Homelessness in Saint John

What we've seen so far in 2016*

This year, Saint John has seen an increase in youth accessing adult shelters; a rise in the number of individuals using emergency shelters; and a men's shelter that is over-capacity...and the year isn't over yet.

Emergency Shelter Statistics show:

267 people have used an emergency shelter in 2016*



... up from 230 the entire year of 2015

The average length of stay for women has *nearly doubled* from 2015 to 2016



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Outflow men's shelter has a 102% occupancy rate

... an increase of 30% from 2015

45 youth (age 24 or younger) have used an adult emergency shelter



... up from 38 in 2015

there are 30 emergency shelter beds in the city

City's First Point-in-Time Count found:

At least 60 individuals experiencing absolute homelessness

Of those surveyed...

28% had aboriginal identity or ancestry

... 2.3% of the general SJ population has an aboriginal identity

14% Were between the ages 16-24



An additional 13 dependent children were surveyed

Various Reasons for Housing Loss:

Domestic Abuse/Conflict

Incarceration 15%

Addiction/Illness Other (unsafe housing, evicted

*Data covers the period of January 1 2016 - October 28 2016

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