

Report on 2021 Enumeration

Community & Social Services



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- Northumberland County has completed 2 previous enumerations (2016, 2018)
- Enumeration provides a "snapshot" of homelessness in a community
- Data can be used for planning and program delivery
- 2021 Enumeration mandated by Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Completed on September 29, 2021



Definitions

- Homelessness:
 - Unsheltered
 - Accessing emergency shelter
 - Provisionally accommodated/transitionally housed
- Chronic homelessness:
 - Length of homelessness 6+ months in the last 12 months



Context





Method

- Previous enumerations were "Registry Weeks"
- 2021 enumeration was a "Point-in-Time" (PIT) count
- Limitations:
 - Time frame
 - Self-report
 - Considerations for rural homelessness
 - COVID-19 pandemic



Results

1666 Total interactions with Northumberland County residents on the September 29, 2021



Of those who opted to participate...

52 Completed the PIT survey (experiencing homelessness on the night of the enumeration)

62 Completed the housing loss prevention survey (housed on the night of enumeration)



PIT: Key Trends



Reported experiencing chronic homelessness (6+ months) 15%

Of individuals experiencing homelessness in Northumberland identified as Indigenous

Compared to ~2% of Northumberland County's general population



PIT: Reasons for Experiencing Homelessness





PIT: Overnight Location





PIT: Age





PIT: Health Challenges





PIT: Income





PIT: Municipal Affiliation



25%

Of PIT participants reported that they last had permanent housing outside of Northumberland County



PIT: Acuity Level & Further Support





Enumeration Results Over Time

- Similar numbers, despite methodological differences
- Similar levels of individuals experiencing chronic homelessness and acuity levels





Housing Loss Prevention Results





Provided their contact 73% information for Community & Social Services to follow-up





Outcomes







Individuals added to BNL/HCRT 71% of follow-ups for those concerned about housing loss were successful Ongoing analysis to support program planning and service delivery



By-Name List



Homelessness Coordinated Response Team By-Name List

Individuals experiencing homelessness added to the By-Name List

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Next Steps

- Urban Indigenous programming
- Rural homelessness
- Impacts of SSRF funding
- Municipal engagement

