2018 Homelessness Point-in-Time Count
24 hours in April

1400 individuals and families surveyed
200+ surveyors from shelters, health, corrections and social services sector
118 enumeration sites
59 community partners
27 street outreach routes

Locations where people experience homelessness

- 67% Emergency shelters
- 16% Transitional housing
- 7% Couch surfing
- 5% Street
- 5% Treatment centers, jail or hospital – no fixed address

Indigenous peoples experiencing homelessness

According to census data, Indigenous people account for 2.5% of Ottawa’s population yet 24% of people experiencing homelessness identified as Indigenous.

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Of the 335 Indigenous respondents, 47% had been in foster care.
**Age of people experiencing homelessness**

- **Youth (16–24):**
  - Male: 50%
  - Female: 44%
  - Other: 6%

- **Adult (25–55):**
  - Male: 60%
  - Female: 38%
  - Other: 2%

- **Older Adult (55–64):**
  - Male: 76%
  - Female: 23%
  - Other: 1%

- **Senior (65+):**
  - Male: 86%
  - Female: 12%
  - Other: 2%

**Top reasons for most recent housing loss**

- Addiction issues
- Unable to pay rent or mortgage
- Incarceration
- Unsafe housing conditions
- Other circumstances

**Foster care and/or Group home history**

- 27% of respondents identified as having been in foster care or a group home

**Veterans**

- 5% of respondents identified as being a former military or RCMP member. Of these, 35% identified as Indigenous

**Top three sources of income**

- Social Assistance: 50%
- Disability Benefits: 26%
- Employment: 9%

**Families**

- 24% of parents/guardians with children experienced homelessness as a youth

**Sexual orientation**

- 21% of youth identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual, two-spirited or queer compared to an estimated 10% in the general population

**9%** of respondents indicated they live with these four health conditions:

1. Chronic/acute condition
2. Physical disability
3. Addiction
4. Mental health issues

**24%** of respondents identified as being a newcomer to Canada

**Time in Ottawa**

- 39% had been in Ottawa one year or less
- 20% had lived in Ottawa all of their lives