

# HIFIS Report Thunder Bay 2023



# 1,178 people

experienced homelessness in Thunder Bay in 2023 (16.6% increase from 2022). This data report includes the information about those individuals.

## Gender Identity of those experiencing homelessness

Male	72%	Increase of 13.6% since 2022
Female	26%	increase of 21.5% since 2022
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## 86

individuals were youth between 13 and 24 years of age

16.2% increase from 2022



## 288

individuals were over 50 years of age

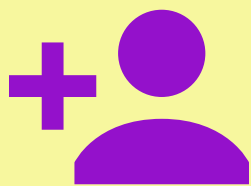
40.5% increase from 2022



## 53

families were experiencing homelessness

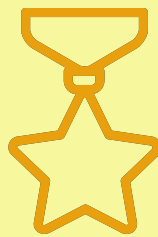
26.2% increase from 2022



## 637

individuals were newly identified

6.7% increase from 2022



## 29

individuals were veterans

1.6% increase from 2022



## 794

individuals identified as Indigenous

20.5% increase from 2022

## CHAT Entry Points



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- Developed by the Government of Canada, **HIFIS** is a Homelessness Management Information System that is designed to support the day-to-day operational activities of Canadian homelessness service providers.
- As a comprehensive data collection and case management system, HIFIS enables participating service providers to access, collect, and share local real-time homelessness data to ensure individuals and families accessing services are prioritized and referred to appropriate services at the correct time.
- In Thunder Bay, we recently began onboarding organizations to use HIFIS, providing on-site training and year-round support.
- Currently, there are 13 organizations that use HIFIS to track homelessness data.
- As more organizations begin using HIFIS, local statistics on homelessness will increase and become more accurate. The statistics presented in this infographic only capture individuals who connected with HIFIS participating service providers.



## Who manages the HIFIS system in Thunder Bay?

Lakehead University has been contracted by the Lakehead Social Planning Council to manage HIFIS. A team of experts works collectively to manage and upgrade the system, provide training and support to organizations that use HIFIS, and collaborate with the Designated and Indigenous Reaching Home Community Entities to ensure that all data needs are being met



## What happens with the information in HIFIS?

HIFIS data is completely anonymous. It is used to determine the amount and type of funding that is available from the Federal and Provincial governments in Thunder Bay. It is used to plan programs, supports, services, and available resources that are necessary to help prevent and address homelessness. This data is also used at our Coordinated Housing Access Table (CHAT) so that organizations can connect with individuals that require housing and housing supports.

## How is HIFIS and HIFIS support funded?

The Lakehead Social Planning Council (Designated Community Entity) funds Lakehead University to manage the HIFIS system and the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre (Indigenous Community Entity) funds Alpha Court to manage the Coordinated Housing Access Table (CHAT). This collective impact has enabled our coordinated housing access system in Thunder Bay to grow.



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