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Nipissing Counts 2026

DNSSAB and partners to conduct 24-hour homelessness count

North Bay, ON: From Wednesday, October 21 at 8:00 a.m. through to Thursday, October 22 at 7:59 a.m., the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) and the Nipissing District Housing and Homelessness Partnership, in collaboration with community partners, will conduct Nipissing Counts 2026, the District's Point-in-Time (PiT) Count of individuals experiencing homelessness.

Nipissing Counts is part of a nationally coordinated initiative that takes place in communities across Canada. Communities receiving funding through the Government of Canada's Reaching Home program are required to participate, with federal funding supporting the implementation of local PiT counts and enumerations.

A PiT Count is a form of homelessness enumeration conducted during a single 24-hour period that provides an estimate of the number of people experiencing homelessness within a defined area at a specific point in time. The goal is to better understand the number of people experiencing homelessness in the community, including both sheltered and unsheltered individuals. Like all PiT Counts, the results represent a minimum estimate of homelessness in the community.

The 2026 PiT Count will include:

- A count of those experiencing sheltered homelessness, based on information collected from shelters, transitional housing programs, and public institutions; and
- A count of those experiencing unsheltered homelessness, gathered directly by outreach workers, social service sector staff, and volunteers.

The Count comes as communities across Ontario and Canada continue to experience housing and homelessness pressures. Nipissing Counts 2025 identified 452 individuals experiencing homelessness across the District.

Since that time, additional homelessness supports have been added locally, including the opening of 24 new transitional housing units at Northern Pines Phase 3 and expanded shelter facilities that continue to provide 24/7 supports at the site.

The results of Nipissing Counts 2026 will contribute to local, provincial, and national understanding of homelessness and continue to inform DNSSAB's work to prevent and reduce homelessness throughout the District.

Information and supports are available for people experiencing homelessness. To learn more, visit dnssab.ca/housing-services.

About DNSSAB:

The District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) is the service delivery agency for essential human services across the Nipissing District. These include the Coordinated Services of Ontario Works, Housing Services and Homelessness Services, Children's Services, and Paramedic Services. The jurisdiction of the DNSSAB covers a population of about 85,000 people, spread out over 17,000 square kilometres, 11 municipalities, two First Nations, and two unorganized areas – Nipissing North and Nipissing South. The Board is made up of 11 municipal councillors and one elected representative for the Territory Without Municipal Organization. The Board members exercise powers, duties, and responsibilities relating to the delivery of human services, while respecting the DSSAB Act and the Board's Procedural By-Laws and governance model. Shared responsibilities with the Province and municipalities are combined within the DNSSAB.

Learn more at dnssab.ca

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