The Faces of Homelessness

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SMALLER COMMUNITIES POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

Key Highlights - 2023 Homelessness PiT Counts in Smaller Communities of New Brunswick

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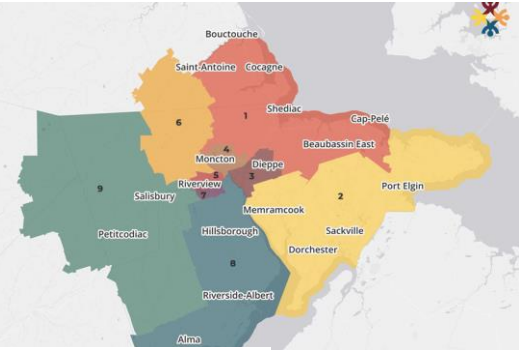

The Affordability Crisis

In New Brunswick

2024-2025 Seniors' Directory

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Social Supports Fredericton

Where to go when you need help

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2023-2024

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New Brunswick's 2023 Child & Family Poverty Report Card

February 2024

ENERGY POVERTY In New Brunswick

"The data underscores the urgent need for targeted interventions to address energy affordability challenges in the province."

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The Faces of Homelessness ???

-What is happening?
-Who is experiencing homelessness?
How many?
- Why is it happening?
- What can we do about it?
- When will it get better?

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Homelessness Data Tracking Tools

HIFIS

- Web based software
- All shelters in NB use
- Measures occupancy, program use
- collects and reports at client, organization, city, provincial level data on homelessness
- Developed by federal gov. used across Canada

HIFIS SISA
HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES INFORMATION SYSTEM
SYSTÈME D'INFORMATION SUR LES PERSONNES ET LES FAMILLES SANS ABRI

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- List of all known consenting adults experiencing homelessness in a city
- Process includes Referral/Intake/Assessment
- Used to match individuals with supports and housing

Point in Time Count (PiT)

- 24 - 48hr Snapshot of homelessness in N.B.
- Includes Enumeration & Survey
- Can be targeted to specific populations/programs
- Have been completed in 2016, 2018, 2021, 2023

EVERYONE COUNTS 2023
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Overview of 2023 PiT Count

192
volunteers

580 surveys completed

+91 in correctional facilities

690 people

counted as experiencing absolute homelessness in NB

PARTICIPATING NB COMMUNITIES

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Participating NB Communities

City	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total	Surveys
Moncton	213	184	397	341
Saint John	63	65	128	108
Fredericton	63	56	119	92
Miramichi	18		18	16
Bathurst	8		8	8
St. Stephen	15		15	15
Edmundston		*5	*5	
Total	380	310	690	580

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Rise in homelessness

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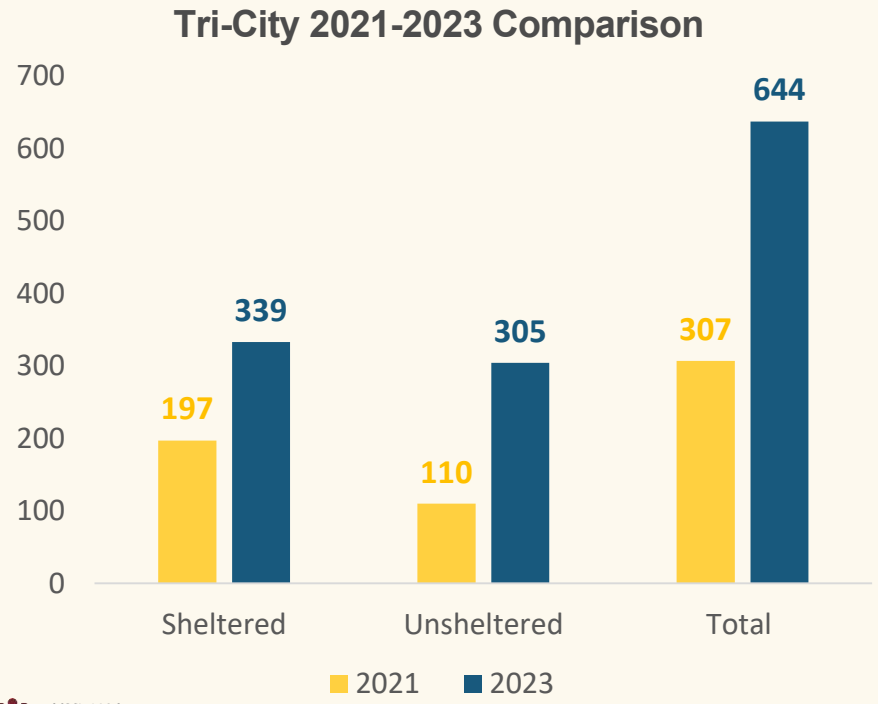
PiT count comparison April 28, 2021 – April 17, 2023



When comparing the results of our last 2 PiT counts in Fredericton, Moncton and Saint John, we see

- **110%** increase in total number of people
- **72%** increase in shelter users and
- **177%** increase in the number of people unsheltered.

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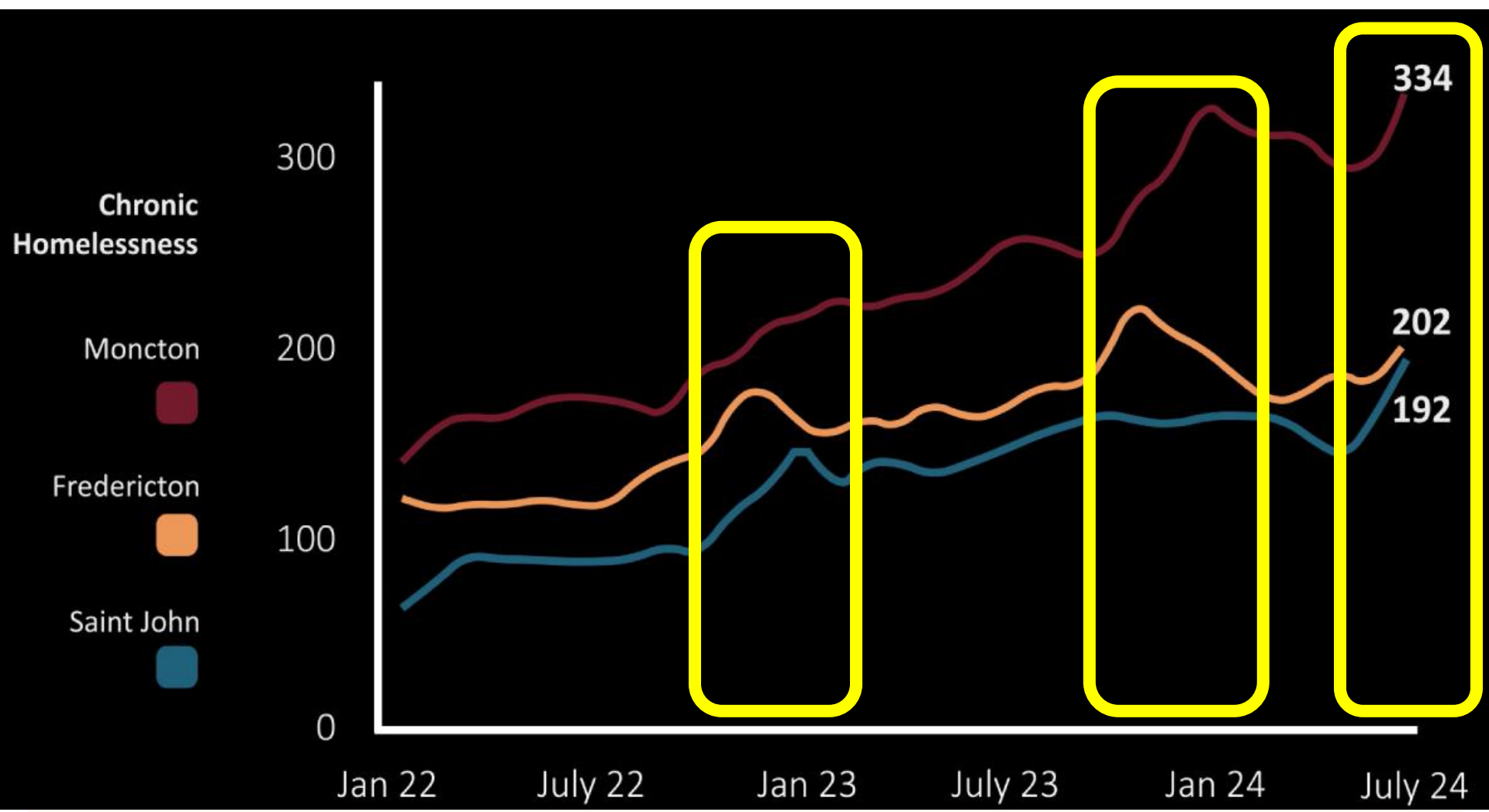
Chronic Homelessness
Moncton
Fredericton
Saint John
300
200
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192
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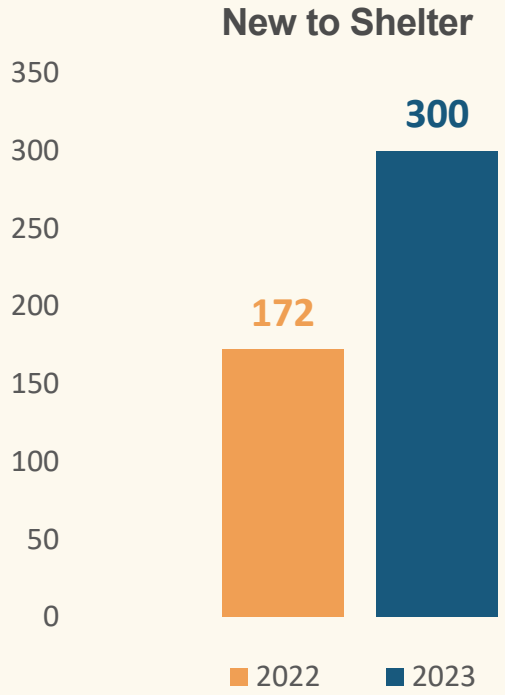
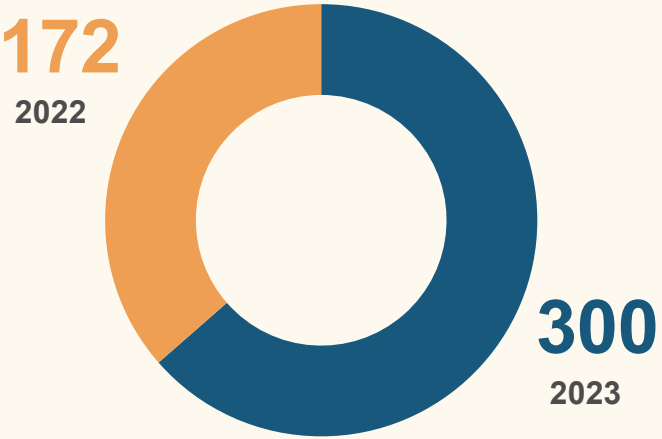
Increase in first time shelter clients





A 3-month comparison has shown a 74% increase in the number of first-time shelter clients

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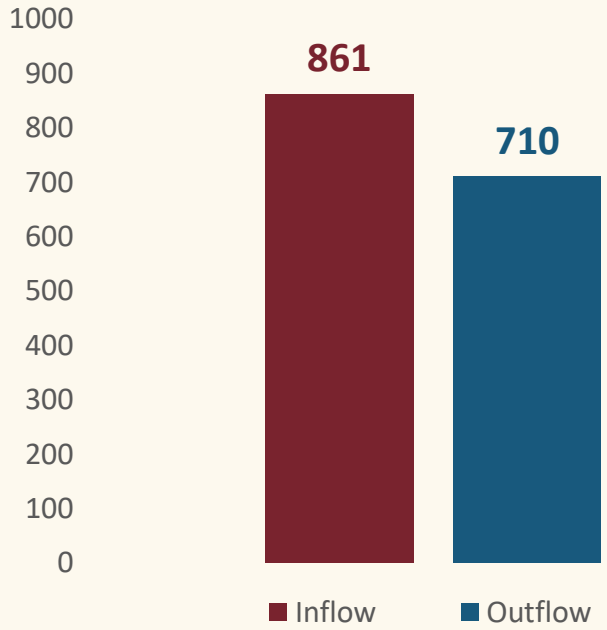
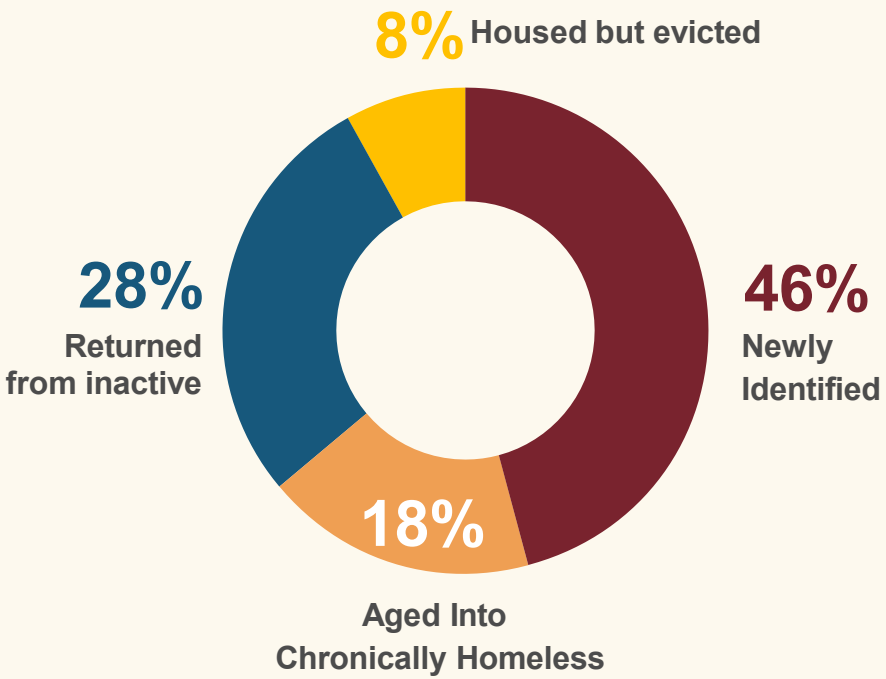
Inflow vs Outflow



Inflow Breakdown



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Demographics

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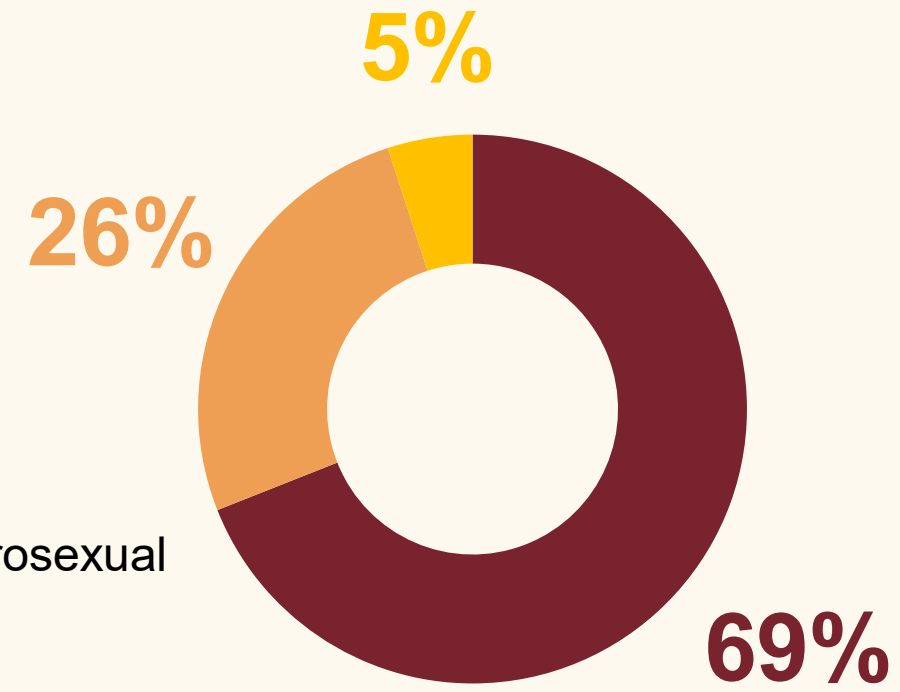
Section on demographics

- Gender & Orientation

402 | Male

149 | Female

25 | Other



85%identified as being straight/heterosexual and 15% identified as LGBTQ2S+

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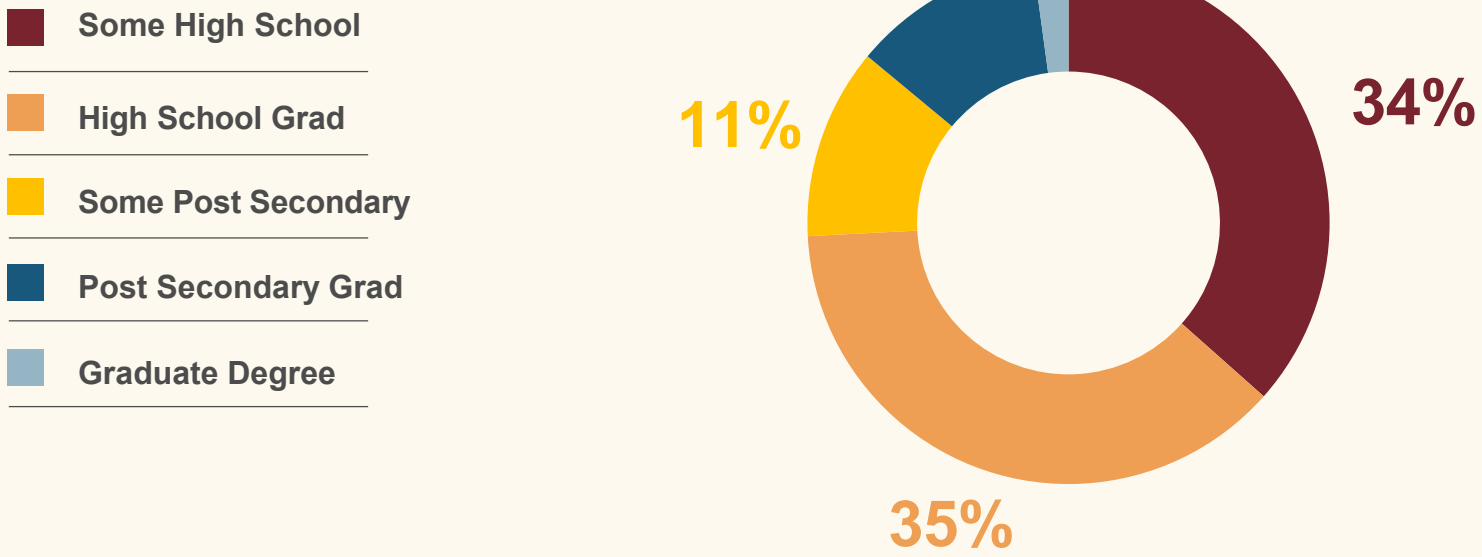
Section on demographics

- Education



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Section on demographics

- Of those reporting having income

4% Fully Employed

2% Casually Employed

6% Disability Benefits

11% Informal Income

76%

Social Assistance

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Section on demographics

- Race

19% **identified as First Nation**
(with or without status), Metis or Inuit

- **11%** **First Nation**
- **4%** **Indigenous Ancestry**
- **4%** **Metis**

Of those not identifying as indigenous and answered the question on racial identity:

94% **White**

6% **Black**

Over **20%** of respondents did not answer the racial identity question

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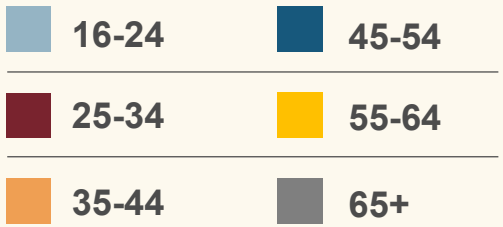
Section on demographics

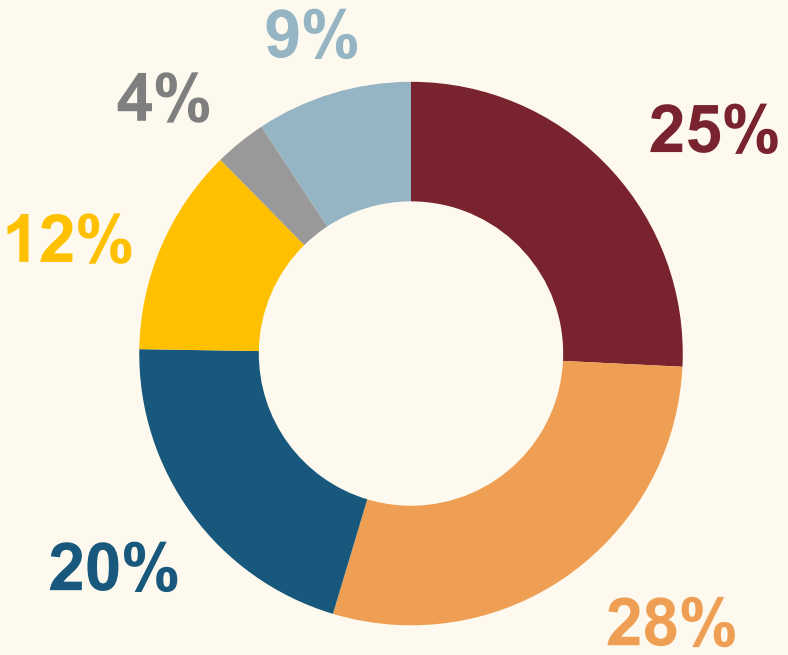
- Age

48% of respondents were adults 35-54 years old.

16% were 55 years or older

Oldest respondent was 81 years old





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Early experiences of homelessness

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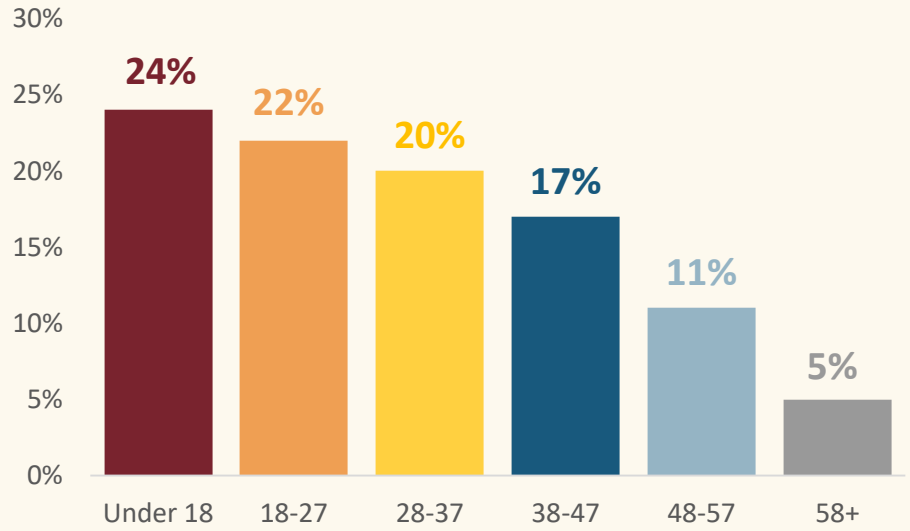
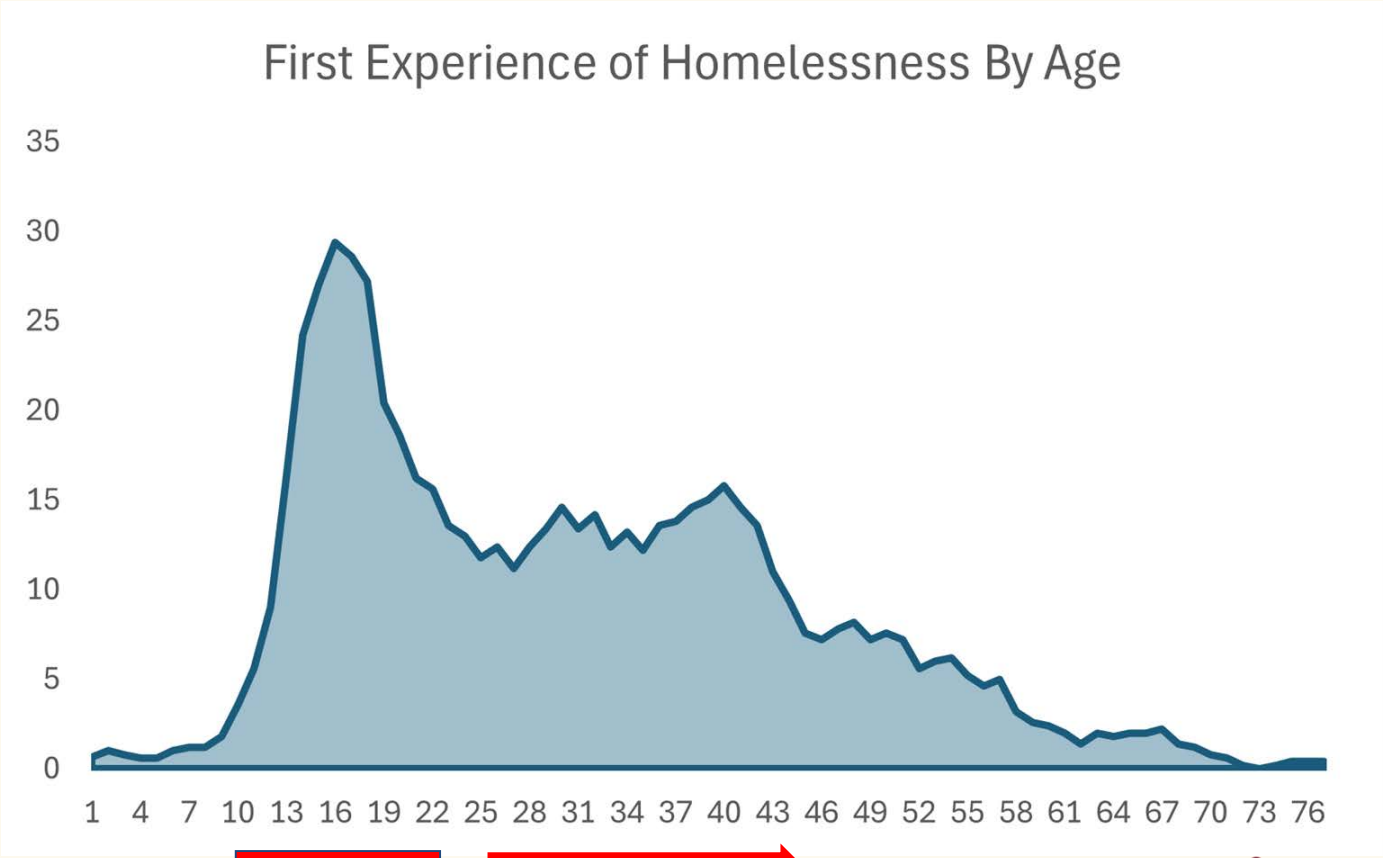
First experience of homelessness



41% reported being younger than 25 when first experiencing homelessness

additionally

10 Years ago, was the average amount of time passed since homelessness was first experienced.



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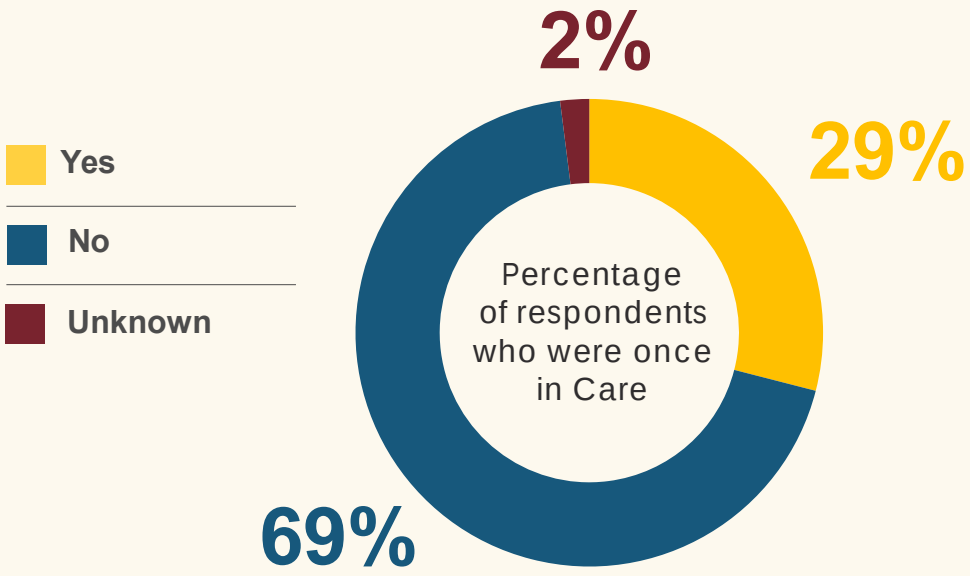
Youth in care • Percentage of respondents who were once in care



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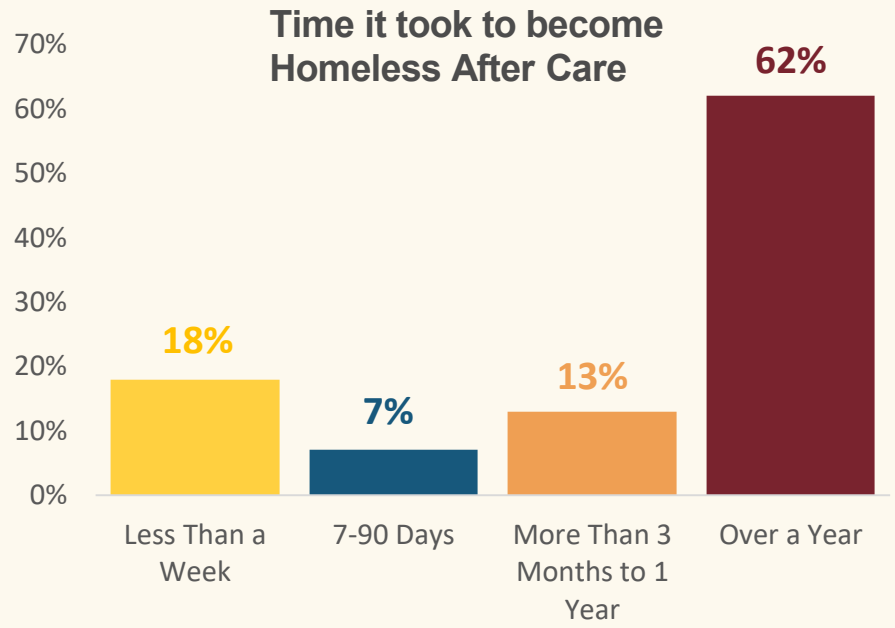
Of those previously in care and gave an estimate of time



38% Indicated that they were homeless within the first year after leaving care

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Early experiences of homelessness

30% of female

respondents identified as either being pregnant or having been pregnant while experiencing homelessness.

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