

### NEW BRUNSWICK POINT-IN-TIME (PIT) COUNT

Corrections - 2023 Homelessness PiT Counts in New Brunswick

## CORRECTIONS AND THE PIT COUNT



A PiT Count is an enumeration and a self-report survey of people experiencing homelessness at a specific point in time. On April 17th and 18th, 2023, the Human Development Council (HDC), in partnership with the government of NB and community organizations, conducted its largest ever PiT Count, surveying people at homeless shelters, unsheltered locations, and correctional facilities across New Brunswick. This was the first New Brunswick PiT Count to incorporate correctional data. Surveys were conducted in the Dalhousie Regional Correctional Centre, Madawaska Regional Correctional Centre, Saint John Regional Correctional Centre, New Brunswick Women's Correctional Centre, and the Southeast Regional Correctional Centre.

**People Surveyed Outside of Provincial Correctional Facilities** 

**59%** of survey participants indicated that they interacted with police in the last 12 months.



of survey participants said that they had been in prison/ jail in the last 12 months.

# inside Provincial Correctional **Facilities**

**People Counted and Surveyed** 

415 Adult clients in our provincial correctional facilities were asked if they had permanent housing upon release.

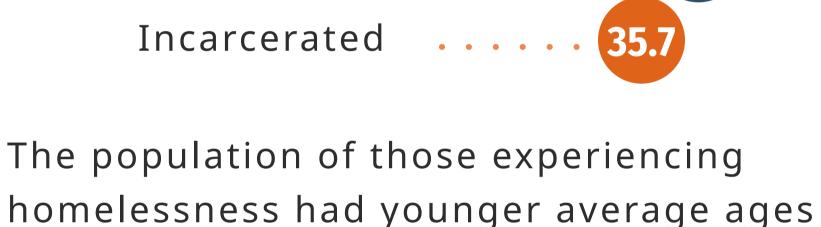
131 (32%) identified not knowing if they had permanent housing to go to.

91 of those 131 consented to being surveyed.

#### SURVEY RESULTS FROM RESPONDENTS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES



Average Ages



in corrections than those outside of

corrections in the 2023 PiT Count.

Gender

as Men

86% Identified

85% of those incarcerated were men. This

Woman Other

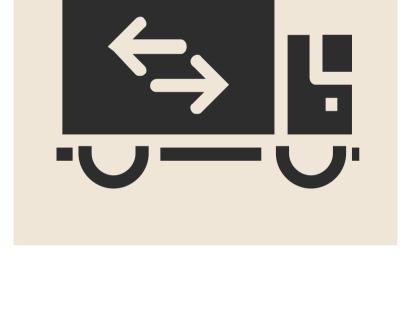
proportion is higher than the 70% of the nonincarcerated who were men.

Education

Less Than

# Residency

Of those who responded to questions about residency... 34% — reported always being in the local community



**66%** — reported moving to the community

**79%** — Of those who moved said

they moved from within NB

Youth in Care

#### 36% 28% High School Completion High School/GED Some or Completed Post-34% Secondary



# 40%

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29%

had been in either the foster care system or a group home.

indicated that they

of respondents

and who answered the question said Child Protective Services

Finding Housing

Rents too High

Low Income

Dissatisfaction With CPS

73% of those previously in care

was not helpful in transitioning them to independence. Most Reported Challenges of

64%

#### Incarceration Not Enough Income

Most Reported Reasons for Housing Loss



**30%** said their most recent housing

an eviction

loss was due to

60% Addiction 36% Criminal 36% History When asked if participants identified having any of the following health



age that people reported first

experiencing

26 was the median

homelessness. 27.4 was the average.

70% Mental Health 49% Learning or Cognitive 31% Limitations Illness or Medical 28% Condition 16% Physical Limitation

challenges, respondents reported:

Substance Use

RESOURCES

are experiencing. For more information on the scale and circumstances of homelessness in New Brunswick, please visit our website at sjhdc.ca.

For more information on homelessness in New Brunswick's urban centres

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