



Everyone Counts- Nipissing District

Findings from Point in Time (PiT) Count
2020



What is a PiT Count?

A PiT Count results in an enumeration of homelessness, which is defined as: the minimum number of people experiencing homelessness on a single night between **March 1, and April 30th, 2020**

- Purpose of a PiT Count is to ask:
 - On a typical night, how many people are experiencing homelessness?
 - Who is experiencing homelessness (demographics, need, etc.)?



Everyone Counts- Nipissing District

- 24- hour point in time (PiT) count following the federal guidelines on PiT Counts
- Funded by Government of Canada's Reaching Home Strategy
- March 11, 2020 at 8:00 am to March 12, 2020 at 8:00 am
- Surveying, and administrative count took place in North Bay, Mattawa, and West Nipissing
- Unsheltered overnight enumeration in North Bay and West Nipissing.



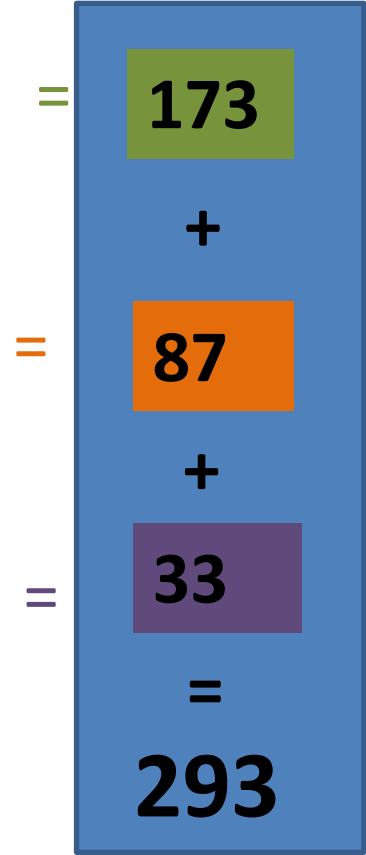
Methodology

- **109** surveyor volunteers trained to conduct surveys with individuals experiencing homelessness
- **37** survey locations in North Bay, Mattawa, and West Nipissing including:
 - Service providers
 - Emergency/VAW shelters
 - Public institutions (hospitals, jail, detention, recovery)
 - Public spaces (bus terminal, libraries, downtown core, unsheltered overnight)
- Administrative Count responses received from:
 - Emergency/VAW Shelters
 - Public Institutions (hospitals, jail, detention, recovery)



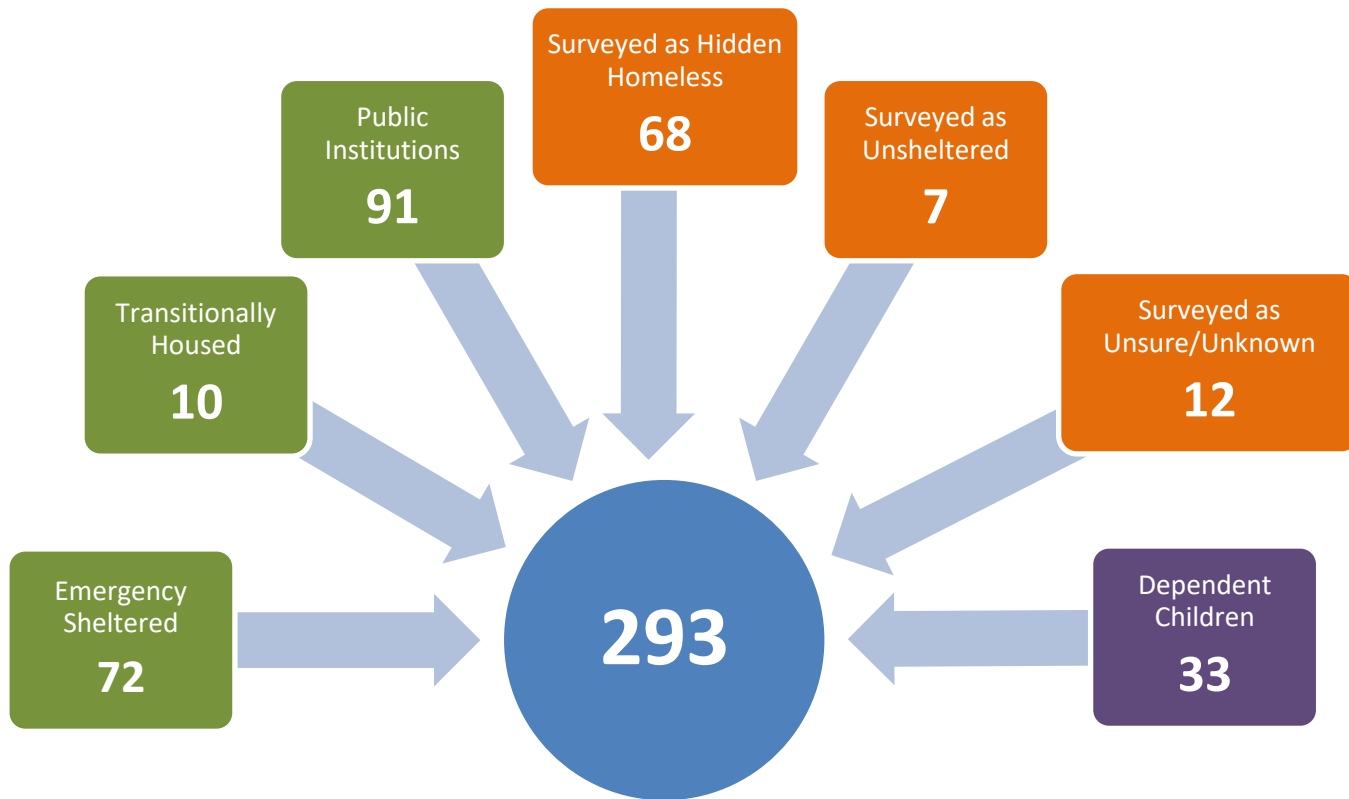
Enumeration Findings

- **Administrative Count categories**
(emergency sheltered + transitionally housed + public systems)
- **Surveyed Categories**
(hidden homeless + unsheltered + unknown location)
- **Dependent Children**
(de-duplicated administrative count + survey results)





Enumeration Findings



Enumeration Results: 2018 & 2020

<u>Enumeration of Homelessness: Where are you staying tonight?</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% change</u>
Emergency Sheltered	59	72	13	22%
Transitionally Housed	10	10	0	0%
Public Institutions	23	91	68	295%
Hidden Homelessness (couch surfing/motel self-funded)	63	68	5	8%
Surveyed as Unsheltered (public space, vehicle, abandoned building)	9	7	-2	-22%
Surveyed as Unsure Location	18	12	-6	-33%
Dependent Children (administrative count/surveyed)	n/a	33	33	N/A
Total	182	293	111	62%



Limitations (Comparing 2018 vs 2020)

- End of April vs March 11th
- 4 days vs 24 hours
- Weather
- Slight differences in Service Provider locations (Count & Survey)
- 2020 enumeration included North Bay Jail (75) and dependent children (33)

Enumeration Total Results by Category and Municipality

Homelessness Enumeration Category:	North Bay	Mattawa	West Nipissing	Total
Emergency Sheltered	62	5	5	72
Transitionally Housed	10	0	0	10
Public Institutions	88	1	2	91
Surveyed as Hidden Homelessness (couch surfing/motel self-funded)	66	2	0	68
Surveyed as Unsheltered (public space, vehicle, abandoned building)	7	0	0	7
Surveyed as Unsure Location	12	0	0	12
Dependent Children (administrative count/surveyed)	22	5	6	33
Total	267	13	13	293



The Survey

The demographic and community need insights of Everyone Counts 2020 survey findings found below is based off an analysis of **254** surveys conducted throughout the District of Nipissing in the following municipalities:

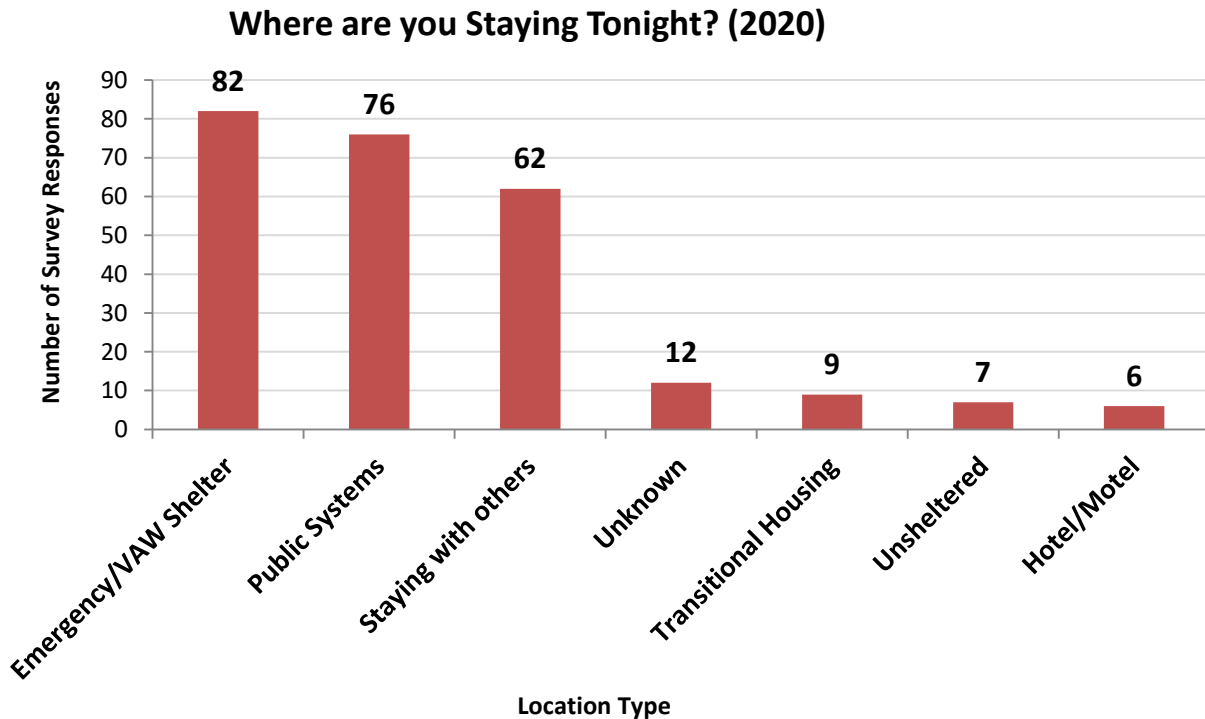
**North Bay:
242 Surveys**

**West
Nipissing:
5 Surveys**

**Mattawa:
7 Surveys**



Where are you Staying Tonight?

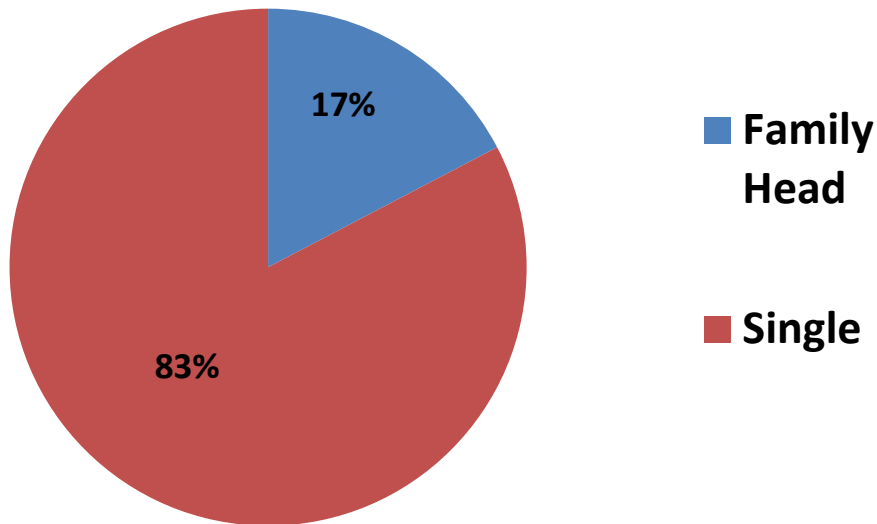


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Demographic Findings: Household Type

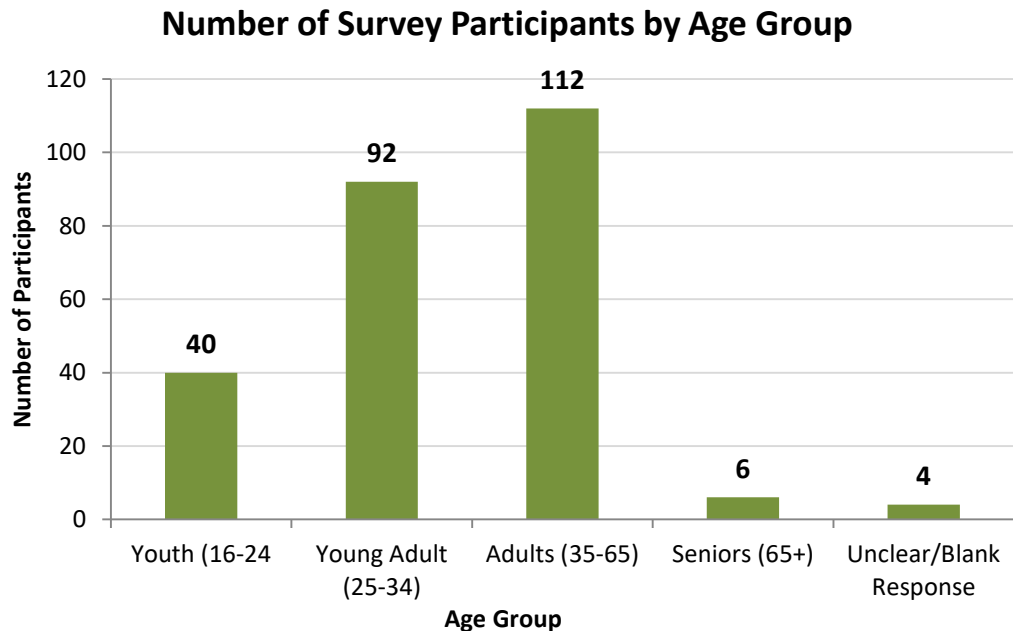
Household Type (2020)



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Demographic Findings: Age



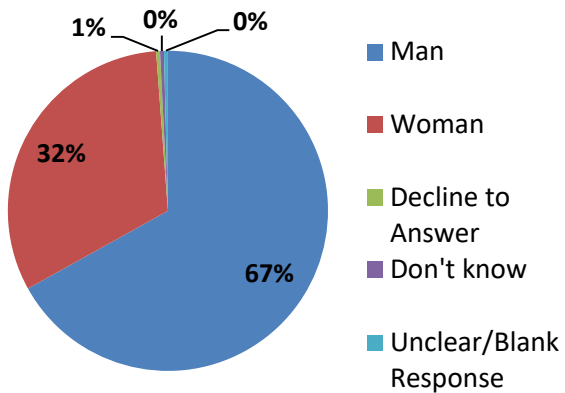
Age Group	%
Youth (16-24)	16 %
Young Adult (25-34)	36 %
Adults (35-65)	44 %
Seniors (65+)	2 %
Unclear/Blank Response	2 %

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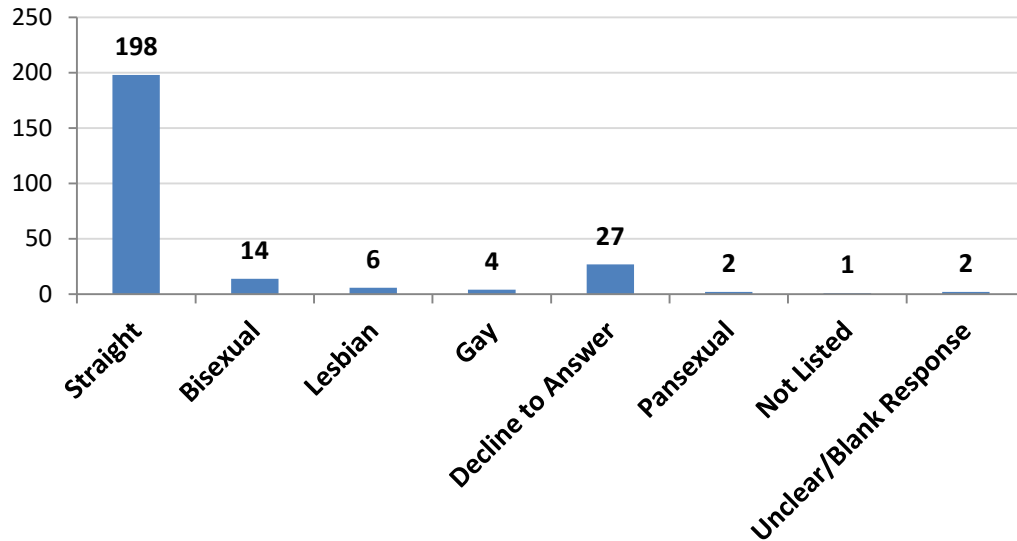


Survey: Gender Identity & Sexual Orientation

Gender Identity (2020)



Sexual Orientation of Survey Participants



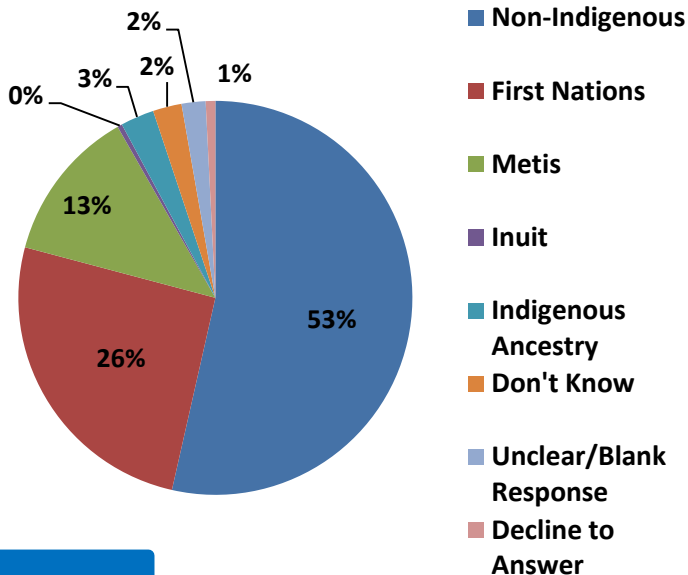
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11% of participants self-identified as
LGBTQ2S+

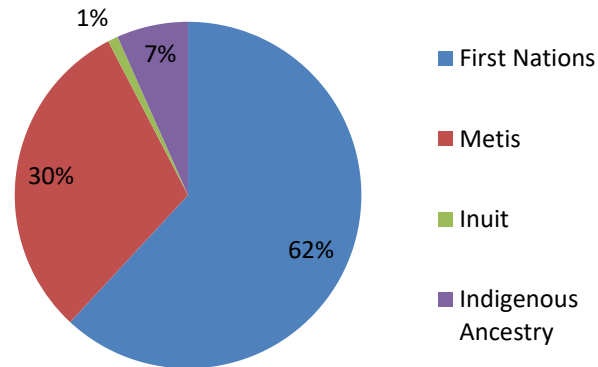


Demographic Findings: Indigenous Status

Indigenous Status of Survey Participants (2020)



Indigenous Status (2020)



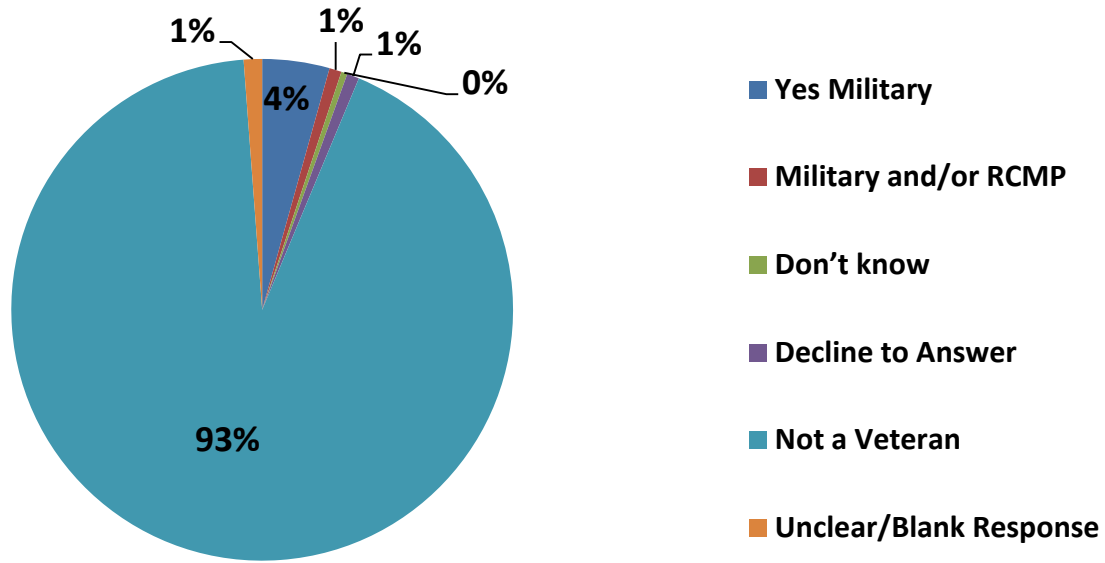
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Identifying as Indigenous	Number of Participants	%
First Nations	65	26
Metis	32	13
Inuit	1	0
Indigenous Ancestry	7	3
Indigenous Identity	105	42%



Demographic Findings: Veteran Status

Number of Participants who are Veterans



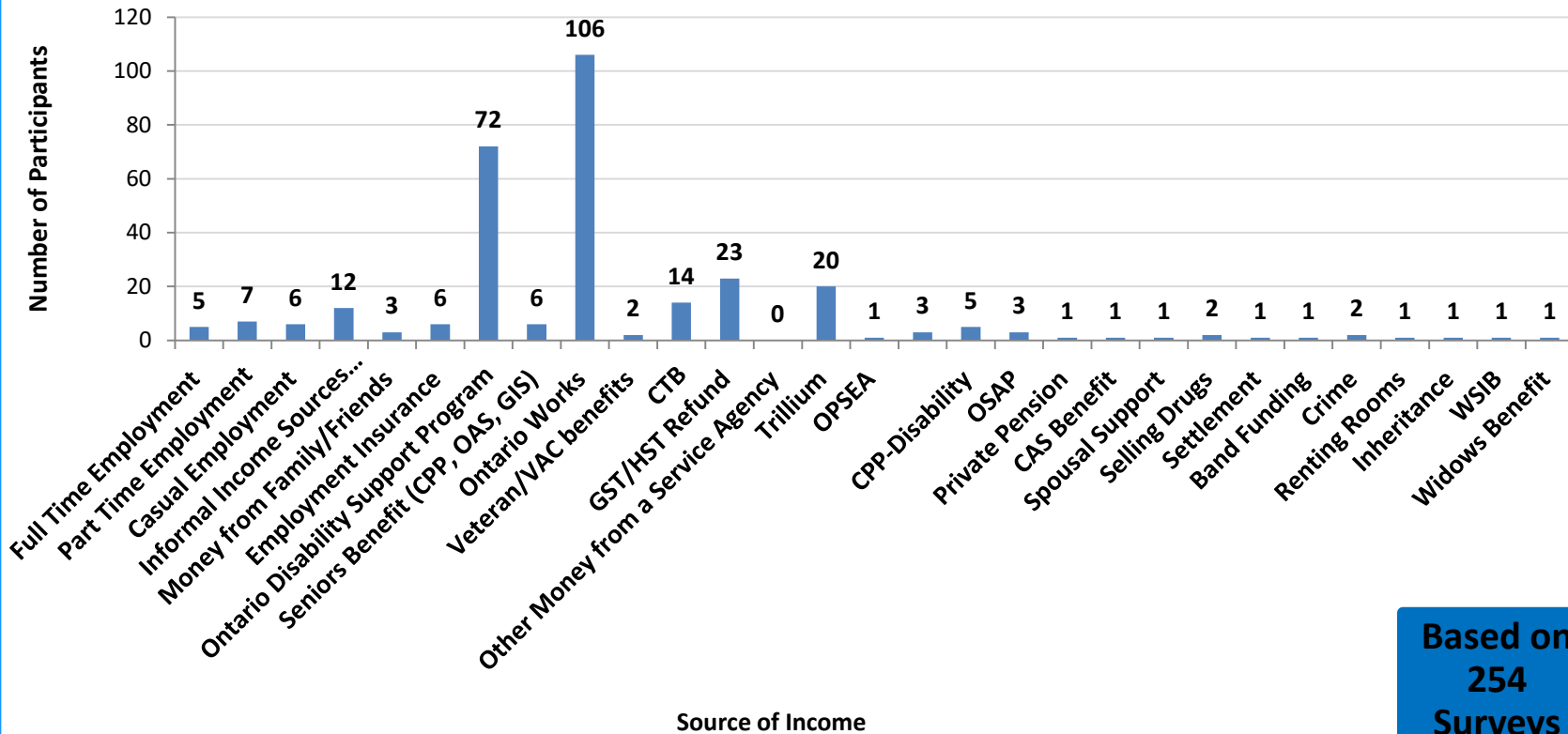
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5% of respondents (13 individuals) self-identified as Veterans.



Demographic Findings: Source of Income

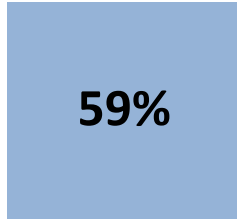
Source of Income of Survey Participants (2020)



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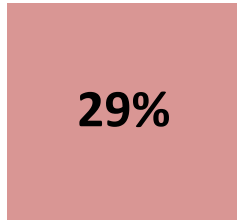


Demographic Findings: First Time Homeless



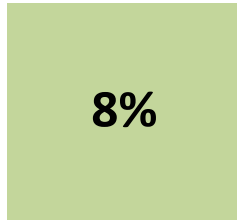
59%

Were homeless for the first time before the age of 25



29%

Were homeless for the first time between the ages of 26-50



8%

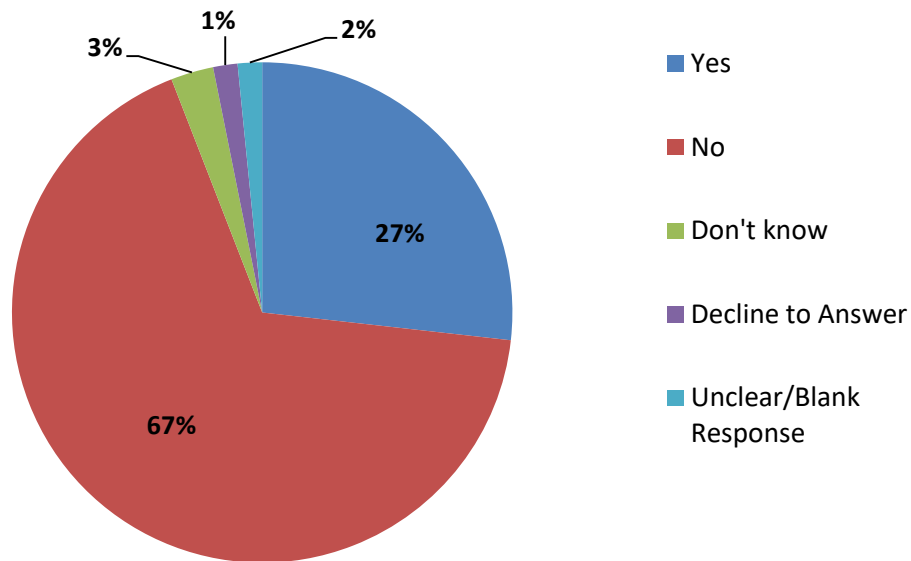
Were homeless for the first time after the age of 51

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Demographic Findings: Foster Care

Number of Participant who Experienced Foster Care



27% of participants had been or are currently in the Child Welfare System

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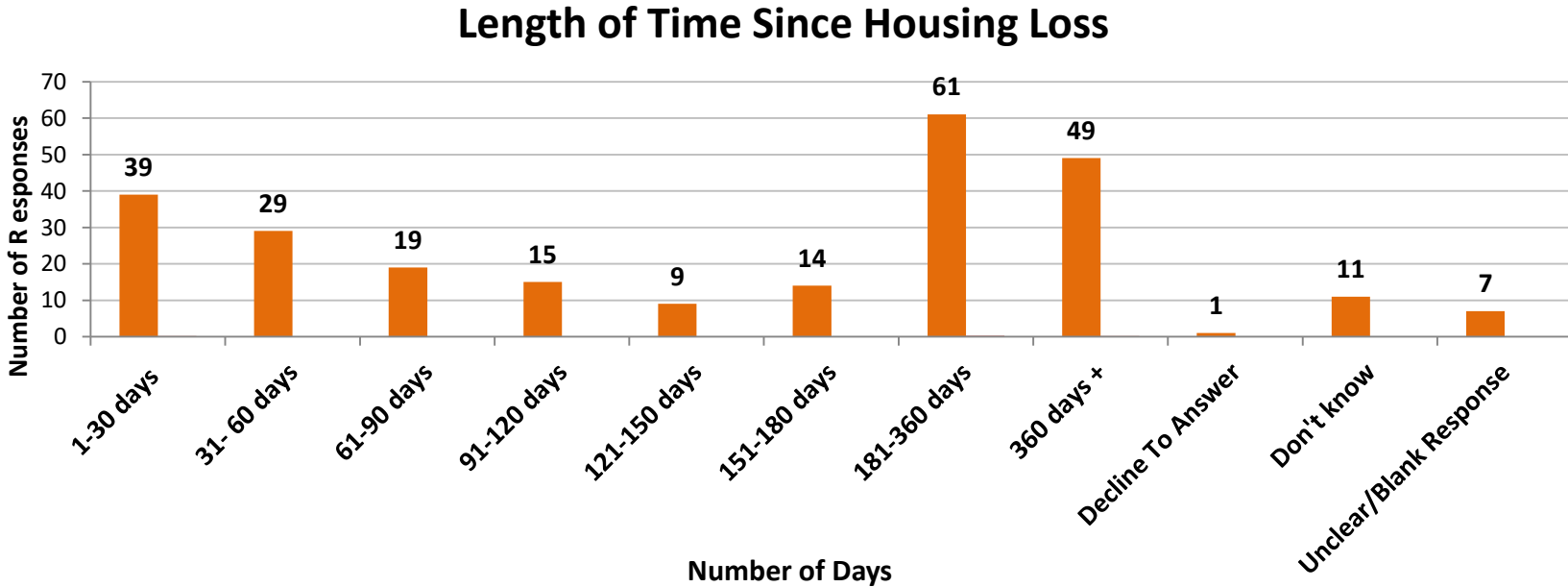
Community Need: Chronic & Episodic

- **50% were chronically homeless (6+ months of homelessness in the last year)**
 - 29% of participants (74) have been homeless for a year or more.
- **18% were episodically homeless (3+ different times homeless over the last year)**
 - 7% of participants (17) have been homeless 6 or more different times over the last year.

Based on 254 Surveys



Community Need: Length of Time Homeless



19% of participants (49 people) self-identified that they had been homeless for a year or longer

Based on 254 Surveys



Contact with Public Institutions

- In the last 12 months:
 - 22% of individuals had been hospitalised
 - 56% of individuals had interactions with police
 - 39% of individuals had spent 1+ day incarcerated
 - 117 visits to the Emergency Room
 - 37 times hospitalized
 - 1,396 interactions with police
 - 11,305 days spend incarcerated

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Reasons and Barriers

- Top 3 reasons for housing loss:
 - Addiction/substance use (21%)
 - Incarceration (19%)
 - Conflict with spouse/partner (16%)
- Top 3 barriers to finding housing:
 - Low Income (57%)
 - Discrimination & Stigma (56%)
 - Addiction/Substance use (52%)

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Community Need: Health Challenges

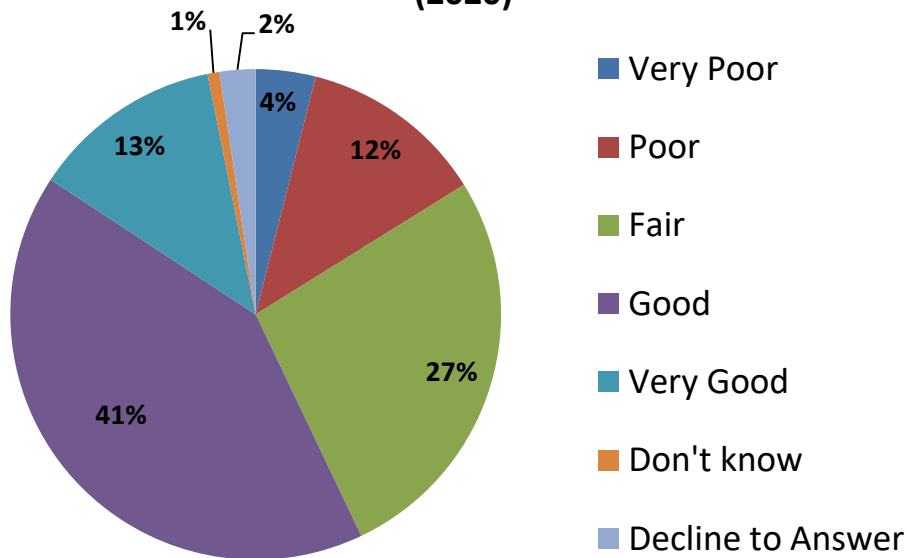
- 57% self identified as having mental health challenges
- 74% self identified as having substance abuse challenges
- 42% self identified as having a physical health related illness
- 30% self identified as having a physical disability
- 41% self identified as having a cognitive disability

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Community Need: Overall Health

How Survey Participants Rated their Own Health
(2020)



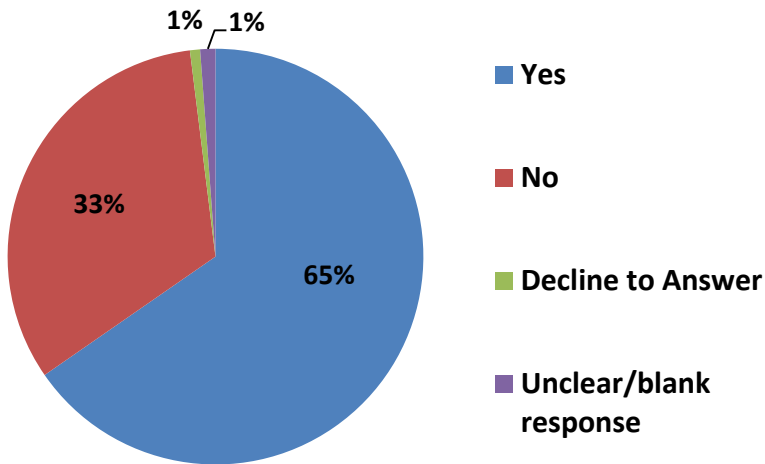
16% of participants self-identified as having poor to very poor health.

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Community Need: Shelter Stays

Emergency Shelter Stays in last 12 months



Based on 254 Surveys

Top 5 Reason for Not Staying at a Shelter in the last 12 month	Number of Responses
Prefer to Stay with Family or Friends	33
By Choice	25
Too Crowded	8
Too Many Rules	6
Fear for Safety	5

Based on 83 participants (33%) who had not stayed in a shelter over the last 12 months.



How Long Have You Been in: North Bay, Mattawa, West Nipissing

Response	Number of Responses	Percentage (%)
Always Been here	57	22%
One Year or Less	87	34%
1-5 years	27	11%
5-10 years	30	12%
10 + years	47	19%
Decline to Answer	1	0%
Don't Know	3	1%
Unclear/Blank Response	2	1%
Total	254	100

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Length of Time and Previous Geographic Area

One Year or Less

Geographic Location	Number of Responses	Percentage (%)
Within Nipissing District	11	13%
Northern Ontario (not including Nipissing District)	33	38%
Southern Ontario (South of Muskoka District)	14	16%
Outside of Ontario	1	1%
No Response	28	32%
TOTAL	87	100

1-5 years

Geographic Location	Number of Responses	Percentage (%)
Within Nipissing District	2	2%
Northern Ontario (not including Nipissing District)	9	10%
Southern Ontario (South of Muskoka District)	7	8%
Outside of Ontario	0	0%
No Response	9	10%
TOTAL	27	31



Next Steps

- Findings sent to Government of Canada on Oct 31, 2020
- Infographic shared with NDHHP CAB and Board October 28th
- Media release sent out October 28th
- Findings presentation to NDHHP on November 18th
- Overall final findings report shared at December NDHHP meeting



Now what?

- Evidence based advocacy
- Data used to support funding applications
- Findings will be used to support projects and services



Thank you!

Thank you for your contributions towards
this important project.