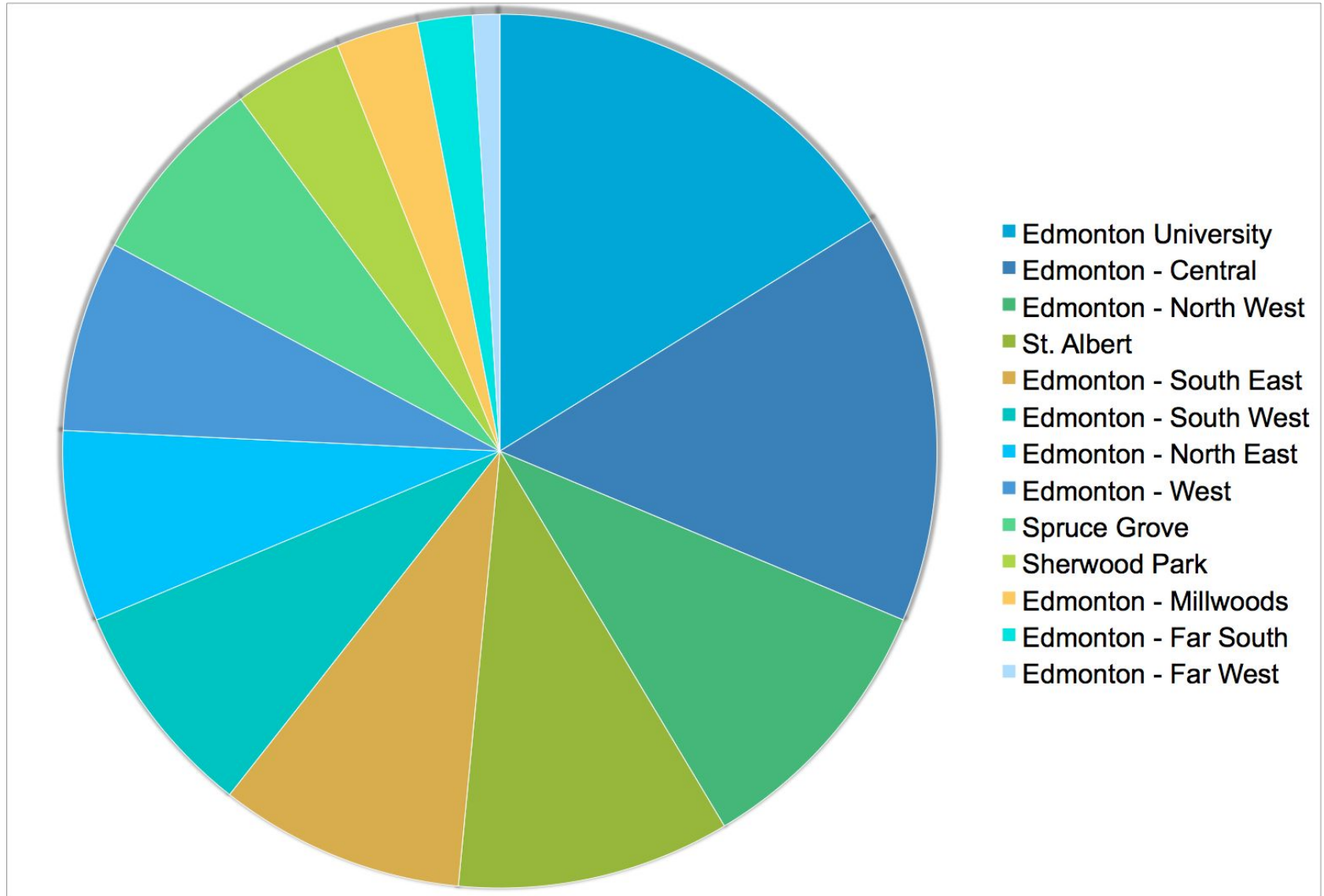
Latin American - 4%

All other responses - 1% each

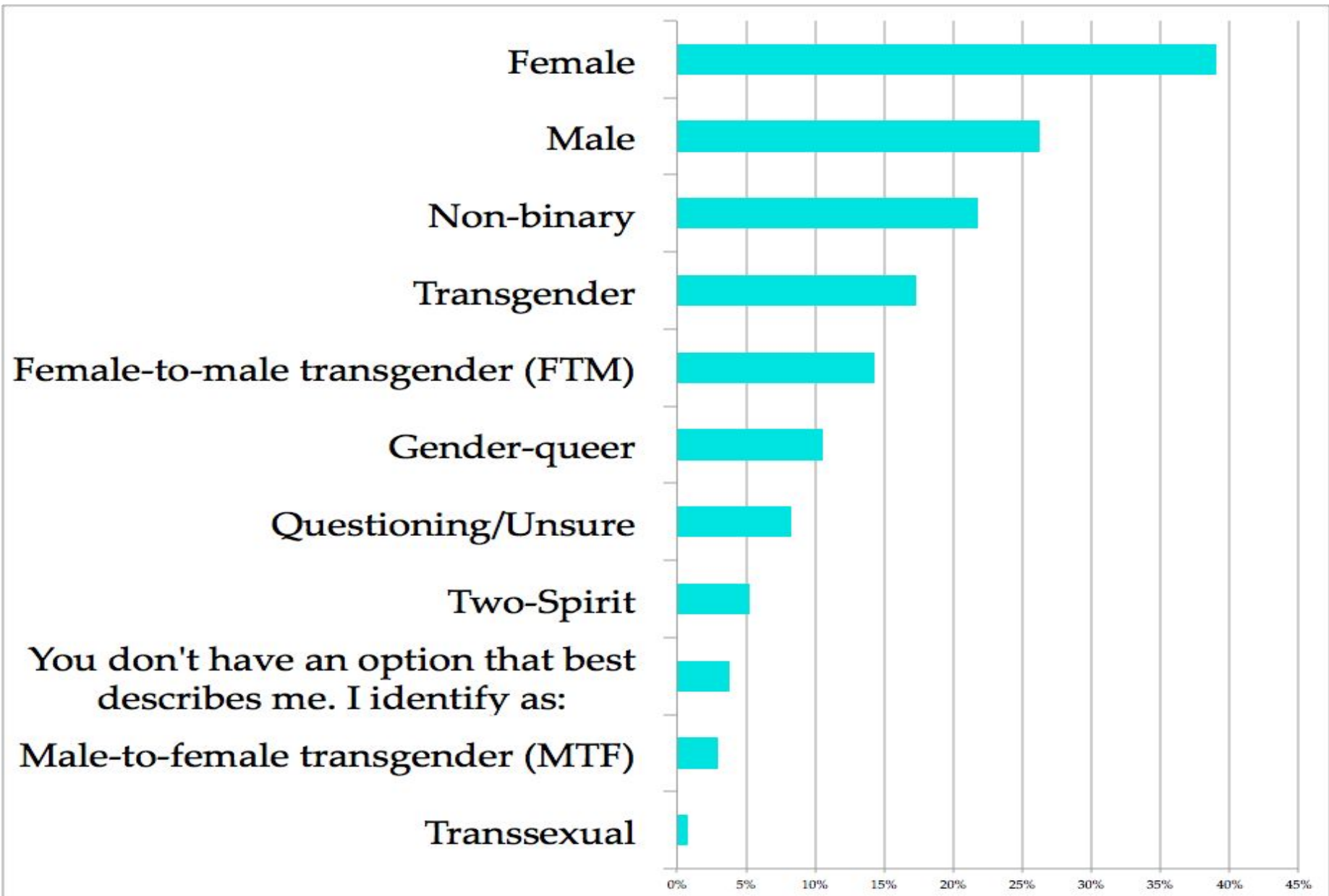
Where Youth were Living or Staying

- **54%** with their parents
- **31%** rented alone or with roommates
- **11%** with a partner
- **<10% each** with friends, extended family, chosen family, owned their own place, supported living, couch surfing, group home, foster care or shelter

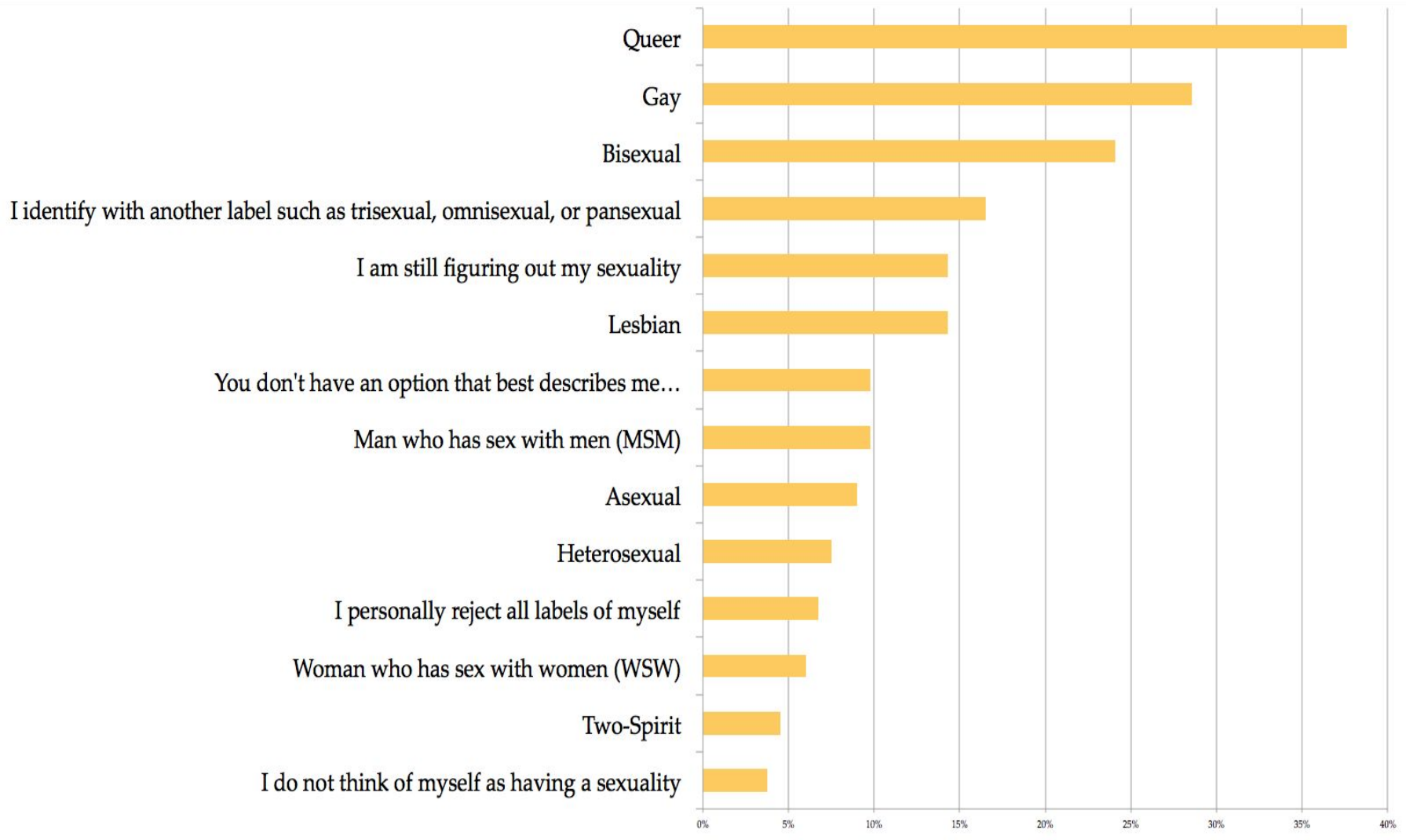
Where respondents reported **living** (or **spending time** if they did not have housing)



I would name my gender identity as...



Please check all below that you feel represent you



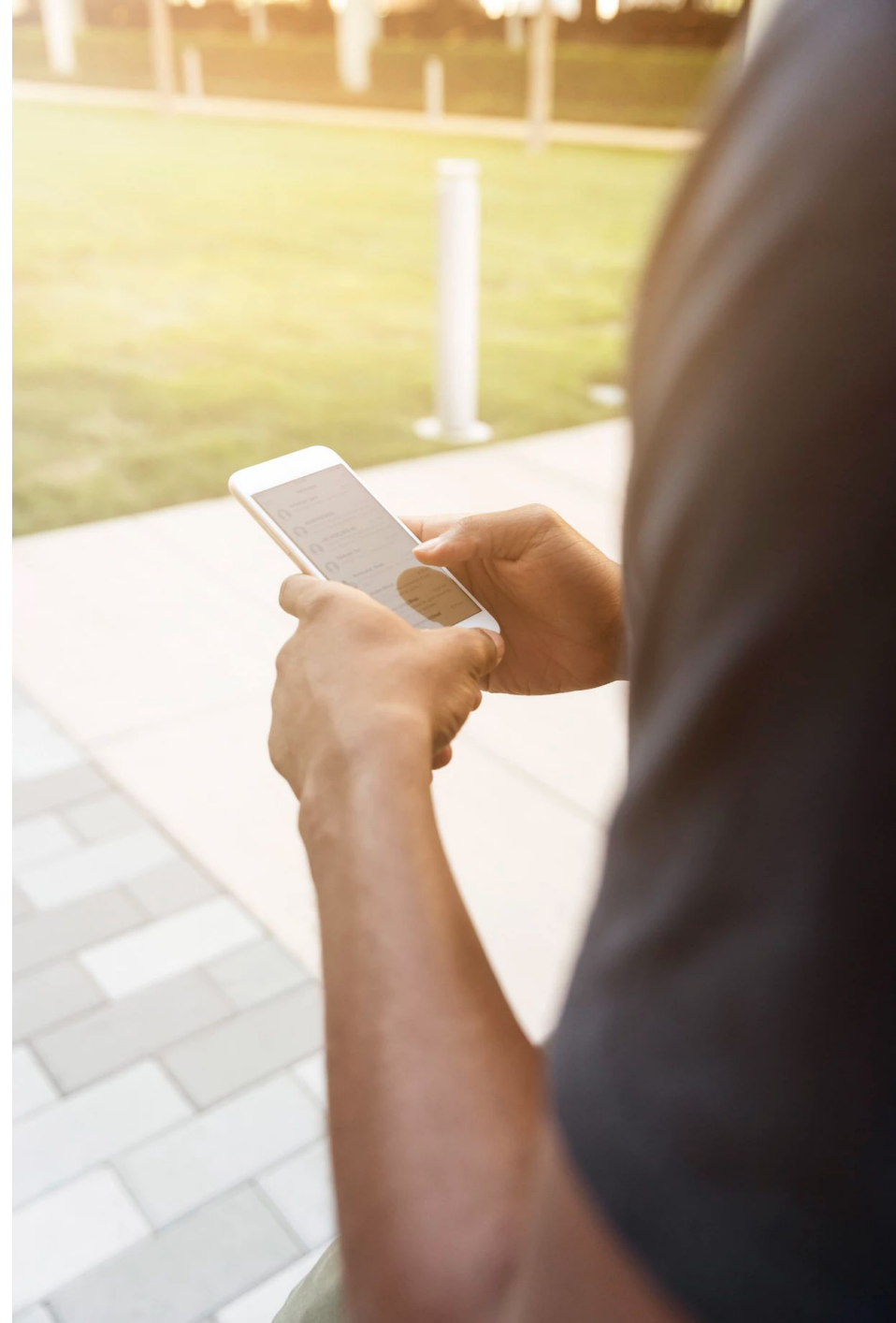
Do you have
someone you feel
safe and
comfortable talking
about LGBTQ2S+
topics with?

94% YES

Friends - 105 youth

Online support - 59

Family - 55



Anxiety 90%

Loneliness 85%

Trouble with self-esteem 83%

Depression 81%

Coming out and coming to terms 72%

Suicidal thoughts 71%

Bullying 62%

Negative peer interactions 59%

**Family members who do not or would not
accept my LGBTQ2S+ identity** 57%

Self-harm 55%

Barriers to Accessing Services

25% It might cost too much **money**

25% I would feel **intimidated**, shy or embarrassed

18% I prefer to deal with my problems **by myself**

15% I **don't know where** to find services or supports

12% **Transportation** would be an issue for me

10% My parents or **family wouldn't want me** going there



“Mental health support, a strong sense of community, de-institutionalized and supportive environments, safe sex practices and peer/mentor supports from people from the same sexual minority.”

RAYE LGBTQ2S+ Youth Survey, 2017

Belonging

Always, usually or
sometimes

78% Friends

72% LGBTQ2S+
Community

71% Online



Indicators of Thriving

Courtesy of Dr. Grace at iSMSS

32% I am in good mental health

- 39% disagree or strongly disagree

62% I feel hopeful about my future

- 17% disagree or strongly disagree

84% I am more compassionate because of what I have been through

- 4% disagree or strongly disagree



Next Steps



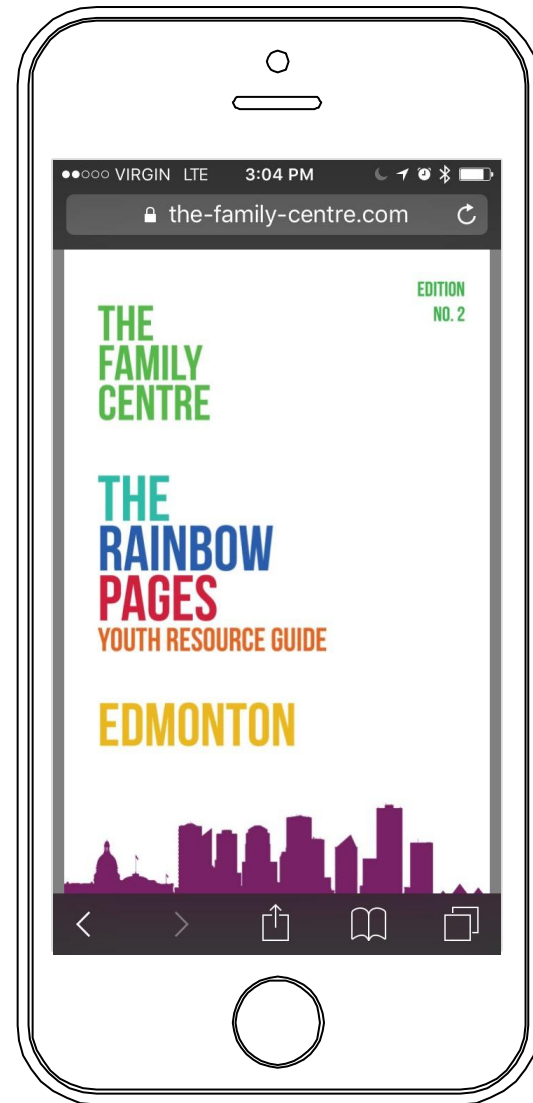
Including youth

The Rainbow Pages

<https://www.the-family-centre.com/services/rainbow-pages/>

Local resources for
LGBTQ2S+ youth

Developed by The Family
Centre





Thank You!
Any questions?

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