NIAGARA COUNTS

2021 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT OF HOMELESSNESS



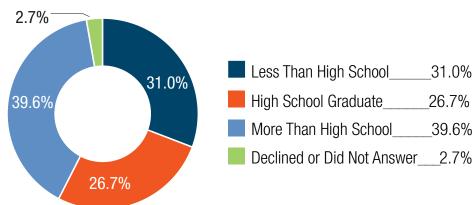
On March 23, 2021 at least

665 PEOPLE

WERE EXPERIENCING

HOMELESSNESS





439 SURVEYS WERE COMPLETED



Were children 0-15 years old

10%

RESPONDENTS WERE YOUTH (16-24)



Indicated their most recent housing loss was related to COVID-19

1 IN 4 OR INDIGENOUS ANCESTRY

42% CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

(Had been homeless 6 or more months over the past year)

WHERE ARE YOU STAYING TONIGHT?

219 Emergency or domestic violence shelter, safe beds

128 Transitional housing

Unsheltered location (public space, vehicle)

With family or friends, "couch-surfing"

10 Motel, temporary situation

SELF-IDENTIFIED HEALTH CONDITIONS

61.4% MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE

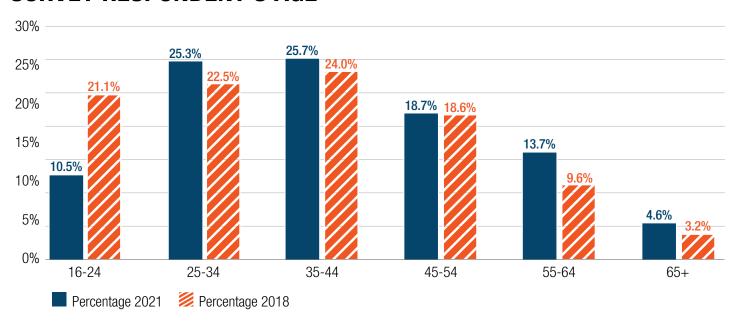
40.5% SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUE

37.7% LEARNING DISABILITY

36.4% ILLNESS OR MEDICAL CONDITION

33.6% PHYSICAL DISABILITY

SURVEY RESPONDENT'S AGE





Had experienced homelessness for the first time before adulthood (age 18)





Indicated rent being too high or low income were challenges for them when trying to find housing

TOP FIVE REASONS GIVEN FOR MOST RECENT HOUSING LOSS

01 FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

02 CONFLICT WITH SPOUSE/PARTNER

03 / LANDLORD/TENANT CONFLICT

04 / ADDICTION OR SUBSTANCE USE

05 / UNSAFE HOUSING CONDITIONS

SYSTEM INTERACTIONS OVER THE PAST YEAR (Self reported)



People had visited the ER for a total of 801 visits



People had a total of 1,250 interactions with police



People had spent a total of 1,727 days in hospital (Over 4.5 years)



People had spent a total of 4,600 days in jail (Over 12.5 years)