



We are preparing for the 2024 Thunder Bay Point in Time Count

Saturday, October 5 at 6pm until Sunday, October 6 at 6pm



A Point in Time (PiT) Count is an estimate of the number of people experiencing homelessness within a specific geographical area on a single night. A survey is administered that also helps to identify supports and services that people experiencing homelessness may need.

Read more about the Thunder Bay Point in Time Count, taking place Saturday, October 5 at 6:00 pm until Sunday, October 6 at 6:00 pm.

Non-profit Sector in Thunder Bay

There are over 58,000 non-profit organizations in Ontario.

How are non-profit organizations beneficial in Ontario?

- Provide essential services that enhance the well-being of communities, especially by addressing social, cultural, and environmental needs eliminating much of the bureaucracy that can impede progress
- Play a critical role in supporting vulnerable populations, offering services like housing, food security, mental health, and education that complement and often fill gaps in government programs
- Foster a rich cultural landscape through arts, heritage, and recreational programs, while promoting environmental sustainability and conservation efforts
- By advocating for marginalized groups, facilitating civic engagement, and contributing to the economy through job creation and volunteer opportunities, non-profits help build stronger, more inclusive, and resilient communities across Ontario

In Thunder Bay, non-profit organizations have been leaders in administering federal funding for homelessness initiatives.

Since 2013, the Lakehead Social Planning Council and the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre have been administering the federal funding for homelessness initiatives, Reaching Home, which includes over 20 million dollars in funding between 2019 and 2028 for the city of Thunder Bay.

This funding helped to ensure shelter and safety to people experiencing homelessness through the pandemic, dispersing almost ten million dollars between 2020 and 2022 in Thunder Bay.

Reaching Home funding has also helped to create a coordinated system that is used throughout Thunder Bay to help house individuals and offer necessary supports and services, effectively eliminating gaps and barriers in the housing continuum.

Moving forward much of the funding is dedicated to homelessness data management including the Point in Time Count, coordinated housing access, transitional housing, and eviction and encampment supports.

A snapshot of homelessness in Thunder Bay

In 2016, 2018, and 2021, the Lakehead Social Planning Council led Point in Time Counts in Thunder Bay. The data for all Point in Time Counts is available at <https://www.lspc.ca/reports/>

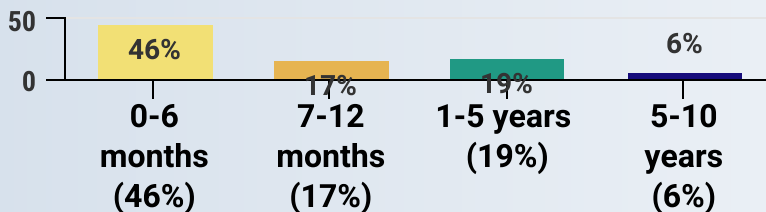
The following data is from the 2021 Point in Time Count.

Lakehead Social Planning Council, Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre and Lakehead University are managing the 2024 Thunder Bay Point in Time Count to take place Saturday, October 5 at 6pm to Sunday, October 6 at 6pm.

2024 data will be available late October.

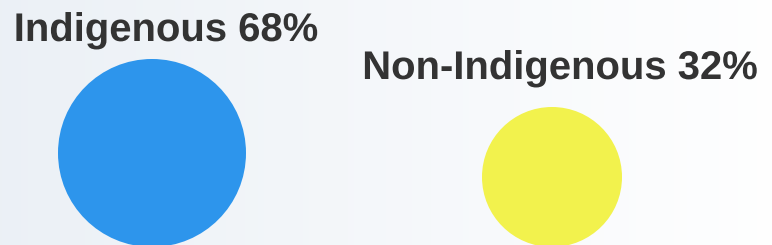
2021 data

We asked people how long they have been experiencing homelessness...



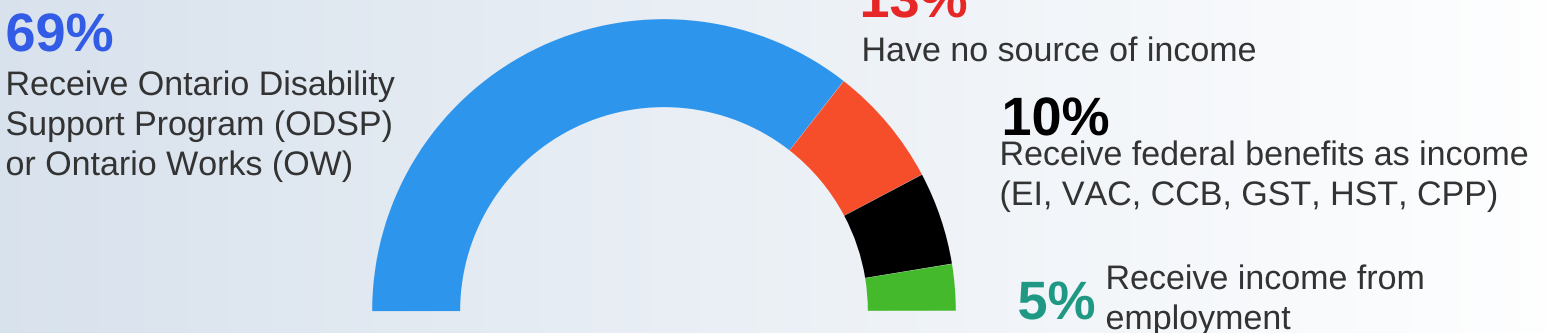
2021 data

We asked people if they have Indigenous ancestry



We asked people about their main source of income...

2021 data



58% of participants identified needing help with addictions and/or substance use issues

53% of participants first experienced homelessness before the age of 25

51% of participants reported that the high cost of rent is the biggest challenge when trying to find housing

2021 data

Thank you Non-Profit Organizations!

Thank you to the Indigenous Friendship Centre, Elevate NWO, and People Advocating for Change and Empowerment (P.A.C.E.).

These non-profit organizations will be offering their space for the 24 hour Point in Time Count, along with volunteers that will be surveying individuals that are experiencing homelessness.

A special thank you to the volunteers from Reaching Home funded non-profit organizations for volunteering their time and expertise for this 24-hour event.



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**Are you experiencing homelessness?
Stand up and be counted!**

**Take part in our survey.
Let us know what services you need.**

**Saturday, October 5 at 6pm to
Sunday, October 6 at 6pm**

**Thunder Bay Indigenous
Friendship Centre
401 Cumberland St. N.**

**Elevate NWO
106 Cumberland St. N.**

**P.A.C.E.
510 Victoria Ave. E.**

**Call 211 to complete a telephone survey or visit
one of the above locations**



For more information about the 2024 Thunder Bay Point in Time Count, please email bkrysowaty@lspc.ca.