2021 Homelessness Enumeration County of Lambton

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Key **Findings**

The following information was reported by individuals experiencing homelessness using the Point in Time Count Survey

236



Were experiencing homelessness



Lost their housing due to COVID-19



30%

Were in provincial foster care as a child or youth



Stayed in a homeless shelter in the last 24 months



Reported that they were episodically homeless (had 3 or more episodes of homelessness in the last year)



Identified as chronically homeless (experiencing homelessness for 6 or more months within the last year)



Report high rent as the primary challenge for securing housing

Additional individuals were observed to be experiencing homelessness using an observation tool



Total days of homelessness in the previous year



187

Had only one episode of homelessness in the last year



Were homeless for the past year



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Where individuals sought shelter

Individuals reported on where they were staying during the enumeration (referred to as the typology of homelessness). Within the typology there are four classifications. Survey results are shown below.



Emergency Shelter (Homeless shelter. hotel/motel or domestic violence shelter)



Provisionally Accommodated (In hospital, treatment facility, jail or staying with someone else temporarily (couch surfing), with no permanent home to return to)



Absolute Homelessness (public space, street, park, abandoned building, vehicle including car, van, truck, RV)



Transitional Housing (temporary accommodations to bridge people between homelessness & permanent housing)

Risk Factors

The following risk factors were identified by respondents. 79% identified more than one risk factor.



Reported a chronic illness or medical issue

34% Identified a physical limitation



Reported a learning or cognitive limitation



Identified a mental health issue



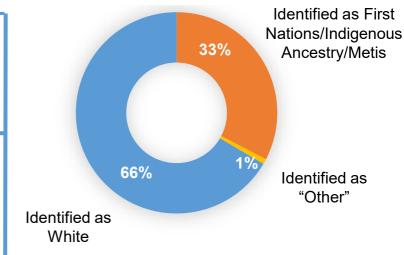
Reported substance use (includes alcohol, tobacco, opiates, etc.)

Demographics

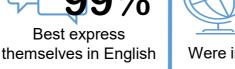
Survey respondents provided socio-demographic information as shown below.

Served in the Canadian Military



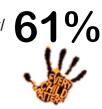


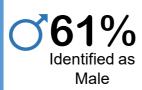






First Nations/ Indigenous Ancestry/ Metis reported personal or family residential school experience









Average age of first homeless episode



Were in receipt of **Ontario Works** benefits



Were in receipt of Ontario Disability Support Program benefits



Were high school graduates



Were Post-Secondary graduates