

Highlights of the Point-in-Time Count 2023

NIGHT

April 26, 2023

250+

people were experiencing homelessness in Brantford-Brant.



77

Unsheltered



136

Emergency Shelter



12

Couch Surfing



1

Public Systems



4

Transitional Housing

At least 20 were observed homeless but sleeping location was undetermined.

DAY

April 26, 2023

142

people participated in the homeless needs survey, representing over half (57%) of those enumerated.

Of the 142 individuals that participated in the homeless needs survey...

2 out of 3 identify as male

GENDER



73%

Men



22%

Women



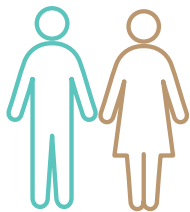
5%

Genderqueer

1.9% is unclear/did not answer

AGE

The majority are aged **25-50**.



14.1%

under 25

32.4%

25-35

25.6%

36-49

12.8%

50-64

2.1%

65+

Unclear/No answer

EXPERIENCE IN FOSTER CARE

Nearly **1 out of 3** of all respondents indicated that they were in government care as a child or youth (32%).

TIME IN COMMUNITY

Only 9.2% of respondents indicated that they lived in Brantford-Brant for **less than one year**.

9.2%

Less than 1 year

12.0%

1-5 years

49.3%

Over 5 years

21.1%

Always been here

8.5%

Decline to answer

INDIGENOUS

52% identified as Indigenous.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION



9.9%

identify as LGBTQS+

VETERAN STATUS

A small proportion (**7%**) of respondents indicated that they were a veteran.



INCOME SOURCES

87% report having at least one source of income (n=124). Of those that indicated having a source of income, the most common sources were welfare/social assistance (46%), disability benefits (30%) and employment (8%) which represents a combination of those that reported having casual, temporary, part-time and full-time employment).



HEALTH CHALLENGES

92% of survey respondents identify as **having at least one health challenge**. Research indicates that homelessness exacerbates some health challenges, such as mental health or substance use issues.

44%

Illness or Medical Condition

42%

Physical Limitation

41%

Learning or Cognitive Limitations



65%

Mental Health Issue

78%

Substance Use Issue

FAMILIES



5

individuals had children with them.

1 family



emergency shelter

3 families



unsheltered

1 family



couch surfing

NEED FOR HOUSING AND SERVICES

- The top three barriers to obtaining housing is: **rents too high, low income, and addiction**.
- The top three services needed include: mental health, addiction or substance use, and violence against women.