

COUNTING OUR WAY HOME

London's 2018 Community Enumeration Event Results

What Are Enumeration Events?

Enumeration events are community events that engage Londoners to solve homelessness together. Enumeration events assist the City of London, the Province of Ontario, the Government of Canada, and the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness to have a stronger understanding of homelessness and are an essential part of our response to homelessness.

London's 2018 Community Enumeration Event

On April 24, 2018, 73 community volunteers and 20 team leaders from homeless serving agencies surveyed 406 individuals and families experiencing homelessness in 15 locations in London. Survey participants received a gift card to thank them for their time.

RESULTS

The results in this section summarize the responses from individuals and families who completed the enumeration event survey.

Gender Identity

63% Male
34% Female
2% Gender Expansive¹
1% Transgender

Age Range

3% 19 or younger
21% 20-29
24% 30-39
25% 40-49
21% 50-59
6% 60 or older

Indigenous Or Indigenous Ancestry

29% identified as Indigenous or having Indigenous ancestry

Foster Care

32% had been in foster care and/or a group home

New To London

15% moved to London in the last year

Military Service

5% served in the Canadian Military or RCMP

Medical Condition

51% had a chronic or acute medical condition

Substance Use²

57% identified as having an addiction

Mental Health Issues

59% reported having a mental health issue

Where Individuals Were Staying On The Night Of The Enumeration Event

59% - Emergency or Violence Against Women Shelter
18% - Someone Else's Place
9% - Transitional Shelter, Housing, or Motel
8% - Location Not Known
6% - Unsheltered Location³

First Experience Of Homelessness

60% were under the age of 30 when they first experienced homelessness

Chronic Homelessness

62% have experienced chronic homelessness⁴

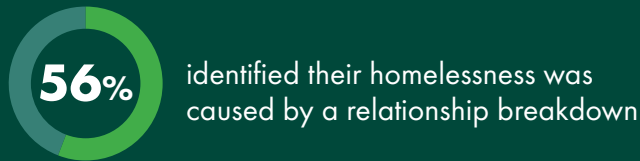
¹ Gender expansive includes individuals who identified as two-spirit, genderqueer/gender non-conforming, or another gender identity.

² Data collected from Housing First programs in London indicates that at least 85% of individuals experiencing homelessness are living with mental health issues and addictions. The results in this report may be lower due to the nature of the enumeration event methodology.

³ Unsheltered location includes a public place, makeshift shelter or tent, or abandoned or vacant building.

⁴ Chronic homelessness is defined as experiencing homelessness for six months or more in the past year.

Homelessness Caused By Relationships



Homelessness Caused By Abuse Or Trauma



Finding And Maintaining Permanent Housing

The top 5 challenges to finding permanent housing:

- 1 Low income or lack of financial resources
- 2 Addiction or substance use
- 3 Availability of affordable housing
- 4 Inability to meet the requirements to secure housing
- 5 Mental health issues

The top 5 supports or resources needed to find and keep housing:

- 1 Increased income
- 2 Availability of affordable housing
- 3 Someone to help with finding and keeping housing
- 4 Employment
- 5 Rental or financial assistance

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- Atlohsa Native Family Healing Services Inc. and Zhaawanong Shelter
- Canadian Mental Health Association Middlesex: London Coffee House and My Sisters' Place
- London Cares Homeless Response Services
- London InterCommunity Health Centre
- Mission Services of London: Men's Mission and Rehabilitation Centre, Rotholme Women's and Family Shelter, The Resource Centre, and Crash Bed Program
- The Salvation Army Centre of Hope
- Unity Project for Relief of Homelessness in London
- Youth Opportunities Unlimited: Youth Action Centre and Resource Centre

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