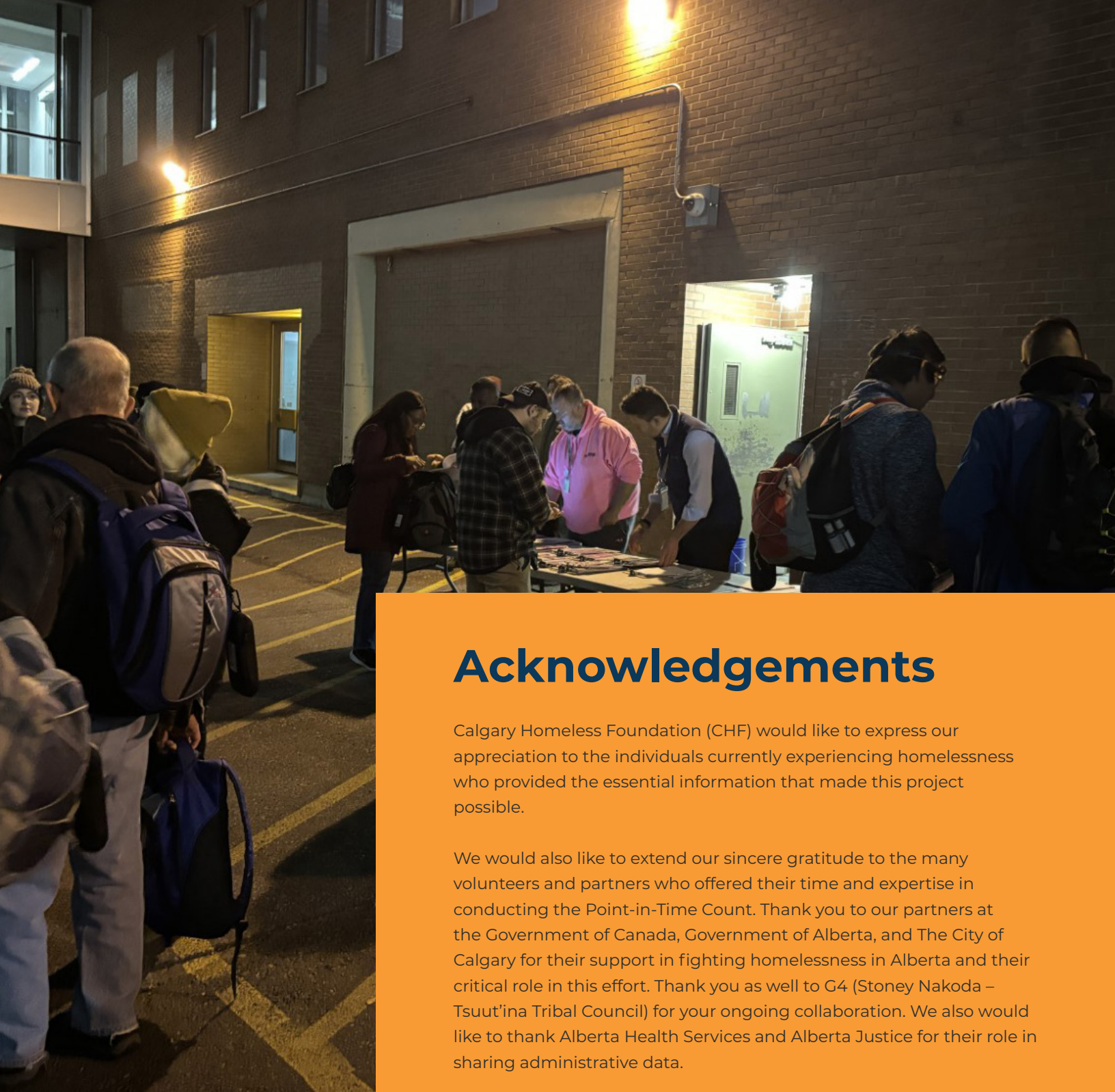




# POINT- IN-TIME COUNT

Calgary Report

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Together these collective efforts strengthen our shared commitment to addressing homelessness in Calgary.

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# Executive Summary

**”** *The 2024 PiT Count identified that despite unprecedented headwinds, Calgary’s homeless-serving system of care has seen no increase in the rate of homelessness since 2022.*

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Point-in-Time (PiT) Counts provide an approach to enumerating individuals experiencing homelessness, presenting a “snapshot” of the homelessness landscape at a specific point-in-time. Conducted every two years, this count helps to track trends and inform resource allocation decisions, including both funding and the creation of targeted programming.

The following report presents the background, methodology, details, and findings of Calgary’s 2024 PiT Count, including the night count conducted on Oct. 10, 2024, from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.

The 2024 count identified 3,121 individuals experiencing homelessness. While this number has increased since the 2022 PiT count, it represents a ratio of just 2 out of every 1,000 Calgarians experiencing homelessness on the night of the count. This ratio remains unchanged since 2022 despite the city experiencing rapid population growth.

Data revealed that while the number of people utilizing shelters increased, the number of individuals living in encampments remained consistent with the 2022 Count. Overall, 74% of individuals experiencing homelessness were sheltered and 26% were unsheltered.

This year’s count methodology incorporated improvements based on feedback from previous counts, including leveraging Calgary Homeless Foundation’s MAGE app to track encampments using real-time data.

Additionally, increased collaboration with partner agencies contributed to a more efficient count. The PiT Count is just one of many efforts that are part of Calgary Homeless Foundation’s ongoing commitment to fighting homelessness and ensuring that data collection and analysis drive informed, impactful decisions.

**While the data reveals an increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness in Calgary relative to 2022 , it is important to consider these results in a historical context to observe a continuation of an important trend over time. Since 2008, the population of Calgary has increased by over 45%. Despite this, the number of people identified as experiencing homelessness in Point-in-Time counts has fallen by 13% over the same period.**

Overall, the data throughout this report highlights the positive impact of using research and data in conjunction with a highly coordinated system to support those in need of housing.

# Context & Key Terms

*A brief overview of the context and key terms to take into consideration throughout this report.*

## The Complex Causes of Homelessness



Homelessness in Calgary, Alberta is a complicated issue caused by many factors such as rapid population growth, immigration, intra-provincial migration, rising global inflation, very tight housing and rental markets, limited employment opportunities, and a limited availability of low-income housing options. These factors increase the risk of homelessness for many individuals and families. The spectrum of homelessness spans from transitional to chronic, with different forms of homelessness including unsheltered,

emergency sheltered, provisionally accommodated or at risk of homelessness. Addressing the full scope of homelessness in Calgary requires a collaborative approach that prioritizes the use of systems and tools such as prevention and diversion, affordable housing initiatives, and comprehensive support services tailored to individuals' specific challenges and circumstances.

# Key Terms



*To enhance clarity and ensure a common understanding, the following list defines key terms that will be referenced throughout the body of this report.*

## **Homeless Serving System of Care (HSSC)**

The network of organizations and services working alongside CHF to support individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

## **Prevention & Diversion**

Prevention programs help keep individuals housed by providing support, such as financial aid. Diversion programs assist individuals at risk of homelessness regain stability through supports or interventions, promoting independence and preventing reliance on the homelessness system.

## **At Risk of Homelessness**

Individuals who are not homeless, but whose current economic and/or housing situation is unstable or unsafe (i.e. sudden unemployment, eviction, violence at home, etc.).

## **Chronic Homelessness**

Homeless for at least 180 days over the course of a year (not necessarily consecutive days); and/or, recurrent episodes of homelessness over three years that total at least 18 months.

## **Episodic Homelessness**

Homeless for less than 180 days over the course of a year (not necessarily consecutive days); and/or, recurrent episodes of homelessness over three years that is less than 18 months total.

## **Transitional Homelessness**

Homeless for the first time (typically for less than three months) or has had less than two episodes of homelessness in the past three years.

## **Sheltered Homelessness**

Individuals residing in emergency shelters, domestic violence shelters, disaster shelters, or other temporary accommodations such as hospitals or correctional facilities. This includes people staying in hotels or motels funded by a city or homeless program, as well as those in transitional shelters or housing.

## **Provisionally Accommodated**

Temporary accommodation or lacks security and permanence (i.e. hospitals, correctional facilities, couch surfing).

## **Unsheltered Homelessness**

Without any form of shelter and residing in public places (i.e. streets, park, vacant buildings) or in areas not fit for habitation (i.e. cars, garages).

## **Encampments**

Residing in a fixed or visible structure in an outdoor location.

## **MAGE (Mobile Awareness GEOINT Environment)**

The MAGE app is a real-time data tool, developed by Calgary Homeless Foundation, that allows outreach teams to communicate and coordinate city-wide responses to encampments. MAGE provides insight into where people are living outside, enabling outreach teams to respond appropriately with necessary supports.

## **Head of Household**

In the context of surveying a family unit, the head of household refers to the primary person whose ethnicity demographics are used to represent all individuals within the family.

## **Administrative Data**

Information collected by organizations or institutions (i.e. hospitals and correctional facilities) as part of their regular operations or services.

## **Street or Night Count**

A method of enumerating individuals residing unsheltered in a specific area during a particular period, typically conducted during the evening.

# Point-In-Time Count

## Background

The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count of Homelessness is a biennial survey that, along with other data sources, provides an overall estimate of the number of individuals experiencing homelessness on a given night. It offers insight into the state of homelessness in a defined area and nationwide. This snapshot helps the Homeless-Serving System of Care (HSSC) identify trends over time, improve supports, and adjust strategies to better help individuals experiencing homelessness.

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2020-2022

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Canadian communities participated in the 2022 PIT count, coordinated through Reaching Home, the Government of Canada's Homelessness Strategy, to help provide a national picture of homelessness.

[\*\(Government of Canada, 2025\)\*](#)



Since 1992, Calgary has conducted a PIT Count every two years, except in 2020, when the event was postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, Calgary counted individuals based on administrative data but did not perform a street or night count of individuals. A full count was done again in 2022.

Although the PIT Count does not capture all aspects of homelessness, it helps indicate its scale. This data point is valuable for guiding decisions about funding future actions by service providers focused on reducing homelessness in Calgary.

The 2024 PIT Count was overseen by Calgary Homeless Foundation (CHF) as part of the Government of Canada's requirements for Calgary in the Reaching Home program.



# 2024 Point-In-Time Count

## Methodology

The PIT count aims to provide a comprehensive snapshot of individuals experiencing homelessness in Calgary and assess the overall state of homelessness in the city. This year, the PIT Count in Calgary was conducted on Thursday, October 10, 2024. A count of encampments was done during the day, while the night count took place from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

To obtain the most complete enumeration of individuals and families experiencing homelessness, CHF facilitated the collection of administrative data from shelters, transitional housing programs, and correctional and health facilities to estimate the sheltered population. In addition, volunteer-led outreach teams coordinated a night count of unsheltered individuals, collecting data over a four-hour period. This effort captured information on those living unsheltered or in encampments. All demographic and survey information including age, gender, and ethnicity, was voluntarily self-reported by the individuals being surveyed.

## Process Improvements

The 2024 PIT Count incorporated several key changes based on insights from previous counts. One significant change was the collaboration with G4 (Stoney Nakoda – Tsuut’ina Tribal Council), which organized a “magnet event” called “A Gathering to Support the People”. This event not only brought individuals together to help collect PIT Count data, but also provided resources and support to those who attended. Additionally, CHF leveraged the MAGE app and partnered with outreach teams to visit encampments. There was also increased engagement with partner agencies to assist with survey completion. Partner agencies were more engaged to help complete surveys. These changes aimed to improve the overall quality of the data collected, reviewed, processed, and reported.







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## Facilities & Programs

Collected administrative and systems data for sheltered people experiencing homelessness.



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## Outreach Teams

Teams went across Calgary neighbourhoods to collect outreach and encampment data.



120+

## Volunteers

Counted and surveyed unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness.

# Volunteers

Volunteers for the street count were primarily selected from outreach groups and agencies with expertise in serving people experiencing homelessness. The PIT Count placed a strong emphasis on the safety of both volunteers and the individuals being counted. CHF provided training and ongoing support to ensure volunteers were well-prepared. Each volunteer was equipped with a backpack containing safety equipment, essential items (i.e. water, food, socks, hand warmers, etc.), and tools to help them conduct the count efficiently and safely at night.

During the street count, volunteers not only conducted the count but also offered support and assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness. Volunteers actively engaged with the people they encountered, connecting them to the necessary supports and services when needed.



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Outside sector

Volunteers that were students and professors from the University of Calgary's Nursing and Social Work programs.



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Sector workers

Volunteers from the homeless-serving sector that generously volunteered their time to support the PIT Count.



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Sector professionals

People who participated in the count as part of their professional duties.

# Engaging the community

Calgary's 2024 PIT Count was made possible thanks to the support of over 120 volunteers from the community, including outreach workers, CHF staff and many other community partners. CHF and Community Outreach Teams utilized the MAGE app and other data sources to identify encampments inside and outside of the downtown core to survey on the night of the count.

## Facility count

**Time Period:** October 10, 2024 | 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

**Contributors:** CHF collected data from facilities including emergency shelters, short-term transitional housing facilities, women's shelters, hospitals, and correctional facilities.

**Process:** Facilities participating in the count provided information about all individuals staying at their facility who were identified as experiencing homelessness. The information collected included an age breakdown, gender, and ethnicity data.

## Survey data

**Time Period:** October 10, 2024 – October 24, 2024

**Survey Development:** The survey questions remained unchanged from previous years and consisted of the mandatory questions provided by the Government of Canada. Participation in the survey was voluntary. Individuals who took part in the survey were informed of their right to skip any question they were not comfortable with or end the survey at any time.

**Contributors:** Over 120 volunteers and staff participated in the collection of survey data on the night of October 10th, 2024. The survey was also utilized to collect data during the G4 (Stoney Nakoda – Tsuut'ina Tribal Council) event, A Gathering to Support the People, on October 16th, 2024. Administrative data was collected from October 10 - October 24.

**Process:** All evening street count volunteers were required to attend a training session prior to the PiT Count. During this training session, they received information about the purpose of PiT Counts, the history of Calgary's PiT Counts, safety procedures, and an overview and rationale for the survey questions. Volunteers were also provided with information on the comfort kits (i.e. water, food, socks, hand warmers, etc.) and honoraria that would be given to those experiencing homelessness on the evening of the street count.



## Considerations

CHF is committed to ensuring volunteers are equipped to engage with individuals compassionately and effectively. Volunteers were required to attend a training session, covering topics related to the safety and well-being of individuals answering the survey. Volunteers were asked not to take any photographs and to maintain the confidentiality of the people they encountered. As indicated above, the majority of Calgary's PiT Count volunteers have backgrounds in interacting with people experiencing homelessness. Volunteers were provided with contact information to reach immediate assistance if they encountered a person in need.

The intention was for the survey questions to garner enough information to inform policies and programs, but not so much that it became overly invasive for the person being asked the survey questions. Participants were informed that they can skip any question or stop the survey at any time.

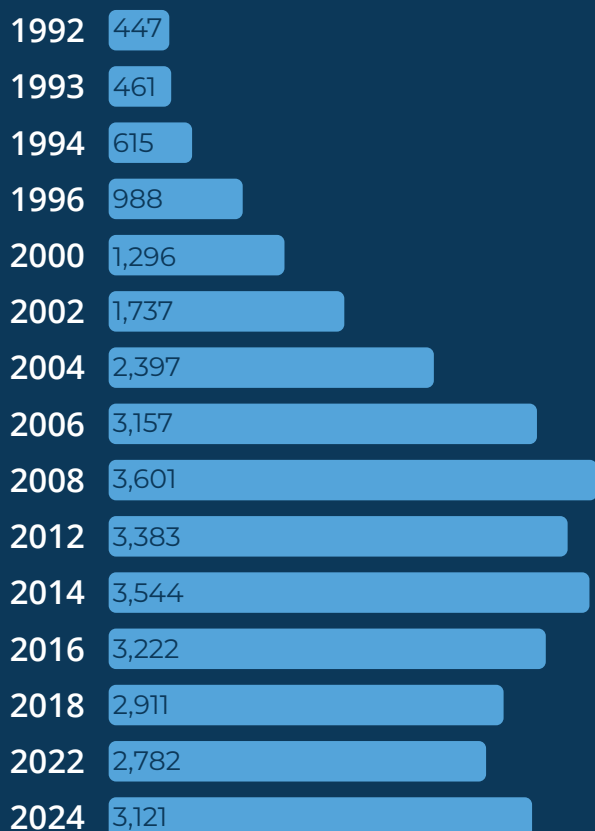
# Overall Findings

*The following outlines the results compiled from the outreach and encampment teams, as well as the administrative and systems data gathered during the 2024 PiT Count.*



# 3,121

individuals and heads of households were identified as experiencing homelessness. There is **no change** to the fraction of Calgarians experiencing homelessness from 2022.



Overall, the data reveals an increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness in Calgary relative to 2022. However, the data also reveals a continuation of an important trend over time. Since 2008, the population of Calgary has increased by over 45% (Government of Alberta, 2025). Despite this, the number of people identified as experiencing homelessness in PiT Counts has fallen by 13% over the same period. To put this differently, in 2008, 3.3 out of every 1,000 Calgarians were counted as homeless. In 2024, only 2 out of every 1,000 Calgarians were counted as homeless. **This is a reduction of over 40% since 2008.** The following chart (Figure 2 on page 12) exhibits this breakdown further.

Figure 1 – Counts over the years



# Calgary's Rate of Homelessness

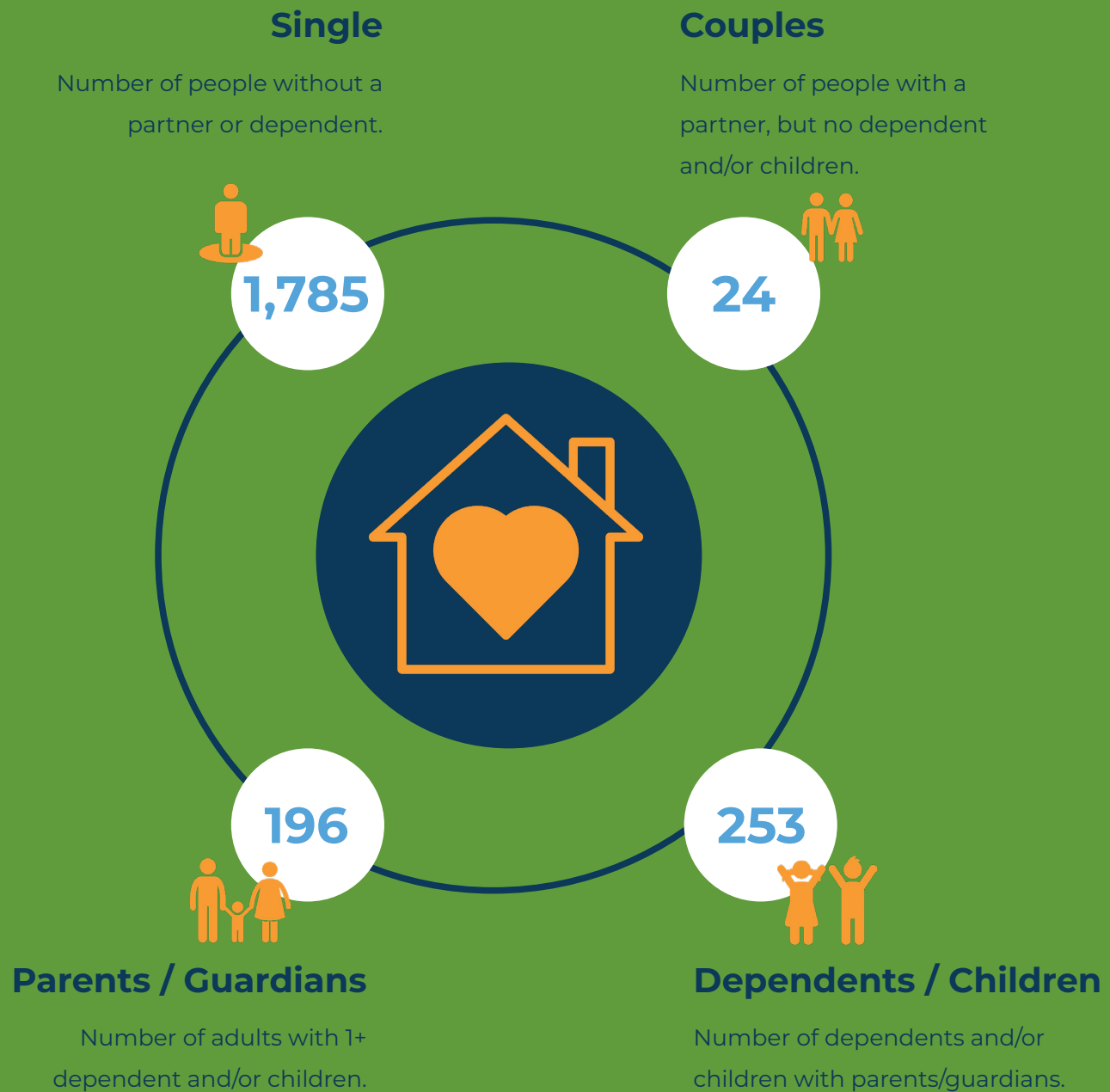
The Homelessness Rate is the number of people experiencing homelessness per 1,000 Calgarians on the night of the PiT count over the years.



Figure 2 – The homelessness rate in Calgary over the years

# Family Composition

Family composition on the night of the street count excludes dependents or partners who were not present and is based solely on administrative and survey data.



# Sheltered & Unsheltered Status

Of the total 3,121 individuals and household members enumerated, 804 (~26%) were unsheltered while 2,317 (~74%) were sheltered. Compared to the 2022 count, the percentage of unsheltered individuals decreased by almost 3 percentage points.

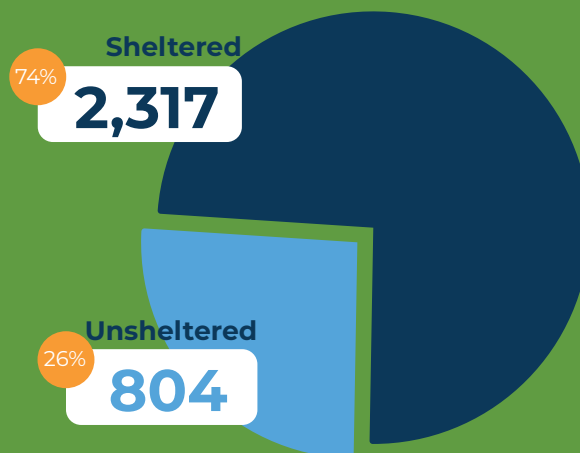


Figure 3 – Total individuals & household members by sheltered status

## By Location / Program Type

The most common location/program type to find individuals experiencing homelessness is emergency shelters (43%). Of those who answered the survey, 77% reported having at least one overnight shelter stay in the past year. It is important to acknowledge that this was a multiple-choice question on the survey, and individuals may have had other sleeping locations in the past year.

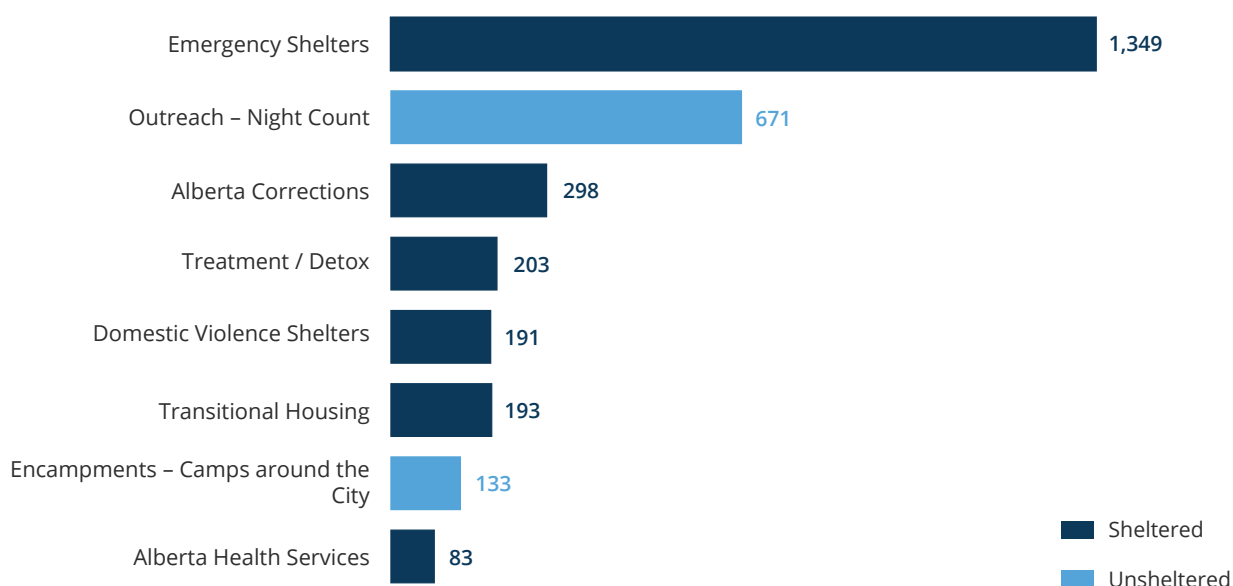


Figure 4 – Total individuals & households by program type

# Demographics

## By Age

We were able to collect age demographic data from 2,501 people out of the total 3,121 identified. Of those known, 79% are adults (25-44, 45-64), 7% are youth (13-17, 18-24), 6% are senior (65+), and 8% are children (0-5, 6-12).

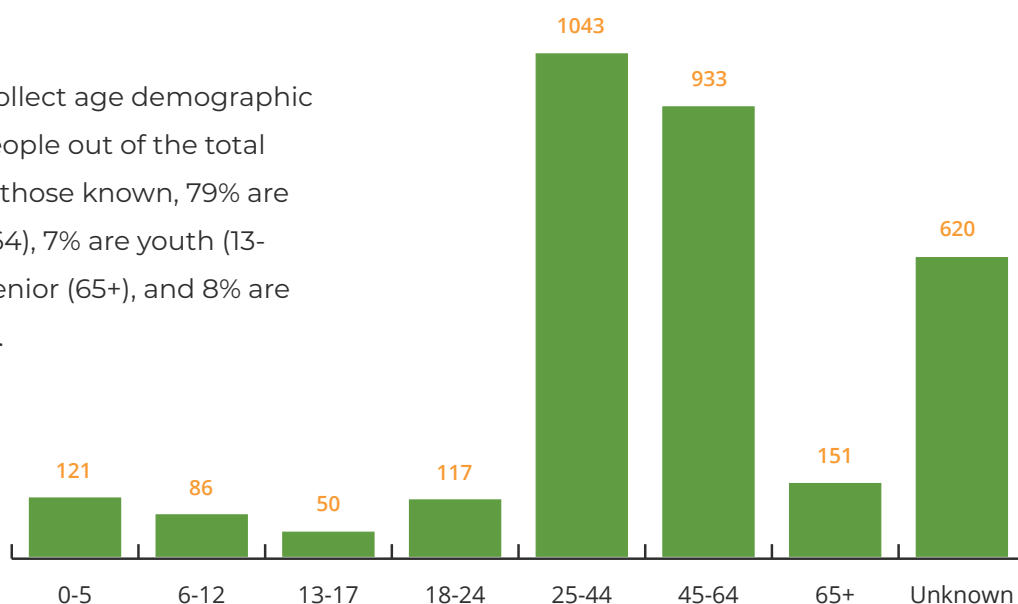


Figure 5 – Total individuals & household members by age group

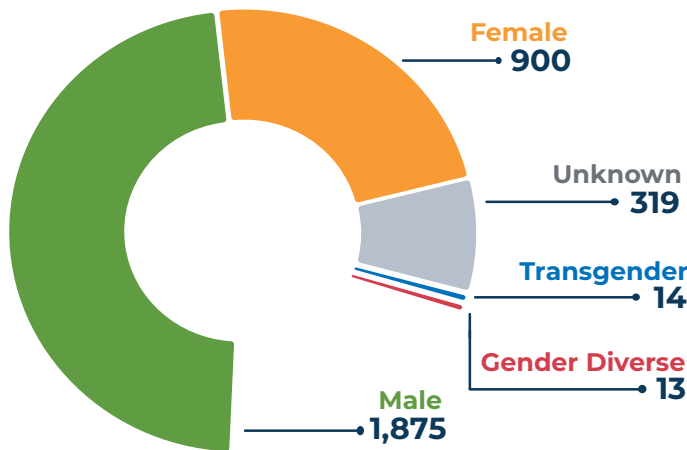
- The Unknown age group accounts for 20% of the total count, up from 14% in 2022.
- The demographic information for unsheltered data (encampments and outreach) comes from completed survey data only.
- Adults (ages 25-64) account for 63% of the total count, with 1,976 individuals.
- Youth (13-24) account for 5.4% (167 individuals), down from 8.6% (239 individuals) in 2022.
- The senior age group (65+) remains consistent at 4%.

## Median Age





# By Gender Identity



Out of the total enumeration, 1,875 (60%) of the total individuals and household members identified as male, and 900 (29%) identified as female. Individuals who identified as transgender or gender diverse represented <1% of the population, a combined total of 27.

Figure 6 – Total individuals & household members by gender

It can be difficult for someone in a marginalized or vulnerable position to disclose their gender diversity, therefore we suspect that the number of transgender or gender diverse individuals experiencing homelessness is both under-reported and not fully understood.

## Gender Identity by Age Group

Gender identity below 25 years is evenly split between male and female, with 178 (48%) identifying as female and 190 (51%) identifying as male which is similar to 2022 (47.5% female and 52.4% male). For adult age groups, the gender identity skews towards male, with 1,296 (65%) identifying as male and 644 (33%) identifying as female. Out of all the participants with unknown age, males have a higher proportion (44%).

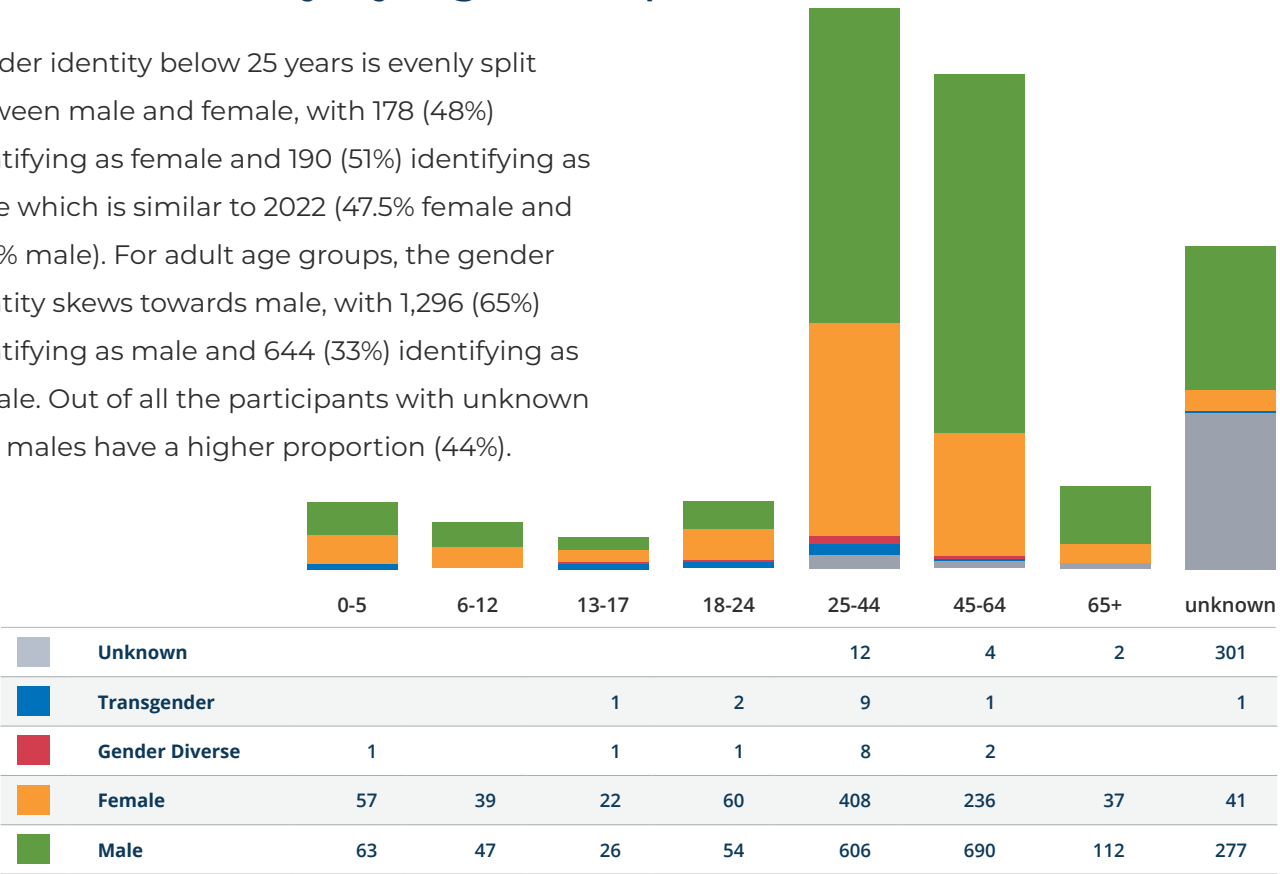


Figure 7 – Breakdown of age group by gender identity

# By Ethnicity

In collecting ethnicity data, varying levels of information were provided from different sources. Some sources provided comprehensive ethnicity information, while others only distinguished between Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations, and some sources were largely unknown. By combining data sources that offered full ethnicity breakdowns with those that provided only Indigenous vs. non-Indigenous distinctions, we saw the following distribution out of the total 3,121 individuals and heads of household members counted:

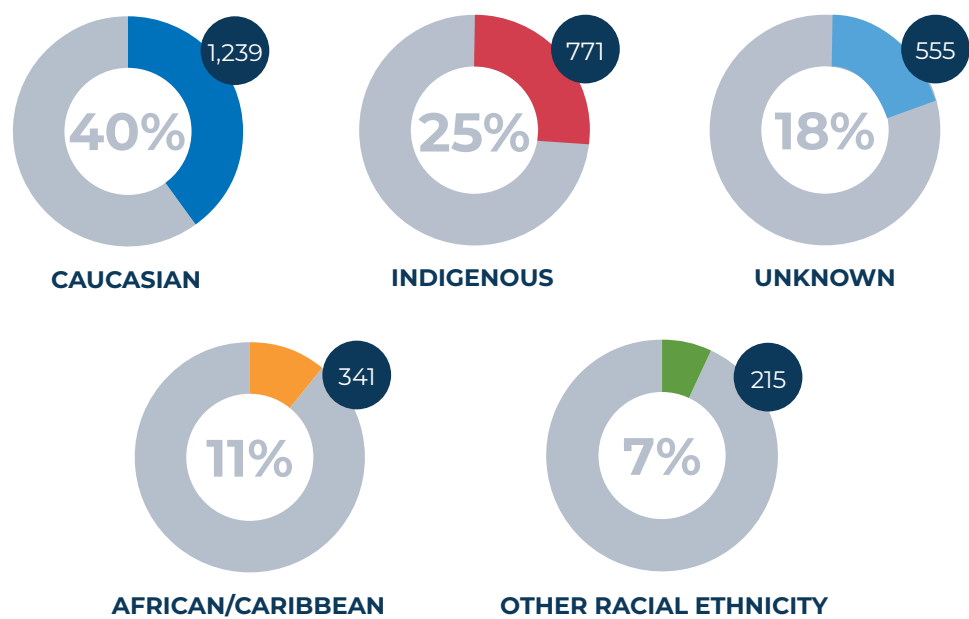


Figure 8 – Total individuals & household members by ethnicity

When further reducing the percentage breakdown to only those with a *known* ethnicity (2,566 individuals out of the total 3,121), we found that Caucasian represents 48.3%, Indigenous 30%, African/Caribbean 13.3%, and Other Racial Ethnicity 8.4%. The number of individuals experiencing homelessness who identified as Indigenous increased from 700 to 771 between 2022 and 2024, however, the relative percentage remained the same. Those who identified as Caucasian marginally increased from 1,231 in 2022 to 1,239 in 2024, but in terms of relative percentage it decreased in 2024 by 6% from 54.3% in 2022.

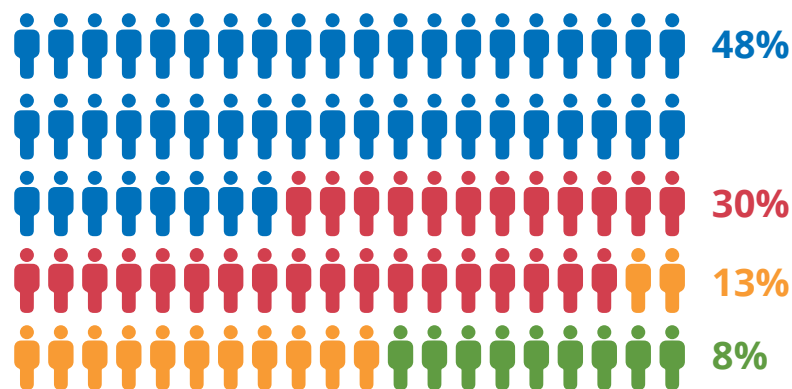


Figure 9 – Percentage breakdown for known ethnicity population (n= 2,566)

## Ethnicity by Age Group

Those who identified as Caucasian represented the majority of individuals over the age of 45 (57% of 45-64 year olds and 79% of those 65+ years old) and were the most common ethnicity between those aged 25-44 (42%). For those under the age of 18 the majority identified as Indigenous (47% of 0-5 year olds, 51% of 6-12 year olds, and 52% of 13-17 year olds). This shows that at younger ages, a greater proportion of the population experiencing homelessness were Indigenous.

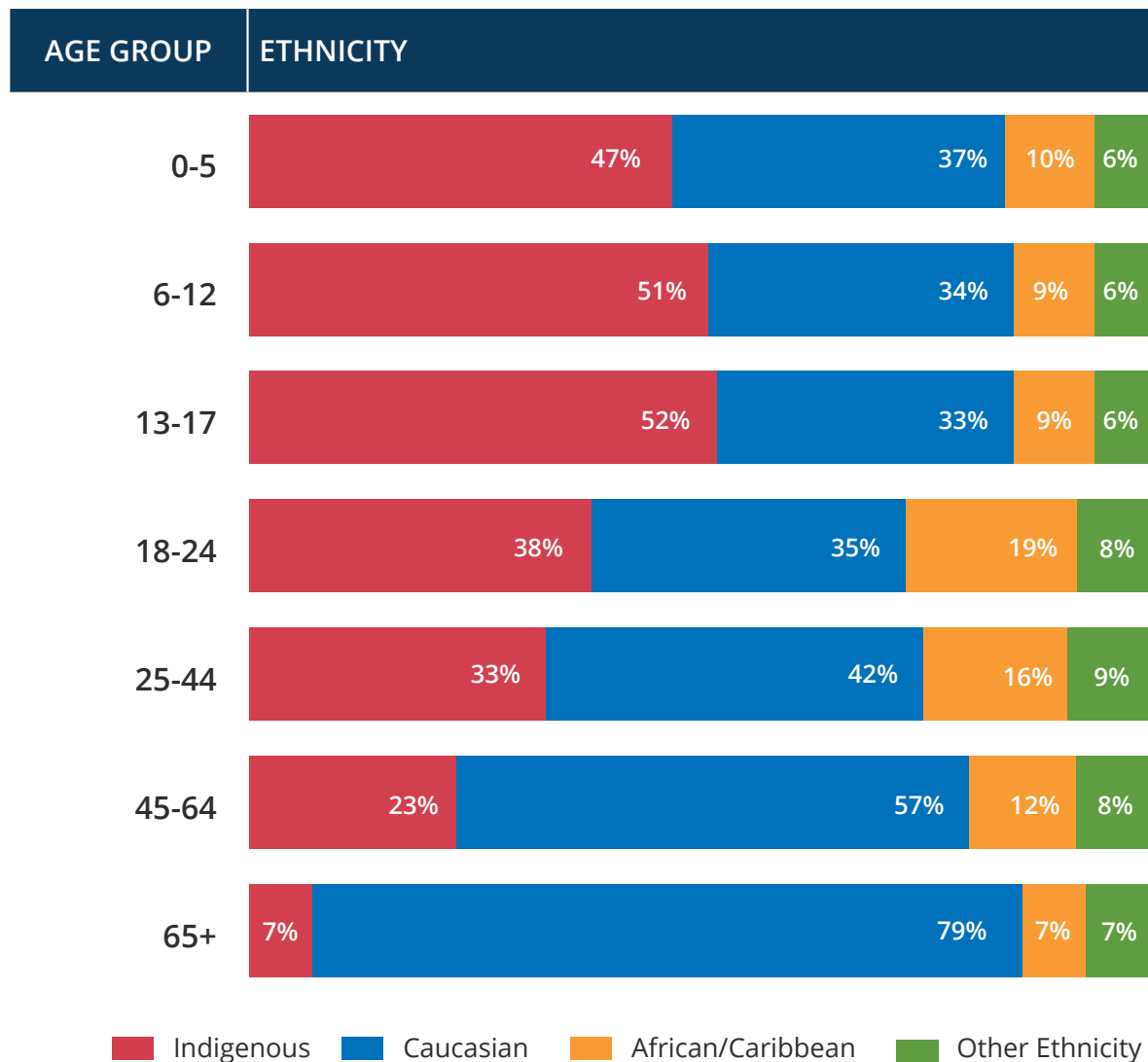


Figure 10 – Percentage breakdown of known age group by known ethnicity (n= 2,259)

*\*This chart does not include any unknown gender ethnicity in its representation.*

# Ethnicity by Gender Identity

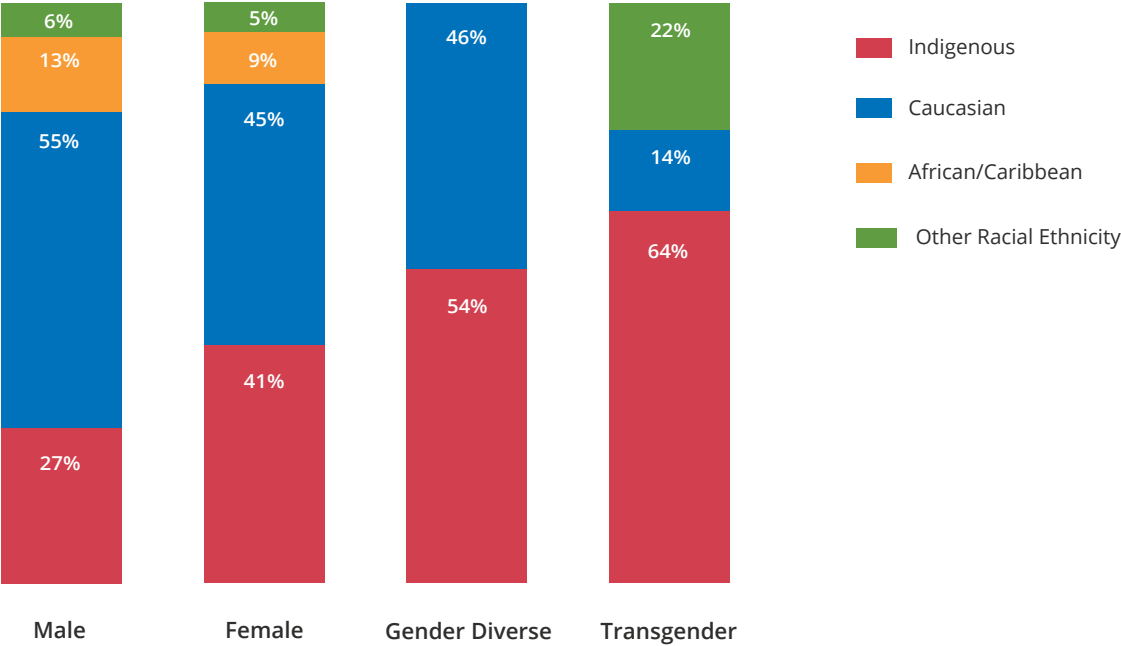


Figure 11 – Total percentage breakdown of ethnicity by gender identity

Out of the total individuals and heads of households:

- 55% of males and 45% of females identify as Caucasian
- 27% of males and 41% of females identify as Indigenous
- This shows that Indigenous females experiencing homelessness are overrepresented to a greater degree than Indigenous males experiencing homelessness.

**27%** **Known Males**  
 identify as Indigenous, while  
 55% identify as Caucasian.



**41%** **Known Females**  
 identify as Indigenous, while  
 45% identify as Caucasian.



Figure 12 – Percentage breakdown of male and female gender identity by known ethnicity (n= 2,529)

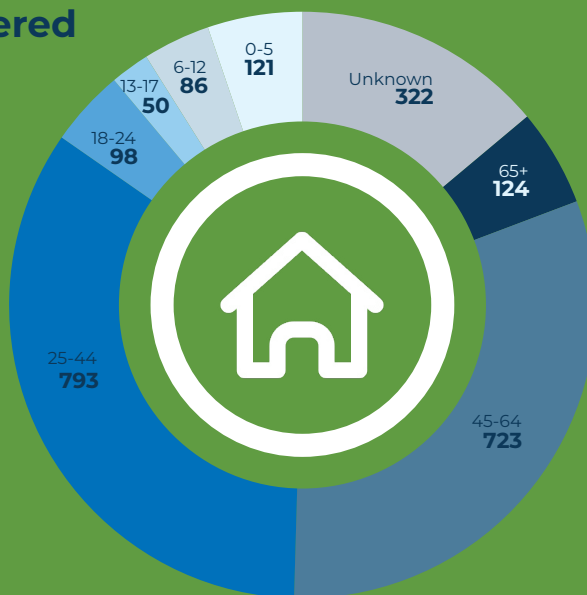


# Demographics by Shelter Status

## Shelter Status by Age Group

A higher proportion of people over 65 were shelter users (5.4%) compared to those who were unsheltered (3.4%). The largest age group for both sheltered (34%) and unsheltered (31%) users is 25-44 years of age. Focusing on those aged 25-44, the proportion of unsheltered individuals becomes more pronounced compared to 2022: 50% in 2024 versus 67% in 2022. The proportion of sheltered individuals remained relatively stable: 40% in 2024 versus 44% in 2022.

### Sheltered



For those experiencing unsheltered homelessness during the count, no data was reported for individuals under 18 years of age.

### Unsheltered

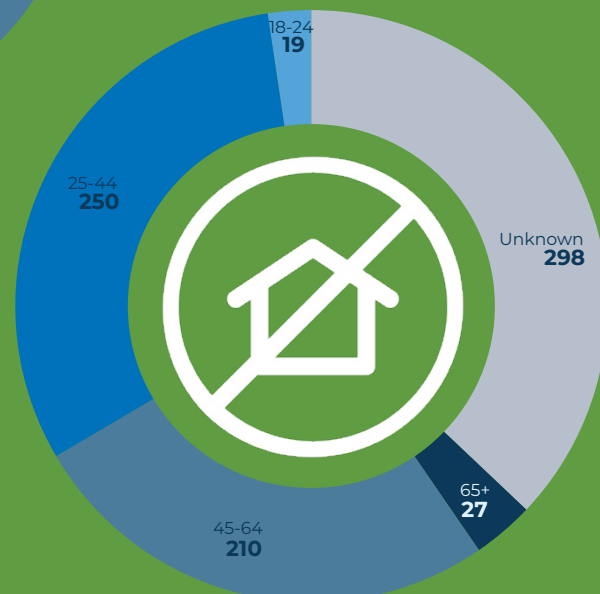


Figure 13 – Breakdown of sheltered status by age group

# Shelter Status by Gender Identity

In 2024, the gender distribution was:

- Sheltered: 67% male, 33% female.
- Unsheltered: 68% male, 29% female.

This is nearly identical to 2022:

- Sheltered: 65% male, 34% female
- Unsheltered: 73% male, 27% female.

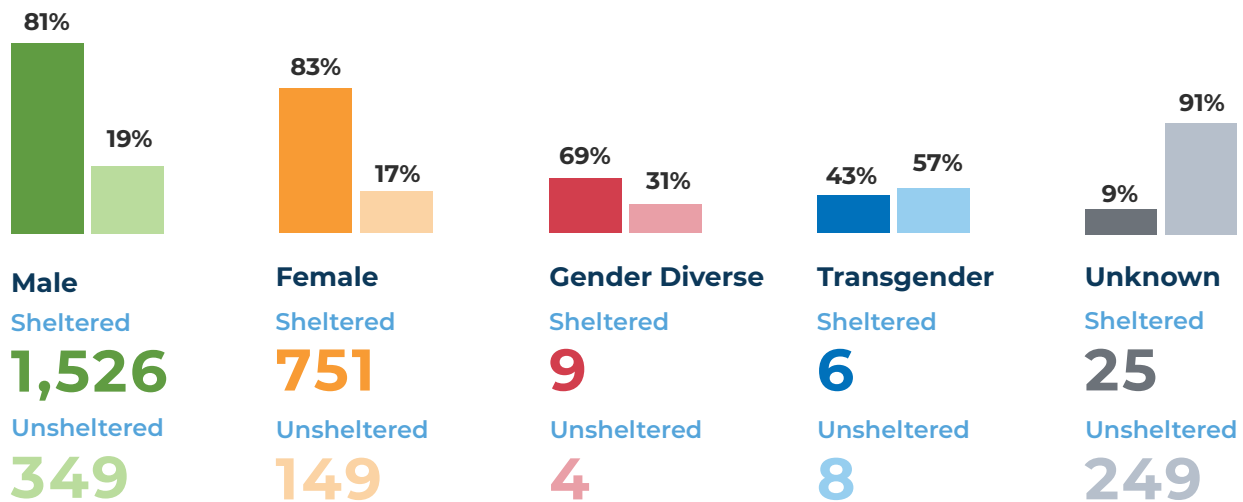
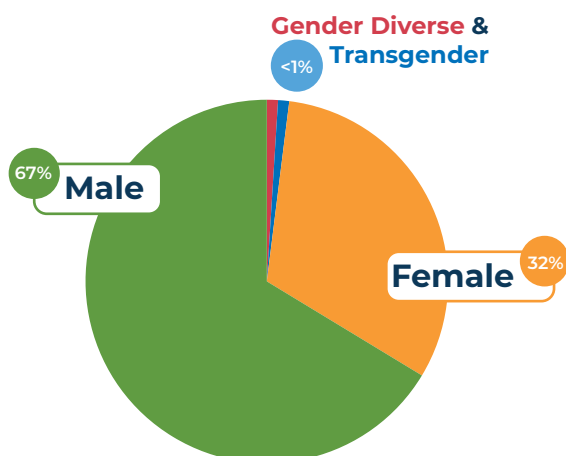


Figure 14 – Breakdown of sheltered status by gender identity

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## Sheltered



When breaking down the sheltered status by known gender identity, the gender distribution for male and female is near identical.

## Unsheltered

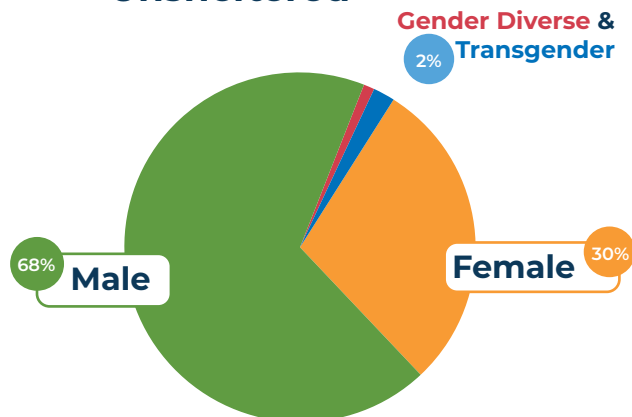


Figure 15 – Breakdown of sheltered status by known gender identity (n=2,802)

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*The number of individuals identified as being unsheltered in 2022 was almost one-third of the total count, which has marginally decreased in the 2024 count. As a result, there has been an increase in the use of emergency shelters and outreach programs. Those experiencing homelessness while in a transitional program (i.e. transitional housing and treatment/detox programs) increased from 335 (12%) in 2022 to 396 (13%) in 2024.*

## Shelter Status by Ethnicity

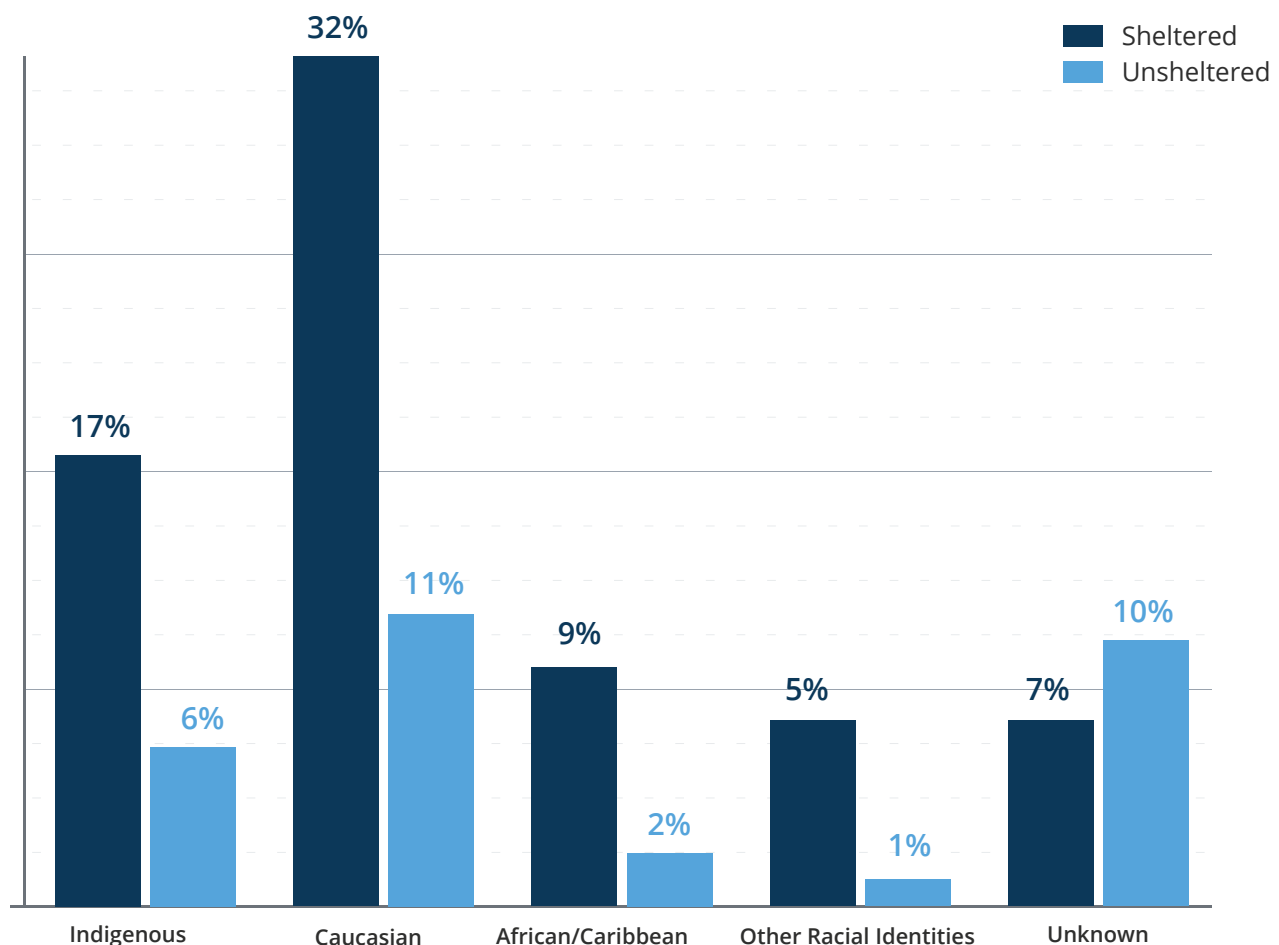


Figure 16 – Percentage breakdown of sheltered status by ethnicity

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Considering only the population with known ethnicity, the ethnic breakdown for sheltered versus unsheltered individuals is significantly different. Of those who were sheltered, only 27% identified as Indigenous. In contrast, 42% of those who were unsheltered identified as Indigenous.

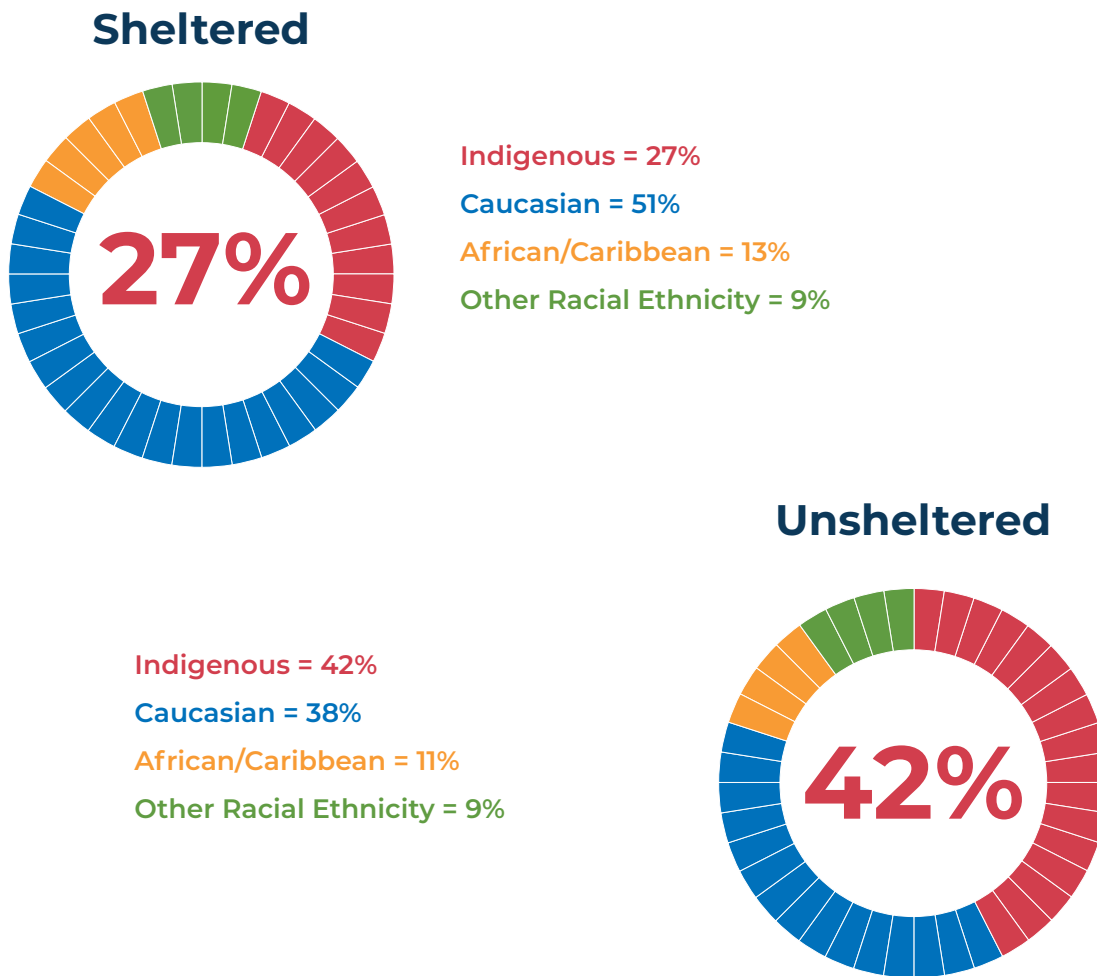


Figure 17 – Percentage breakdown of sheltered status by known ethnicity (n=2,566)

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# Survey Data

## Immigration Status

Out of 751 survey respondents, 122 (16%) said they came to Canada under some kind of immigration status (immigrant, refugee, or refugee claimant), 545 (73%) said they are not an immigrant, and the remaining 84 (11%) did not respond.



Figure 18 – Immigration status (n=751)

## PREVIOUS LOCATION

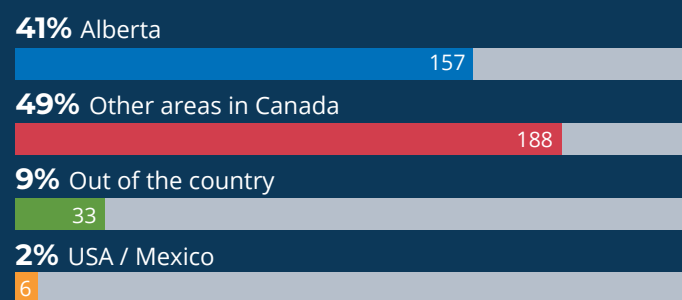


Figure 19 – Previous location before moving to Calgary (n=384)

Out of 751 survey respondents, 685 answered the question regarding length of stay in Calgary. 212 (31%) said they have always lived in Calgary and 410 (61%) provided the corresponding number of days that they've lived in Calgary.

“...16% said they came to Canada under some kind of immigration status.”

Regarding reasons for moving to Calgary, 466 survey participants responded. Of these, 123 (26%) said they moved to Calgary for reasons related to employment, 107 (23%) moved due to family/friends, 57 (12%) moved to access supports and services, 45 (10%) moved due to reasons related to fear for safety, and 18 (4%) moved for reasons related to housing. The remaining 116 (25%) cited other reasons or responded as unknown.

## Homeless Episodes in the Past Year

Out of 751 survey responses, 551 answered the question regarding the number of homeless episodes, or the number of times they have experienced homelessness, in the past year. Of these, 361 (66%) stated they had one episode in the last year compared to 42 (8%) who stated they had 10 or more episodes. Overall, 90% of respondents said they had five episodes or less over the past year.

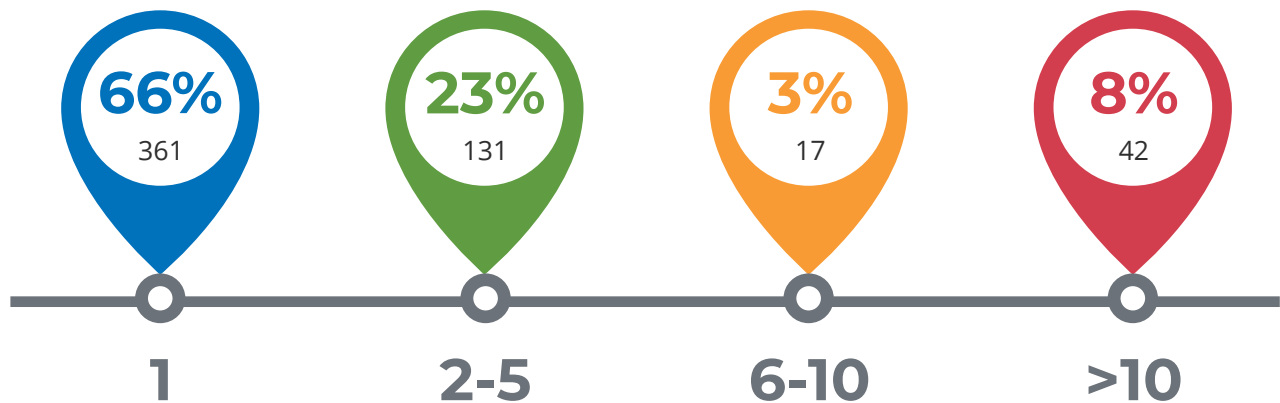
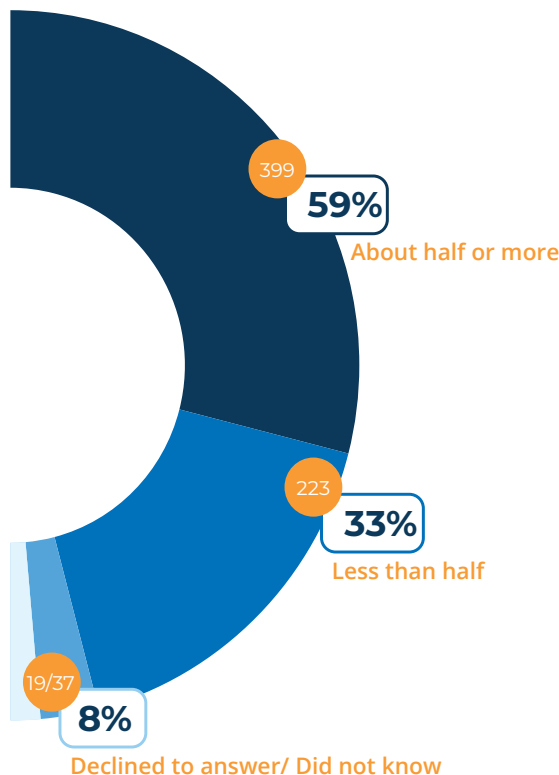


Figure 20 – Number of homeless episodes in the past year (n=551)



## Time Spent Experiencing Homelessness over the Past Three Years

Out of 678 survey respondents 399 (59%) individuals stated they had experienced homelessness for about half or more of the past three years, 223 (33%) responded that they had experienced homelessness for less than half the time, and the remaining 8% (56) either did not know or declined to answer.

Figure 21 – Time spent experiencing homelessness in the past 3 years (n=678)

# Reason for Housing Loss



Figure 22 – Reasons for recent housing loss (n=789)

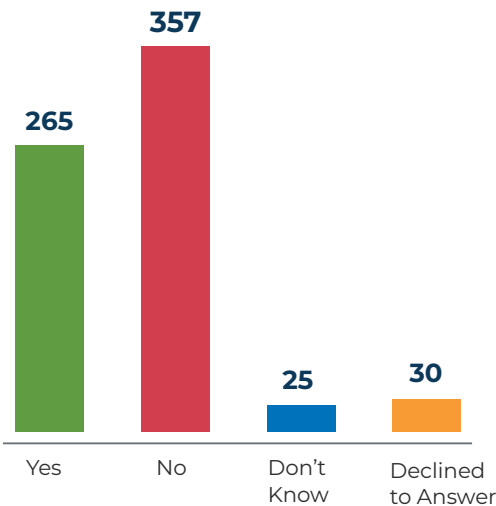


Figure 23 – Housing loss related to an eviction (n=677)

35% of the respondents to this survey question said it was due to not enough income, 31% stated it was related to domestic issues, 27% said it was health and substance-related, and 24% said it was housing-related—such as eviction, renovation, owners moving in, unfit tenant, etc. This survey question, as well as Income Sources, were multiple selection (e.g. check all that apply), so each individual could have selected more than one option.

Out of 677 responses, 265 (39%) confirmed that their most recent housing loss was related to an eviction. 53% replied “no” and 8% either did not know or declined to answer.

## Income Sources

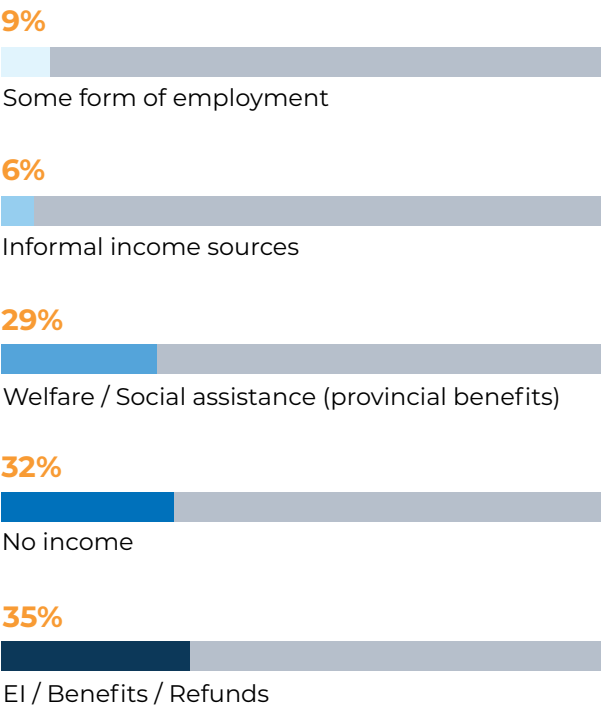


Figure 24 – Sources of income (n=681)

# Analysis and Discussion

**”** *The overall findings of the 2024 PiT Count report highlight the positive impact of investing in essential support services.*

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The findings from the 2024 Point-in-Time (PiT) Count provide valuable insights into the current state of homelessness in Calgary that contribute to the broader understanding of the sector. The following key themes emerged from the analysis of the data collected during the count.

**1. There has been no change in the fraction of Calgarians experiencing homelessness since the 2022 PiT Count.** Despite very rapid population growth, the rate of homelessness in Calgary has remained unchanged since 2022. In 2024, 2 out of every 1,000 Calgarians were counted as experiencing homelessness on the night of the count and that is unchanged since 2022 despite a 12.5% increase in Calgary's population.

**2. Indigenous children (ages 0-17) are significantly overrepresented, making up approximately 50% of this age group.** Indigenous individuals, in general, represent 25% of the population experiencing homelessness, which is a significant overrepresentation compared to their proportion in the general population. This year-over-year pattern reflects broader systemic inequalities and underscores the importance of culturally appropriate services and programs that address the unique challenges faced by Indigenous communities.

**3. The proportion of individuals experiencing homelessness who hold some form of immigration status has risen to 16%, up from 10% in 2022.** This increase points to the growing role of immigration in shaping the homeless population, signaling a need for more tailored support for this group.

The 2024 PiT count identified 3,121 individuals experiencing homelessness. While the overall number of individuals experiencing homelessness has risen, Calgary also saw a rise in the number of individuals utilizing shelters, while the number of people living unsheltered or residing in encampments remained consistent with 2022.

The data also reveals a continuation of an important trend over time. Since 2008, the population of Calgary has increased by over 45%. Despite this, the number of people identified as experiencing homelessness in PiT Counts has fallen by 13% over the same period. To put this differently, in 2008, 3.3 out of every 1,000 Calgarians were counted as homeless. In 2024, only 2 out of every 1,000 Calgarians were counted as homeless. **This is a reduction of over 40% since 2008.**

Research into the causes of homelessness identifies key drivers to be rapid population growth, tight rental markets, high rates of inflation, growing rates of poverty, and increased rates of substance abuse. Since the previous PiT Count, Calgary has suffered the effects of every one of these influences. Consequently, the homeless serving sector in Calgary has faced unprecedented headwinds, challenging its ability to help people retain their housing and support those in need of rehousing. Despite these challenges, the data reveals that the sector has made great strides in the fight against homelessness.





## Final Conclusion

The 2024 PIT Count in Calgary provided data that enhances the understanding of the state of homelessness in the city for all levels of government and service providers. The overall findings of the PIT Count indicate that despite very rapid population growth, the rate of homelessness in Calgary has remained unchanged since 2022. The data reveals an important trend over time: in 2008, 3.3 out of every 1,000 Calgarians were counted as experiencing homelessness, whereas in 2024, this number has decreased to 2 out of every 1,000 Calgarians counted as experiencing homelessness. This is a reduction of over 40% since 2008.



## Appendix A

# List of Facilities & Classifications

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## Emergency Shelters

*These are all considered emergency shelters but who they serve may vary.*

- Alpha House Society
- Calgary Drop-In Centre
- Children's Cottage Society Brendas House (Families)
- Inn from the Cold (Families)
- The Mustard Seed – Foothills Shelter
- The Mustard Seed – Women's Shelter
- The Salvation Army – Centre of Hope (Men Only)
- The Salvation Army – West Campus (Women only)
- Trellis Society – Avenue 15 (Under 18 years of age only)
- Unison (For ages 55+)
- YWCA Emergency Shelter (Women only)

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## Domestic Violence Shelters

*Specifically women and/or their children leaving family-based violence.*

- Awo Taan Healing Lodge
- Discovery House
- Fear Is Not Love
- Radiance
- YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter

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## Transitional Housing

*Programs that allow people to stay for two years or less.*

- Brenda Strafford Transitional Housing
- Inn From The Cold – Emma House
- Reset Society
- YWCA Transitional Housing

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## Systems

*Alberta Health Services (AHS) & Alberta Justice.*

- **Alberta Health Services:** Reported numbers from all the hospitals in and around Calgary—both the emergency department and individuals who are inpatient.
- **Alberta Correctional Division:** Reported numbers from all the correctional facilities in Calgary and the surrounding areas.

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## Detox & Treatment

*Programs related to detox, treatment and recovery.*

- Alcove Addiction Recovery Centre
- Alpha House Detox
- Aventa
- Calgary Drop-In Centre Withdrawal Management / Recovery Transition Program
- Calgary Dream Centre
- Fresh Start Recovery
- Simon House
- Sunrise Healing Lodge

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## Street Count

*Participating agencies and partners for the Street Count.*

- Calgary Alpha House Society
- Calgary Distress Centre
- Calgary Homeless Foundation
- Calgary Transit Public Safety
- The City of Calgary
- Government of Canada
- Recovery Alberta / Alberta Health Services (AHS)
- Radicare Ventures
- The Salvation Army
- Siksika Family Services
- Street Sisters Society
- The Alex
- Trellis Society
- University of Calgary
- Woods Homes

## Appendix B

# Data Collection Tools & Forms

## Admin Data Submission Template

*Shelters, transitional housing, detox and treatment facilities and programs.*

### ADMINISTRATIVE DATA - Treatment, Detox, & Transitional Programs

Submitting Organization:

Date Submitted:

Date Relevant to:

10-Oct-24

Key Contact for Followup Questions:

Total facility occupancy overnight October 10, 2024:

Number of individuals in facility with no fixed address(See instructions below):

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please insert age, gender and ethnicity for each individual with no fixed address(NFA) in your facility on the night of October 10, 2024. Do not include name. No fixed address individuals would be defined as anyone who would not have a fixed place to stay if they were not in your program. Ex: We would consider an individual as NFA if they would be residing on the streets if the individual was not in your program. If an individual would be couch surfing, staying with family, or have their own place then if not in your program they would not constitute NFA.

| Individual | Age   | Gender | Inigenous      |
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| example    | 18-24 | Man    | Non-Indigenous |
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# Family Admin Data Submission Template

Family and domestic violence facilities and programs.

Submitting Organization:  
Date Submitted:  
Date Relevant to: 10-Oct-24  
Key Contact for Follow-up Questions:

Total number of individuals facility can hold  
Number of individuals in facility with no fixed address

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please insert age, gender and ethnicity for each individual with no fixed address in your facility on the night of October 10, 2024. Do not include name. For family shelters/DV programs: please group families together by listing the head of household first, followed by all dependents, so it is clear how many families there are, and how many dependents are in each. No fixed address (NFA) individuals would be defined as anyone who would not have a fixed place to stay if they were not in your program. Ex: We would consider an individual as NFA if he would be residing on the streets if the individual was not in your program on Oct. 10th. If an individual would be couch surfing, living with family or have their own place if not in your program they would not be NFA.

| Individual | Age   | Gender | Indigenous          | Family Status (Head of Household, Dependent - Family/DV programs only) |
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| example    | 25-44 | Man    | First Nations       | head of household  |
| example    | 6-12  | Woman  | Indigenous (unspeci | dependent  |
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# Encampment Tally Count Sheet

## ENCAMPMENT TALLY SHEET

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Surveyor: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** To record *observed homelessness*, please take note of those who decline to or are unable to respond, but who may be experiencing homelessness in the table below. Please also indicate the reason you believe they are experiencing homelessness (e.g., asleep outside with belongings).

|    | Location | (Y/N)       |          | Indicators of Homelessness<br>(e.g., asleep outside with belongings) | Number of active but unoccupied |
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# Unsheltered Tally Count Sheet

## UNSHELTERED TALLY SHEET

Zone: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Surveyor: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** To record *observed homelessness*, please take note of those who decline to or are unable to respond, but who may be experiencing homelessness in the table below. Please also indicate the reason you believe they are experiencing homelessness (e.g., asleep outside with belongings).

|    | Location | Encampment<br>? (Y/N) | (Y/N)       |          | Indicators of Homelessness<br>(e.g., asleep outside with belongings) |
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# 2024 Point-In-Time Count Survey

## UNSHeltered SURVEY

Survey Number: 0000

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM  
Interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Where are you staying tonight? / Where did you stay last night?

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| a. DECLINE TO ANSWER<br>b. OWN APARTMENT/HOUSE  | } | <b>[THANK &amp; END SURVEY]</b>  |
| c. SOMEONE ELSE'S PLACE<br>d. HOTEL/MOTEL SELF-FUNDED<br>e. HOSPITAL<br>f. TREATMENT CENTRE<br>g. JAIL, PRISON, REMAND CENTRE   |   |  |
| C1. Do you have access to a permanent residence where you can safely stay as long as you want?  |   |  |
| a. Yes <b>[THANK &amp; END]</b><br>b. No (not permanent AND/OR not safe) <b>[BEGIN SURVEY]</b><br>c. Don't Know <b>[BEGIN SURVEY]</b><br>d. Decline to answer <b>[THANK &amp; END]</b>  |   |  |
| h. HOMELESS SHELTER (e.g. emergency, family or domestic violence shelter, warming centre, drop-in)<br>i. HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDED BY CITY OR HOMELESS PROGRAM<br>j. TRANSITIONAL SHELTER/HOUSING<br>k. UNSHELTERED IN A PUBLIC SPACE (e.g. street, park, bus shelter, forest, or abandoned building)<br>l. ENCAMPMENT (e.g. group of tents, makeshift shelters, or other long-term outdoor settlement)<br>m. VEHICLE (e.g. car, van, recreational vehicle (RV), truck, boat)<br>n. UNSURE: INDICATE PROBABLE LOCATION _____ (b. - m.) | } | <br><br><b>[BEGIN SURVEY]</b> |
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## BEGIN SURVEY

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

|  |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> HOMELESS SHELTER (e.g. emergency, family or domestic violence shelter, warming centre, drop-in)<br><input type="checkbox"/> HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDED BY CITY OR HOMELESS PROGRAM<br><input type="checkbox"/> TRANSITIONAL SHELTER/HOUSING<br><input type="checkbox"/> UNSHELTERED IN A PUBLIC SPACE (e.g. street, park, bus shelter, forest, or abandoned building)<br><input type="checkbox"/> ENCAMPMENT (e.g. group of tents, makeshift shelters, or other long-term outdoor settlement)<br><input type="checkbox"/> VEHICLE (e.g. car, van, recreational vehicle (RV), truck, boat) | <input type="checkbox"/> SOMEONE ELSE'S PLACE BECAUSE YOU HAD NOWHERE ELSE TO GO<br><input type="checkbox"/> HOSPITAL OR OTHER HEALTH FACILITY<br><input type="checkbox"/> JAIL, PRISON, OR OTHER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY<br><input type="checkbox"/> NO<br><input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW<br><input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER |
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### 2. 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)

| <input type="checkbox"/> NONE<br><input type="checkbox"/> PARTNER - Survey #: _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> CHILD(REN)/DEPENDENT(S)<br>(indicate age for each child/dependent) | <input type="checkbox"/> PET(S)<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER ADULT (Can include other family or friends)   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 3. How old are you? [OR] What year were you born? (If unsure, ask for best estimate)

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| <input type="radio"/> AGE _____ OR YEAR BORN _____ | <input type="radio"/> DON'T KNOW | <input type="radio"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER |
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→ For this survey, "homelessness" means any time when you have been without a permanent and secure place to live, and includes sleeping in shelters, on the streets, or living temporarily with others.

Initials of participant \_\_\_\_\_ Year participant was born \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. 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.)

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| <input type="radio"/> LENGTH _____ DAYS   WEEKS   MONTHS | <input type="radio"/> DON'T KNOW | <input type="radio"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER |
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### 4b. In total, for how much time have you experienced homelessness over the PAST 3 YEARS? (Does not need to be exact. Best estimate.)

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| <input type="radio"/> LESS THAN HALF | <input type="radio"/> ABOUT HALF OR MORE | <input type="radio"/> DON'T KNOW | <input type="radio"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER |
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4c. In total, how many different times have you experienced homelessness over the PAST YEAR (the past 12 months)? (Best estimate.)

☐ NUMBER OF TIMES \_\_\_\_\_ (Includes this time) ☐ DON'T KNOW ☐ DECLINE TO ANSWER

5. How old were you the first time you experienced homelessness?

☐ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ DON'T KNOW ☐ DECLINE TO ANSWER

6. 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 (including undocumented) ----->  
☐ NO  
☐ DON'T KNOW  
☐ DECLINE TO ANSWER

If YES:

How long have you been in Canada?

☐ LENGTH: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS | WEEKS | MONTHS | YEARS  
OR DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ DAY / MONTH / YEAR  
☐ DON'T KNOW  
☐ DECLINE TO ANSWER

7. How long have you been in (community name)?

☐ LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS / WEEKS / MONTHS / YEARS ☐ ALWAYS BEEN HERE ☐ DON'T KNOW ☐ DECLINE TO ANSWER

☐ Where did you live before you came here? ☐ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ | PROVINCE/TERRITORY/COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ DECLINE TO ANSWER

7b. What is the main reason you came to (community name)? (Do not read categories; select one)

☐ TO ACCESS EMERGENCY SHELTER(S) ☐ EMPLOYMENT (SEEKING) ☐ RECREATION/SHOPPING  
☐ TO ACCESS SERVICES AND SUPPORTS ☐ EMPLOYMENT (SECURED) ☐ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ FAMILY MOVED HERE ☐ TO ATTEND SCHOOL ☐ DON'T KNOW  
☐ TO VISIT FRIENDS/FAMILY ☐ FEAR FOR SAFETY ☐ DECLINE TO ANSWER  
☐ TO FIND HOUSING

8. Do you identify as First Nations (with or without status), Métis, or Inuit? (If yes, please specify) (COMMUNITY NOTE: The wording of this question can be adapted to what makes sense in your community, for example by listing specific First Nations)

☐ YES, FIRST NATIONS ☐ YES, MÉTIS ☐ NO ☐ DECLINE TO ANSWER  
☐ YES, INUIT ☐ INDIGENOUS ANCESTRY ☐ DON'T KNOW

8b. In addition to your response in the question above, do you identify with any of the racial identities listed below? (Show or Read list. Select all that apply)

☐ IDENTIFY AS INDIGENOUS ONLY ☐ BLACK-AFRICAN (e.g., Ghanaian, Ethiopian, Nigerian)  
☐ ARAB (e.g., Syrian, Egyptian, Yemeni) ☐ BLACK-AFRO-CARIBBEAN OR AFRO-LATINX (e.g., Jamaican, Haitian, Afro-Brazilian.)  
☐ ASIAN-EAST (e.g., Chinese, Korean, Japanese) ☐ LATIN AMERICAN (e.g., Brazilian, Mexican, Chilean, Cuban)  
☐ ASIAN- SOUTH-EAST (e.g., Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Malaysian, Laotian) ☐ WHITE (e.g. European, French, Ukrainian, Euro-Latinx)  
☐ ASIAN-SOUTH OR INDO-CARIBBEAN (e.g., Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Indo-Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian) ☐ NOT LISTED (PLEASE SPECIFY): \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ ASIAN-WEST (e.g., Iranian, Afghan) ☐ DON'T KNOW  
☐ BLACK-CANADIAN/AMERICAN ☐ DECLINE TO ANSWER

9. 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 ☐ BOTH MILITARY AND RCMP ☐ DON'T KNOW  
☐ YES, RCMP ☐ NO ☐ DECLINE TO ANSWER

10. As a child or youth, were you ever in foster care or in a youth group home (COMMUNITY NOTE: include any other Provincial child welfare programs)? (Note: This question applies specifically to child welfare programs.)

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ DON'T KNOW ☐ DECLINE TO ANSWER

**11. Have you been experiencing difficulties related to any of the following?:**

|   | YES                   | NO                    | DON'T KNOW            | DECLINE TO ANSWER     |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| ILLNESS OR MEDICAL CONDITION<br>(e.g. diabetes, tuberculosis (TB) or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV))  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| PHYSICAL MOBILITY<br>(e.g. spinal cord injury, arthritis, or limited movement or dexterity)   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| LEARNING, INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL, OR COGNITIVE FUNCTION<br>(e.g. fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD), autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), dyslexia or dementia) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY<br>(e.g. due to an accident, violence, overdose, stroke, or brain tumour)   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| MENTAL HEALTH [diagnosed/undiagnosed]<br>(e.g. depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), bipolar, or schizophrenia)  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| SUBSTANCE USE<br>(e.g. alcohol or opiates)  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| SENSES, SUCH AS SEEING OR HEARING<br>(e.g. blindness or deafness)   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**12. What gender do you identify with? (Show list or read list.)**

|                                  |  |   |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> MAN        | <input type="radio"/> TRANS WOMAN              | <input type="radio"/> NOT LISTED: _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> WOMAN      | <input type="radio"/> TRANS MAN                | <input type="radio"/> DON'T KNOW        |
| <input type="radio"/> TWO-SPIRIT | <input type="radio"/> NON-BINARY (GENDERQUEER) | <input type="radio"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER |

**13. How do you describe your sexual orientation, for example straight, gay, lesbian? (Show list or read list.)**

|   |                                  |                                   |   |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> STRAIGHT/HETEROSEXUAL | <input type="radio"/> BISEXUAL   | <input type="radio"/> ASEXUAL     | <input type="radio"/> NOT LISTED: _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> GAY                   | <input type="radio"/> TWO-SPIRIT | <input type="radio"/> QUEER       | <input type="radio"/> DON'T KNOW        |
| <input type="radio"/> LESBIAN               | <input type="radio"/> PANSEXUAL  | <input type="radio"/> QUESTIONING | <input type="radio"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER |

**14. What happened that caused you to lose your housing most recently? (Do not read the options. Check all that apply. "Housing" does not include temporary arrangements (e.g., couch surfing) or shelter stays. Follow up for the reason if the respondent says "eviction" or that they "chose to leave".)**

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <b>HOUSING AND FINANCIAL ISSUES</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> NOT ENOUGH INCOME FOR HOUSING (e.g. rental increase, loss of benefit, income or job)<br><input type="checkbox"/> UNFIT/UNSAFE HOUSING CONDITION<br><input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING SOLD OR RENOVATED<br><input type="checkbox"/> OWNER MOVED IN | <b>CONFLICT WITH:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> SPOUSE/PARTNER<br><input type="checkbox"/> PARENT/GUARDIAN<br><input type="checkbox"/> LANDLORD<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (_____)        | <b>EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION BY:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> SPOUSE/PARTNER<br><input type="checkbox"/> PARENT/GUARDIAN<br><input type="checkbox"/> LANDLORD<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (_____)   |
| <b>OTHER</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> COMPLAINT (e.g. noise/damage)<br><input type="checkbox"/> LEFT THE COMMUNITY/RELOCATED<br><input type="checkbox"/> DEATH OR DEPARTURE OF FAMILY MEMBER<br><input type="checkbox"/> PET(S)<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER REASON<br>_____<br>_____                     | <b>EXPERIENCED ABUSE BY:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> SPOUSE/PARTNER<br><input type="checkbox"/> PARENT/GUARDIAN<br><input type="checkbox"/> LANDLORD<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (_____) | <b>HEALTH OR CORRECTIONS</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> PHYSICAL HEALTH ISSUE/DISABILITY<br><input type="checkbox"/> MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE<br><input type="checkbox"/> SUBSTANCE USE ISSUE<br><input type="checkbox"/> HOSPITALIZATION OR TREATMENT PROGRAM<br><input type="checkbox"/> INCARCERATION (jail or prison)<br><input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW   |  |   |

**14b. Was your most recent housing loss related to an eviction?**

|                           |                          |                                  |   |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> YES | <input type="radio"/> NO | <input type="radio"/> DON'T KNOW | <input type="radio"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---|

**14c. How long ago did that happen (that you lost your housing most recently)? (Best estimate)**

|  |                                  |   |
|--|----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> LENGTH _____ DAYS   WEEKS   MONTHS   YEARS | <input type="radio"/> DON'T KNOW | <input type="radio"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER |
|--|----------------------------------|---|

**15. What are your sources of income? (Reminder that this survey is anonymous. Read list and check all that apply)**

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <b>Formal or Informal Work</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT<br><input type="checkbox"/> PART TIME EMPLOYMENT<br><input type="checkbox"/> CASUAL EMPLOYMENT (e.g. contract work)<br><input type="checkbox"/> INFORMAL INCOME SOURCES (e.g. bottle returns, panhandling, sex work) | <b>Benefits</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE<br><input type="checkbox"/> DISABILITY BENEFIT (name of Prov. DISABILITY BENEFIT)<br><input type="checkbox"/> SENIORS BENEFITS (e.g. CPP/OAS/GIS)<br><input type="checkbox"/> WELFARE/SOCIAL ASSISTANCE (Prov. benefit)<br><input type="checkbox"/> VETERAN/VAC BENEFITS<br><input type="checkbox"/> CHILD AND FAMILY BENEFITS<br><input type="checkbox"/> GST/HST REFUND | <b>Other</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> MONEY FROM FAMILY/FRIENDS<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER MONEY FROM A SERVICE AGENCY<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> NO INCOME<br><input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW<br><input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER |
|--|--|--|

## Appendix C

# Data Tables

**Figure 1 – Counts over the years**

| YEAR | COUNTED |
|------|---------|
| 1992 | 447     |
| 1993 | 461     |
| 1994 | 615     |
| 1996 | 988     |
| 2000 | 1296    |
| 2002 | 1737    |
| 2004 | 2397    |
| 2006 | 3157    |
| 2008 | 3601    |
| 2012 | 3383    |
| 2014 | 3544    |
| 2016 | 3222    |
| 2018 | 2911    |
| 2022 | 2782    |
| 2024 | 3121    |

*Note: two counts were taken in both 2012 and 2014. The results have been averaged.*

**Figure 2 – Rate of Homelessness in Calgary over the years**

| RATE OF HOMELESSNESS |  |           |            |
|----------------------|--|-----------|------------|
| YEAR                 | Homelessness Rate (Per 1,000 Calgarians) | PiT Count | Population |
| 2002                 | 1.87                                     | 1,737     | 929,118    |
| 2004                 | 2.48                                     | 2,397     | 966,449    |
| 2006                 | 3.07                                     | 3,157     | 1,027,816  |
| 2008                 | 3.33                                     | 3,601     | 1,079,960  |
| 2012                 | 2.89                                     | 3,383     | 1,171,192  |
| 2014                 | 2.85                                     | 3,544     | 1,242,004  |
| 2016                 | 2.52                                     | 3,222     | 1,278,707  |
| 2018                 | 2.23                                     | 2,911     | 1,306,586  |
| 2022                 | 2.00                                     | 2,782     | 1,388,702  |
| 2024                 | 2.00                                     | 3,121     | 1,562,600  |

**Figure 3 – Total individuals & household members by sheltered status (n=3,121)**

| SHELTER STATUS | #     | %   |
|----------------|-------|-----|
| Sheltered      | 2,317 | 74% |
| Unsheltered    | 804   | 26% |

**Figure 4.1 – Total individuals & households by location/program type (n=3,121)**

| LOCATION / PROGRAM         | COUNTED |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Emergency Shelters         | 1349    |
| Outreach - Night count     | 671     |
| Alberta Corrections        | 298     |
| Treatment/Detox            | 203     |
| Domestic Violence Shelters | 191     |
| Transitional Housing       | 193     |
| Encampments                | 133     |
| Alberta Health Services    | 83      |

**Figure 4.2 – Breakdown of program type by age group (n=3,121)**

| PROGRAM TYPE |                     |             |                    |             |            |                      |                   |           |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| AGE GROUP    | Alberta Corrections | DV Shelters | Emergency Shelters | Encampments | Outreach   | Transitional Housing | Treatment & Detox | AHS       |
| 0-5          |                     | 53          | 33                 |             |            | 30                   | 5                 |           |
| 6-12         |                     | 41          | 26                 |             |            | 19                   |                   |           |
| 13-17        |                     | 22          | 14                 |             |            | 6                    | 8                 |           |
| 18-24        |                     | 8           | 60                 |             | 19         | 12                   | 16                | 2         |
| 25-44        |                     | 64          | 503                | 14          | 236        | 67                   | 115               | 44        |
| 45-64        |                     | 3           | 601                | 10          | 200        | 30                   | 57                | 32        |
| 65+          |                     |             | 112                |             | 27         | 5                    | 2                 | 5         |
| Unknown      | 298                 |             |                    | 109         | 189        | 24                   |                   |           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>298</b>          | <b>191</b>  | <b>1349</b>        | <b>133</b>  | <b>671</b> | <b>193</b>           | <b>203</b>        | <b>83</b> |

**Figure 4.3 – Breakdown of program type by gender identity (n=3,121)**

| PROGRAM TYPE    |                     |             |                    |             |            |                      |                   |           |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| GENDER IDENTITY | Alberta Corrections | DV Shelters | Emergency Shelters | Encampments | Outreach   | Transitional Housing | Treatment & Detox | AHS       |
| Male            | 265                 | 64          | 956                | 20          | 329        | 30                   | 153               | 58        |
| Female          | 33                  | 127         | 383                | 5           | 144        | 139                  | 44                | 25        |
| Transgender     |                     |             | 3                  |             | 8          |                      | 3                 |           |
| Gender Diverse  |                     |             | 6                  |             | 4          |                      | 3                 |           |
| Unknown         |                     |             | 1                  | 108         | 186        | 24                   |                   |           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>298</b>          | <b>191</b>  | <b>1349</b>        | <b>133</b>  | <b>671</b> | <b>193</b>           | <b>203</b>        | <b>83</b> |

**Figure 4.4 – Breakdown of program type by ethnicity (n=3,121)**

| PROGRAM TYPE           |                     |             |                    |             |            |                      |                   |           |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| ETHNICITY              | Alberta Corrections | DV Shelters | Emergency Shelters | Encampments | Outreach   | Transitional Housing | Treatment & Detox | AHS       |
| Unknown                |                     | 36          | 76                 | 111         | 212        | 34                   | 3                 | 83        |
| Other Racial Ethnicity |                     |             | 79                 | 1           | 40         |                      |                   |           |
| Non-Specified          | 200                 | 93          | 251                |             |            | 98                   | 140               |           |
| Caucasian              |                     |             | 519                | 10          | 173        |                      |                   |           |
| African / Caribbean    |                     |             | 135                | 1           | 55         |                      |                   |           |
| Indigenous             | 98                  | 62          | 289                | 10          | 191        | 61                   | 60                |           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>298</b>          | <b>191</b>  | <b>1349</b>        | <b>133</b>  | <b>671</b> | <b>193</b>           | <b>203</b>        | <b>83</b> |

**Figure 4.5 – Percentage breakdown of program type by known ethnicity (n=2,566)**

| PROGRAM TYPE           |                     |             |                    |             |          |                      |                   |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|----------------------|-------------------|
| ETHNICITY              | Alberta Corrections | DV Shelters | Emergency Shelters | Encampments | Outreach | Transitional Housing | Treatment & Detox |
| Other Racial Ethnicity |                     |             | 6%                 | 5%          | 9%       |                      |                   |
| Non-Specified          | 68%                 | 60%         | 20%                |             |          | 62%                  | 70%               |
| Caucasian              |                     |             | 41%                | 45%         | 38%      |                      |                   |
| African / Caribbean    |                     |             | 11%                | 5%          | 11%      |                      |                   |
| Indigenous             | 32%                 | 40%         | 23%                | 45%         | 42%      | 38%                  | 30%               |

**Figure 5 – Total individuals & household members by age group (n=3,121)**

| AGE GROUP | #    | %   |
|-----------|------|-----|
| 0-5       | 121  | 4%  |
| 6-12      | 86   | 2%  |
| 13-17     | 50   | 2%  |
| 18-24     | 117  | 4%  |
| 25-44     | 1043 | 33% |
| 45-64     | 933  | 30% |
| 65+       | 151  | 5%  |
| Unknown   | 620  | 20% |

**Figure 6 – Total individuals & household members by gender identity (n=3,121)**

| GENDER IDENTITY | #    | %   |
|-----------------|------|-----|
| Male            | 1875 | 60% |
| Female          | 900  | 29% |
| Gender Diverse  | 13   | <1% |
| Transgender     | 14   | <1% |
| Unknown         | 319  | 11% |



**Figure 7 – Breakdown of age group by gender identity (n=3,121)**

| GENDER IDENTITY | AGE GROUP  |           |           |            |             |            |            |            |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                 | 0-5        | 6-12      | 13-17     | 18-24      | 25-44       | 45-64      | 65+        | Unknown    |
| Male            | 63         | 47        | 26        | 54         | 606         | 690        | 112        | 277        |
| Female          | 57         | 39        | 22        | 60         | 408         | 236        | 37         | 41         |
| Transgender     |            |           | 1         | 2          | 9           | 1          |            | 1          |
| Gender Diverse  | 1          |           | 1         | 1          | 8           | 2          |            |            |
| Unknown         |            |           |           |            | 12          | 4          | 2          | 301        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>121</b> | <b>86</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>117</b> | <b>1043</b> | <b>933</b> | <b>151</b> | <b>620</b> |

**Figure 8.1 – Total individuals & household members by ethnicity (n=3,121)**

| ETHNICITY         | #     | %   |
|-------------------|-------|-----|
| Caucasian         | 1,239 | 40% |
| African/Caribbean | 341   | 11% |
| Other Ethnicity   | 215   | 7%  |
| Indigenous        | 771   | 25% |
| Unknown           | 555   | 18% |

**Figure 8.2 – Breakdown of individuals & household members by ethnicity (n=3,121)**

| ETHNICITY         | #   | %   |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| Indigenous        | 771 | 25% |
| Caucasian         | 702 | 22% |
| African/Caribbean | 191 | 6%  |
| Other Ethnicity   | 120 | 4%  |
| Unknown           | 555 | 18% |

**Figure 9 – Percentage breakdown for known ethnicity population (n= 2,566)**

| ETHNICITY         | %   |
|-------------------|-----|
| Caucasian         | 48% |
| Indigenous        | 30% |
| African/Caribbean | 13% |
| Other Ethnicity   | 8%  |

**Figure 10.1 – Percentage breakdown of known age group by known ethnicity type (n=2,259)**

| ETHNICITY              | AGE GROUP |      |       |       |       |       |     |
|------------------------|-----------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
|                        | 0-5       | 6-12 | 13-17 | 18-24 | 25-44 | 45-64 | 65+ |
| Other Racial Ethnicity |           |      |       | 5%    | 5%    | 6%    | 6%  |
| Non-Specified          | 53%       | 49%  | 48%   | 29%   | 28%   | 19%   | 12% |
| Caucasian              |           |      |       | 15%   | 23%   | 44%   | 70% |
| African / Caribbean    |           |      |       | 13%   | 11%   | 8%    | 5%  |
| Indigenous             | 47%       | 51%  | 52%   | 38%   | 33%   | 23%   | 7%  |

**Figure 10.2 – Breakdown of age group by ethnicity type (n=3,121)**

| AGE GROUP              |     |      |       |       |       |       |     |         |
|------------------------|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|---------|
| ETHNICITY              | 0-5 | 6-12 | 13-17 | 18-24 | 25-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Unknown |
| Unknown                | 16  | 17   | 8     | 6     | 92    | 92    | 11  | 313     |
| Other Racial Ethnicity |     |      |       | 5     | 51    | 53    | 8   | 3       |
| Non-Specified          | 56  | 34   | 20    | 32    | 264   | 159   | 17  | 200     |
| Caucasian              |     |      |       | 17    | 217   | 368   | 98  | 2       |
| African / Caribbean    |     |      |       | 14    | 105   | 64    | 7   | 1       |
| Indigenous             | 49  | 35   | 22    | 43    | 314   | 197   | 10  | 101     |
|                        | 121 | 86   | 50    | 117   | 1043  | 933   | 151 | 620     |

**Figure 11.1 – Percentage breakdown of ethnicity by gender (n=3,121)**

| GENDER IDENTITY        |      |        |                |             |         |
|------------------------|------|--------|----------------|-------------|---------|
| ETHNICITY              | Male | Female | Gender Diverse | Transgender | Unknown |
| Unknown                | 9%   | 9%     | 15%            |             | 96      |
| Other Racial Ethnicity | 5%   | 3%     |                | 22%         | 1%      |
| Non-Specified          | 25%  | 35%    | 15%            | 7%          |         |
| Caucasian              | 30%  | 15%    | 23%            | 7%          | 1%      |
| African / Caribbean    | 8%   | 3%     |                |             | 1%      |
| Indigenous             | 23%  | 35%    | 47%            | 64%         | 1%      |

**Figure 11.2 – Breakdown of ethnicity by gender identity (n=3,121)**

| GENDER IDENTITY        |      |        |                |             |         |
|------------------------|------|--------|----------------|-------------|---------|
| ETHNICITY              | Male | Female | Gender Diverse | Transgender | Unknown |
| Unknown                | 166  | 80     | 2              |             | 307     |
| Other Racial Ethnicity | 87   | 26     |                | 3           | 4       |
| Non-Specified          | 464  | 315    | 2              | 1           |         |
| Caucasian              | 558  | 139    | 3              | 1           | 1       |
| African / Caribbean    | 160  | 28     |                |             | 3       |
| Indigenous             | 440  | 312    | 6              | 9           | 4       |
| TOTAL                  | 1875 | 900    | 13             | 14          | 319     |

**Figure 12 – Percentage breakdown of male and female gender identity by known ethnicity (n=2,529)**

| GENDER IDENTITY        |      |        |
|------------------------|------|--------|
| ETHNICITY              | Male | Female |
| Other Racial Ethnicity | 5%   | 3%     |
| Non-Specified          | 27%  | 38%    |
| Caucasian              | 33%  | 17%    |
| African / Caribbean    | 9%   | 3%     |
| Indigenous             | 26%  | 38%    |

**Figure 13 – Breakdown of sheltered status by age group (n=3,121)**

| AGE GROUP | SHELTERED | UNSHELTERED |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| 0-5       | 121       |             |
| 6-12      | 86        |             |
| 13-17     | 50        |             |
| 18-24     | 98        | 19          |
| 25-44     | 793       | 250         |
| 45-64     | 723       | 210         |
| 65+       | 124       | 27          |
| Unknown   | 322       | 298         |

**Figure 14 – Breakdown of sheltered status by gender identity (n=3,121)**

| GENDER IDENTITY | SHELTERED | UNSHELTERED |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Male            | 1526      | 349         |
| Female          | 751       | 149         |
| Gender Diverse  | 9         | 4           |
| Transgender     | 6         | 8           |
| Unknown         | 25        | 294         |

**Figure 15 – Percentage breakdown of sheltered status by known gender identity (n=2,802)**

| GENDER IDENTITY              | SHELTERED | UNSHELTERED |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Male                         | 67%       | 68%         |
| Female                       | 32%       | 30%         |
| Gender Diverse & Transgender | <1%       | 2%          |

**Figure 16 – Breakdown of sheltered status by ethnicity (n=3,121)**

| ETHNICITY         | SHELTERED | UNSHELTERED |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Indigenous        | 570       | 201         |
| Caucasian         | 519       | 183         |
| African/Caribbean | 135       | 56          |
| Other Ethnicity   | 79        | 41          |
| Unknown           | 149       | 323         |

**Figure 17 – Percentage breakdown of sheltered status by known ethnicity (n=2,566)**

| ETHNICITY         | SHELTERED | UNSHELTERED |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Indigenous        | 27%       | 42%         |
| Caucasian         | 25%       | 38%         |
| African/Caribbean | 6%        | 11%         |
| Other Ethnicity   | 4%        | 9%          |

**Figure 18.1 – Immigration status (Survey n=751)**

| STATUS                     | #   | %   |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|
| Not an immigrant           | 545 | 73% |
| Immigrant/Refugee Claimant | 122 | 16% |
| No Response                | 84  | 11% |

**Figure 18.2 – Length of stay in Calgary (Survey n=685)**

| LENGTH OF STAY    | #   | %   |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| Always been here  | 212 | 31% |
| Don't know        | 38  | 5%  |
| Decline to answer | 25  | 4%  |
| Length in days    | 410 | 60% |

**Figure 19.1 – Previous location before moving to Calgary (Survey n=348)**

| PREVIOUS LOCATION     | #   | %   |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|
| Alberta               | 157 | 41% |
| Other parts of Canada | 188 | 49% |
| Out of Country        | 33  | 9%  |
| USA / Mexico          | 6   | 2%  |

**Figure 19.2 – Reason for moving to Calgary (Survey n=466)**

| REASON                          | #   | %   |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Access to supports and services | 57  | 12% |
| Family/friends                  | 107 | 23% |
| Housing                         | 18  | 4%  |
| Employment                      | 123 | 26% |
| Fear for Safety                 | 45  | 10% |
| Other                           | 87  | 19% |
| Unknown                         | 29  | 6%  |

**Figure 20 – Number of homeless episodes in the past year (Survey n=551)**

| EPISODE RANGE         | #   | %   |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|
| Once                  | 361 | 66% |
| Two to five episodes  | 131 | 23% |
| Six to 10 episodes    | 17  | 3%  |
| More than 10 episodes | 42  | 8%  |

**Figure 21 – Time spent experiencing homelessness in the past three years (Survey n=678)**

| TIME SPENT         | #   | %   |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Less than half     | 223 | 33% |
| About half or more | 399 | 59% |
| Decline to Answer  | 19  | 3%  |
| Don't know         | 37  | 5%  |

**Figure 22 – Reasons for recent housing loss (Survey n=789)**

*\*Multiple selection question. Respondents could have chosen more than one option.*

| REASON  | #   | %   |
|---|-----|-----|
| Not enough income   | 237 | 35% |
| Partner related issues  | 175 | 26% |
| Parent/ Guardian related  | 31  | 5%  |
| Landlord  | 100 | 15% |
| Substance use   | 108 | 16% |
| Health related  | 75  | 11% |
| Housing conditions changed (e.g. renovation, owner moved in, unfit) | 63  | 9%  |

**Figure 23 – Recent housing loss related to an eviction**  
(Survey n=677)

| EVICTED            | #   | %   |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Yes                | 265 | 39% |
| No                 | 357 | 53% |
| Don't know         | 25  | 4%  |
| Declined to answer | 30  | 4%  |

**Figure 24 – Sources of income (Survey n=681)**

*\*Multiple selection question. Respondents could have chosen more than one option.*

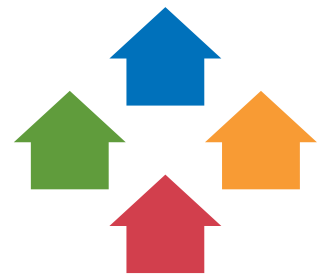
| INCOME SOURCE                                     |   | #   | %   | TOTAL # | TOTAL % |
|---|---|-----|-----|---------|---------|
| Some form of employment                           | Full time employment                                      | 23  | 3%  | 61      | 9%      |
|   | Part time employment                                      | 13  | 2%  |         |         |
|   | Casual employment (e.g. contract work)                    | 25  | 4%  |         |         |
| Informal Income sources                           | Money from family/friends                                 | 13  | 2%  | 39      | 6%      |
|   | Other informal sources (e.g. bottle returns, panhandling) | 39  | 5%  |         |         |
| EI / Benefits / Refunds                           | Employment insurance                                      | 9   | 1%  | 235     | 35%     |
|   | Disability benefit  | 91  | 13% |         |         |
|   | Seniors Benefit (e.g. CPP/OAS/GIS)                        | 59  | 9%  |         |         |
|   | Veteran / VAC Benefits                                    | 1   | <1% |         |         |
|   | Child and Family tax benefits                             | 29  | 4%  |         |         |
|   | GST/HST refund  | 43  | 6%  |         |         |
|   | Other money from a service agency                         | 3   | <1% |         |         |
| Welfare / Social assistance (Provincial benefits) |   | 196 | 29% | 196     | 29%     |
| No income   |   | 216 | 32% | 216     | 32%     |
| Don't know  |   | 5   | <1% | 5       | <1%     |
| Decline to answer                                 |   | 16  | 2%  | 16      | 2%      |
| Other source                                      |   | 39  | 6%  | 39      | 6%      |



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