

Methodology + Rough Counts



- Target coverage is downtown core and known areas
- Partnership with community, including bylaw, police, and outreach teams
- Joint meetings to:
 - Consider what territory has historically been covered
 - Map what section of the downtown core should be covered, and split into zones
 - Collectively collate knowledge about known areas based on current and historical camps, including GPS data. Includes: industrial areas, parks, rural areas
- In partnership, determine which partners are best equipped to cover which areas, and what volunteer support is needed

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- Some daytime canvassing by system partners of known areas
- Rough count in downtown simultaneous with count in park/rural/industrial areas
- Majority of volunteers participate in downtown count, but some are sent with partner agency teams to known areas
- Teams stay in contact during count for purposes such as transportation or outreach support

Community Engagement



Public system partners:

- Area hospitals and emergency rooms, through Alberta Health Services
- Income Assistance covered motel stays, through Alberta Works
- Correctional facilities, through Calgary Remand, Calgary Young Offender Centre

Rough count partners:

- Outreach teams from homeless-serving agencies
- Calgary Police Services, including: bike teams, beat officers, leadership members, Vulnerable Persons Unit, Police and Crisis Team
- Calgary Transit
- Agency representatives (as team leads)

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Community Partners beyond the sector:

- Provincial park authority
- Calgary Parking Authority
- CP Rail
- Three university campus security
- Security services at Calgary Stampede grounds

Community members:

- Politicians, philanthropists, major community leaders
- Community members, staff from local businesses
- Students

Community Engagement



- Opportunity for learning and education (particularly from team leads and people with lived experience)
- Advocacy and shared ownership of mission to end homelessness
- Equal footing for all participants
- Engaging with people experiencing homelessness, hearing stories, beginning to capture their experiences
- Time shared sparks conversation and questions