

HOMELESSNESS

COUNCIL PROJECTS IN THE DIOCESES OF
KINGSTON

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DEFINING HOMELESSNESS

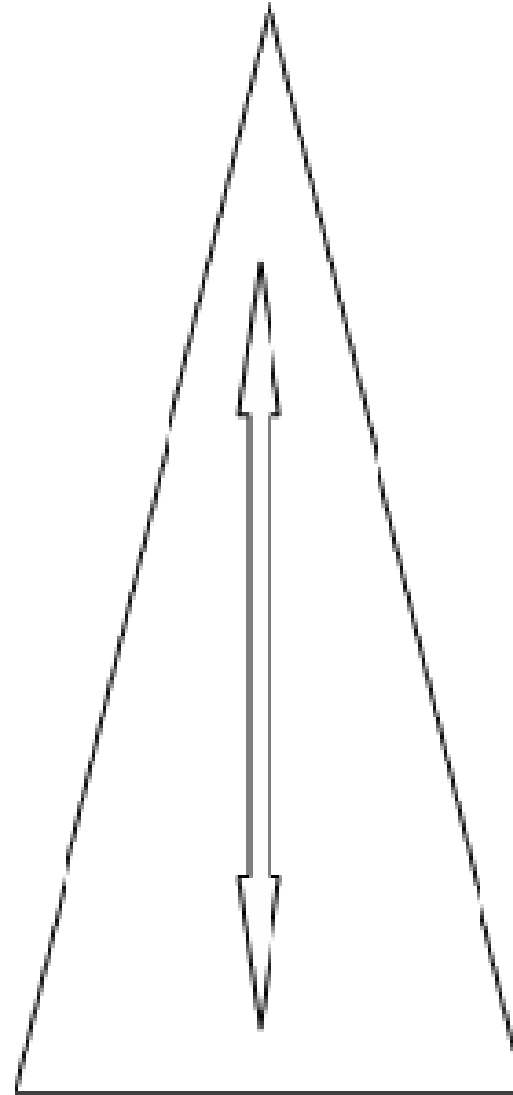
Homelessness is a broad term that can encompass a range of housing conditions. These can be understood on a continuum of types of shelter:

At one end, *absolute homelessness* is a narrow concept that includes only those living on the street or in emergency shelters.

Hidden or *concealed homelessness* is in the middle of the continuum. These include people without a place of their own who live in a car, with family or friends, or in a long term institution.

At the other end of the continuum, *relative homelessness* is a broad category that includes those who are housed but who reside in substandard shelter and/or who may be at risk of losing their homes.

DEFINING HOMELESSNESS



Absolute homelessness

Hidden homelessness

Relative homelessness

“Those who do not have a permanent residence to which they can return whenever they so choose.

Those who did not have a place of their own where they could expect to stay for more than 30 days and for which they paid rent.”

In addition to addressing housing situations, definitions of homelessness often contain the element of time. The frequency and persistence of homelessness episodes can have important consequences for how the problem is understood and addressed:

Chronic homelessness, long-term or repeated homelessness, often experienced by those with chronic illness or addiction problems;

Cyclical homelessness, resulting from a change of circumstance, for example having been released from an institution; and

Temporary homelessness, relatively short in duration, sometimes caused by natural disasters or a house fire.

REPORTED CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS

- poverty
- unemployment
- lack of affordable housing
- poor physical or mental health
- drug and alcohol abuse
- gambling
- family and relationship breakdown
- domestic violence
- physical and/or sexual abuse.

All these factors can cause a person to become homeless. They can also be one of the reasons why a person remains homeless. For example, drug and alcohol abuse can be both a cause and a result of

- domestic violence
- mental illness or addictions
- family instability

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HEALTH RELATED SERVICES



NEW PARENTS
699 PRENATAL CARE
445 POST NATAL CARE
426 EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY CENTRES
237 BREAST FEEDING
200 BEST START



1000+

2717 COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRES
2036 YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
1292 AIDS
1058 ADDICTION

500-999

626 CANCER
607 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS
551 WALK IN CLINICS

0-499

412 HIV
359 BREAST CANCER
265 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
237 URGENT CARE
197 HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE
196 ARTHRITIS
187 WITHDRAWAL PROGRAMS
167 CCAC
82 OSTEOPOROSIS



AGING POPULATION



932 RETIREMENT HOMES
695 ELDER ABUSE
683 ADULT RESPITE CARE
468 ALZHEIMERS
464 ADULT DAY CARE
197 HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE
93 GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY

5210 MENTAL HEALTH



SERVICES SERVING SPECIAL POPULATIONS

9530 PROVIDING SERVICE IN FRENCH

500-999

858 FIRST NATIONS
847 ABORIGINAL
794 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
714 FRANCOPHONE
635 SETTLEMENT SERVICES
601 REFUGEE

0-499

439 PHYSICAL DISABILITIES
405 INUIT
359 AUTISM
61 HOME LIBRARY SERVICES



NEWCOMERS TO CANADA
1136 INTERPRETATION
1123 MULTICULTURAL POPULATIONS
1049 NEWCOMERS
538 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES
475 TRANSLATION
239 LANGUAGE INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEWCOMERS TO CANADA (LINC)
39 NEWCOMER SERVICES



SERVICES FOR THOSE AT RISK

1000+

3112 REHABILITATION
2802 SUPPORT GROUPS
2388 SELF HELP
1526 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
1326 EMPLOYMENT COUNSELLING
1292 AIDS
1168 ALCOHOL
1060 CAREER COUNSELLING
1058 ADDICTION
1038 ASSAULT

500-999

794 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
688 ONTARIO WORKS
677 FOOD BANKS
646 CANCER
635 SETTLEMENT SERVICES
601 REFUGEE

0-499

442 EMERGENCY SERVICES
439 PHYSICAL DISABILITIES
428 MEALS ON WHEELS
412 HIV
368 GAMBLING
359 AUTISM
359 BREAST CANCER
343 CRISIS LINES
287 CONGREGATE MEALS/ NUTRITION SITES
265 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
246 RED CROSS
207 COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE
196 ARTHRITIS
167 UTILITY ASSISTANCE
82 OSTEOPOROSIS
72 FOOD VOUCHERS
65 HOUSING ASSISTANCE



HOMELESS SHELTERS

WOMEN'S

MEN'S

FAMILY

STRATEGIES FOR ENDING HOMELESSNESS

CAN WE MOVE FROM THIS...



...TO THIS!



STRATEGIES FOR ENDING HOMELESSNESS

- Set the objective of ending homelessness
- Develop a Community plan to end homelessness
- Housing First
- Build Public and Political Support
- Be relentless

STATISTICS FROM THE 2017 ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMUNITY LIFE CHAIRS STATES THAT THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS WERE SUPPORTED WITH REGARD TO HOMELESSNESS:

	Financial Support	Prayerful support	Volunteer support	Total
Affordable housing initiative	10.00%	70.00%	20.00%	10
Anti-poverty foundation or campaign	20.00%	50.00%	30.00%	10
Before, during or after school lunch programme	40.00%	10.00%	50.00%	10
Emergency shelter for the homeless	29.41%	41.18%	29.41%	17
Emergency shelter for domestic abuse	41.11%	36.84%	21.05%	19
Food bank	43.48%	21.74%	34.78%	46
Food hamper	48.00%	16.00%	36.00%	25
Soup kitchen	40.00%	20.00%	40.00%	20

THE WAYS IN WHICH COUNCILS SUPPORTED HOMELESS ARE:

	Had a guest speaker	Had a workshop	Provided a donation	Volunteered
Suffering from homelessness	18.18%	0.00%	50.00%	31.82%
Suffering from poverty	15.15%	0.00%	50.00%	33.33%

DONATED TO OR VOLUNTEERED AT SCHOOL BREAKFAST/ LUNCH PROGRAMMES







DONATIONS TO FOOD BANKS

COLLECTED ITEMS AND FILLED
BACKPACKS FOR HOMELESS

DONATED WARM TOQUES, MITTS, SCARVES BLANKETS AND TOWELS




MET WITH OR HAD
SPEAKERS FROM:

KINGSTON STREET MISSION



Words of
wisdom



Use your voice for
kindness, your ears for
compassion, your hands
for charity, your mind
for truth, and your
Heart for Love.

