

2018 Simcoe County Homeless Enumeration Report.



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Acknowledgements.



Enumeration Project:

The Simcoe County Homeless Enumeration was led by the **County of Simcoe** in partnership with the **Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness**

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Krasman Centre
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Shelter Now
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Community Connection, Collingwood
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Food Basics, Midland
Johnny's Pizza, Alliston
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Orillia Community Church, Orillia
Out of the Cold, Alliston
Rocco's Bakery, Alliston
Shelter Now, Midland
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Barrie
Superstore, Midland

Combined Point-in-Time (PiT) Count and Registry Week.

April 24-26, 2018

How many?



697

people were counted
experiencing homelessness.

Rate of homelessness.

14
per 10,000



Survey Findings.

By City/ Town.

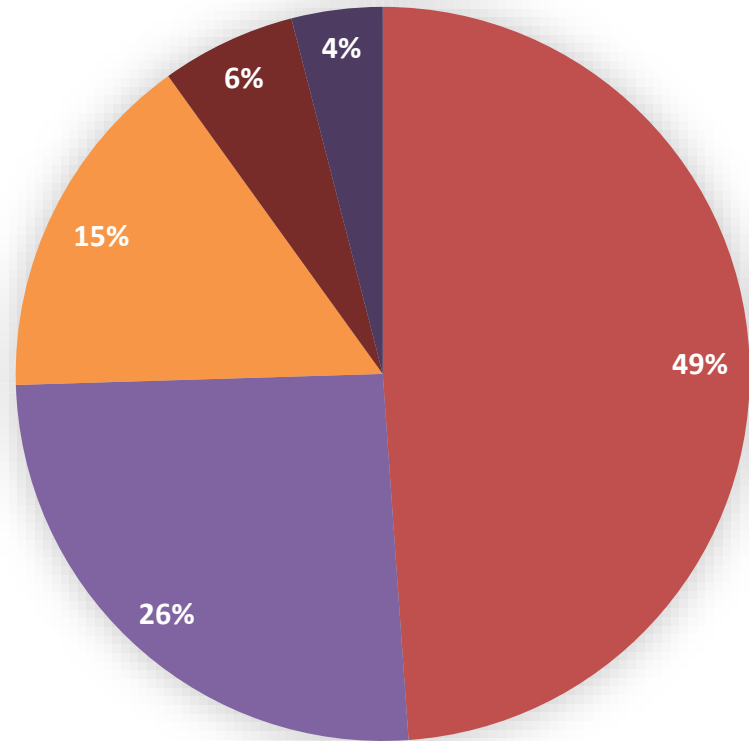


305	Barrie
128	Midland
97	Orillia
24	Collingwood
24	Alliston
17	Penetanguishene
12	Other in Simcoe County
9	Wasaga Beach

By Region.



By Region



■ Barrie

■ North Simcoe

■ Orillia and area

■ South Georgian Bay

■ South Simcoe

Location Type.



Provisionally Accommodated	315	45%
Emergency Sheltered	292	42%
Unsheltered	82	12%
Unknown	8	1%

Top 4 reasons for homelessness.



Addiction/Substance use **21%**



Inability to pay rent/
mortgage **20%**



Conflict with spouse/
partner **16%**



Unsafe housing
conditions **15%**

Routes to homelessness.



1/3

of survey participants
reported they were
newly homeless.

Routes to homelessness.



28%

reported having nowhere to live after they left a **hospital or correctional facility.**



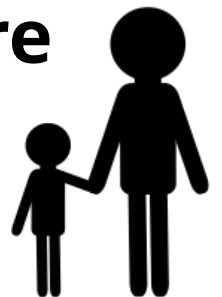
Routes to homelessness.



24%

indicated they had lived in foster care settings in their past.

30% of these indicated their first experience of homelessness was before they exited foster care.



Additional key findings.



260 (57%)

Chronic Homelessness

100 (21%)

Episodic Homelessness

276 (57%)

High Acuity

68 (14%)

Tri-morbidity (Health)

Additional key findings.



70%

physical health issues



35%

mental health issues



34%

addiction issues

14%

tri-morbidity: all 3

Additional key findings.



16%

Youth experiencing homelessness. (age 16-24)

11%

Youth in general county population.



Additional key findings.



29%

Indigenous Peoples
experiencing homelessness.



4%

Indigenous Peoples
in general county
population.



Additional key findings.



70%

Single adults experiencing homelessness.

18%

Single adults in general county population.



Additional key findings.



1/10

of people experiencing homelessness, and

1/4

people using emergency shelters fled spousal/partner abuse, often with children.



Additional key findings.



393

participants reported using emergency services in the last 6 months.

Cumulative total was

8,539

an average of 21.7 services per person in 6-month period.

Additional key findings.



435

Demand for housing units.



County of Simcoe's Role.



County of Simcoe, as Consolidated Municipal Service Manager:

Administers and is accountable for federal, provincial and municipal investments in ending homelessness in Simcoe County.

All funding is fully allocated to more than 30 agencies, funding various types of programs and supports across the housing and homelessness services continuum including:

- outreach,
- emergency shelter,
- motel voucher,
- transitional housing,
- domiciliary care,
- housing support programs - Regional Housing First & Rapid Re-Housing- both with housing subsidies,
- housing resource/housing access,
- peer mentor,
- adult and youth trustee,
- Indigenous and LGBTQ specific, and
- counselling services

Next Steps.



1. **Educate** city councils and decision makers.
2. **Increase** housing options for people experiencing homelessness.
3. **Increase** primary care, mental health and addiction services, and other supports for street involved and vulnerable populations.
4. **Collaborate** with other key sector partners to discharge people directly into housing with supports.

Ask of Council.

Please invite us back to report regularly, perhaps semi-annually, on the community's efforts on ending homelessness and how this council could assist those efforts.



Thank you!



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