

The 2024 Calgary Point-in-Time Count Highlights Stability in Rates of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness.

Calgary, AB – March 25, 2025 – The results from the 2024 Point-in-Time (PiT) Count, released today by Calgary Homeless Foundation, offer insight into the evolving landscape of homelessness in Calgary and contribute to a broader understanding of the sector.

The 2024 count identified 3,121 individuals experiencing homelessness. **While the 2024 results show an increase in the number of individuals experiencing homelessness in Calgary compared to 2022, the rate of homelessness has remained steady, with two out of every 1,000 Calgarians experiencing homelessness.** This per capita ratio remains unchanged since 2022 and shows an overall decline since 2008, despite the city experiencing rapid population growth.

It is important to further consider all these results in a historical context to recognize an ongoing, long-term positive trend. **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, marking a significant long-term decline in individuals experiencing homelessness in the city.** To put this differently, in 2008, 3.3 out of every 1,000 Calgarians were counted as experiencing homelessness compared to 2 out of every 1,000 Calgarians in 2024.

Homelessness comes in different forms, including sheltered and unsheltered. The 2024 PiT Count shows that 74% of individuals counted were sheltered, and 26% unsheltered. Data revealed a rise in the number of individuals utilizing shelters, while the number of people living unsheltered or residing in encampments remained consistent with 2022 count data. Sheltered Homelessness is defined as 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.

Since the previous PiT Count, Calgary has been impacted by various external factors, including rapid population growth, tight rental markets, high rates of inflation, and growing rates of poverty.

“Despite these challenges, the data reveals significant progress in fighting homelessness, showcasing the collective investments by the Government of Alberta, the Government of Canada, The City of Calgary, and philanthropists. These results also emphasize the exceptional work of Calgary's non-profit

organizations, Indigenous partners, shelter and housing partners, the Calgary Police Service, and United Way of Calgary and Area among others.” - *Patricia Jones, President and CEO, Calgary Homeless Foundation*

Calgary Homeless Foundation remains steadfast in its commitment to the 3,121 individuals experiencing homelessness in Calgary. CHF is dedicated to staying focused on guiding the fight against homelessness, with a vision of a day when homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring—perhaps an episode in someone’s life, but never a condition that defines it.

It is important to remember that Point-in-Time Counts provide an approach to enumerating individuals experiencing homelessness, presenting only a “snapshot” of the homelessness landscape at a specific point-in-time. For further details on the 2024 PiT Count, including full data and insights, visit calgaryhomeless.com.

“While homelessness in Calgary continues to be a complex and challenging issue, the 2024 Point-in-Time Count shows what is possible when partners and agencies work across the community, and across sectors, to make a difference,” says *Kay Choi, Director of Partnerships*. “There is still work to be done, but the decline in Calgary’s rate of homelessness over the past 16 years shows that our investments, strategies, and collaboration are making a meaningful difference. We are committed to seeing homelessness in Calgary continue to decline, offering hope and a path forward to everyone in our community.” - *Kay Choi, Director of Partnerships, City of Calgary*.

"While the numbers may appear to be rising, the data shows that homelessness has remained relatively stable. We know the unhoused are some of the most vulnerable people in our community and are often susceptible to crime or victimization. This underscores the importance of keeping the number of unhoused people as low as possible and ensuring those that are receive the essential services and supports, they deserve. Together, with our community partners, we are making a significant impact and working towards a safer community for all." - *Chief Constable Mark Neufeld, Calgary Police Service*

“G4 (Stoney Nakoda – Tsuut’ina Tribal Council Ltd.) was happy to partner with Calgary Homeless Foundation on the biennial enumeration and data collection for the 2024 Point in Time Count. With G4 being the Community Entity for the Indigenous funding, collaboration with CHF has been a benefit to the citizens that find themselves living homeless in Calgary. This data reminds us of the need for commitment, continued action, and collaboration. While the numbers have not decreased overall, and Indigenous homelessness continues to be over-represented, we are heartened by the continued efforts

of our First Nations Citizens, Governments, Calgarians, and our many partners who work to ensure our relatives continue to have opportunities to access safe, affordable, and dignified housing.” - *Chantelle Cardinal, Director of Reaching Home, G4 Tribal Council*

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A representative from Calgary Homeless Foundation can be made available for interview requests on this subject based on availability. Please reach out to media@calgaryhomeless.com with your request.