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**HOMELESSNESS ENUMERATION
FALL 2021**

COUNTY OF LAMBTON



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The County of Lambton conducted a Homelessness Enumeration during the week of June 21-25, 2021. At the time of the Enumeration there was a global pandemic and the province of Ontario was under a state of emergency with enhanced lock-down measures.

The Enumeration served several key objectives:

- participating in national Point in Time Count activities as required by Employment and Social Development Canada
- conducting a Point in Time Count as required by the province of Ontario
- conducting a Registry Week which assisted in the development of a local By Name List to better serve those who are experiencing homelessness.

The information collected during Homelessness Enumeration will assist staff in supporting the goals outlined in the County of Lambton's 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan.

Staff from the Social Services Division, the Sarnia Lambton Native Friendship Centre and the North Lambton Community Health Centre worked throughout the week to complete the enumeration. Two surveys were used, the Point in Time Count (PiT) and the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assessment Tool (VI-SPDAT).

There were 236 PiT surveys completed and 210 VI-SPDAT surveys completed. Tally Sheets were used to count individuals who either declined to complete the survey or were unable to do so. The data collected will be used to inform local program and policy development and deliver appropriate services to those who are experiencing homelessness. The data collected from the PiT surveys is anonymous while the data from the VI-SPDAT is person-specific. The PIT data will be reported on in this document.

Highlights of Key Findings

66% Identified as White

33% Identified as First Nations, Metis or North American Indigenous Heritage

Average Age: **44**

80% In Receipt of Social Assistance

66% Identified a Mental Health Issue

78% Reported substance use

37% Female

61% Male

77% Were Sheltered

OVERVIEW

Homelessness Enumeration

Homelessness Enumeration is a count of individuals experiencing homelessness during a specific period of time. In the County of Lambton, homelessness enumeration occurred during the week of June 21-25, 2021 combining the Point in Time Count (PiT) with a Registry Week.

The PiT is a short, anonymous survey that is typically conducted during a specific 24 hour period. However, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the methodology was expanded to a three day period.

The survey tool used to collect data for Registry Week is the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assessment Tool (VI-SPDAT). The goal of Registry Week is to collect person-specific data from individuals experiencing homelessness to assess vulnerability and determine whether a client has low, moderate or high housing acuity. The information collected will assist local policy makers and service providers to understand local homelessness and system needs to support the goals of the 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan.

While there are many similarities in the two methodologies, there are also key differences. These are highlighted below.

Point in Time Count

Registry Week

- Anonymous
- Population Focus
- Enumerates absolute homelessness
- Identifies system needs
- Contributes to national picture
- Done over 24 hours in shelters & public spaces

- Person-specific
- Individual focus
- Names taken for best fit service matches
- Develops By-Names-List (BNL)
- Contributes to the local picture
- Done over several days at many sites

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Purpose of Homelessness Enumeration

The County of Lambton recently updated the 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan to include utilizing a systems approach to ending homelessness within the County. The central goal of incorporating a Registry Week with the Point in Time Count during enumeration was to develop a By-Name List (BNL) which will assist in implementing a Coordinated Access System and ultimately, ending chronic homelessness.

The information collected through the PiT Count Survey will assist with policy development and program design that is appropriate and relevant for those experiencing homelessness in Lambton County.

The County of Lambton is a Reaching Home designated community funded by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC). In 2021 Reaching Home communities were required to participate in a Nationally Coordinated PiT Count between March 1 and April 30, 2021. Additionally, Ontario's Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing required that all Ontario municipalities conduct homelessness enumeration in 2021.

Defining Homelessness

Homelessness is defined by the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness as "the situation of an individual, family or community without stable, safe, permanent or appropriate housing, or the immediate prospect, means or ability to acquire it". The definition of homelessness also includes a range of housing options, referred to as the shelter typology which includes individuals who are couch surfing or who have "no fixed address".¹



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Methodology



Point in Time Survey Core Questions & Supplementary Questions

ESCD and Ontario's Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) required service managers to collect information from a prescribed set of questions to facilitate comparative analysis across communities in Canada and Ontario. Municipalities were able to include additional questions from a question bank provided by the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness (COH) as well as locally developed questions. The Enumeration Planning Committee chose to include two locally developed questions developed in partnership with the Sarnia Lambton Native Friendship Centre (SLNFC) and six questions from the COH question bank. These questions can be found in Appendix 3.



Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT)

The VI-SPDAT was the second survey administered by enumerators. Information collected using this tool will be used to further develop a BNL and assess the housing and health vulnerability of individuals. The VI-SPDAT provides a calculation in five sub-domains: age, housing and homelessness history, risk factors, socialization and daily functions and wellness. The total score indicates low, medium or high acuity which will assist with service prioritization. In Lambton, three different versions of the VI-SPDAT were used: Youth (under 24 years of age), adult (25 years and older) and families.



Tally Sheets

Tally Sheets were used to track individuals who declined to participate or who appeared to be homeless and were observed only. These results were reported to ESDC and MMAH.

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Duplication & Data Analysis

Since Enumeration occurred over several days, there was the potential for duplicate responses.

Two methods were utilized to help prevent duplication in the PiT survey.

- Respondents were asked if they had already completed the PiT survey.
- The County partnered with Org Code Consulting to remove duplicate PiT survey responses after input into the Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS).

Respondents were required to provide their name on the VI-SPDAT, making the process of eliminating duplicate responses fairly straightforward by ensuring that each respondent had completed only one survey.



Validated data from the PiT Count was analyzed to create a profile of local homelessness which will assist in developing programs and services that support the goals of the County of Lambton 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan.

Screening Questions

Screening questions were utilized to determine whether individuals were experiencing homelessness. If they were identified as experiencing homelessness they were then asked if they would like to voluntarily continue with the PiT Count Survey and verbal consent was obtained to proceed.

Once the PiT Count Survey was completed individuals were asked if they would like to complete another survey. The VI-SPAT is not anonymous therefore informed, signed consent was required from each individual. These consents include agreeing that personal data would be stored in the Homelessness Individuals and Family Information System (HIFIS). Individuals were advised that they can withdraw consent at any time.

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Additional screening questions were added due to the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the safety of surveyors and individuals experiencing homelessness.

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Limitations

The survey methodology outlined above was determined to be most appropriate for the County of Lambton to:

- a) meet federal and provincial enumeration objectives
- b) conduct the enumeration during a global pandemic
- c) develop a BNL

However, limitations exist. Despite the many challenges present when conducting an enumeration during a pandemic, this iteration provided a unique opportunity to more easily identify the location of many households as they were supported in the temporarily expanded emergency housing system. Due to Ontario's enhanced COVID-19 restrictions, the County could not host magnet events typically held to attract individuals who may be well hidden, couch surfing or sleeping in public spaces.

Although this enumeration was carefully planned and executed, the combined PiT Count and Registry Week enumeration methodology has limitations and, as a result, they have the potential to undercount the population experiencing homelessness. The approach relies on:

- a) community partners encouraging people to participate.
- b) individuals self-identifying and reaching out to complete the surveys.

There is the potential to miss individuals who do not appear to be homeless, who are well-hidden, or who actively avoid being counted.

As a result of the limitations outlined above, the data collected in the 2021 County of Lambton enumeration should be considered the minimum number of people who were experiencing homelessness during the enumeration period.

Preparing for Enumeration

Volunteers

There were 51 volunteers who assisted with Enumeration Week. Volunteers included staff from:

- Social Services Division of the County of Lambton
- North Lambton Community Health Centre Outreach
- Sarnia Lambton Native Friendship Centre



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Training

Three training sessions were held via Zoom in late March and early April of 2021. Training covered safety protocols, Indigenous sensitivity, LGBTQ2A+ sensitivity awareness and survey completion. A supplementary Zoom session was held two weeks prior to the June enumeration to address any volunteer questions or concerns. Training sessions and supplementary materials were made available to volunteers electronically and could be accessed at any time for review.

Date Selection

As a Reaching Home designated community ESDC required that a PiT Count be conducted between March 1, 2021 and April 30, 2021. The Lambton Planning Committee selected the week of April 19–23, 2021 for enumeration. On April 16, 2021 the province of Ontario announced enhanced restrictions to slow escalating COVID-19 numbers. In response, local organizers opted to postpone the enumeration to the week of June 21–25, 2021 with the June 23 designated as the date for the PiT Count.

Survey Locations

During the COVID-19 pandemic individuals experiencing homelessness sought emergency housing services in numbers greater than ever before. Shelter sites including the Good Shepherd's Lodge and Transitional Housing, The Haven and River City Vineyard were selected for survey sites. The Lodge also administered the overflow shelter system in local motels necessitated by the pandemic which were included as survey sites. Surveys were also completed at the Women's Interval Home, a domestic violence shelter. Six walking routes were developed with input from local municipal staff and police services. Details can be found in Appendix 2.

Indigenous Partnership

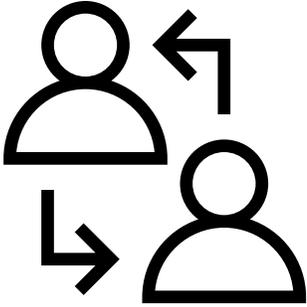
Lambton County has three First Nation communities within its geographical borders; Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Kettle and Stoney Point First Nation and Walpole Island First Nation. Leaders from each of these communities were invited to participate.

The Sarnia Lambton Native Friendship Centre (SLNFC) participated by providing Indigenous awareness and LGBTQ2A+ sensitivity training to all volunteers. Staff administered surveys at their site during Enumeration Week. Despite the enumeration being well advertised in the community served by SLNFC, staff reported that service visits during enumeration was extremely low and only four people completed the surveys at their location.

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Rural and Hidden Homelessness Engagement

A flyer was developed encourage individuals experiencing homelessness in rural areas and those who were unsheltered or provisionally housed, couch surfing or those who actively avoid being counted to complete surveys. Additional engagement activities included:



- SLNFC posted flyers and promoted enumeration on their Facebook page.
- Five rural food banks and one urban food bank put flyers into food boxes two weeks before enumeration to encourage individuals to call into the phone line to complete the surveys.
- One rural and one urban food bank hosted surveyors.
- Two food banks provided Tally Sheets.
- Volunteers walked along six routes in areas where people were reported to be sleeping in public spaces.

The walks were all within the city of Sarnia and were scheduled for 7:00 -10:00 pm on Wednesday June 23, 2021 and 6:00 - 9:00 am on Thursday June 24, 2021

Surveyors reported that they observed evidence of individuals sleeping in public spaces on the walks with limited success. It was reported that for future walks, the times should be adjusted to dusk and dawn to locate more people.

These steps to engage rural and hidden homelessness measures resulted in:

- four people completing surveys at the Sarnia Lambton Native Friendship Centre.
- 14 people completed phone surveys and one person coming into the office to complete the surveys.
- 10 people completed surveys at food banks.
- two people completed surveys on the walking routes.

Individuals that declined the opportunity to complete the surveys or were observed to be experiencing homeless during the enumeration were recorded on Tally Sheets.



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Public Systems

Bluewater Health, the local community hospital invited trained volunteers to attend both the hospital and Ryan’s House to survey individuals participating in Withdrawal Management programs. Due to COVID-19 protocols in the Emergency Department Bluewater Health Staff completed the Tally Sheet during the enumeration period. Staff at the John Howard Society also completed Tally Sheets.



Youth

To ensure that the voice of youth experiencing homelessness was captured, individuals staying at the Haven youth shelter were surveyed. Senior leaders at Sarnia Lambton Rebound, a Youth Centre completed Tally Sheets for the individuals receiving their services who were experiencing homelessness during the enumeration period.



Informed Consent

Two methods of consent were used during enumeration:

- Verbal consent was obtained from survey respondents for the PiT survey.
- Written consent was obtained from individuals completing the VI-SPDAT.

All survey respondents were made aware that participation was voluntary and they could opt out at any time and/or decline to answer any question.



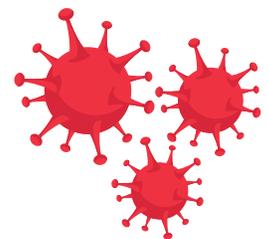
Token of Appreciation

As a token of appreciation, individuals who participated in the surveys provided deeply personal information and received a gift card for each survey completed.



COVID-19

The Enumeration occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic. Planning began in the fall of 2020 and it was anticipated that the pandemic would be over or in its final stages during the week of April 19-23, 2021 - the dates initially chosen for the Enumeration. On Friday April 16, 2021 the province of Ontario announced enhanced Stay at Home measures that included increased enforcement. The decision was made to postpone Homelessness Enumeration to the week of June 21-25, 2021.



KEY FINDINGS

FROM THE POINT IN TIME COUNT SURVEYS
COMPLETE RESULTS CAN BE FOUND IN APPENDIX 1



236

PiT Count Surveys Completed



89

People Observed to be Experiencing Homelessness



27

Children & Dependent Adults



210

VI-SPDAT Surveys Completed

37% Female

61% Male

93% Identified sexual orientation as straight

3% Identified as bisexual



44

Average age of respondents

31

Average age of first homeless experience



5%

Served in the Canadian Military



10%

Most Recent Housing Loss was due to the COVID-19 Pandemic



4%

Identified as Immigrants



99%

Best express themselves in English

TYOLOGY OF HOMELESSNESS

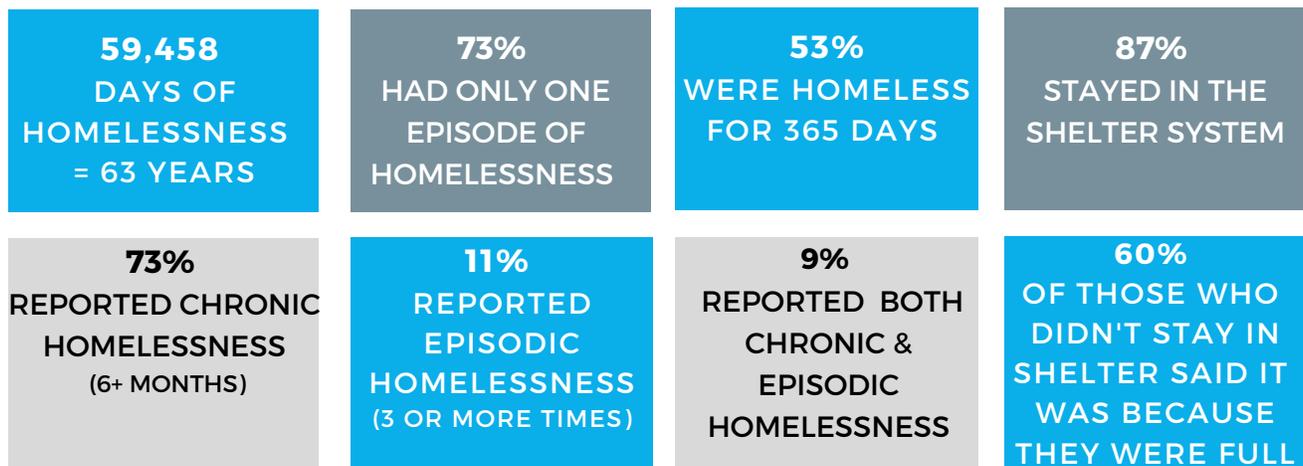
There are four categories in the typology of homelessness
The following shows the Lambton results for each category



Details of Where People Stayed During Enumeration

- 78% Homeless Shelter, hotel/motel/overflow, domestic violence shelter
- 5% - someone else's place (couch surfing)
- 5% - unsheltered in a public space (e.g. street, park, forest or abandoned building)
- 5% - transitional housing
- 2% - withdrawal management program
- 2% - encampment
- 1% - self-funded motels
- 1% - vehicle

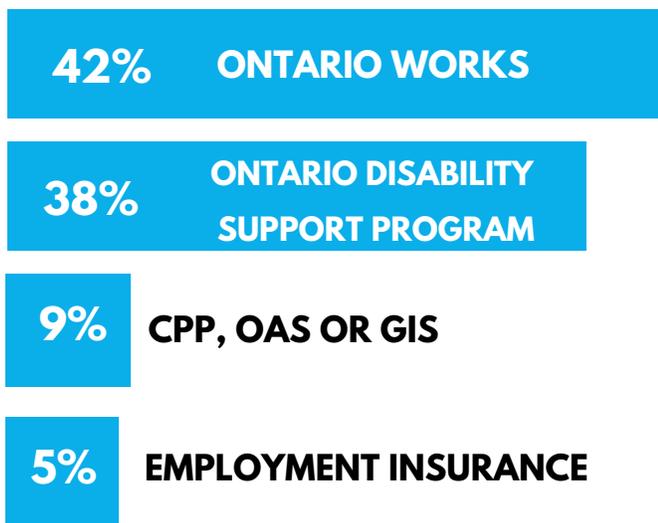
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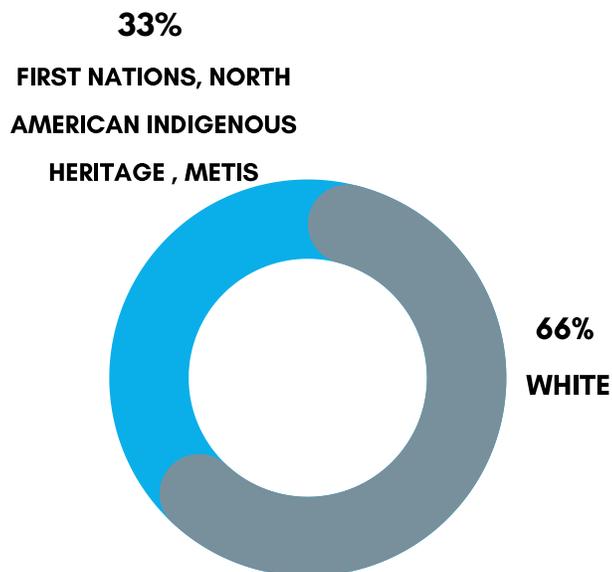
RESIDENCY PATTERNS IN LAMBTON'S HOMELESS POPULATION



INCOME SOURCES



RACIAL IDENTITY



HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION COMPLETED



- 31% Some High School
- 26% High School Graduate
- 19% Some Post Secondary School
- 17% Post Secondary School Graduate
- 6% Primary School
- 1% Post Graduate Degree

INDIGENOUS HOMELESSNESS

LAMBTON COUNTY INDIGENOUS POPULATION

There are three First Nations Communities in the County of Lambton; Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Kettle and Stony Point First Nation and Walpole Island First Nation.

In the 2016 Canadian Census 6% of Lambton's population reported having First Nations, Metis or Inuit identity.

Results from the 2021 Homelessness Enumeration show that 33% of respondents reported having First Nations (25%), Metis (3%) or North American Indigenous Ancestry (5%).

The Indigenous population is drastically over-represented in Lambton's homeless population.

CANADIAN DEFINITION OF ABORIGINAL HOMELESSNESS

Indigenous homelessness is described by the Aboriginal Standing Committee on Housing and Homelessness as a human condition for First Nations, Métis and Inuit individuals, families or communities who lack stable, permanent, appropriate housing, or the immediate prospect, means or ability to acquire such housing.³

Indigenous homelessness is different than the mainstream homelessness definition in that it is not solely described as lacking a place to live; it is more complex and includes a fulsome, composite Indigenous worldview. This includes: individuals, families and communities isolated from their relationships to land, water, place, family, kin, each other, animals, cultures, languages and identities. Indigenous people experiencing these kinds of homelessness cannot culturally, spiritually, emotionally or physically reconnect with their Indigenous identity or lost relationships.⁴

33%

IDENTIFIED AS FIRST
NATIONS, NORTH
AMERICAN
INDIGENOUS
ANCESTRY OR METIS

61%

REPORTED PERSONAL
OR FAMILY
RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL
EXPERIENCE

49%

REPORTED BEING IN
FOSTER CARE AS A
CHILD OR YOUTH

RISK FACTORS

Health



39%

Chronic Health Issues



34%

Physical Limitations



36%

Learning or Cognitive Limitation



66%

Mental Health Issue



78%

Substance Use (alcohol, tobacco, opiates, etc.)

A 2021 report by Deloitte suggests that there is a higher instance of mortality in individuals who experience chronic homelessness and have the tri-morbidities of physical health issues, mental health issues and substance use. ⁵

78%
had more than
one risk factor

21%
had the
tri-morbidity factors ⁶

15%
had chronic homelessness
& tri-morbidities

30%
of respondents indicated
they were in foster care as
a child or youth

Foster Care

38%
of those in foster care
became homeless within
a year of leaving

Top Six Reasons for Most Recent Housing Loss



18%

Spouse/Partner
Conflict



17%

Landlord/Tenant
Conflict



13%

Not Enough
Income



12%

Substance
Use



12%

Unfit/Unsafe
Housing



8%

Mental
Health

Top Challenges Identified in Finding Housing



66%
Rents
Too High



61%
Income
Too Low



23%
Addiction



17%
Discrimination



15%
Mental Health
Issues



12%
Criminal
Record

WHAT WOULD HELP TO FIND PERMANENT, STABLE HOUSING



33% HOUSING WORKER

31% MORE AFFORDABLE UNITS

28% HIGHER INCOME

6% RENT SUBSIDY

5% MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS SUPPORT

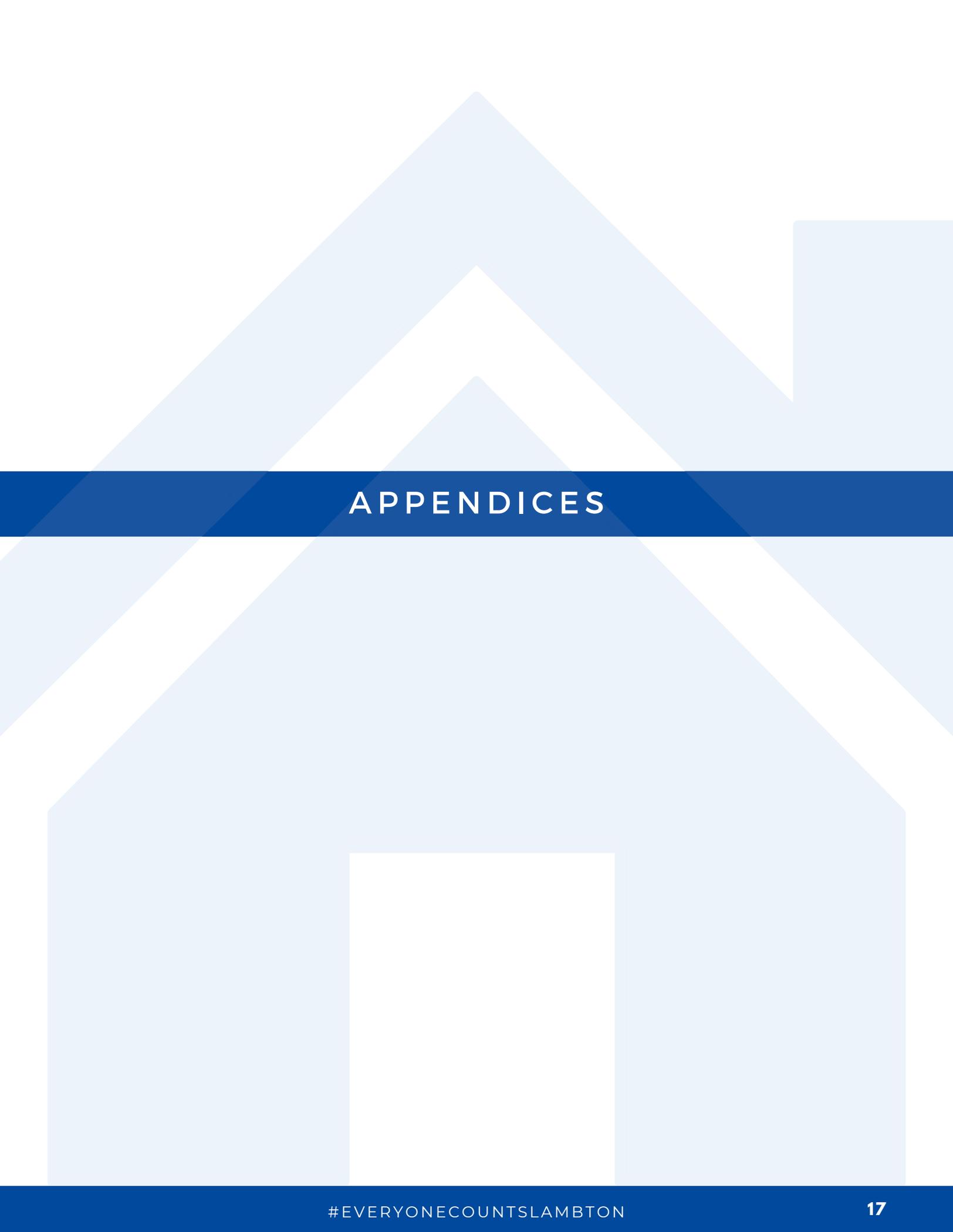
Next Steps

Going forward, the data collected during the County of Lambton's Homelessness Enumeration will be utilized in a number of ways.

- Further develop the community By-Name List
- Inform programming decisions within the housing and homelessness sector
- Introduce coordinated access to the community

Ultimately, this information will be used to address the goals of the County of Lambton 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan.

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A stylized graphic of a house composed of overlapping geometric shapes in shades of blue and white. The house has a gabled roof, a chimney on the right side, and a rectangular doorway at the bottom center. A dark blue horizontal band crosses the middle of the image, containing the word 'APPENDICES' in white capital letters.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1
SURVEY RESPONSES

Point in Time Count 2021

Screening Question

1. C. Where are you staying tonight? / Where did you stay last night/June 23, 2021?

Location	Number	Percent
Hotel / Motel (Funded by City or Homeless Program)	138	58
Homeless Shelter (Emergency, Family or Domestic Violence Shelter)	46	19
Someone Else's Place	13	5
Unsheltered in a Public Space (e.g. Street, Park, Bus Shelter, Forest or Abandoned Building)	12	5
Transitional Housing	12	5
Withdrawal Management Facility (Bluewater Health/Ryan's House)	5	2
Encampment (e.g. Group of tents, makeshift shelters or other long-term settlement)	4	2
Motel / Hotel (Self-funded)	3	1
Vehicle (Car, Van, RV, Truck, Boat)	3	1
Own Apartment / House	2	1

n = 238

BEGIN SURVEY

1. Do you have family members or anyone else who is staying with you tonight?

Family Status	Number	Percent
Single	192	82
Head of Family	41	17
Couple	2	1

n = 235

Note: 41 people reported being "Head of Family" but only 12 of these had dependents with them. 11 had children, the other was a dependent adult.

2. How old are you? [OR] What year were you born?

Age	Number	Percent
16-24	14	6
25-34	58	25
35-49	75	32
50-64	76	33
65+	10	4

n = 233

For the next questions, "homelessness" means any time when you have been without a secure place to live, including sleeping in shelters, on the streets, or living temporarily with others.

3. How old were you the first time you experienced homeless?

Age	Number	Percent
0 - 15 Years	48	20
16 - 24 Years	59	25
25 - 34 Years	37	16
35 - 49 Years	51	22
50 - 64 Years	33	14
65+ Years	7	3

n = 235

4. a) In total, for *how much time* have you been homeless over the PAST YEAR (the last 12 months)?

Length of Time	Number	Percent
1 Week	7	3
2 weeks	3	1
3 Weeks	7	3
1 month	9	4
2 months	11	5
3 months	11	5
4 months	12	5
5 months	3	1
6 months	17	7
7 months	5	2
8 months	7	3
9 months	7	3
10 months	7	3
11 months	2	1
12 months	123	53

n = 232

4. b) In total, *how many different times* have you experienced homelessness over the PAST YEAR?
[Best estimate]

Episodes of Homelessness	Number	Percent
1 Time	187	81
2 Times	17	7
3 Times	7	3
4 Times	5	2
5 Times	2	1
6 Times	2	1
9 Times	1	0
10 Times	3	1
12 Times	1	0
15 Times	1	0
25 Times	1	0
30 Times	1	0
50 Times	1	0
365 Times	1	0

n = 230

5. Have you stayed in a homeless shelter in the past year? For example, the Lodge, the Haven, River City Vineyard Sanctuary, a motel paid for by one of the shelters)

Stayed in Shelter	Number	Percent
Yes	202	87
No	31	13

n = 233

6. Did you come to Canada as an immigrant, refugee or refugee claimant?

Are you an Immigrant or Refugee	Number	Percent
Yes, Immigrant	9	4
Not an Immigrant	224	96

n = 232

7. a) How long have you been in Lambton County?

Length of Time Here	Number	Percent
Always Been Here	125	54
Moved to Lambton County	106	46

n = 231

Length of Time in Lambton County	Number	Percent
0-1 Year	30	28
2 Years	5	5
3 Years	5	5
4 Years	2	2
5 Years	6	6
6-10 Years	18	17
10-20 Years	15	14
20+ Years	25	24

n = 106

7. b) Where are you from?

Where People Indicated They Were From	Number	Percent
Alberta	5	5
British Columbia	3	3
United States of America	3	3
Newfoundland & Labrador	2	2
Other Places in Ontario	66	62
Unclear/Blank Responses	26	24

n = 105

8. a) Do you identify as First Nations (with or without status), Metis, or Inuit, or do you have North American Indigenous ancestry? (If yes, please specify)

Indigenous Ancestry	Number	Percent
First Nations	58	25
North American Indigenous Ancestry	11	5
Metis	7	3
Don't Know	2	1
No	155	67

n = 233

b) In addition to your response in the question above, do you identify with any of the racial identities below?

Racial Identity	Total	Percent
Asian-East	1	0.4
Asian-South East	1	0.4
Asian South or Indo Caribbean	1	0.4
Asian West	1	0.4
Latin American	3	1
White	156	68
Identify as Indigenous Only	39	17
Don't Know	4	2
Decline to Answer	4	2
Unclear/Blank Response	21	9

n = 231

9. Have you ever had any service in the Canadian Military or RCMP? [Military includes Canadian Navy, Army, or Air Force]

Response	Number	Percent
Yes, Military	11	5
Yes, RCMP	0	0
No	220	94
Don't Know	1	0.4
Decline to Answer	1	0.4

n = 233

10. As a child or youth, were you ever in foster care or in a youth group home? (This applies specifically to child welfare programs). That is, a person would only answer “yes” to this question if their out-of-home foster care or group home placement was through a provincial child welfare program.

Foster Care	Number	Percent
No	164	70
Yes	69	30

n = 233

11. Do you identify as having the following health issues at this time?

Health Issue	Number	Percent
Chronic Illness or medical Condition	92	39
Physical limitation	79	34
Learning or Cognitive Limitation	85	36
Mental Health Issue	154	66
Substance Use	182	78

n = 234

12. What gender do you identify with?

Gender	Number	Percent
Woman	87	37.3
Man	143	61.4
Non-Binary (Gender Queer)	1	0.4
Decline to Answer	2	0.9

n = 233

13. How do you describe your sexual orientation, for example straight, gay, lesbian?

Sexual Orientation	Number	Percent
Pansexual	1	0.4
Two Spirit	2	1
Decline to answer	2	1
Gay	2	1
Not Listed	2	1
Bisexual	7	3
Straight/Heterosexual	217	93

n = 233

14. a) What happened that caused you to lose your housing most recently? Check all that apply.

“Housing” does not include temporary arrangements (for example couch surfing) or shelter stay.

Reason	Number	Percent
Not enough income for housing (e.g. lost benefit, income, or job)	30	13
Unfit / unsafe housing condition	29	12
Building sold or renovated	9	4
Owner Moved In	0	0
Landlord / Tenant Conflict	40	17
Complaint (e.g. Pets / Noise / Damage)	11	5
Left the Community / Relocated	5	2
Conflict with: Spouse / Partner	42	18
Conflict with: Parent / Guardian	11	5
Conflict with: Other	0	0
Experienced Abuse by: Spouse / Partner	17	7
Experienced Abuse by: Parent / Guardian	1	0
Experienced Abuse by: Other	0	0
Departure of Family Member	4	2
Experienced Discrimination	4	2
Physical Health Issue	3	1
Mental Health Issue	18	8
Substance Use Issue	28	12
Hospitalization or Treatment Program	7	3
Incarceration (Jail or Prison)	12	5
Other (not in list)	0	0

n = 236

14. b) Was your most recent housing loss related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Homelessness Due to COVID-19	Number	Percent
Yes	23	10
No	198	86
Don't Know	8	3

n = 233

14. c) How long ago did that happen? (That you lost your housing most recently?)

Length of Time You Have Been Homeless-This Time	Number	Percent
Less than a month	25	11
1-3 months	30	13
4-6 months	28	12
7-12 months	78	34
13-18 months	17	7
19-24 months	20	9
2-5 Years	19.00	8
6-10 Years	8.00	4
11+ Years	3.00	1

n = 228

15. What are your sources of income?

Income Source	Number	Percent
Full-time employment	1	0.4
Part-time employment	3	1
Casual employment (e.g. contract work)	2	1
Informal income sources (e.g. bottle returns, panhandling)	0	0
Money from family / friends	1	0.4
Employment insurance	11	5
Disability benefit (provincial benefit)	87	37
Seniors benefits (e.g. CPP / OAS / GIS)	22	9
Welfare / social assistance (provincial benefit)	99	42
Veteran / VAC benefits	1	0.4
Child and family tax benefits	8	3
GST / HST refund	0	0
Other money from a service agency	0	0

n = 235

16. If you were homeless but didn't stay in a shelter in the last year, what are the main reasons?

Reason	Number	Percent
Turned away (shelters are full)	9	60
Turned away (banned)	3	20
Lack of transportation	0	0
Fear for safety	3	20
Bed bugs & other pests	0	0
Crowded	0	0

n = 15

17. If you are not from Lambton County, what is the main reason you came to Sarnia/Lambton County?

Reason for Moving to Lambton County (see Q. 7)	Number	Percent
Family Moved Here	21	24
To Visit Friends / Family	12	13
Employment (secured)	10	11
To Find Housing	6	7
To access Emergency Shelter(s)	6	7
To Attend School	5	6
Employment (seeking)	2	2
Other	14	16
Decline to Answer	10	11
Don't Know	3	3

n = 89

18. If you identify as First Nations (with or without status) , Metis, or Inuit, or you have North American Indigenous ancestry: a) Which Indigenous community are you from?

Indigenous Community	Number	Percent
Aamjiwnaang	24	31
Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point	14	18
Walpole Island	11	14
Other	6	8
Decline to Answer	2	3
Don't Know	2	3
Unclear/Blank Response	18	23

n = 77

18. b) Have you or any of your family members had a history related to residential schools?

Residential School Experience	Number	Percent
Yes	47	61
No	17	22
Don't Know	11	14
Decline to answer	2	3

n = 77

19. If you answered “yes” to being in foster care as a child or youth:

- a) When you exited/left foster care were you homeless?
- b) How long after you left foster care did you become homeless?

Length of Time After Leaving Foster Care & Becoming Homeless	Number	Percent
Within 1 Year	11	16
2 Years	3	4
3 Years	6	9
4 Years	1	1
5 Years	2	3
6 years	1	1
10+ Years	5	7
Don't Know	10	14
Decline to Answer	30	43

n = 29

20. What is the highest level of education you completed?

Highest Level of Education	Number	Percent
Some High School	71	31
High School Graduate / GED	61	26
Some Post-Secondary	43	19
Post-Secondary Graduate	39	17
Primary School	15	6
Graduate Degree (e.g. Masters, Ph.D.)	3	1

n = 229

21. What challenges or problems have you experienced when trying to find housing? [Select all that apply]

Reason	Number	Percent
Low Income	143	61
No Income Assistance	19	8
Rents Too High	155	66
Poor Housing Conditions	23	10
Domestic Violence	8	3
Health / Disability Issues	19	8
Mental Health Issues	36	15
Addiction	53	23
Family Breakdown / Conflict	17	7
Criminal History	29	12
Pets	10	4
Children	6	3
Discrimination	40	17
Don't Want Housing	1	0

n = 234

22. What would help you find permanent, stable housing?

What Would Help You Find Permanent, Stable Housing?	Number	Percent
Housing Worker	65	33
Higher Income	55	28
Increase Availability of Affordable Units	62	31
Rent Subsidy	12	6
Mental Health and Addictions Support	9	5
Better Credit	6	3
Roommate	6	3
Advocate	4	2
Clear Arrears History	4	2

n = 199

23. In what language do you feel best able to express yourself?

Language	Number	Percent
English	232	99.6
Other (Spanish)	1	0.4

n = 233

APPENDIX 2

SURVEY LOCATIONS

Homelessness Enumeration Sites – County of Lambton 2021

Shelters

The Good Shepherd's Lodge & Transitional Housing	940 Confederation Street Sarnia
The Haven	444 Kathleen Avenue, Sarnia
Women's Interval Home	681 Oxford Street, Sarnia
River City Vineyard	681 Mitton Street, Sarnia
Overflow Shelters	Locations 1-7

Food Banks

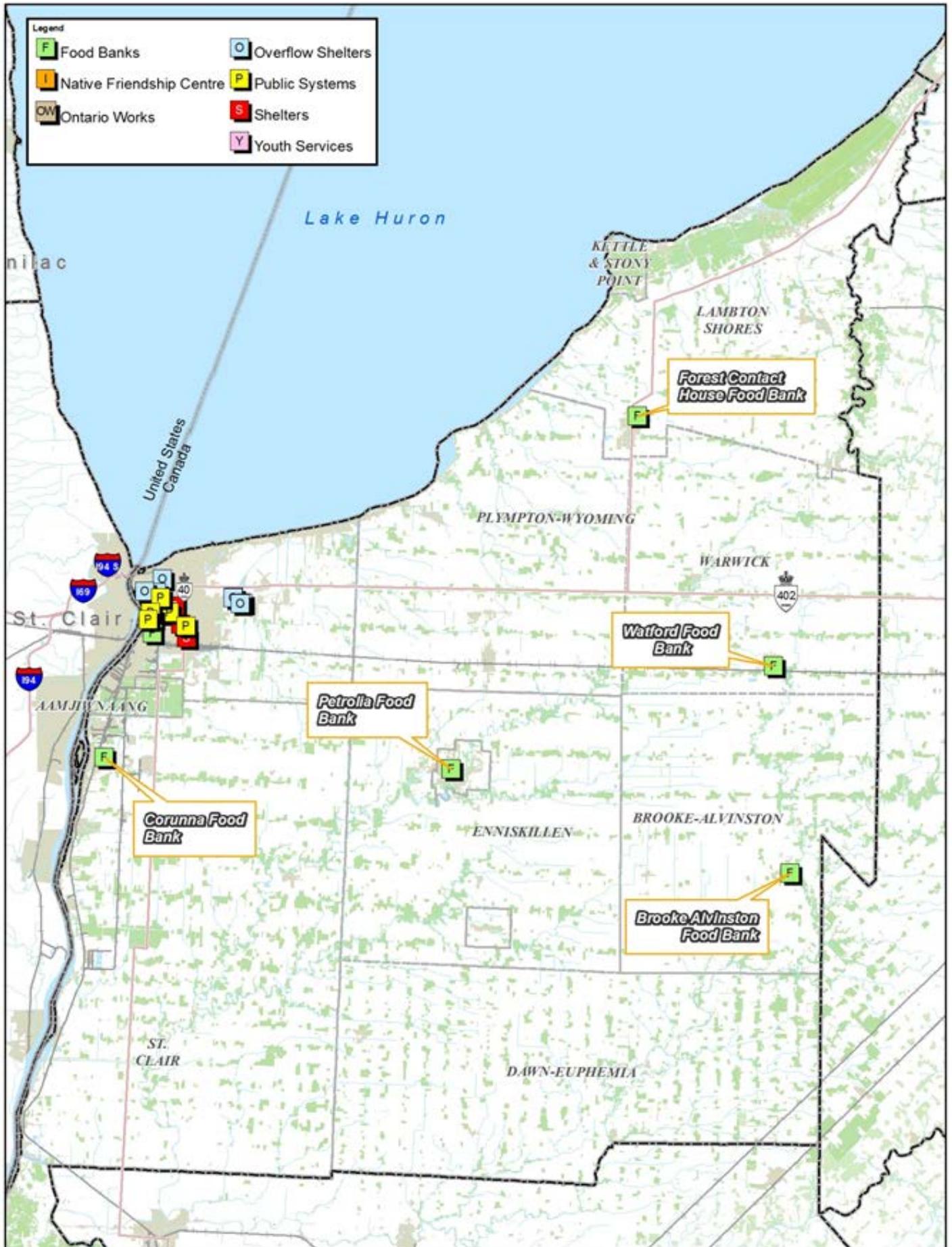
Inn of the Good Shepherd Food Bank	115 John Street, Sarnia
Contact House Food Bank	6276 Townsend Line, Forest
Corunna Food Bank	437 Colborne Drive, Corunna
Petrolia Food Bank	4156 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
Watford Food Bank	555 Ontario Street, Watford
Brooke Alvinston Food Bank	3236 River Road, Alvinston

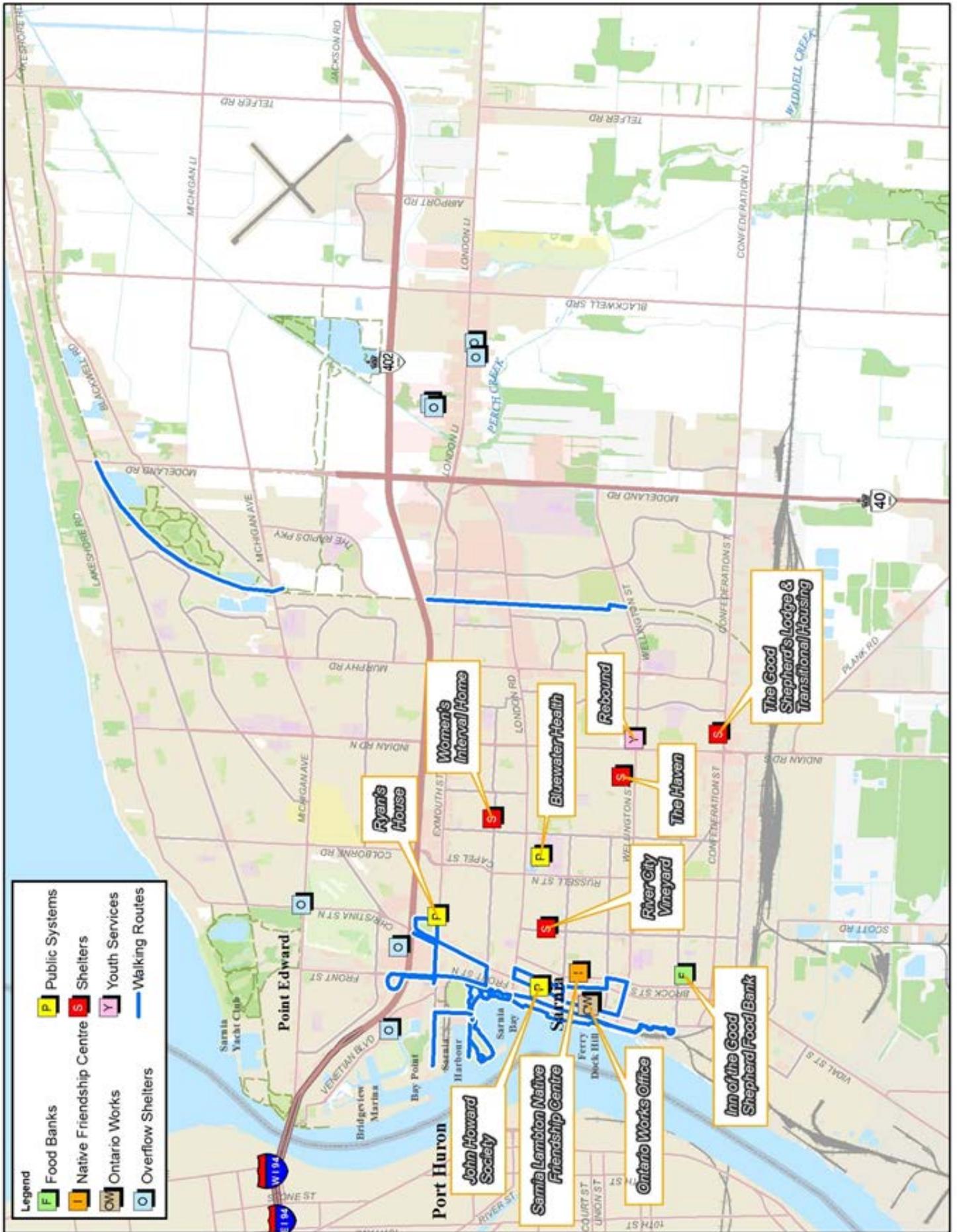
Public Systems

Bluewater Health	89 Norman Street, Sarnia
Ryan's House	306 Exmouth Street, Sarnia
Sarnia Lambton Native Friendship Centre	233 Lochiel Street, Sarnia
John Howard Society	300 Christina Street N., Sarnia
Sarnia Lambton Rebound	10 Lorne Crescent, Sarnia
Ontario Works Office	150 Christina Street N., Sarnia

Walking Routes/Public Spaces

Walking Route 1
Walking Route 2
Walking Route 3
Walking Route 4
Walking Route 5
Walking Route 6





APPENDIX 3
POINT IN TIME COUNT SURVEY

Homelessness Enumeration 2021

County of Lambton Point in Time Count Survey

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Introduction Script

Hello, my name is _____. I am helping with the County of Lambton homelessness needs count. We are conducting a survey to help better understand the local needs and to enhance services for people experiencing homelessness in our community.

Based on your responses to the initial screening questions, you may be invited to participate in two surveys about your housing needs and history of homelessness.

The information from this survey will provide important information needed to create better programs and services for people experiencing homelessness.

If invited to complete the surveys

- There are two surveys. You can choose to respond to both surveys, or just one.
- Participation is completely voluntary. You can choose to skip any question or to stop the survey at any time.
- If you complete both surveys, it will take about 15 minutes of your time.
- We appreciate your time and sharing your experiences.
- You will receive a gift card for each survey completed in appreciation of sharing your experiences.

COVID-19 Symptom Guidance/Checklist

“Before continuing with the Point-in-Time count survey, can we go through a COVID-19 symptoms checklist? Your responses to these questions will not be recorded. They are intended to help protect both your safety and ours. I/we have already been screened today/tonight.”

Yes – (ask the COVID-19 Questions)

No – (the surveyor may continue the survey if they feel comfortable, but have the right not to continue if they feel that their safety is at risk)

COVID-19 Symptom Checklist

1. Have you had contact with anyone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

Yes

No

1. Do you suspect you may have COVID-19 based on the following symptoms?

•

New or worsening cough

• New or worsening shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

• New or worsening feeling of fever + chills

• New or worsening feeling of fatigue or weakness

• New loss of smell or taste

• New or worsening headache

• New or worsening abdominal pain

• Diarrhea

• Vomiting

• Feeling very unwell

Yes

No

If yes to question 2: would you like to arrange for a COVID-19 test?

Yes

No

(Provide information / means to book a COVID-19 test)

“Thank you for your responses”

SCREENING QUESTIONS

A: Have you already answered this survey with someone wearing this badge?

- Yes
- No

B: Are you willing to participate in the survey?

- Yes **Go to Question C**
- No **Thank and Tally**

C: Where are you staying tonight (On Wednesday) OR where did you stay last night (on Thursday) OR where did you stay on Wednesday night (on Friday)?

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Own House/Apartment | Thank person and end interview |
| <hr/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Someone else's house | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel or motel (self-funded-individual is paying) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital | Ask Question D |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment centre | Ask Question D |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jail, prison or remand centre | Ask Question D |
| <hr/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Shelter, Domestic Violence Shelter | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel or motel (funded by County or Homeless Program) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional Housing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unsheltered in a public Space (e.g. street, park, bus shelter, forest or abandoned building) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle (Car, van, truck, RV) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Makeshift shelter (tent, lean-to, encampments) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other unsheltered location-Specify_____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent doesn't know (Most likely experiencing homelessness) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to answer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure – indicate probable location_____ | |

For any answer in this section continue to E

D: Can you stay there as long as you want or is it temporary?

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | Thank you for your time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It's temporary or NO, it's not permanent | Ask Question E |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know | Ask question E |

E: Do you have your own house or apartment you can safely return to?

- YES: **Thank you for your time**
- NO: **Continue to Core PiT Survey Questions**

Point in Time Count 2021

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET (hand to individual)

What's the purpose of the Point in Time (PIT) Count and Registry Week?

The survey will help us to better understand the needs of our local neighbours experiencing homelessness in our community and to plan for housing supports and services in the future.

Who's involved?

People conducting the survey are volunteering with the County of Lambton Enumeration.

People experiencing the greatest need may have their information (including but not limited to: name, age, gender, and survey information and score) shared with funded agencies for referrals to local housing and support services.

What happens next?

Survey results will be entered into a secure database

Anonymous results will be shared broadly to communicate what has been learned to the community, the Ontario Ministry of Housing and Employment and Social Development Canada

With your consent and based on your survey results, your information may be shared with local housing agencies to assist in meeting your housing and support needs.

For more information, or to remove consent to participate, please contact:

Ian Hanney, Supervisor of Homelessness Prevention, 519-344-2062 ext. 2173

Location: _____ Time: _____ AM/PM
 Interviewer: _____ Contact #: _____

- 1 C. Where are you staying tonight? / Where did you stay last night? (Surveyor – pull answer from screening)
- DECLINE TO ANSWER
 - OWN APARTMENT/ HOUSE
 - SOMEONE ELSE’S PLACE
 - MOTEL/HOTEL (self-funded)
 - HOSPITAL, JAIL, PRISON
 - TREATMENT CENTRE
 - REMAND CENTRE
 - EMERGENCY SHELTER, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER
 - TRANSITIONAL SHELTER/HOUSING
 - PUBLIC SPACE (E.G., SIDEWALK, PARK, FOREST, BUS SHELTER)
 - VEHICLE (CAR, VAN, RV, TRUCK)
 - MAKESHIFT SHELTER, TENT OR SHACK
 - ABANDONED/VACANT BUILDING
 - OTHER UNSHELTERED LOCATION
 - RESPONDENT DOESN’T KNOW [LIKELY HOMELESS]

C1. Do you have access to a permanent residence where you can safely stay as long as you want?

- a. Yes {THANK & END}
- b. No (not permanent AND/OR not safe) {BEGIN SURVEY}
- c. Don’t Know {BEGIN SURVEY}
- d. Decline to answer {THANK & END}

BEGIN SURVEY

1. Do you have family members or anyone else who is staying with you tonight? [Indicate survey numbers for adults. Check all that apply]

- NONE
- PARTNER - Survey #: _____
- OTHER ADULT - Survey #: _____
- DECLINE TO ANSWER

<input type="checkbox"/> CHILD(REN)/DEPENDENT(S)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
[indicate gender and age for each]	GENDER							
	AGE							

2. How old are you? [OR] What year were you born? [If unsure, ask for best estimate]

<input type="checkbox"/> AGE _____ OR YEAR BORN _____	<input type="checkbox"/> DON’T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER
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For the next questions, “homelessness” means any time when you have been without a secure place to live, including sleeping in shelters, on the streets, or living temporarily with others.

3. How old were you the first time you experienced homeless?

<input type="checkbox"/> AGE _____	<input type="checkbox"/> DON’T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER
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4. a) In total, for *how much time* have you been homeless over the PAST YEAR (the last 12 months)?

[Does not need to be exact. Best estimate.]

<input type="checkbox"/> LENGTH _____ DAYS WEEKS MONTHS	<input type="checkbox"/> DON’T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER
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4. b) In total, *how many different times* have you experienced homelessness over the PAST YEAR? [Best estimate.]

<input type="checkbox"/> NUMBER OF TIMES _____ [Includes this time]	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER
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5. Have you stayed in a homeless shelter in the past year? For example, the Lodge, the Haven, River City Vineyard Sanctuary, a motel paid for by one of the shelters)

<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER
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6. Did you come to Canada as an immigrant, refugee or refugee claimant?

<input type="checkbox"/> YES, IMMIGRANT -----> <input type="checkbox"/> YES, REFUGEE-----> <input type="checkbox"/> YES, REFUGEE CLAIMANT-----> <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW <input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER	If YES: 	6. b) How long have you been in Canada? <input type="checkbox"/> LENGTH: _____ DAYS WEEKS MONTHS YEARS OR DATE: ____/____/____ DAY / MONTH / YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW <input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER
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7. a) How long have you been in Lambton County?

<input type="checkbox"/> LENGTH _____ DAYS / WEEKS / MONTHS / YEARS -----> <input type="checkbox"/> ALWAYS BEEN HERE <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW <input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER	7. b) Where did you live before you came here? <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY _____ PROVINCE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> OR COUNTRY _____ <input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER
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8. a) Do you identify as First Nations (with or without status), Metis, or Inuit, or do you have North American Indigenous ancestry? (If yes, please specify)

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - First Nations <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Inuit <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Metis <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - North American Indigenous Ancestry	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to Answer
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8. b) In addition to your response in the question above, do you identify with any of the racial identities below? (Show or read list. Select all that apply).

<input type="checkbox"/> Arab (for example, Syrian, Egyptian, Yemeni) <input type="checkbox"/> Asian-East (for example, Chinese, Korean, Japanese) <input type="checkbox"/> Asian-South-East (for example, Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Malaysian, Laotian.) <input type="checkbox"/> Asian-South or Indo Caribbean (for example, Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Indo-Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian) <input type="checkbox"/> Asian-West (for example, Iranian, Afghan) <input type="checkbox"/> Black Canadian or American <input type="checkbox"/> Black-African (for example, Ghanaian, Ethiopian, Nigerian)	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-Afro-Caribbean or Afro-Latinx (for example Jamaican, Haitian, Afro-Brazilian) <input type="checkbox"/> Latin American (for example, Brazilian, Mexican, Chilean, Cuban) <input type="checkbox"/> White (for example, European, French, Ukrainian, Euro-Latinx) <input type="checkbox"/> Not Listed (Please Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Identify as Indigenous only <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to answer
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9. Have you ever had any service in the Canadian Military or RCMP?

[Military includes Canadian Navy, Army, or Air Force]

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Military	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, RCMP	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
<input type="checkbox"/> Both Military and RCMP	<input type="checkbox"/> Decline to answer

10. As a child or youth, were you ever in foster care or in a youth group home? (This applies specifically to child welfare programs). That is, a person would only answer “yes” to this question if their out-of-home foster care or group home placement was through a provincial child welfare program.

<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER
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11. Do you identify as having the following health issues at this time?

Chronic Illness or Medical condition (for example, diabetes, arthritis, TB, HIV)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER
Physical Limitation (for example, challenges with mobility, physical abilities or dexterity)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER
Learning or Cognitive Limitations (for example, dyslexia, autism spectrum disorder or as a result of ADHD or an acquired brain injury)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER
Mental Health Issue (for example, depression, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, bipolar disorder)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER
Substance Use (for example, tobacco, alcohol, opiates)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER

12. What gender do you identify with? [Show list]

<input type="checkbox"/> Man	<input type="checkbox"/> Trans man	<input type="checkbox"/> Not listed: (insert answer): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Woman	<input type="checkbox"/> Trans woman	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> Two-spirit	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary (genderqueer)	<input type="checkbox"/> Decline to answer

13. How do you describe your sexual orientation, for example straight, gay, lesbian? [Show list]

<input type="checkbox"/> Straight or heterosexual	<input type="checkbox"/> Bisexual	<input type="checkbox"/> Asexual	<input type="checkbox"/> Not listed (Insert answer) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Gay	<input type="checkbox"/> Two-spirit	<input type="checkbox"/> Questioning	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian	<input type="checkbox"/> Pansexual	<input type="checkbox"/> Queer	<input type="checkbox"/> Decline to answer

14. a) What happened that caused you to lose your housing most recently? (Do not read the options) Check all that apply. “Housing” does not include temporary arrangements (for example couch surfing) or shelter stay (Follow up for the reason if the respondent says “eviction” or that they “chose to leave”).

<input type="checkbox"/> Not enough income for housing (for example, loss of benefit, income or job)	<input type="checkbox"/> Experienced abuse by other (insert answer): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Unfit or unsafe housing condition	<input type="checkbox"/> Departure of family member
<input type="checkbox"/> Building sold or renovated	<input type="checkbox"/> Experienced discrimination
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner moved in	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical health issue
<input type="checkbox"/> Landlord & tenant conflict	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental health issue
<input type="checkbox"/> Complaint (for example, pets, noise, damages)	<input type="checkbox"/> Substance use issue
<input type="checkbox"/> Left the community or relocated	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitalization or treatment program
<input type="checkbox"/> Conflict with spouse or partner	<input type="checkbox"/> Incarceration (jail or prison)
<input type="checkbox"/> Conflict with parent or guardian	<input type="checkbox"/> Other reason (insert answer): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Experienced abuse by spouse or partner	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> Experienced abuse by parent or guardian	<input type="checkbox"/> Decline to answer

14. b) Was your most recent housing loss related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER
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14. c) How long ago did that happen? (That you lost your housing most recently?) Give best estimate

<input type="checkbox"/> Length (Insert answer and indicate days, weeks, months or years) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER
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15. What are your sources of income?

[Reminder that this survey is anonymous. Read list and check all that apply]

<input type="checkbox"/> Full time employment <input type="checkbox"/> Part time employment <input type="checkbox"/> Casual employment (for example, contract work) <input type="checkbox"/> Informal income source (for example, bottle returns, panhandling) <input type="checkbox"/> Money from family & friends <input type="checkbox"/> Employment insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Disability insurance (for example, ODSP) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior's benefit (for example CPP, OAS, GIS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ontario Works Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran or VAC Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> Child and family tax benefits <input type="checkbox"/> Other money from a service agency <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER SOURCE: (insert answer) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No income <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to answer
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16. If you were homeless but didn't stay in a shelter in the last year, what are the main reasons?

[Do not read categories; select all that apply]

<input type="checkbox"/> TURNED AWAY (SHELTERS ARE FULL) <input type="checkbox"/> TURNED AWAY (BANNED) <input type="checkbox"/> LACK OF TRANSPORTATION <input type="checkbox"/> FEAR FOR SAFETY <input type="checkbox"/> BED BUGS & OTHER PESTS	<input type="checkbox"/> PREFER TO STAY WITH FRIENDS/FAMILY <input type="checkbox"/> PET(S) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW <input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER
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17. If you are not from Lambton County, what is the main reason you came to Sarnia/Lambton County?

<input type="checkbox"/> NOT NEW TO THE AREA <input type="checkbox"/> TO ACCESS EMERGENCY SHELTER(S) <input type="checkbox"/> TO ACCESS SERVICES AND SUPPORTS <input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY MOVED HERE <input type="checkbox"/> TO VISIT FRIENDS/FAMILY <input type="checkbox"/> TO FIND HOUSING <input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYMENT (SEEKING) <input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYMENT (SECURED) <input type="checkbox"/> TO GET A MOTEL ROOM	<input type="checkbox"/> ENVIROMENTAL DISPLACEMENT (Flooding, fire, lack of clean drinking water, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> TO ATTEND SCHOOL <input type="checkbox"/> FEAR FOR SAFETY <input type="checkbox"/> RECREATION/SHOPPING <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW <input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ASNWER
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18. If you identify as First Nations (with or without status) , Metis, or Inuit, or you have North American Indigenous ancestry: a) Which Indigenous community are you from?

<input type="checkbox"/> Aamjiwnaang (Sarnia)	<input type="checkbox"/> Walpole Island	<input type="checkbox"/> Kettle & Stony Point	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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18. b) Have you or any of your family members had a history related to residential schools?

<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER
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19. If you answered "yes" to being in foster care as a child or youth:

a) When you exited/left foster care were you homeless?

b) How long after you left foster care did you become homeless

<input type="checkbox"/> LENGTH ____ DAYS / WEEKS / MONTHS / YEARS	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER
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20. What is the highest level of education you completed?

<input type="checkbox"/> PRIMARY SCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/> SOME POST SECONDARY	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW
<input type="checkbox"/> SOME HIGH SCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/> POST SECONDARY GRADUATE	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER
<input type="checkbox"/> HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE/GED	<input type="checkbox"/> GRADUATE DEGREE (E.G., MASTERS, Ph.D.)	

21. What challenges or problems have you experienced when trying to find housing? [Select all that apply]

<input type="checkbox"/> LOW INCOME	<input type="checkbox"/> MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES	<input type="checkbox"/> DISCRIMINATION
<input type="checkbox"/> NO INCOME ASSISTANCE	<input type="checkbox"/> ADDICTION	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T WANT HOUSING
<input type="checkbox"/> RENTS TOO HIGH	<input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY BREAKDOWN/CONFLICT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> POOR HOUSING CONDITIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> CRIMINAL HISTORY	<input type="checkbox"/> NO BARRIERS TO HOUSING
<input type="checkbox"/> DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	<input type="checkbox"/> PETS	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE OF THE ABOVE
<input type="checkbox"/> HEALTH/DISABILITY ISSUES	<input type="checkbox"/> CHILDREN	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER

22. What would help you find permanent, stable housing?

<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER
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23. In what language do you feel best able to express yourself?

<input type="checkbox"/> ENGLISH	<input type="checkbox"/> NO PREFERENCE	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW
<input type="checkbox"/> FRENCH	<input type="checkbox"/> NEITHER (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO ANSWER