Homelessness Enumeration

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Our Mission: Dedicated to improving everyday lives through early learning and care, housing, paramedic and social services.

Our Vision: In five years, KDSB's fully resourced, engaged team and enabling infrastructure will support equitable, responsive services adapted to each community's needs. Recognized as a catalyst for positive change by our communities and partners, KDSB will have contributed to improved community well-being and belonging.

The Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) provides services to a catchment area of 407,000 km^2 ranging from the Manitoba border to the east of Ignace, south to the Rainy River District and north to the 14th baseline.

The vast geography includes nine municipalities and four unincorporated territories with small villages and vast rural, remote areas.

The Kenora District encompasses 40 First Nations communities; some bordering municipalities, others situated far north.

In addition to the approximately 65,500 to 75,000 people living in the Kenora District, each community is unique in its economic capacity and challenges; some communities have thriving economies and growing populations while others are going through changing economies and are experiencing out migrating population.

Kenora District's 3rd Homelessness Enumeration

Current baseline data on homelessness in the Kenora District is vital to understanding the challenges of homelessness and the extent of homelessness. The Kenora District 2024 Homelessness Enumeration Report is the third enumeration conducted for the District.

2018-2021:

In previous enumerations (2018 and 2021), as part of Ontario's five-year plan, Building a Strong Foundation for Success: Reducing Poverty in Ontario (2020-2025), the Province is committed to addressing poverty by identifying long-term areas of action to help those most in need, while supporting the economic recovery impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The poverty reduction strategy is built upon four pillars:

1. Encouraging job creation and connecting people to employment
2. Connecting people with the right supports and services
3. Making life more affordable and building financial resiliency
4. Accelerating action and driving progress

In response to the Panel's October 2015 report, *A Place to Call Home*, the Province committed to a number of immediate and long-term actions. These included:

- Committing to end chronic homelessness by 2025;
- Adopting four provincial priorities to guide action: chronic, youth, and Indigenous homelessness, and homelessness following transitions from provincially-funded institutions and service systems; and
- Planning to require local enumeration to gather data about homelessness.
- In 2016, the Province released the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy (LTAHS) Update, which further supports the goal of ending chronic homelessness by 2025, and charts a bold, coordinated, and progressive course towards housing policy and programs that are relevant to current realities and reflect new research and best practices. Guided by the vision that "every person has an affordable, suitable and adequate home to provide the foundation to secure employment, raise a family, and build strong communities," the LTAHS Update has two overarching outcomes: decreasing the number of people who are homeless, and increasing the number of households achieving housing stability.

- As part of this commitment, the province has amended the *Housing Services Act, 2011* to require Service Managers to conduct local homeless enumeration.

2024:

The KDSB's Point-in-Time (PIT) count 2024 was launched by the Federal government. The count was held in the month of October as a National Enumeration on Homelessness.

In March 2020, the KDSB (Kenora District) was approved as a Designated Community under the Federal Governments Reaching Home Program. The KDSB operates as the Community Entity District-wide.

The designation marked the first time in KDSB's history in which the Federal Government will be a formal partner in our region's collective strategy to end homelessness.

Reaching Home is a community-based program aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness across Canada. It provides funding and support to urban, Indigenous, territorial and rural and remote communities to help them address their local homelessness needs.

Reaching Home supports the goals of the National Housing Strategy, in particular, to support the most vulnerable Canadians in maintaining safe, stable and affordable housing and to reduce chronic homelessness nationally by 50% by fiscal year 2027 to 2028.

The results of this enumeration will influence future service planning and support the importance and need for affordable housing. In addition, the results will allow communities to gain a better understanding of the multi-faceted issues related to forms of homelessness in the Kenora District.

The KDSB will conduct a homelessness enumeration every two years to provide a comparison and measurement of the progress made towards eliminating homelessness in the Kenora District.

Homelessness and the Kenora District's Housing Crisis:

Homelessness has become a progressively complex issue in the Kenora District. Many people experiencing homelessness at some point in their lives do not make use of conventional facilities, such as emergency or transitional shelters, making it difficult to plan for appropriate services and supports accurately.

Lack of housing and its impact on Community Health and Poverty:

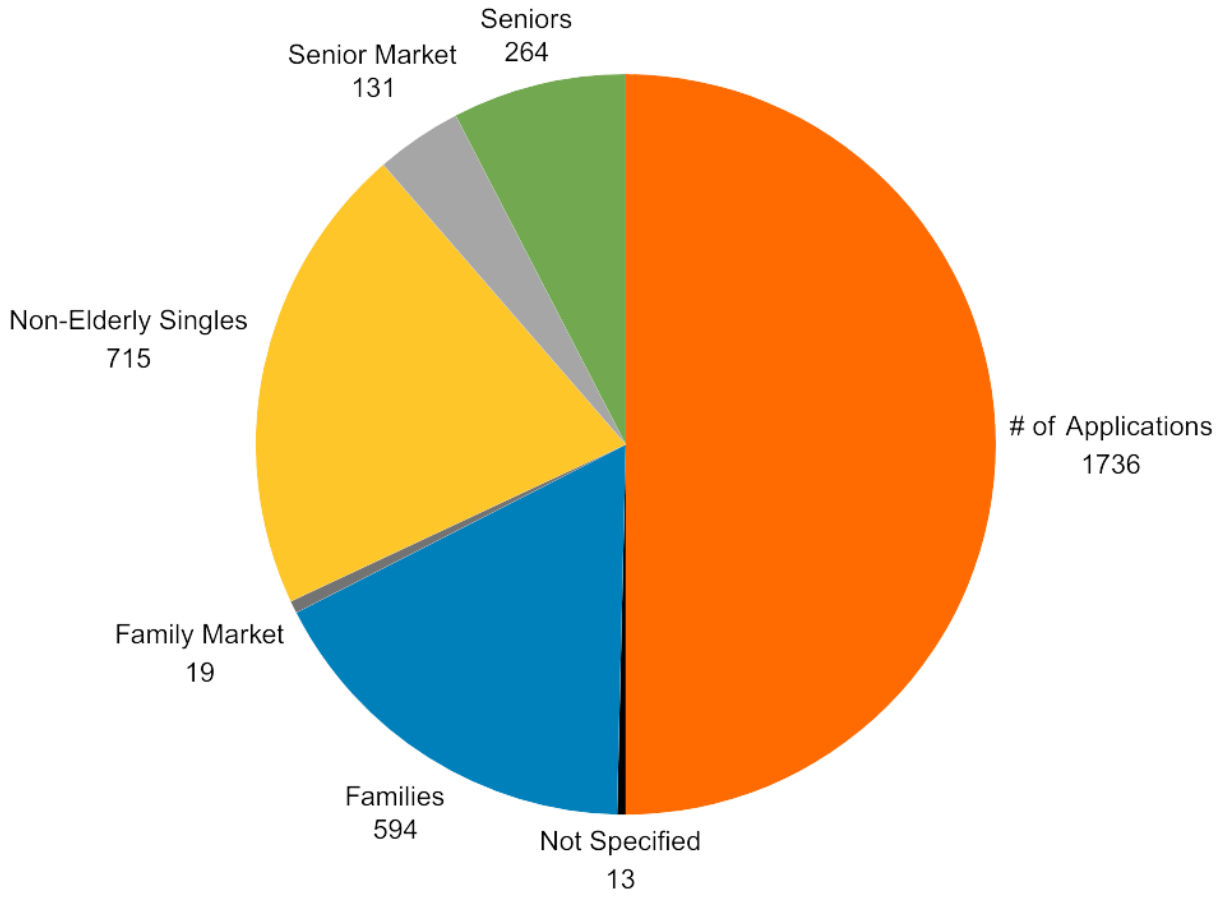
The KDSB supported over **20,359*** nightly stays for **1,187*** unique individuals at the three emergency shelters in the District in 2024. Common reasons were given by individuals staying at the emergency shelter:

1. Judicial System (Waiting for Court, Released from Jail or on Bail)
2. Medical Services
3. Missed Transportation
4. Reasons related to escaping violence
5. Kicked out
6. No place to go or no home
7. Not meeting mandatory criteria for programming

**Notes:*

1. *Data for Sioux Lookout Shelter (SLES) contains conservative estimate for both stats for August - December as the shelter reports are not yet received. See adjusted table.*
2. *Data for Kenora Shelter (CMHA-K) contains estimate for both stats for the month of December as the report is not due until the 10th of the month. See adjusted table.*

Housing Wait List (October 2024):



The waiting list for housing has increased by **354%** since 2011.

During the month of the 2024 Point-in-Time count, the KDSB had over **1,736** approved applications for housing.

**This data reflects applicants who may have applied for multiple communities*

Definitions:

Homelessness:

Homelessness is the situation of an individual or family who does not have a permanent address or residence; the living situation or an individual/family who does not have permanent, appropriate housing, or the immediate prospect, means, and ability to acquire it.

Homelessness describes a range of housing and shelter circumstances, with people being without any shelter at one end, and being insecurely housed at the other. That is, homelessness encompasses a range of physical living situations, organized here in a typology that includes:

1) **Unsheltered**, or absolutely homeless and living on the streets or in places not intended for human habitation;
2) **Emergency Sheltered**, including those staying in overnight shelters for people who are homeless, as well as shelters for those impacted by family violence;
3) **Provisionally Accommodated**, referring to those whose accommodation is temporary or lacks security of tenure;
4) **At Risk of Homelessness**, referring to people who are not homeless, but whose current economic and/ or housing situation is precarious or does not meet public health and safety standards. It should be noted that for many people homelessness is not a static state but rather a fluid experience, where one's shelter circumstances and options may shift and change quite dramatically and with frequency; and
5) **Chronic Homelessness** refers to individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness and who meet at least 1 of the following criteria:
    1. They have a total of at least 6 months of homelessness over the past year.
    2. They have recurrent experiences of homelessness over the past 3 years, with a cumulative duration of at least 18 months.

Chronic Homelessness includes time spent in the following contexts:

A. Staying in unsheltered locations, that is public or private spaces without consent or contract, or places not intended for permanent human habitation.
B. Staying in emergency shelters, including overnight shelters or people experiencing homelessness (including those for specific populations, such as youth, families, and newcomers), shelters for people impacted by family violence, and emergency shelters for people fleeing a natural disaster or destruction of accommodation.
C. Staying temporarily with others without guarantee of continued residency or the immediate prospects for accessing permanent housing, or short-term rental accommodations without the security of tenure.

It does not include situations where individuals have access to secure, permanent housing, whether subsidized or not. The definition also does not include time spent in transitional housing or public institutions. Although individuals who are discharged into homelessness from transitional housing or public institutions can be considered chronically homeless if they were experiencing chronic homelessness upon entry to transitional housing or the public institutions.

Methodology and Limitations:

Point-In-Time (PiT) Count

A point-in-time count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night. A point-in-time count is intended to capture numbers and basic demographics of persons experiencing homelessness at a single point in time.

The data from PiT Counts can help participating communities to identify service needs and inform planning to prevent and reduce homelessness.

A PiT Count of homelessness has two primary purposes:

1. **An enumeration, or count, of people experiencing absolute homelessness**

It is intended to identify how many people in a community experience homelessness in shelters and on the streets at a given time. Conducted over subsequent years, PiT counts can be used by the community to track progress in reducing homelessness.

2. **A survey of people experiencing homelessness**

Through an accompanying survey, the PiT Count gives the community information on the demographics and service needs of people affected by homelessness. This information can be used to target community resources to where they are most needed.

Limitations

As this method focusses on accessing people through service organizations and agencies, people who do not access such services may not be included in the count.

One day snapshot in small, rural communities: The District of Kenora has a 0.2 population density per square kilometre, this method may not fully demonstrate the amount of people experiencing homelessness in smaller municipalities where services are not centralized, limited, or do not presently exist in one day's time.

Hidden Homelessness: Many people experiencing homelessness stay with relatives, friends, acquaintances, neighbours, or strangers because they do not have a permanent home. They are considered 'hidden' because they are not visible in the community as experiencing homelessness and may not use services available to people experiencing homelessness even though they do not have a place to call home.

As people experiencing hidden homelessness are difficult to identify, current enumeration methods likely do not reflect the full scope of homelessness in a community or the District of Kenora.

Promotion:

In order to educate its partners and the community, the KDSB worked with local service providers across the district. KDSB staff networked directly with staff within appropriate organizations, including health and human services.

Advertisement to the District of Kenora's homeless population and communities at large was implemented through a poster campaign and an info-share memo providing the appropriate details for the survey, including location, date, time and purpose. A social media campaign was also developed to provide reach across the region.

A press release was issued by the KDSB alerting the public that the KDSB will be conducting its third Enumeration on Homelessness in October 2024.

Additionally, the KDSB completed an information session with the Housing Solutions Network, Community Specific Case Conferencing committees, and several service providers across the District. The session occurred both virtually and in-person.

Survey Method:

Surveys were primarily completed online* with assistance from KDSB's Housing Services Manager and Housing Solutions Coordinators, Integrated Social Services (ISS) Supervisors, Integrated Social Services Case Managers, and Integrated Services Workers, with the survey respondents through a one-on-one interview.

All paper copies were completed with KDSB ISS Staff and the individual. This alternative method provided anyone who wanted to participate with the opportunity to, if internet connection was not available or the individual felt more comfortable with a paper survey. Paper copies were provided to the Kenora District Jail.

All paper copies completed were forwarded to the KDSB Data department at the end of each community's PIT count (24 hours in each of the nine municipalities).

The Integrated Social Services team conducted the survey with participants through partnerships with multiple service delivery partners at many locations. $15.00 gift cards to local businesses within the community were provided to participants for sharing their stories and information.

See Appendix A for full survey details.

** 344 respondents completed a paper and/or online survey offered through a program platform called "Homeless Individuals and Families Information System" (HIFIS). Both survey methods were set up to ask sub-questions, and in some cases, depending on the initial answer to the main question, respondents could opt not to provide any additional details, such as City, for example.*

Communities where a Point-in-Time Count was Conducted:

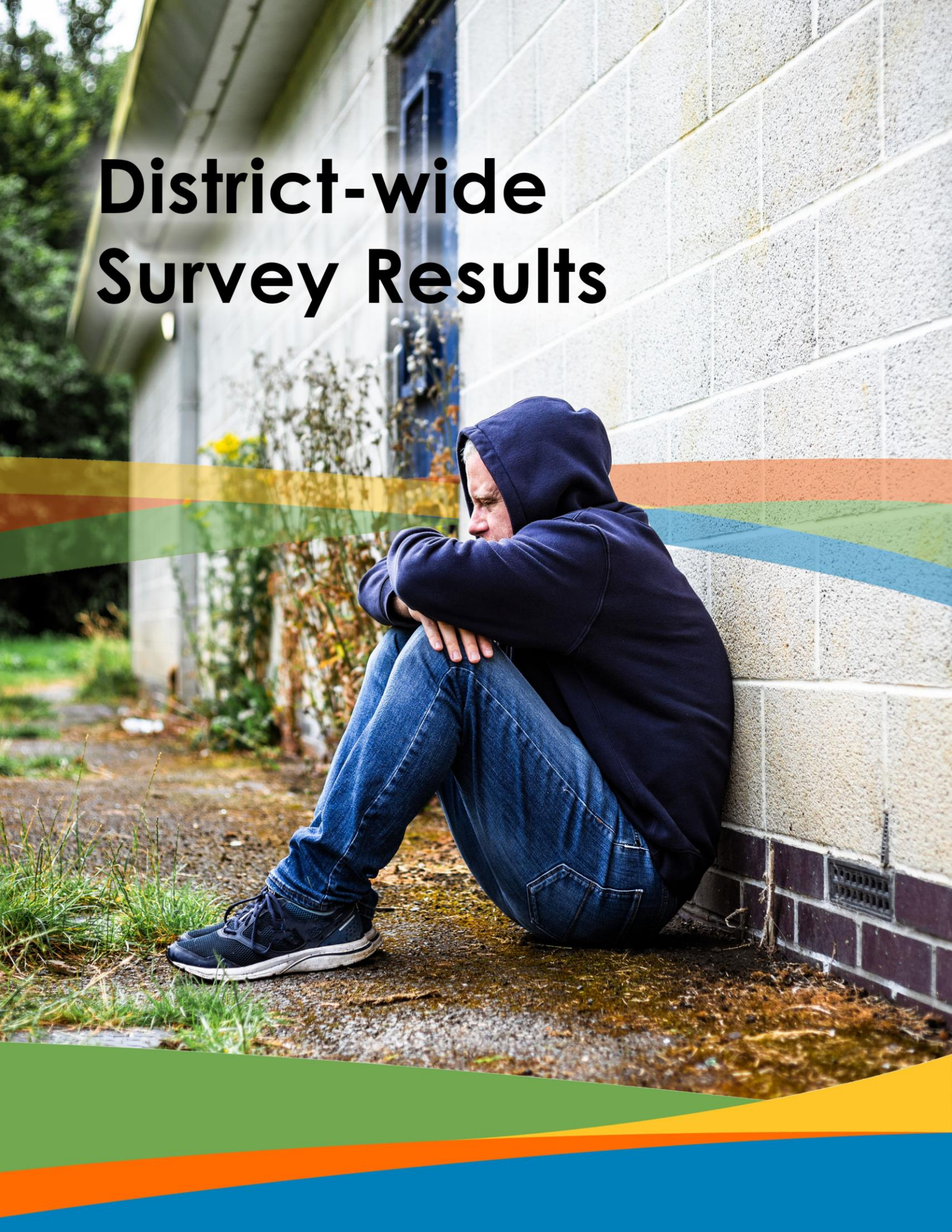
Community	Service Provider	Enumeration Site
Dryden October 11, 2024	• Dryden Native Friendship Centre • Dryden High School (Keewatin Patricia District School Board) • Dryden Regional Health Centre • Ontario Works (Kenora District Services Board) • Northwestern Health Unit • Ontario Provincial Police • City of Dryden • Dryden Safety and Wellbeing Plan Committee • Metis Nation of Ontario • Adult Teen Challenge • Community Table • Northwest Emergency Medical Services – Kenora District Services Board • Dryden Food Bank	• Dryden Native Friendship Centre • Dryden Regional Health Centre • Dryden High School • Kenora District Services Board • Community Table • Dryden Food Bank
Ear Falls October 8, 2024	• Ontario Works (Kenora District Services Board) • Red Lake Indian Friendship Centre • Ontario Provincial Police • Ear Falls Health Centre • Northwestern Health Unit • Township of Ear Falls • Northwest Emergency Medical Services – Kenora District Services Board	• Red Lake Indian Friendship Centre – Ear Falls Site

Ignace October 15, 2024	• Ontario Works (Kenora District Services Board) • Ontario Provincial Police • Mary Berglund Health Centre • Ignace School (Keewatin Patricia District School Board) • Ignace Food Bank • Northwestern Health Unit • Dryden Regional Health Centre – Mental Health and Addictions Program (Ignace) • Township of Ignace • Northwest Emergency Medical Services – Kenora District Services Board	• Ontario Works • Mary Berglund Community Health Centre • Ignace Food Bank
Kenora October 10, 2024	• Ontario Works (Kenora District Services Board) • Jubilee Church • Women's Place Kenora • NeChee Friendship Centre • Ontario Provincial Police • Morning Star Detox Centre • Lake of the Woods District Hospital – Del Art Program • City of Kenora • Kenora Association for Community Living • Northwestern Health Unit • Lake of the Woods Hospital • Canadian Mental Health Association – Kenora • Waasegiizhig Nanaandawe'iyewigamig	• Jubilee Church • Kenora Emergency Shelter • Morning Star Detox • Del Art Manor Recovery Home • Kenora Fellowship Centre • Kenora District Jail

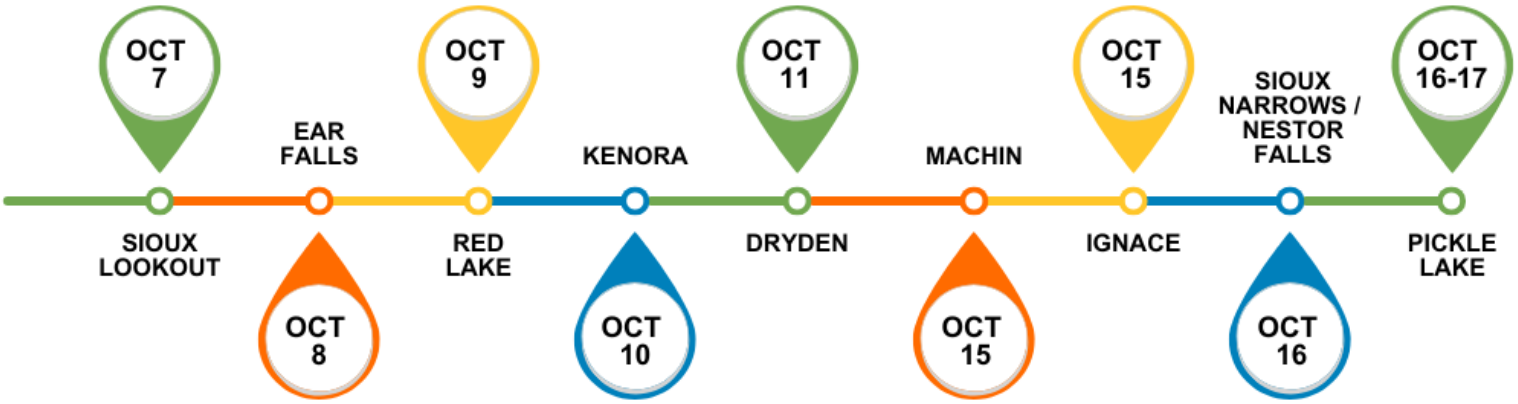
	• Kenora Chiefs Advisory • Grand Council Treaty 3 • Ontario Native Women's Association • Northwest Emergency Medical Services – Kenora District Services Board • Kenora Fellowship Centre	
Machin October 15, 2024	• Machin Health Centre • Municipality of Machin	• Machin Municipal Office
Pickle Lake October 16 & 17, 2024	• Municipality of Pickle Lake • Northwest Emergency Medical Services – Kenora District Services Board • Pickle Lake Health Centre • Ontario Works (Kenora District Services Board) • Ontario Provincial Police • Crolancia School (Keewatin Patricia District School Board)	• Pickle Lake Community Hall • Northwestern Health Unit Office
Red Lake October 9, 2024	• Margaret Cochenour Hospital • Ontario Works (Kenora District Services Board) • Red Lake Emergency Shelter • New Starts for Women Shelter • Ontario Provincial Police • Red Lake Indian Friendship Centre • Northwestern Health Unit • Municipality of Red Lake • Red Lake High School (Keewatin Patricia District School Board)	• Red Lake Indian Friendship Centre • Red Lake Area Emergency Shelter • Kenora District Services Board Office

	• Northwest Emergency Medical Services – Kenora District Services Board	
Sioux Lookout October 7, 2024	• Ontario Works (Kenora District Services Board) • Sioux Lookout Emergency Shelter • First Step Women's Shelter/ Sioux Lookout Supportive Housing • Nishnawbe-Gamik Friendship Centre • Ontario Provincial Police • Sioux North High School (Keewatin Patricia District School Board) • Northwestern Health Unit • Municipality of Sioux Lookout • Equay-Wuk • Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority • Meno Ya Win – Mental Health and Addictions Program • Northwest Emergency Medical Services – Kenora District Services Board	• Nishnawbe-Gamik Friendship Centre • Sioux Lookout Emergency Shelter • Sunset Women's Aboriginal Circle
Sioux Narrows / Nestor Falls October 16, 2024	• Municipality of Sioux Narrows/Nestor Falls • Northwestern Health Unit (Health Promoter) • Northwest Emergency Medical Services – Kenora District Services Board	• Northwestern Health Unit • Municipal Office (Sioux Narrows) • Community Hall (Nestor Falls)

District-wide Survey Results



Communities and dates where a Point-in-Time Count was conducted:

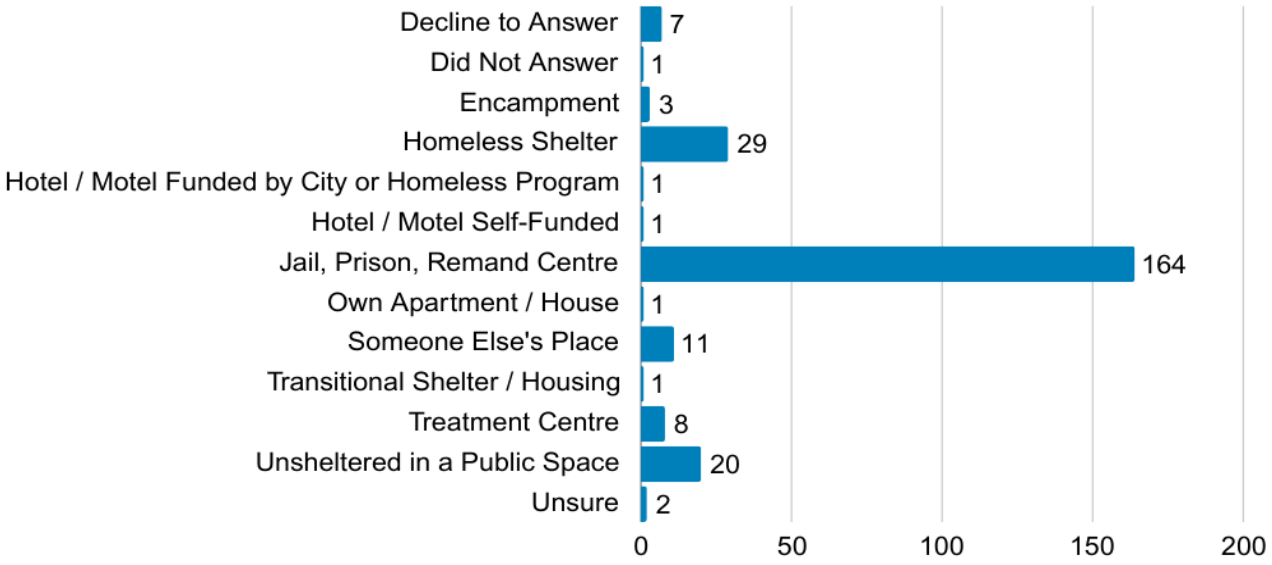


Total homelessness by community*:

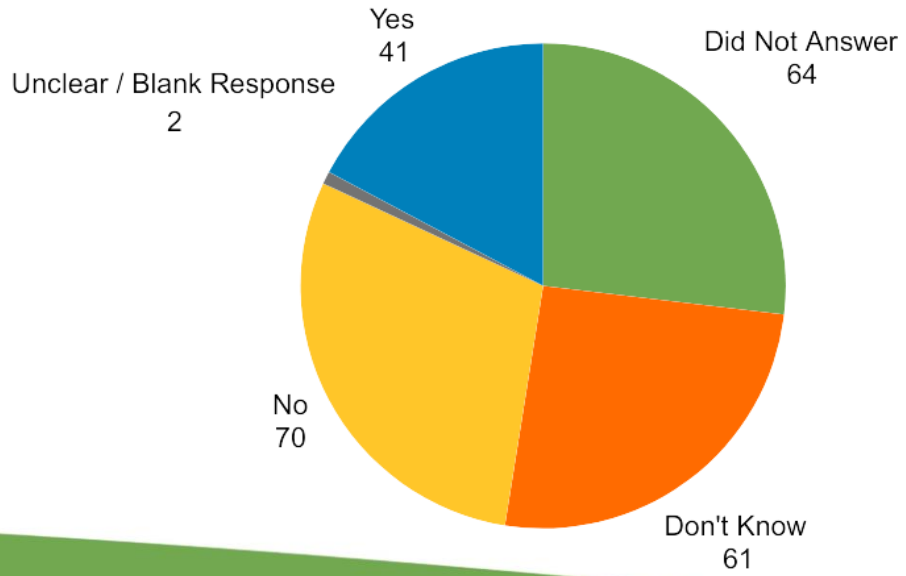
50	Dryden
15	Ignace
325	Kenora
18	Pickle Lake
16	Red Lake
71	Sioux Lookout
5	Sioux Narrows / Nestor Falls

**Totals include Online Survey, Paper Survey, and Observed Homeless/Encampment.*
***344** surveys were completed, and **156** were observed as homeless.*

Where respondents stayed the night prior to the survey:

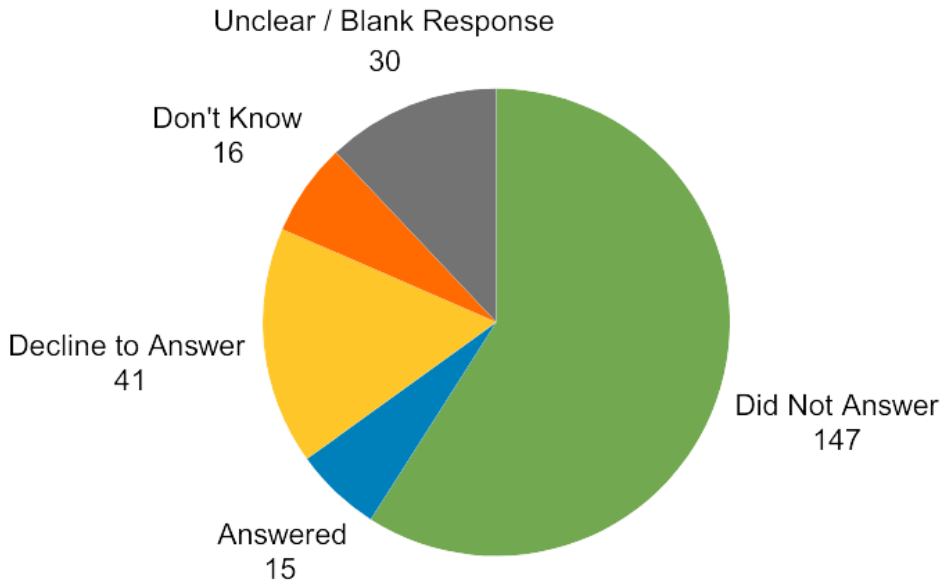


Respondents with access to a permanent residence where they can safely stay as long as needed:

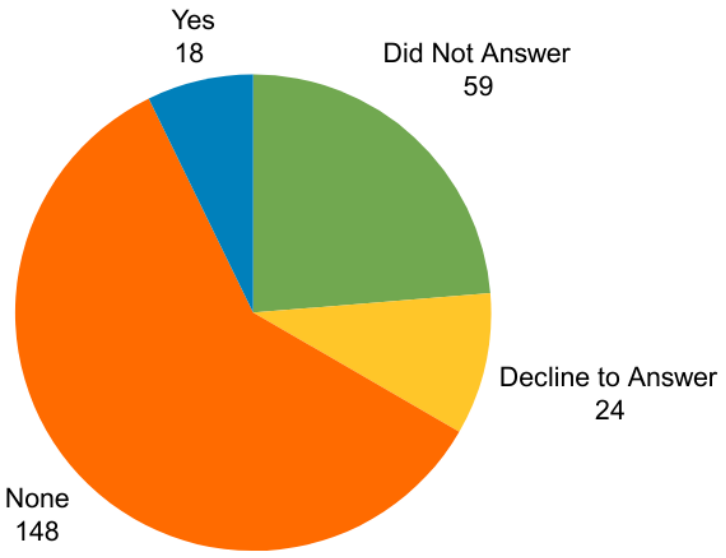


Respondents have spent at least one night in any of the following locations in the past year:

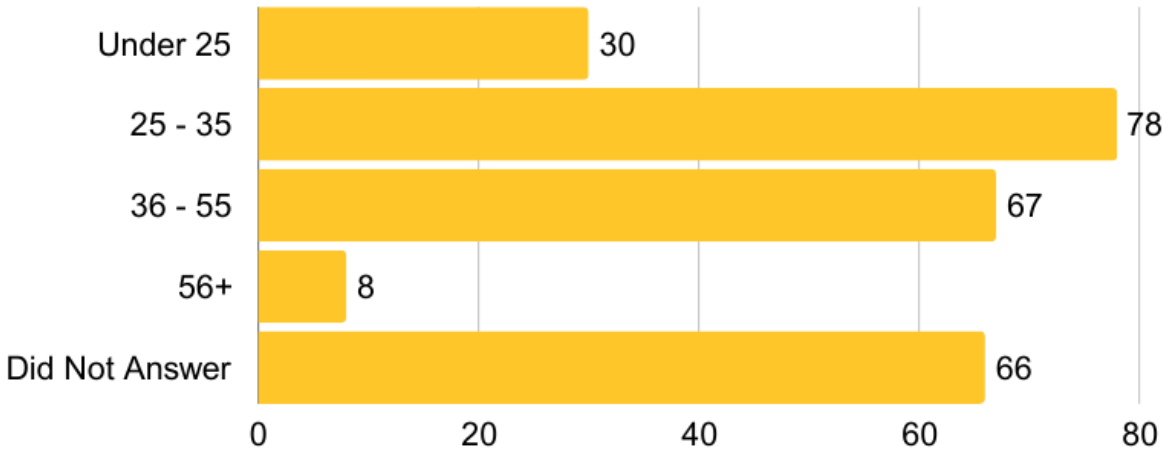
Reasons why respondents haven't stayed in a homeless shelter in the past year:



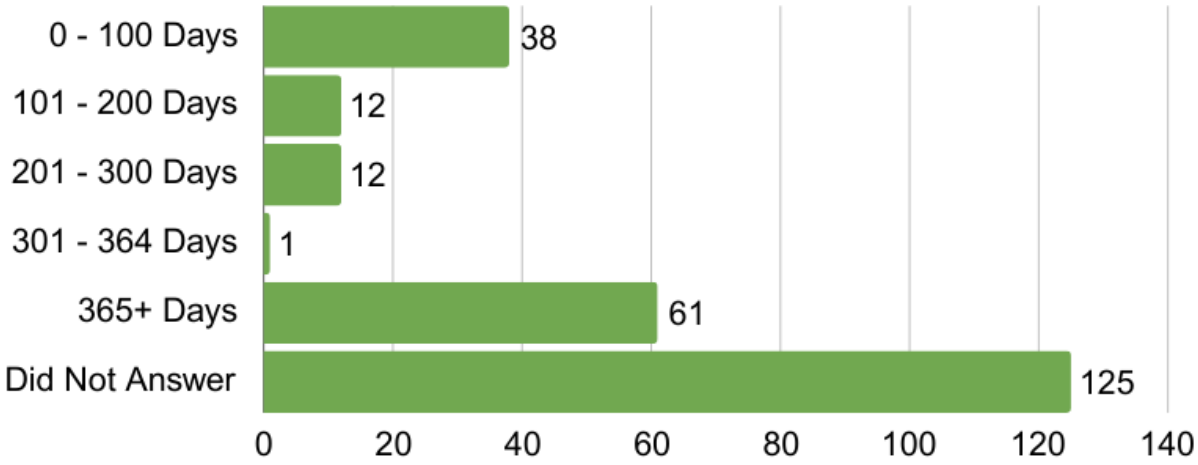
Family members that are staying with respondents the night of the survey:



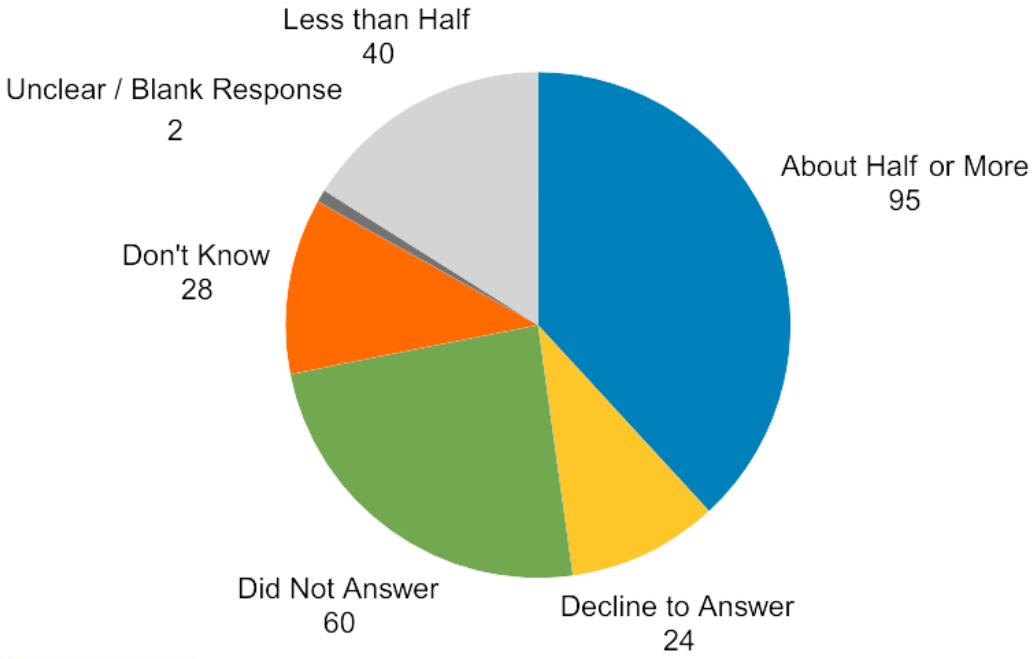
Age of respondents:



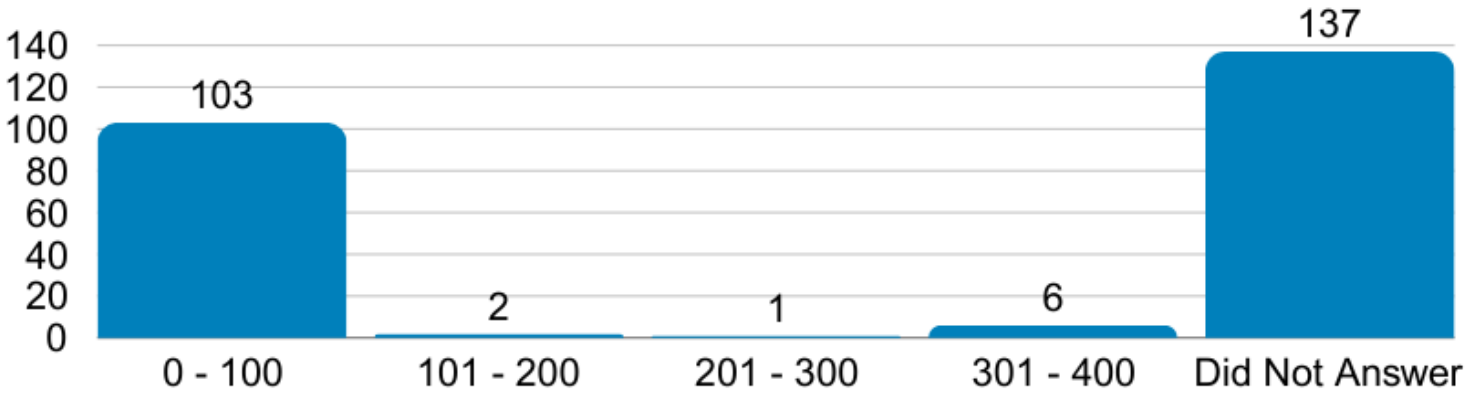
Total, days respondents have experienced homelessness over the past year:



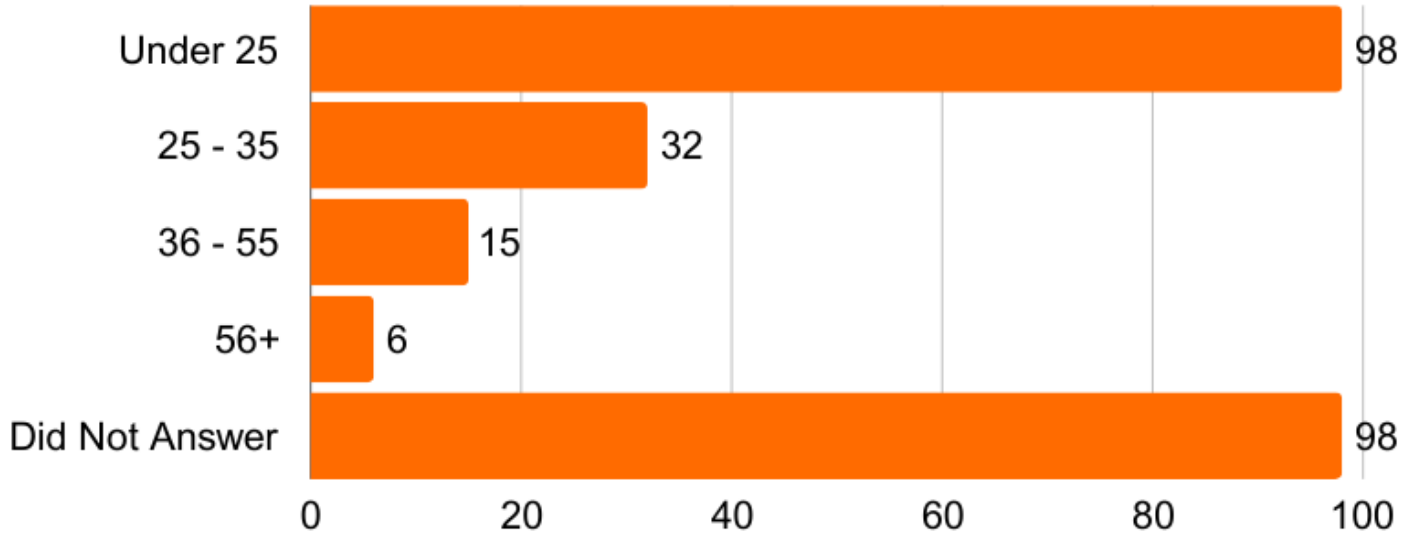
Total, days respondents have experienced homelessness over the past 3 years:



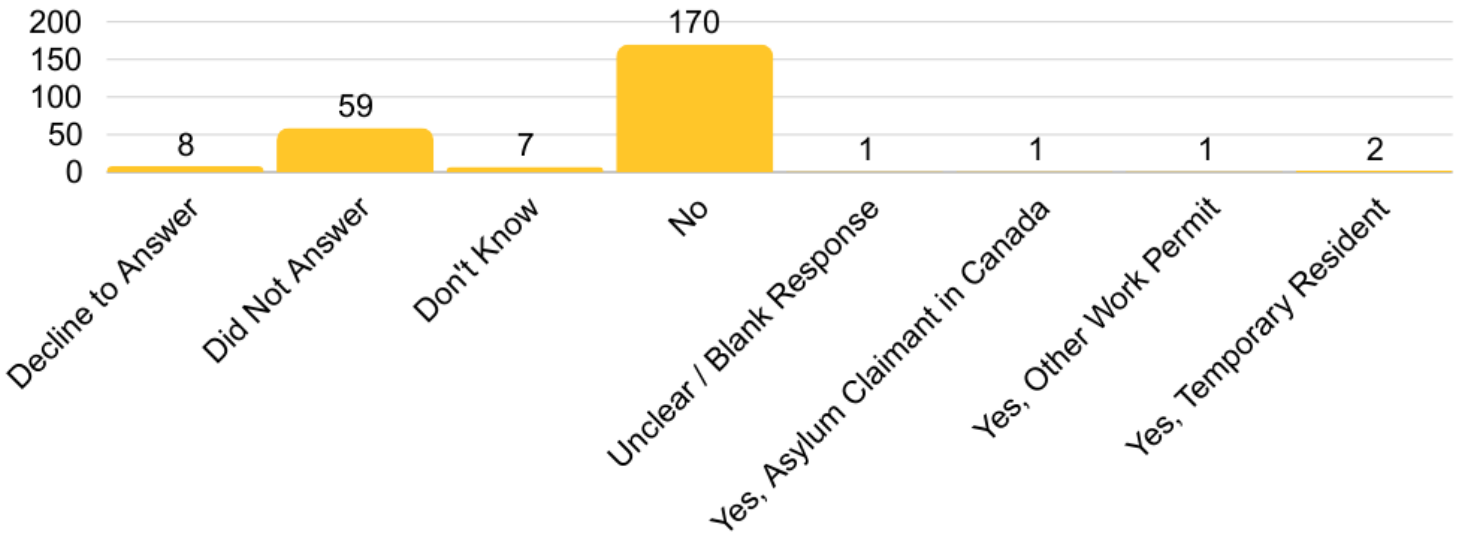
Number of different times respondents have experienced homelessness over the past year:



Age respondents were the first time they experienced homelessness:



Respondents that came Canada as an immigrant, refugee, asylum claimant or on another type of visa:



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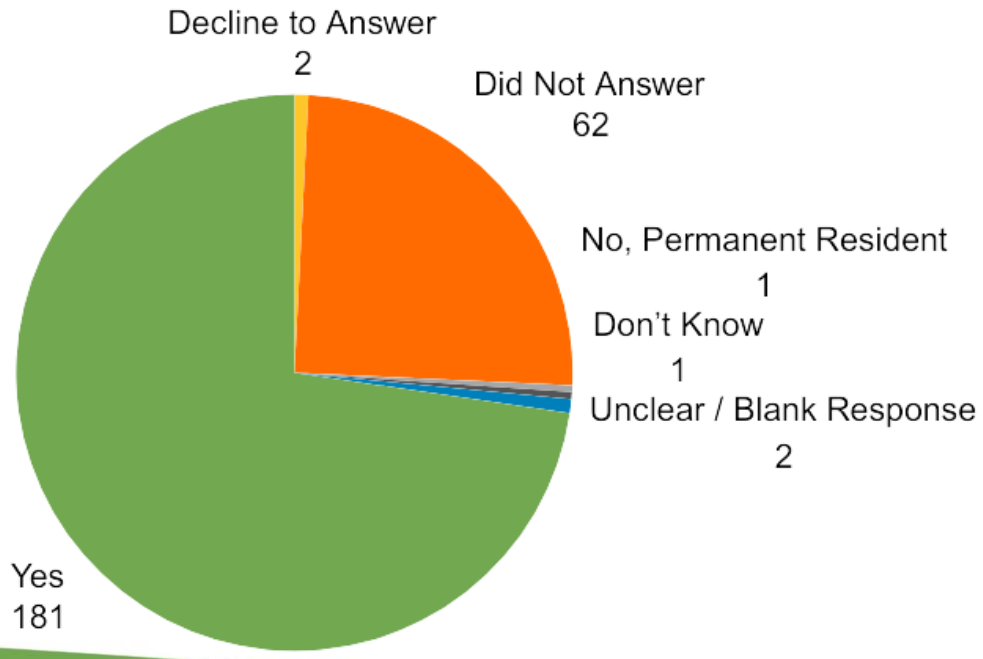


How long respondents have been in the Kenora District:

How long have you been in this community?

- **85** respondents have always lived within the community they were surveyed.

  34.1%

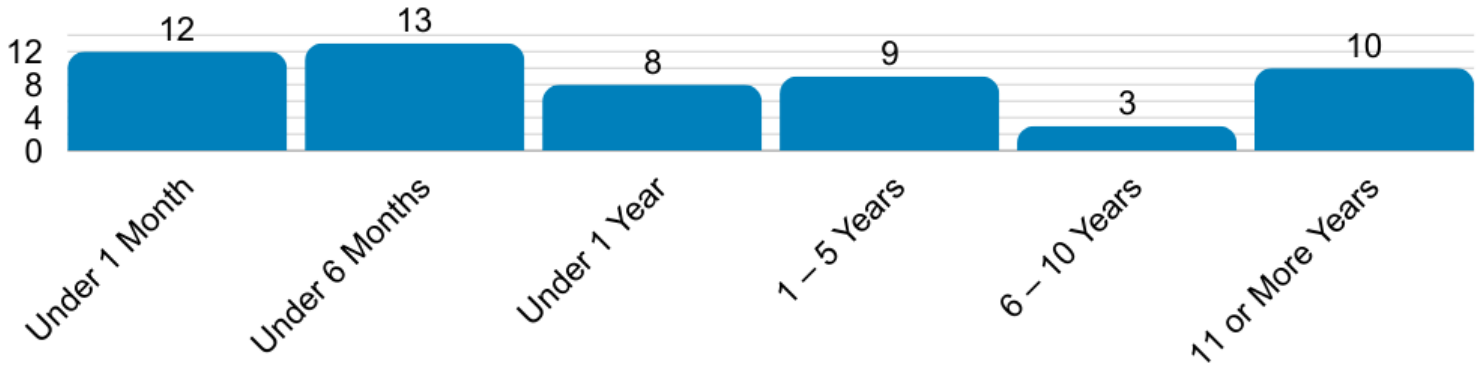
- **56** provided a length of time.

  22.5%

- **108** did not know, declined to answer, did not answer, or had an unclear / blank response.

  43.4%

Of those 56 respondents who provided a length of time:



Where respondents lived before coming here:

- **65** respondents answered where they lived.

21.6%

- **184** did not know, declined to answer, did not answer, or had an unclear / blank response.

73.9%

Of those 65 respondents who provided an answer:

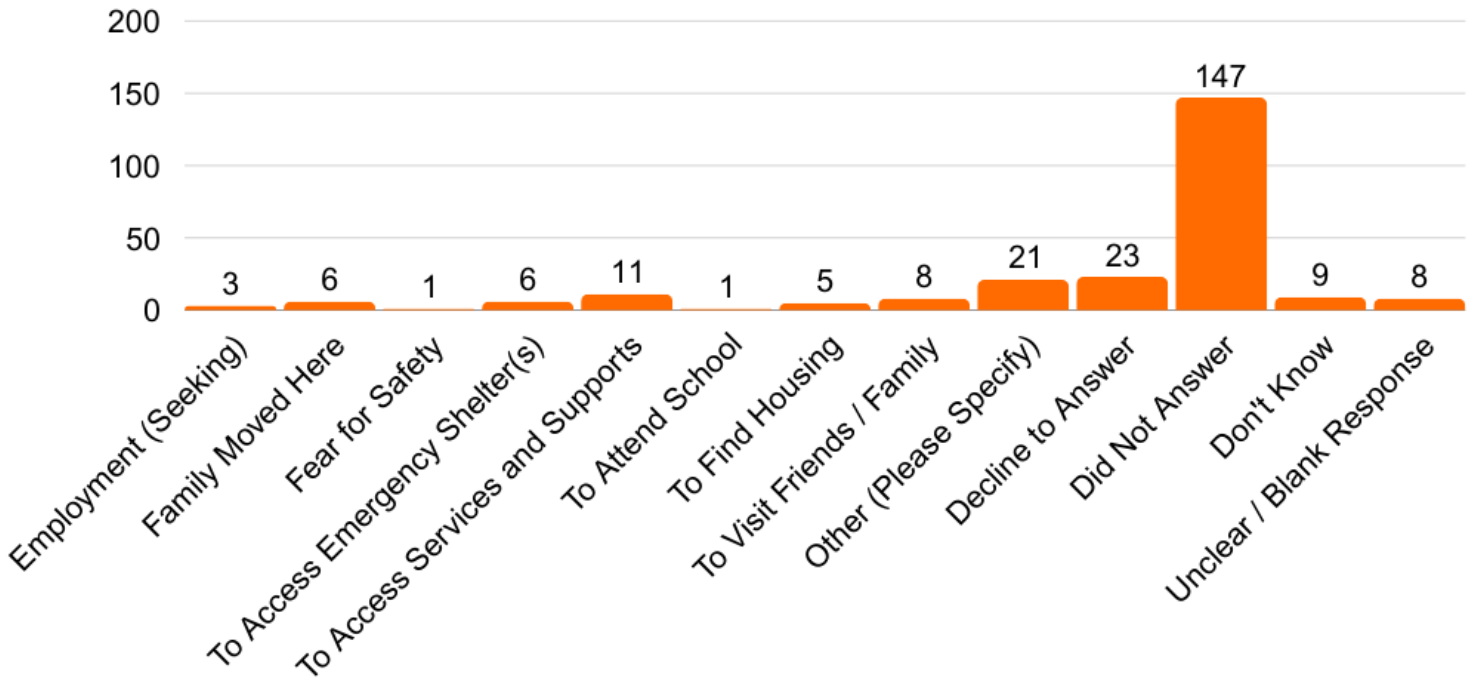
66 were from Canada, from the following Provinces:

- **2** were from British Columbia
- **7** were from Manitoba
- **38** were from Ontario

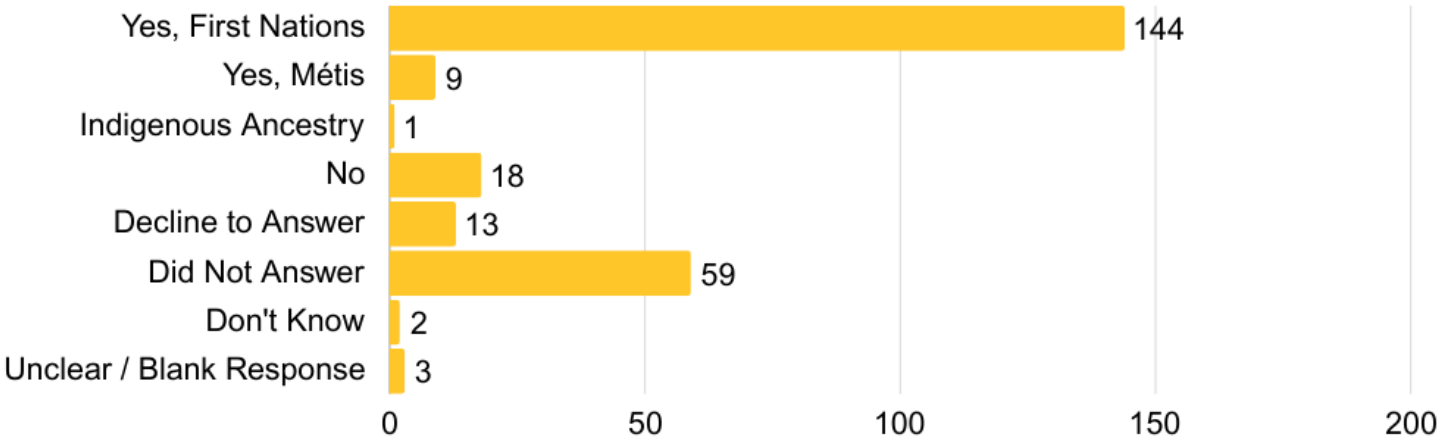
From the following Cities and First Nations:

- **4** were from Big Grassy
- **1** was from Brampton
- **2** were from Cat Lake
- **3** were from Dryden
- **1** was from Ear Falls
- **1** was from Fort Frances
- **2** were from Grassy Narrows First Nation
- **1** was from Kenora
- **1** was from Kingfisher
- **1** was from Lac Des Mille Lacs
- **1** was from Lac La Croix
- **1** was from Minden
- **1** was from North Bay
- **1** was from Pikangikum
- **1** was from Red Lake
- **1** was from Sandy Lake
- **1** was from Sandy Lake First Nation
- **3** were from Sioux Lookout
- **1** was from Sioux Narrows
- **3** were from Thunder Bay
- **2** were from Vancouver
- **1** was from Wabaseemoong Independent Nations
- **5** were from Winnipeg

Main reason respondents came to the Kenora District:



Respondents who identify as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit:



Indigenous communities' respondents are from:

- **40** respondents answered which Indigenous community they were from.

  16.1%

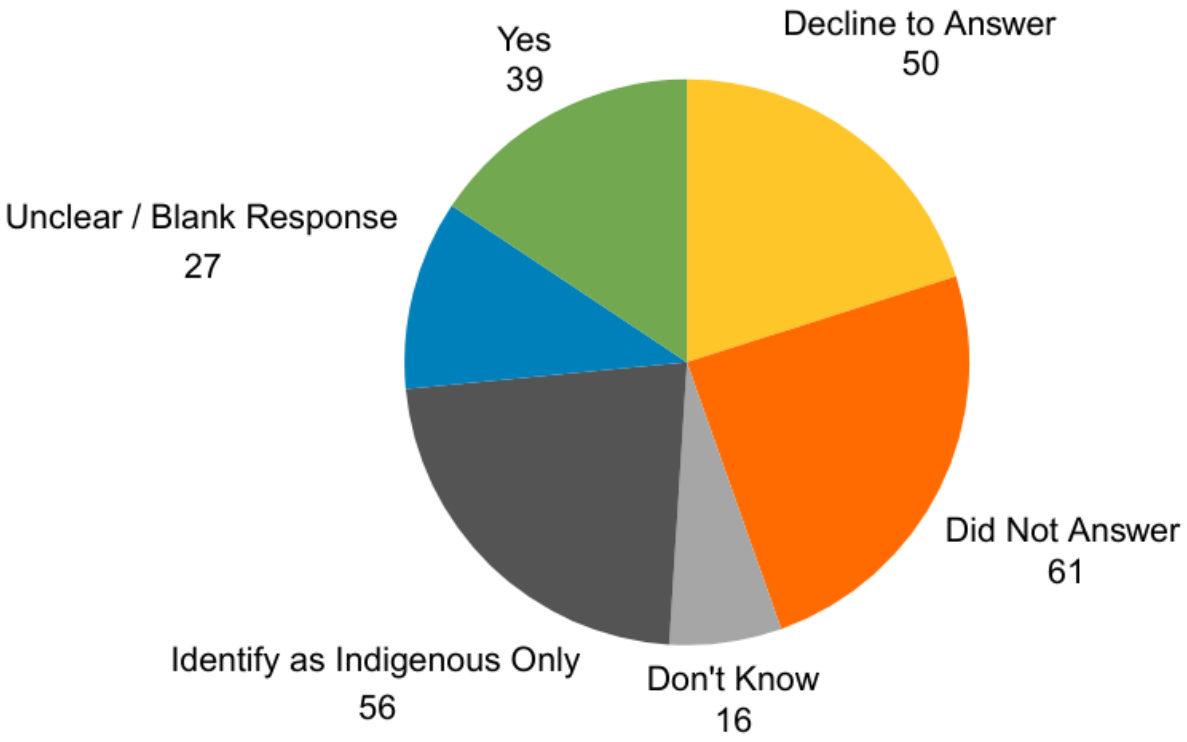
- **209** did not know, declined to answer, did not answer, or had an unclear / blank response.

  83.9%

Of those 40 respondents, communities or First Nations named:

- **1** was from Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek
- **1** was from Berens River
- **8** were from Big Grassy
- **1** was from Big Trout Lake
- **2** were from Cat Lake
- **1** was from Eagle Lake First Nation
- **3** were from Grassy Narrows First Nation
- **1** was from Kasabonika First Nation
- **1** was from Kee-Way-Win
- **1** was from Kingfisher
- **2** were from Lac Des Mille Lacs
- **1** was from Lac La Croix
- **1** was from Minden
- **1** was from Mishkeegogamang
- **1** was from Muskrat Dam First Nation
- **1** was from North Spirit Lake
- **3** were from Pikangikum First Nation
- **2** were from Sandy Lake First Nation
- **1** was from Shoal Lake No.40
- **1** was from Slate Falls Nation
- **1** was from Wabauskang First Nation
- **1** was from Whitefish
- **2** were from Whitefish Lake
- **1** was from Whitefish River
- **1** was from Wunnumin

Racial Identity of Respondents:



Of those 39 respondents identified as:

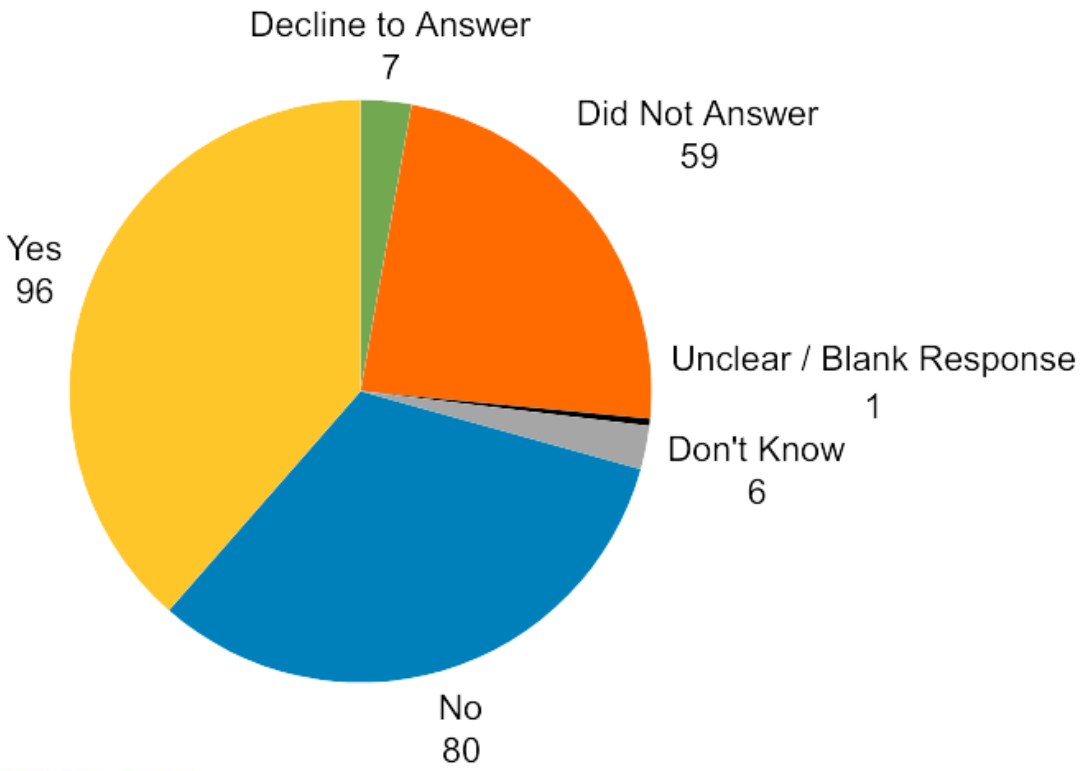
- **2** were Arab (Syrian, Egyptian, Yemeni)
- **2** were Asian-South / Indo-Caribbean
- **1** was Black-African (Ghanaian, Ethiopia)
- **1** was Black-Afro-Caribbean / Afro-Latinx
- **4** were Black-Canadian/American
- **1** was Latin American (Brazilian, Mexican)
- **28** were White (European, French, Ukrainian)

Respondents who served in the Canadian Military or RCMP:

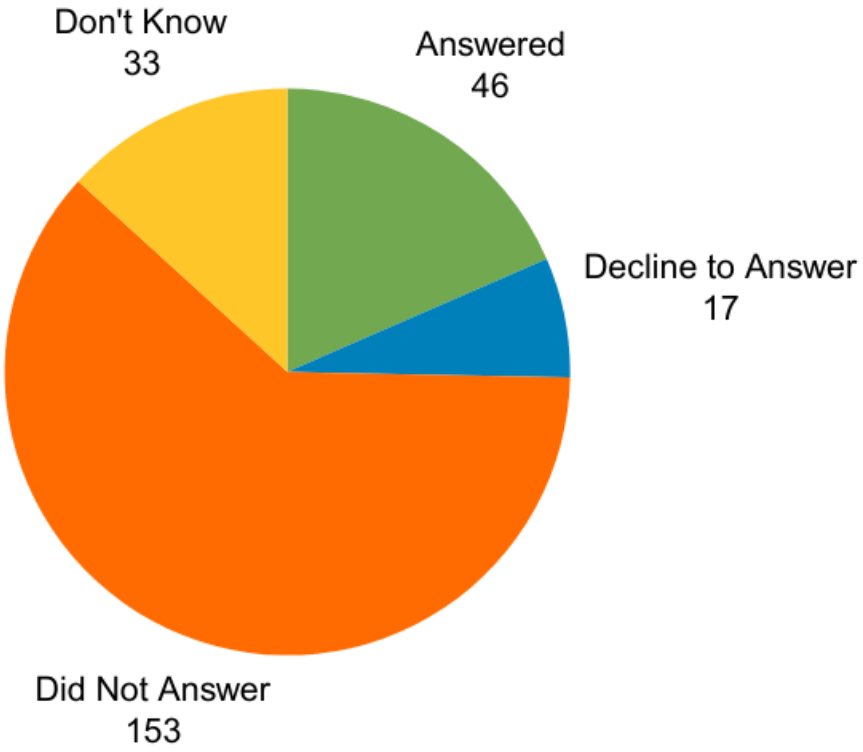
2.4%

2.4% or 6 respondents out of 249 said Yes.

Respondents who have been in foster care or a youth group home:



How many days after leaving foster care/group home respondents became homeless:



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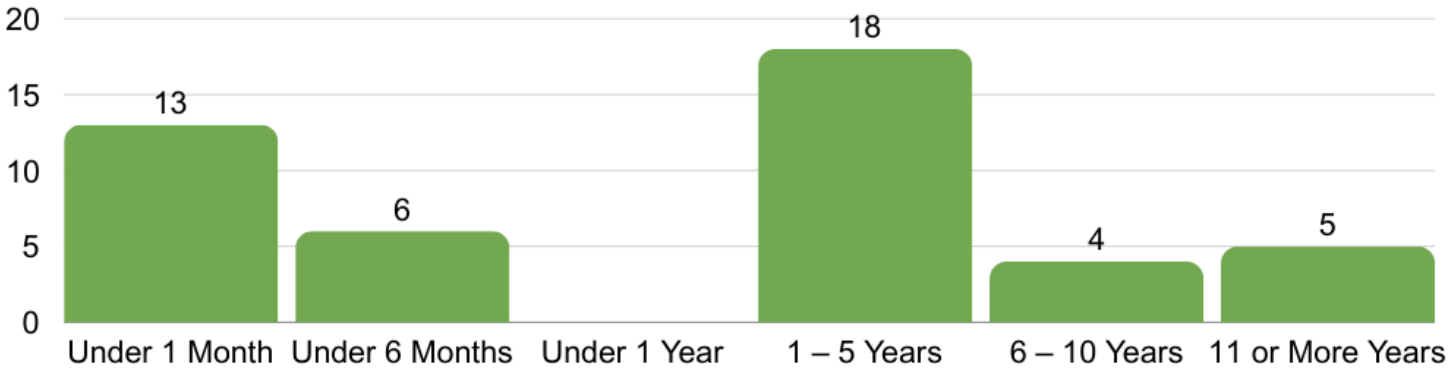

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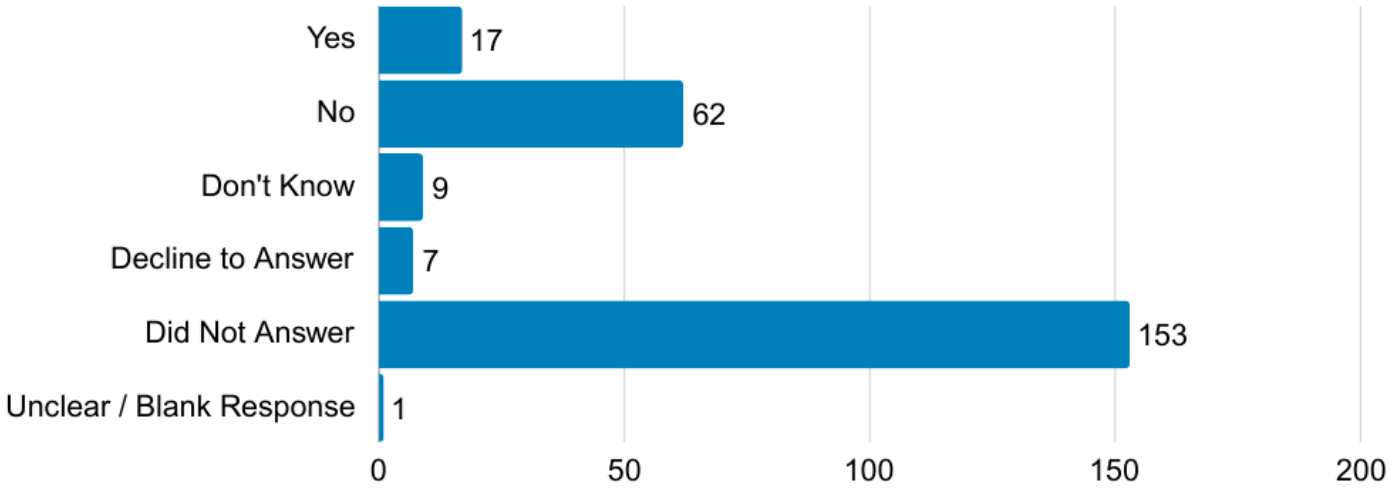

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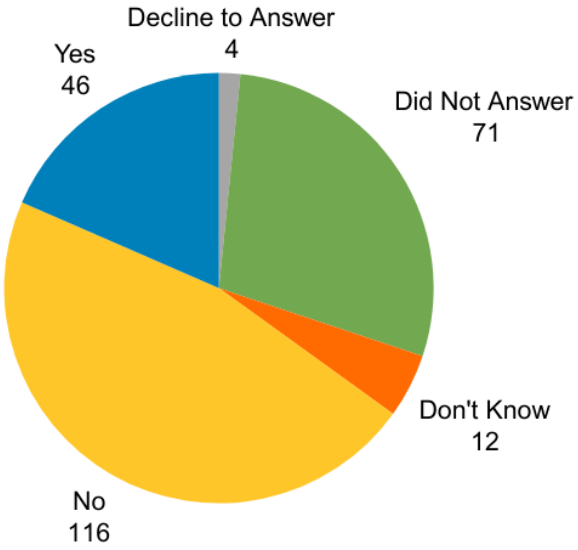

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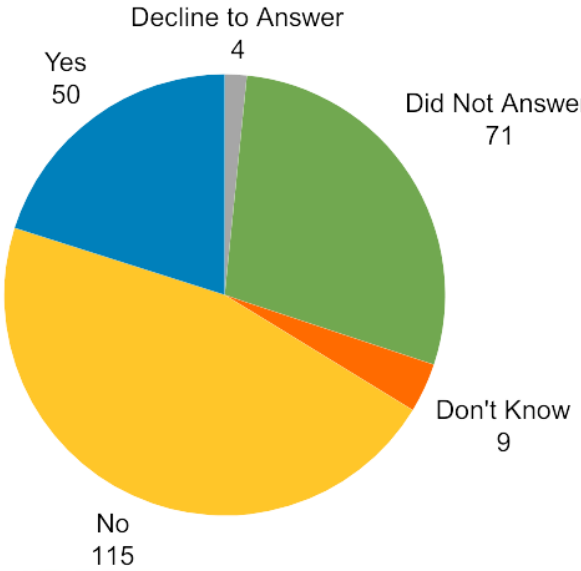

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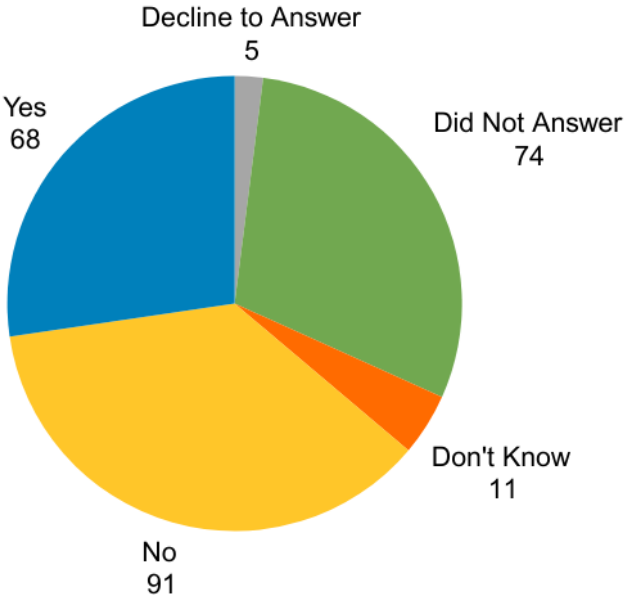

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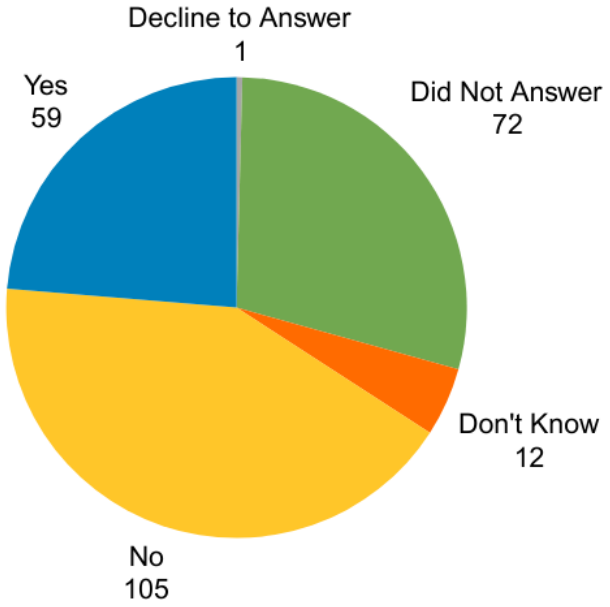

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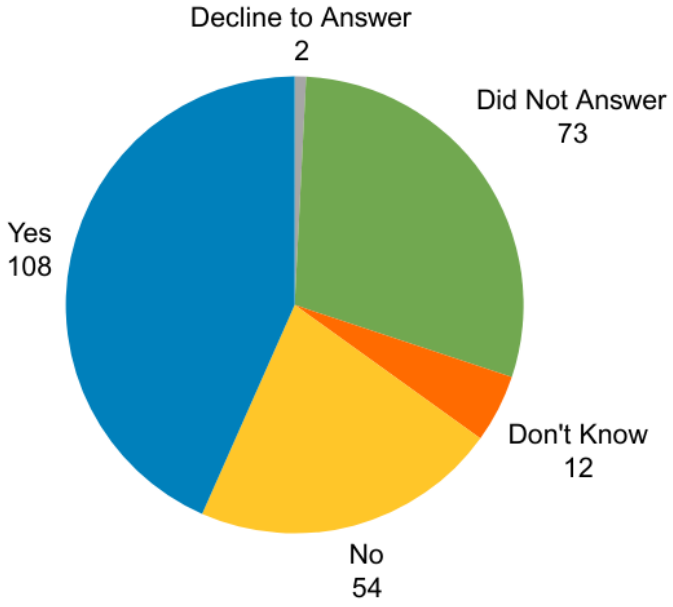

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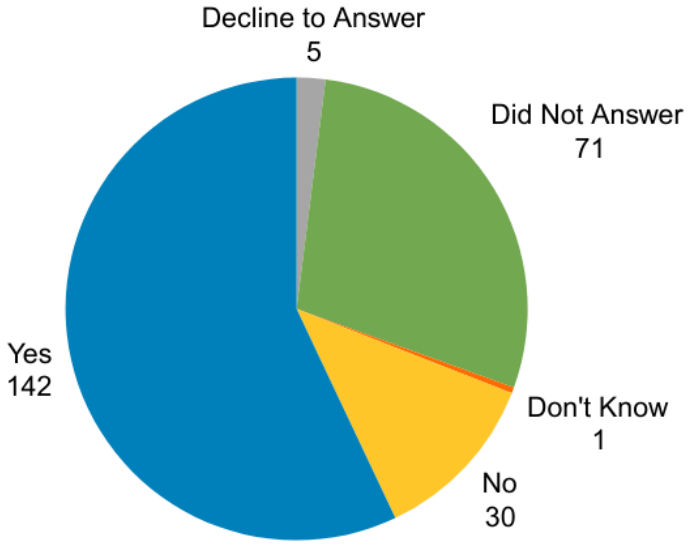

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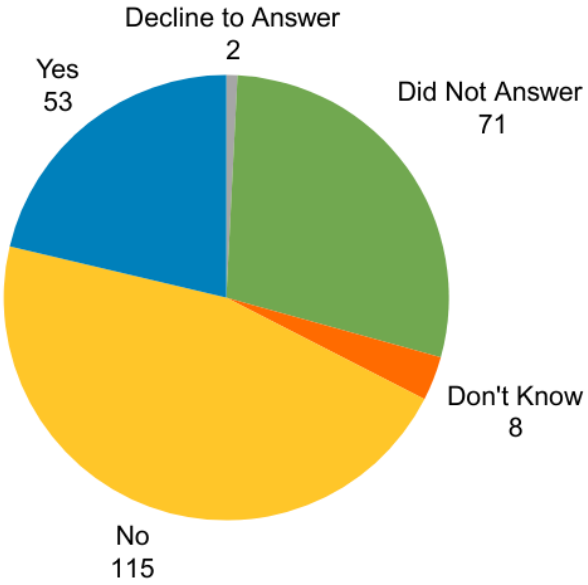

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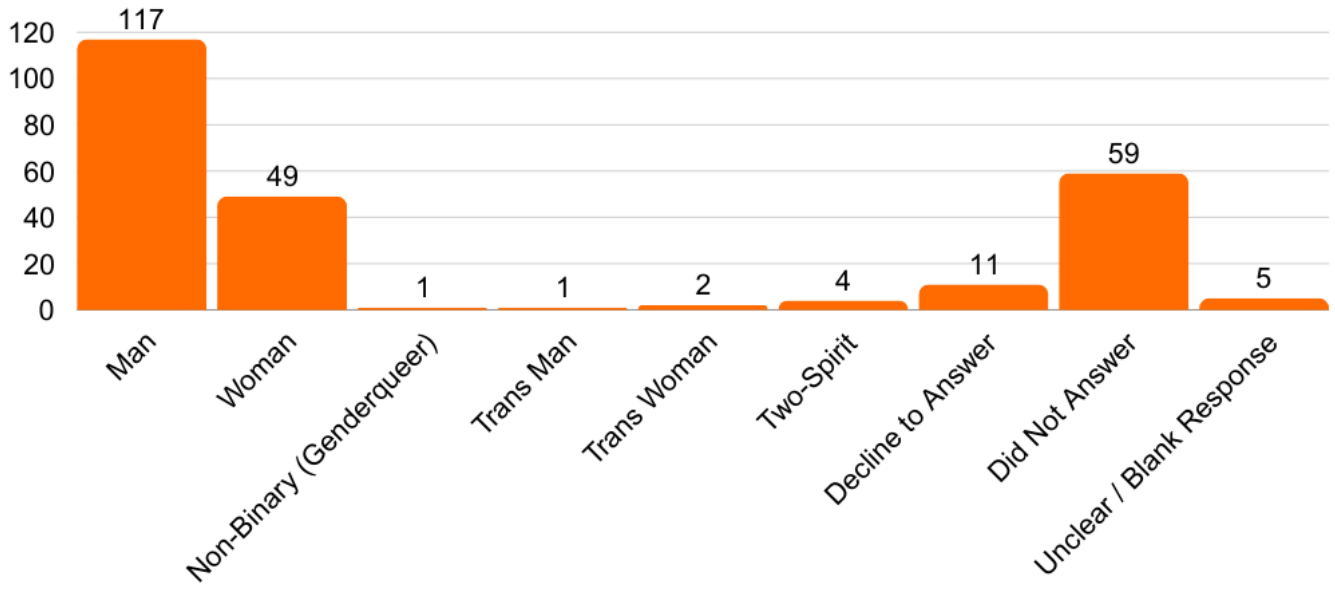

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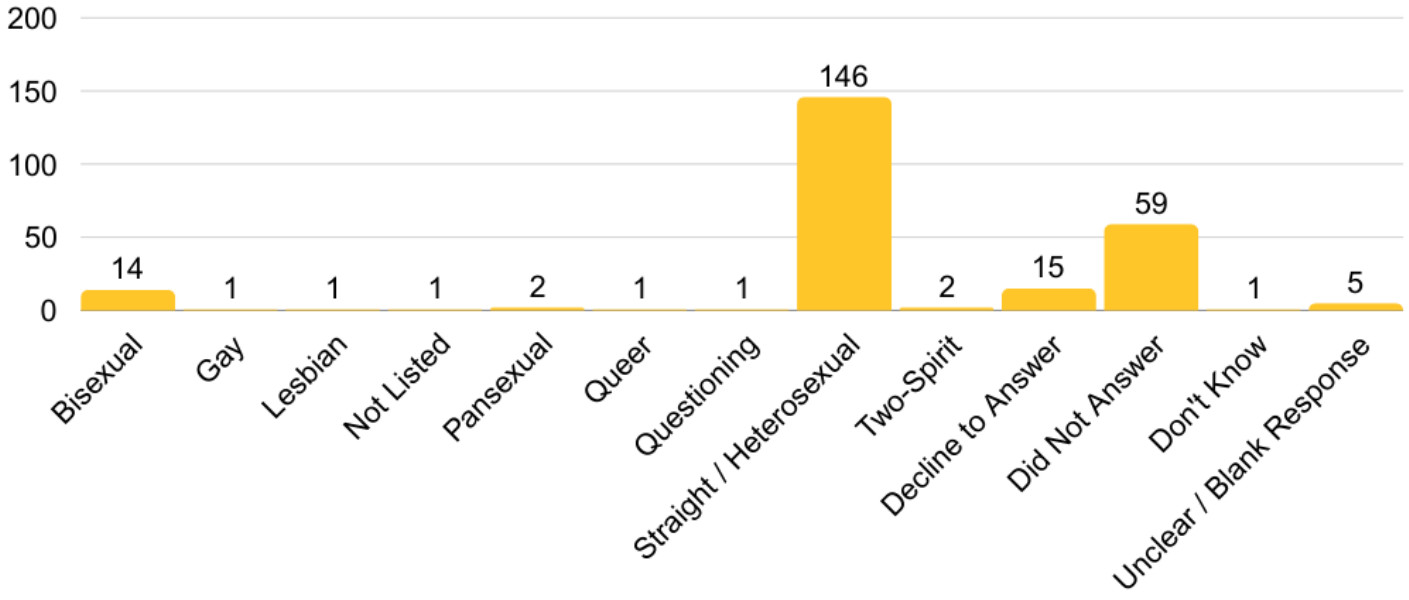

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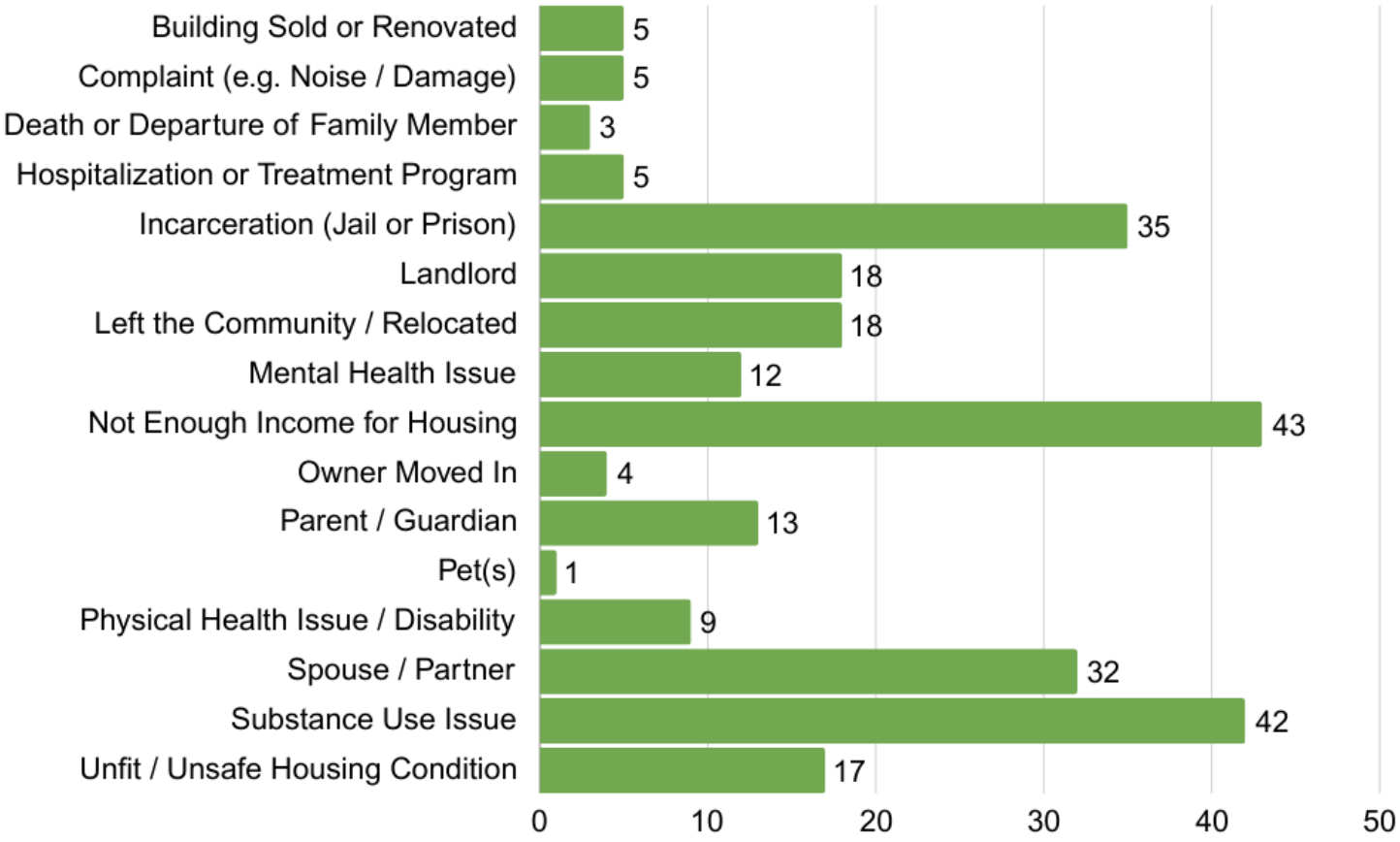

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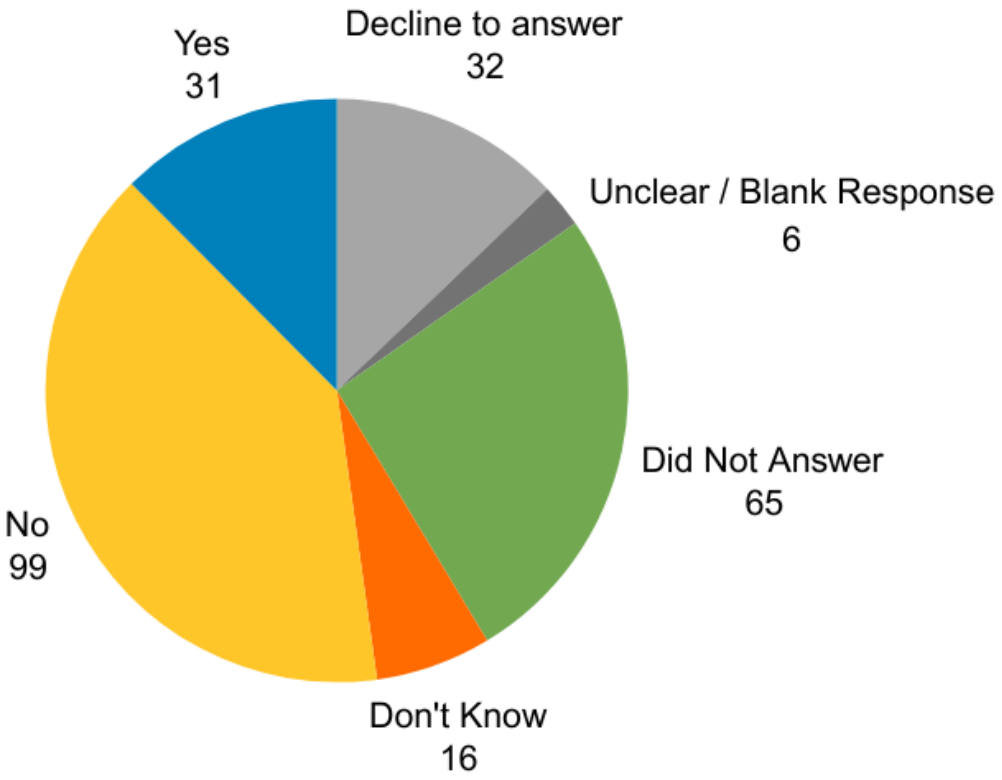

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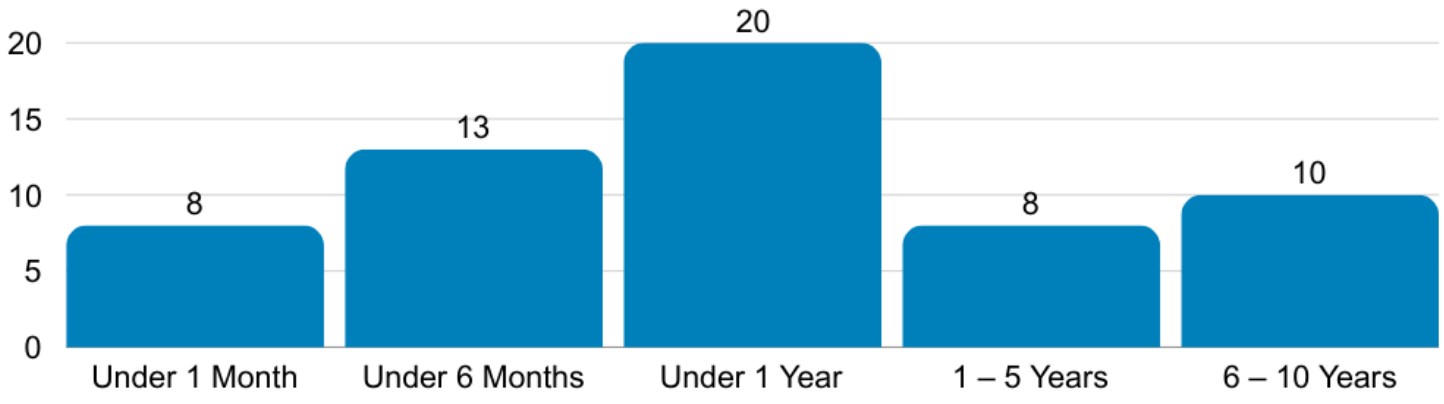

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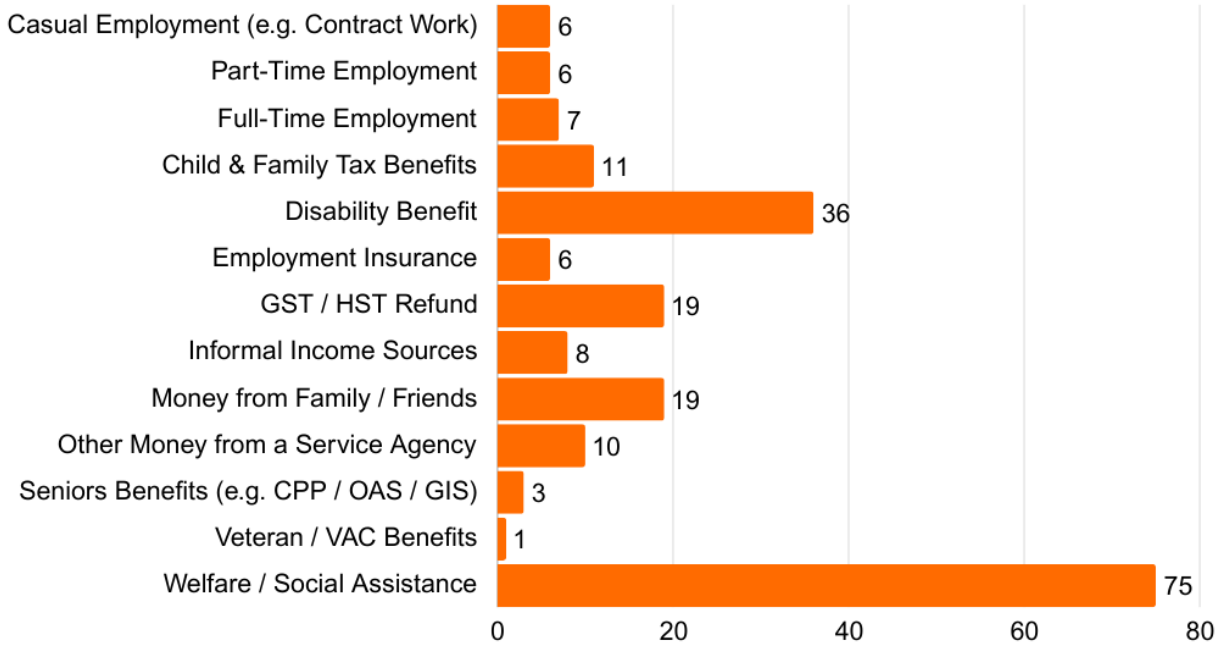

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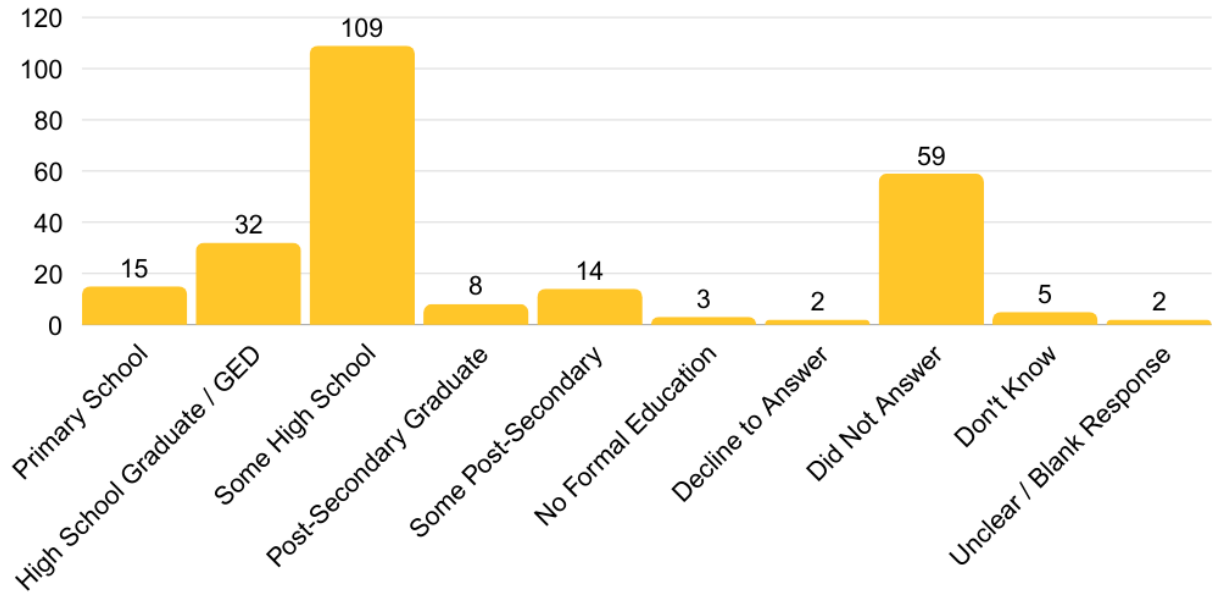

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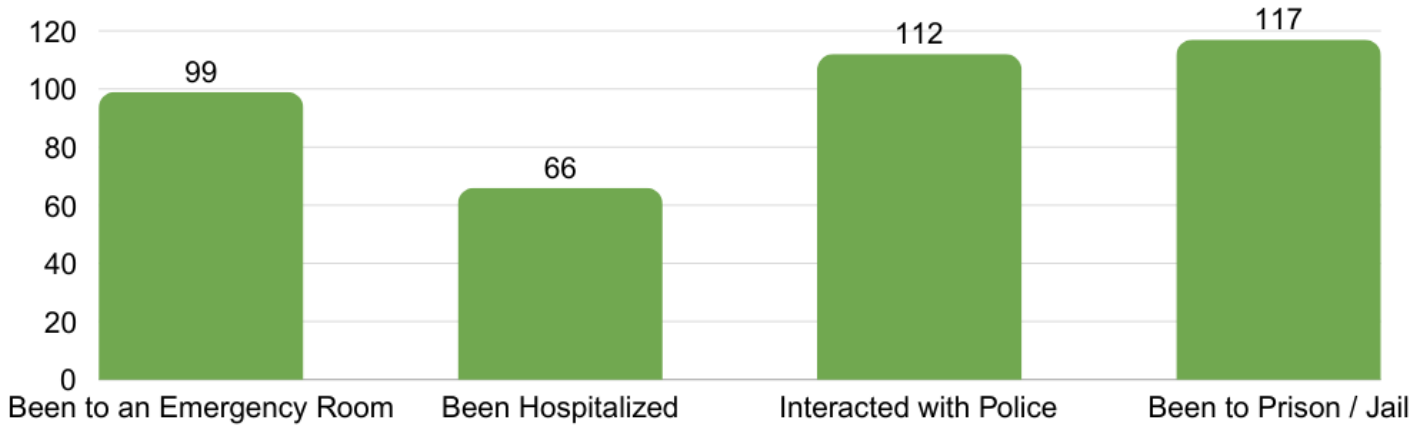

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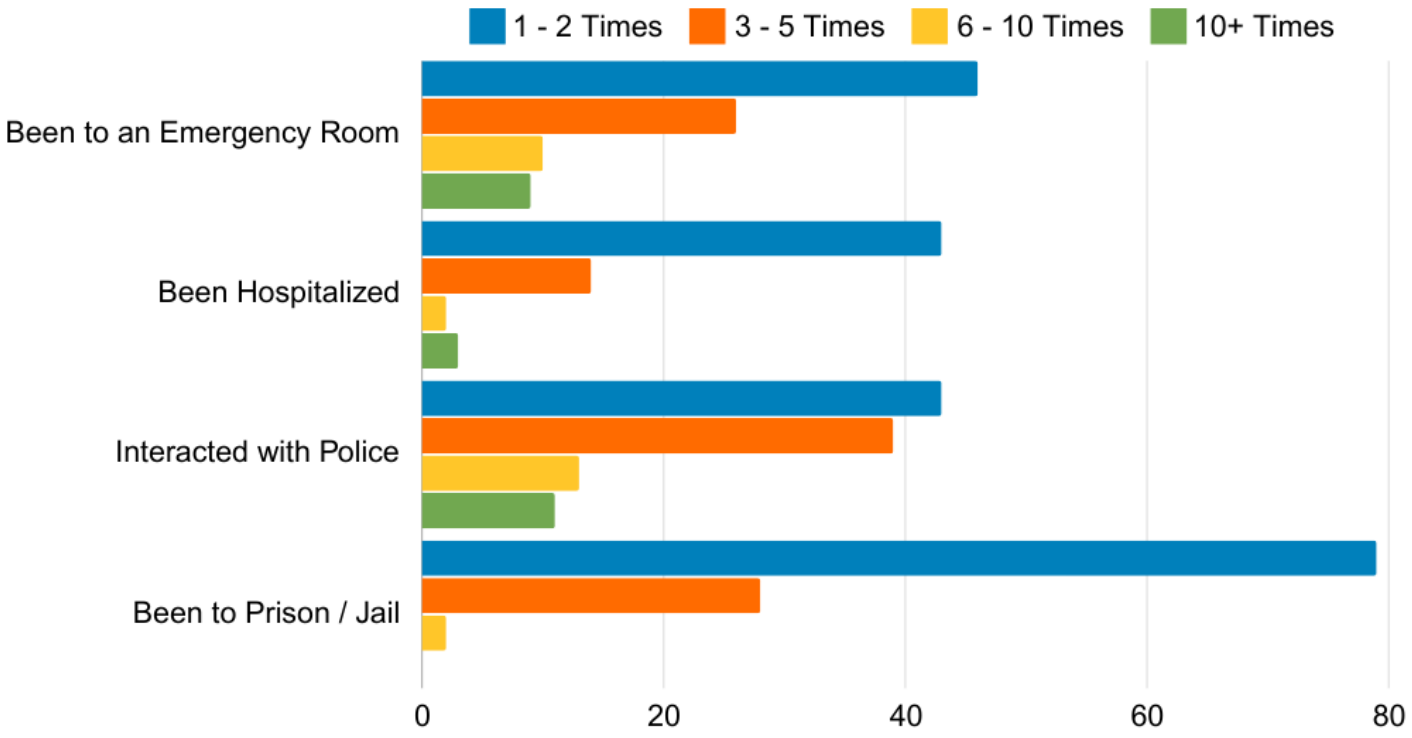

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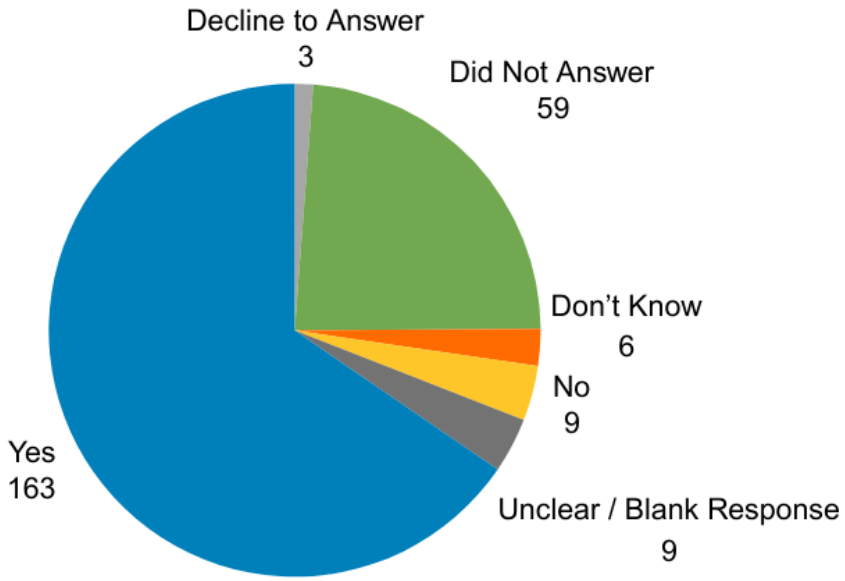

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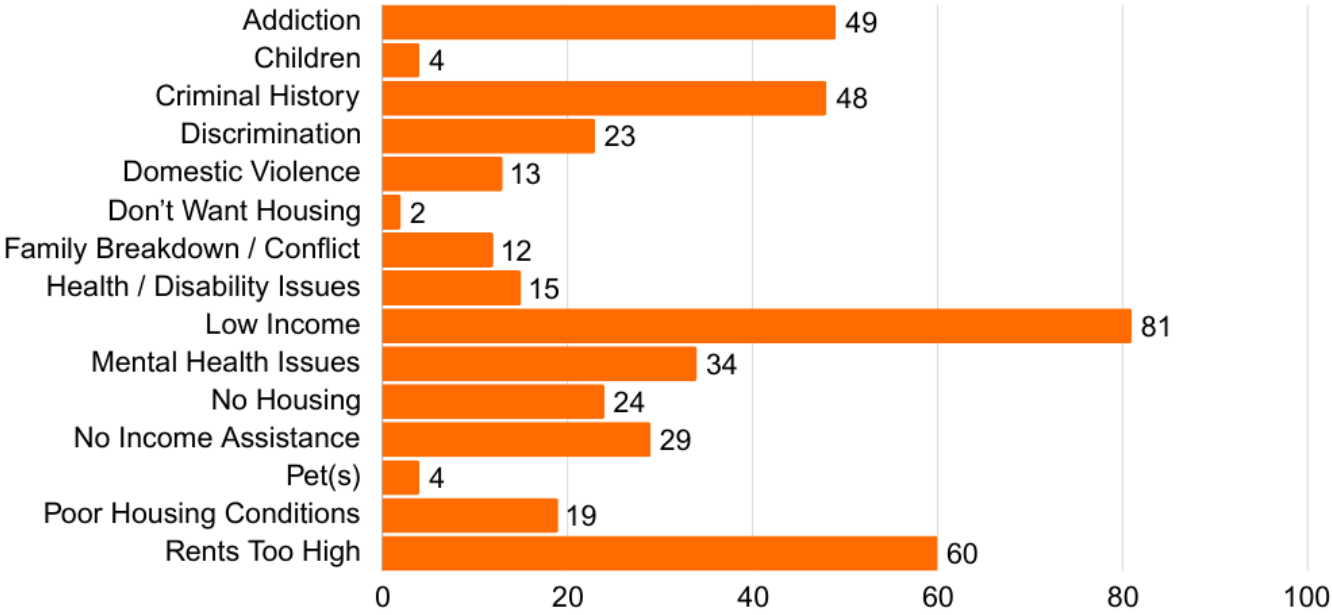

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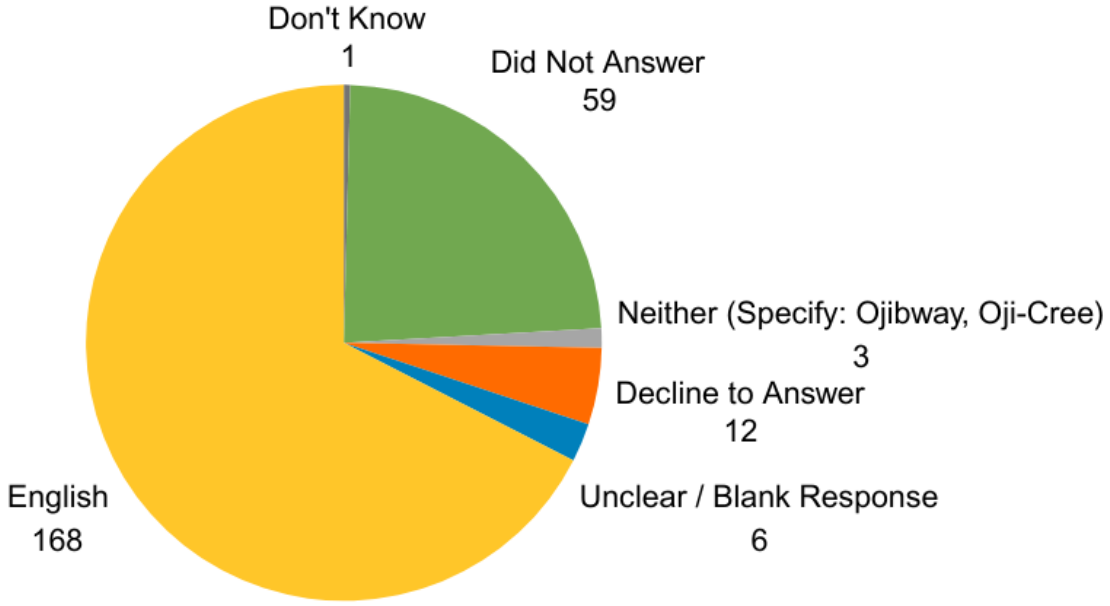

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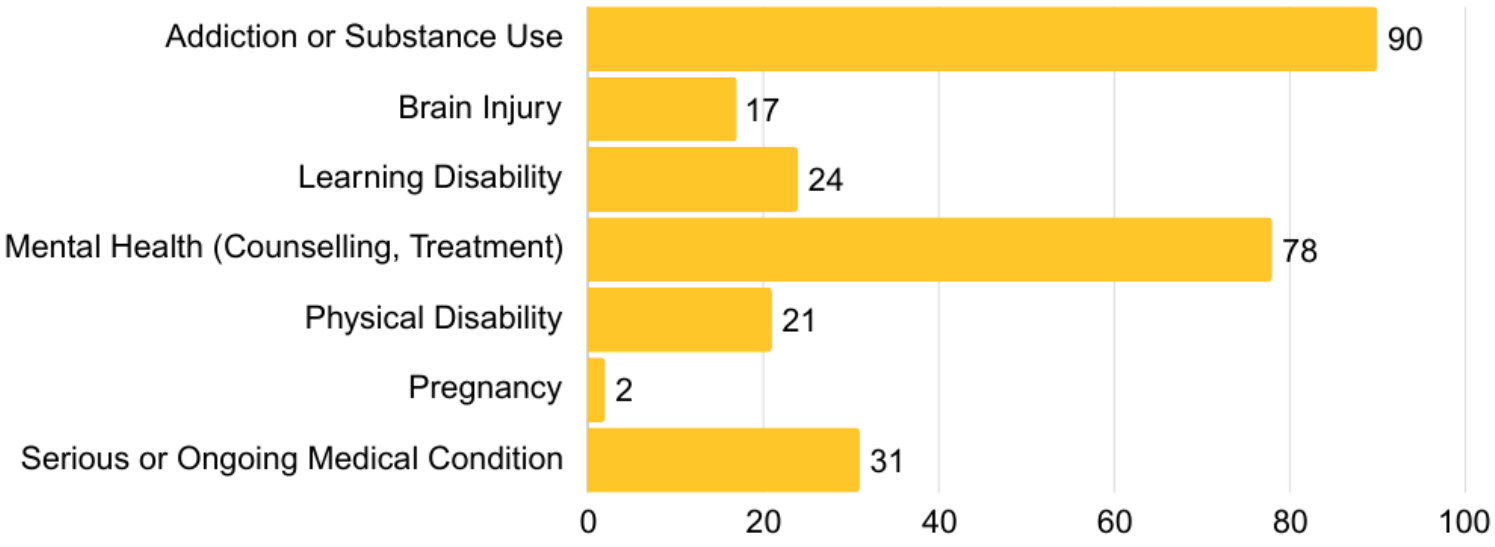

Conclusion

The 2024 Kenora District Homelessness Enumeration provides the KDSB with updated and valuable baseline data on the scope of homelessness in the District.

The Kenora District 2024 Point-in-Time (PiT) Count marks the second time that the data was collected using a consistent methodology in the Kenora District. It represents the third homelessness enumeration study completed in the Kenora District.

The KDSB will use the results from the 2024 PiT to measure against past data, measure progress made, and guide future service planning. The results will be available through a report to local agencies, local government, and Kenora District communities. The KDSB will conduct the enumeration bi-annually to understand better the multi-faceted and dynamically changing challenges related to all forms of homelessness in the Kenora District and measure collective success in ending homelessness.

The prevalence of homelessness in the District continues to reflect a troubling crisis in each of its communities.

Through 2024's findings, the information collected through the surveys does not identify one issue that can easily be corrected or solved to end homelessness. Instead, it provides a concrete demonstration that the issues are complex, and a multi-sectorial approach is the only way to address the needs of unsheltered individuals.

Homelessness is a complex issue with many facets, such as trauma, addictions, and mental health challenges. It has also been unequivocally demonstrated that the lack of safe, adequate, and affordable housing in the Kenora District's Municipalities produces devastating results regarding poverty and homelessness.

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Proactive homelessness prevention initiatives are necessary for individuals and families who face adversities and social disparities to reach their full well-being potential. More support is required immediately to stabilize and build upon current vital emergency supports and transitional steps to move vulnerable individuals from homeless to housed.

The data collected in KDSB's 2024 enumeration will be used to direct investments and community initiatives to end chronic homelessness.

The results of the PiT 2021 enabled the KDSB to produce the mandated By-Name List (BNL) to be used in 2022 and beyond. The BNL is a real-time person-specific list of all people known to be experiencing homelessness in the Kenora District. It is a set of data points that support Coordinated Access and prioritization and an understanding of homelessness inflow and outflow at a system level.

The Coordinated Access System is a federal requirement of Reaching Home Canada's Homelessness Strategy. It streamlines the process for people experiencing homelessness to access housing and support.

The Coordinated Entry System was launched in 2022. The Coordinated Entry process consists of an intake and update for the BNL to be used by Homeless Service Providers in the region. By standardizing intake, sharing information in real-time, adopting uniform prioritization policies, and coordinating referral processes, Coordinated Access connects people to the proper housing and support as efficiently as possible. Coordinated Access ensures communities get the most out of limited resources and more rapidly and effectively prevents and ends homelessness for those in greatest need.

A strong Coordinated Access system follows the principles of Housing First and shares real-time data to facilitate the housing process

In October 2024, during the month of the enumeration, the KDSB had **212** total active clients on its BNL and **53** individuals housed.

Due to the findings in the KDSB's 2024 PiT count, the KDSB, community partners, and multiple Ministries with the Province held a pressing round table meeting in December 2024 to discuss the results, the complexities of homelessness, and the identification of short-term, medium-term, and long-term solutions that will help improve the district's homelessness situation. Further work and meetings between the KDSB and the government will be done in 2025.

Focus needs to be placed on the systemic barriers that create the issues and challenges that are highlighted in this 2024 enumeration report.

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- Kenora District Services Board Social Services
- Kenora District Services Board Northwest Emergency Medical Services
- City of Dryden
- City of Kenora
- Municipality of Sioux Lookout
- Municipality of Red Lake
- Township of Ear Falls
- Township of Ignace
- Lac Seul Unincorporated Territory
- Lake of the Woods North Unincorporated
- Lake of the Woods South Unincorporated
- Municipality of Machin
- Oxdrift Unincorporated Territory
- Township of Pickle Lake
- Township of Sioux Narrows/Nestor Falls
- Dryden Native Friendship Centre
- Dryden High School (Keewatin Patricia District School Board)
- Dryden Regional Health Centre
- Northwestern Health Unit
- Dryden Safety and Wellbeing Plan Committee
- Metis Nation of Ontario
- Adult Teen Challenge
- Community Table
- Red Lake Indian Friendship Centre
- Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)
- Ear Falls Health Centre
- Mary Berglund Health Centre
- Ignace School (Keewatin Patricia District School Board)
- Ignace Food Bank
- Jubilee Church
- Women's Place Kenora

- NeChee Friendship Centre
- Morning Star Detox Centre
- Kenora Association for Community Living
- Lake of the Woods Hospital
- Canadian Mental Health Association - Kenora Branch
- Waasegiizhig Nanaandawe'iyewigamig (WNHAC)
- Kenora Chiefs Advisory
- Kenora Fellowship Centre
- Grand Council Treaty 3
- Ontario Native Women's Association
- Machin Health Centre
- Pickle Lake Health Centre
- Crolancia School (Keewatin Patricia District School Board)
- Margaret Cochenour Hospital
- Red Lake Emergency Shelter
- New Starts for Women Shelter
- Red Lake Indian Friendship Centre
- Red Lake High School (Keewatin Patricia District School Board)
- Sioux Lookout Emergency Shelter
- First Step Women's Shelter / Sioux Lookout Supportive Housing
- Nishnawbe-Gamik Friendship Centre
- Sioux North High School (Keewatin Patricia District School Board)
- Equay-Wuk
- Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority Meno Ya Win – Mental Health and Addictions Program
- Women's Shelter Saakaate House
- First Step for Women Shelter
- Hoshizaki House
- Dryden Food Bank
- Sunset Women's Aboriginal Circle
- Kenora District Jail

Appendix A: The Survey

2024 Point-In-Time Count Survey

* MANDATORY FIELDS Red Font Answer – survey ends

Survey Details			
* PiT Shift: (Surveyor's Name)			
* Date (yyyy-mm-dd):		* Time (AM/PM):	
Location:			
Comments:			
Client Ref #: (If applicable)			
Have you already completed a Point in Time (PiT) survey today? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, please complete the Consent Form before starting the survey and check the box once completed. ☐ Consent Form Completed			

Screening Questions

*** Where are you staying tonight? Where did you stay last night?**

	Select best answer:		Select best answer:
	Declined to Answer		Own Apartment / House
	Someone Else's Place		Hotel / Motel Self-Funded
	Hospital		Treatment Centre
	Jail, Prison, Remand Centre		**Homeless Shelter**
	Hotel / Motel Funded by Program		Transitional Shelter / Housing
	Unsheltered in a Public Space (e.g. Street, Park, Abandoned Building)		Vehicle (e.g. Car, RV, Boat)
	Encampment (e.g. Group of tents, makeshift shelter, or other long-term settlement)		Unsure (List approx. location): _____

Do you have access to a permanent residence where you can safely stay as long as you want?

	Select best answer:		
	Yes		No (not permanent AND/OR not safe)
	Don't Know		Declined to Answer

Have you spent at least one night in any of the following locations in the past year? (Check all that apply.)

	Select best answer:		
	Don't Know		Declined to Answer
	Homeless Shelter (includes Warming Centre, Drop In)		Hotel / Motel Funded by Program
	Transitional Shelter / Housing		**Unsheltered in a Public Space** (e.g. Street, Park, Abandoned Building)
	Encampment (e.g. Group of tents, makeshift shelter, or other long-term settlement)		Vehicle (e.g. Car, RV, Boat)
	Someone Else's Place (because you had nowhere else to go)		Hospital or Other Health Facility
	Jail, Prison, or Other Correctional Facility		

Core Questions

Do you have family members or anyone else who is staying with you tonight? / Did any family members or anyone else stay with you last night? (Indicate survey number for partners. Check all that apply.)

☐ Yes ☐ None ☐ Declined to Answer

If yes, names:

_____

How old are you? OR What year were you born? (If unsure, estimate.)

☐ Don't Know ☐ Declined Age: _____ OR Birth Year: _____

In total, for how much time have you experienced homelessness over the PAST YEAR (the last 12 months)? (Does not need to be exact. Best estimate.)

☐ Don't Know ☐ Declined Total Days: _____

In total, for how much time have you experienced homelessness over the PAST 3 YEARS? (Does not need to be exact. Best estimate.)

☐ Less than half ☐ About half or more ☐ Don't Know ☐ Declined to Answer

In total, how many different times have you experienced homelessness over the PAST YEAR (the last 12 months)? (Best estimate.)

☐ Don't Know ☐ Declined Count: _____

How old were you the first time you experienced homelessness?

☐ Don't Know ☐ Declined Age (yrs): _____

Did you come to Canada as an immigrant, refugee, asylum claimant (i.e., applied for refugee status after coming to Canada), or through another process?

☐ Yes (Immigrant)
☐ Yes (Refugee)
☐ Yes (Asylum Claimant in Canada)
☐ Yes (Temporary Foreign Worker)
☐ Yes (Other Work Permit)
☐ Yes (Study Permit)
☐ Yes (Temporary Resident)
☐ Yes (Other)
☐ No
☐ Don't Know
☐ Declined to Answer

Are you a Canadian Citizen?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No, Permanent Resident
- ☐ No, Other
- ☐ Don't Know
- ☐ Declined to Answer

How long have you been in this community?

_____ Days ☐ Always Been Here ☐ Don't Know ☐ Declined to Answer

Where did you live before you came here?

Country: _____

What is the main reason you came to this community? (Select one.)

- ☐ Access Emergency Shelter
- ☐ Visit Friends / Family
- ☐ Start New Job
- ☐ Recreation / Shopping
- ☐ Access Services / Supports
- ☐ Seeking Employment
- ☐ Attend School
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Family Moved
- ☐ Find Housing
- ☐ Fear for Safety
- ☐ Don't Know
- ☐ Declined to Answer

Do you identify as First Nations (with or without status), Métis, or Inuit? (Please specify.)

- ☐ First Nations
- ☐ No
- ☐ Inuit
- ☐ Don't Know
- ☐ Metis
- ☐ Declined to Answer
- ☐ Indigenous Ancestry

In addition to your response in the question above, do you identify with any of the racial identities listed below? (Select all that apply.)

- ☐ Arab
- ☐ Asian-West
- ☐ Black-African
- ☐ Asian-East
- ☐ Asian-South / Indo-Caribbean
- ☐ Black-Afo-Caribbean
- ☐ Asian-South-East
- ☐ Black-Canadian / American
- ☐ Latin American
- ☐ White (European, French, Ukrainian)

Have you ever served in the Canadian Military or RCMP? (Military includes Canadian Navy, Army, and Air Force, Regular and Reserve, Army Rangers including completing basic training.)

- ☐ Yes (Military)
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes (RCMP)
- ☐ Don't Know
- ☐ Both Military and RCMP
- ☐ Declined to Answer

As a child or youth, were you ever in foster care or in a youth group home or part of any other Provincial child welfare programs?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐ Declined to Answer

If yes above, approximately how long after leaving foster care / group home did you become homeless?

_____ Days ☐ Don't Know ☐ Declined to Answer

Do you feel that Child Protection Services was helpful in transitioning you to independence after leaving foster care / group home?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐ Declined to Answer

Have you been experiencing difficulties related to any of the following?

a) Illness or Medical Condition (e.g. Diabetes, Tuberculosis (TB) or Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV))

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐ Declined to Answer

b) Physical Mobility (e.g. spinal cord injury, arthritis, or limited movement or dexterity)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐ Declined to Answer

c) Learning, Intellectual/Developmental, or Cognitive Function (e.g. fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD), autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), dyslexia or dementia)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐ Declined to Answer

d) Acquired Brain Injury (e.g. due to an accident, violence, overdose, stroke, or brain tumour)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐ Declined to Answer

e) Mental Health [diagnosed/undiagnosed] (e.g. depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), bipolar, or schizophrenia)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐ Declined to Answer

f) Substance Use (e.g. alcohol or opiates)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐ Declined to Answer

g) Senses, such as seeing or hearing (e.g. blindness or deafness)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐ Declined to Answer

What gender do you identify with?

☐ Man
☐ Trans Woman
☐ Not Listed
☐ Women
☐ Trans Man
☐ Don't Know
☐ Two-Spirit
☐ Non-binary (Genderqueer)
☐ Declined to Answer

Q: How do you describe your sexual orientation, for example straight, gay, lesbian?

☐ Straight / Heterosexual
☐ Two-Spirit
☐ Questioning
☐ Gay
☐ Pansexual
☐ Not Listed
☐ Lesbian
☐ Asexual
☐ Don't Know
☐ Bisexual
☐ Queer
☐ Declined to Answer

What happened that caused you to lose your housing most recently? (Check all that apply. "Housing" does not include temporary arrangements (e.g., couch surfing) or shelter stays.

☐ Don't Know
☐ Not Enough Income
☐ Owner Moved In
☐ Conflict w/ Landlord
☐ Abuse by Landlord
☐ Discrimination by Landlord
☐ Substance Use Issue
☐ Noise / Damage
☐ Pet(s)
☐ Declined to Answer
☐ Unfit / Unsafe Housing
☐ Conflict w/ Partner
☐ Abuse by Partner
☐ Discrimination by Partner
☐ Physical Health Issue
☐ Hospitalization / Treatment
☐ Left Community / Relocated
☐ Housing / Financial Issues
☐ Building Sold / Renovated
☐ Conflict w/ Parent / Guardian
☐ Abuse by Parent / Guardian
☐ Discrimination by Parent
☐ Mental Health Issue
☐ Incarceration
☐ Departure of family member
☐ Other: _____

Was your most recent housing loss related to an eviction?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐ Declined to Answer

How long ago did that happen (that you lost your housing most recently)?

_____ Days ☐ Don't Know ☐ Declined to Answer

What are your sources of income? (Read list and select all that apply.)

- ☐ No Income
- ☐ FT Employment
- ☐ Informal / Self-Employed
- ☐ Welfare / Social Assistance
- ☐ Money from Family / Friends
- ☐ Other Money from a Service Agency / Band Office
- ☐ Don't Know
- ☐ PT Employment
- ☐ Disability Benefit
- ☐ Veteran Benefits
- ☐ GST / HST Refund
- ☐ Declined to Answer
- ☐ Casual Employment
- ☐ Employment Insurance
- ☐ Senior's Benefits
- ☐ Child Tax

OPTIONAL Questions

What is the highest level of education you completed?

- ☐ Primary
- ☐ Some Post-Secondary
- ☐ No Formal Education
- ☐ Some High School
- ☐ Post-Secondary Graduate
- ☐ Don't Know
- ☐ High School Diploma / GED
- ☐ Masters / Ph.D.
- ☐ Declined to Answer

In the past year (12 months) have you been to an emergency room?

- ☐ Yes, number of times in an emergency room: _____
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know
- ☐ Declined to Answer

In the past year (12 months) have you been hospitalized?

- ☐ If yes, number of times hospitalized: _____ Estimated total days: _____
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know
- ☐ Declined to Answer

In the past year (12 months) have you interacted with police (tickets, arrests, searches)?

- ☐ If yes, number of times interacted with police: _____
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know
- ☐ Declined to Answer

In the past year (12 months) have you been to prison / jail?

- ☐ If yes, number of times to prison / jail: _____ Estimated total days: _____
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know
- ☐ Declined to Answer

Do you want to get into permanent housing?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know
- ☐ Declined to Answer

What challenges or problems have you experienced when trying to find housing?

- ☐ Low Income
- ☐ Poor Housing Conditions
- ☐ Health / Disability Issues
- ☐ Criminal History
- ☐ Discrimination
- ☐ No Income Assistance
- ☐ Children
- ☐ Addiction
- ☐ Rents too High
- ☐ Don't Want Housing
- ☐ Pet(s)
- ☐ Domestic Violence
- ☐ Mental Health Issues
- ☐ Family Breakdown / Conflict

In what language do you feel best able to express yourself?

- ☐ English
- ☐ Don't Know
- ☐ French
- ☐ Neither (Specify): _____
- ☐ No Preference
- ☐ Declined to Answer

I am going to read a list of services that you may or may not need. Let me know which of these apply to you. Do you have a need for services related to: (Select all that apply.)

- ☐ Serious or Ongoing Medical Condition
- ☐ Mental Health (Counselling, Treatment)
- ☐ Learning Disability
- ☐ Pregnancy
- ☐ Don't Know
- ☐ Addiction or Substance Use
- ☐ Physical Disability
- ☐ Brain Injury
- ☐ None of the Above
- ☐ Declined to Answer

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