



# HOMELESSNESS in CBRM a point in time count

one day



During a 12 hour period on April 19th, 2018, 40 volunteers collected data from shelters, transitional housing facilities, police lock up, hospital emergency rooms and community drop in centres. The volunteers also walked the streets in: Sydney, Glace Bay, New Waterford, North Sydney, Sydney Mines, and surrounding areas in CBRM. This is the second time there has been a comprehensive look at homelessness in CBRM.

<b>April</b> 19, 2018	<b>40</b> volunteers	<b>16</b> questions	<b>835</b> people asked about their housing situation	<b>115</b> people experienced homelessness	<b>Collection Sites</b> shelters police lock up hospital emergency rooms community drop in centres transitional housing facilities
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## Absolute Homelessness

people who are staying outside or in places not fit for human habitation, or using emergency homeless shelter



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## Unsheltered

people were unsheltered: staying in a public space, sleeping in a car or not knowing where they would sleep that night



20

## Emergency Shelters

people stayed in an emergency homeless shelter or women's shelter

## Provisionally Accommodated

people temporarily accommodated by an organization, lack secure housing, or are staying at someone else's place i.e. couch surfing

### Transitional Housing



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people were staying in transitional housing (hotel, motel or boarding house)

### Another's Home



21

people lacked secure housing and were living temporarily with others (couch surfing with friends, family or strangers)

### Transitional Residential Centres & Institutions



58

people were temporarily housed in an addiction centre, half-way house, correctional facility or hospital

## Key Findings

Of the **115** people who experienced homelessness, **47%** participated in the full homelessness survey. These are the key findings for the **47%** that completed the full survey.



There was significant variation in age  
The youngest being **5 months old**  
The oldest being **75 years old**



There were slightly more females **57%** than males **43%**



**19%** were children & youth up to the age of 24



There was an over representation of **First Nations**



**41%** were homeless for more than **6 months**



**1 in 3** adult respondents first experienced homelessness as **children (under 18)**



Poverty, addiction and substance use, family conflict and domestic abuse were the **MAIN CAUSES** of homelessness