



NEW BRUNSWICK POINT-IN-TIME (PiT) COUNT

Indigenous - 2023 Homelessness PiT Counts in New Brunswick

INDIGENOUS HOMELESSNESS

"Indigenous homelessness is a human condition that describes First Nations, Métis and Inuit individuals, families or communities lacking stable, permanent, appropriate housing, or the immediate prospect, means or ability to acquire such housing."



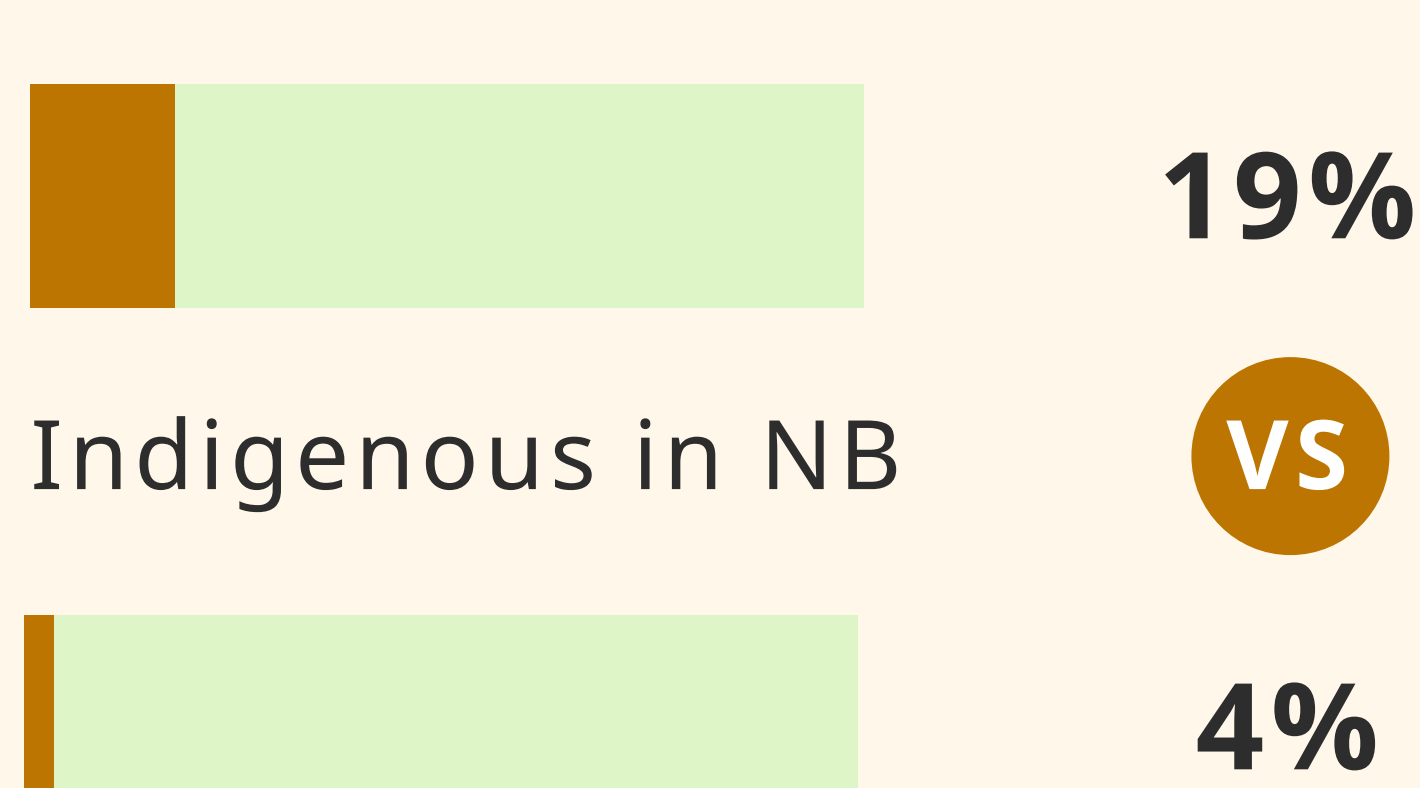
It also includes people "isolated from their relationships to land, water, place, family, kin, each other, animals, cultures, languages and identities." These people cannot "emotionally or physically reconnect with their Indigeneity."⁽²⁾

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND THE PIT COUNT



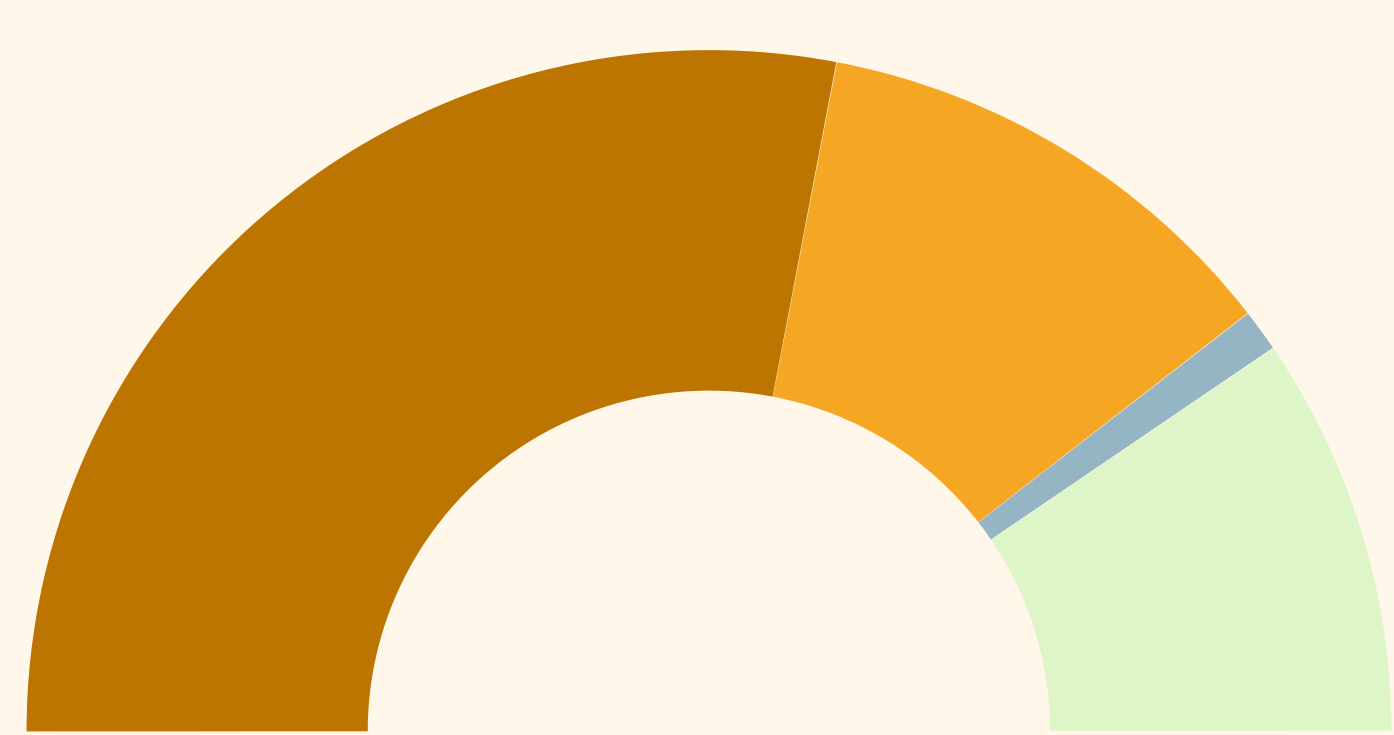
A PiT Count is a survey of homeless people at one point in time. In April 2023, the Human Development Council surveyed people staying in homeless shelters, unsheltered locations, and correctional facilities. However, Indigenous Reserves were not surveyed. Homelessness on reserves can look different than in urban centres.

Indigenous in the PiT Count



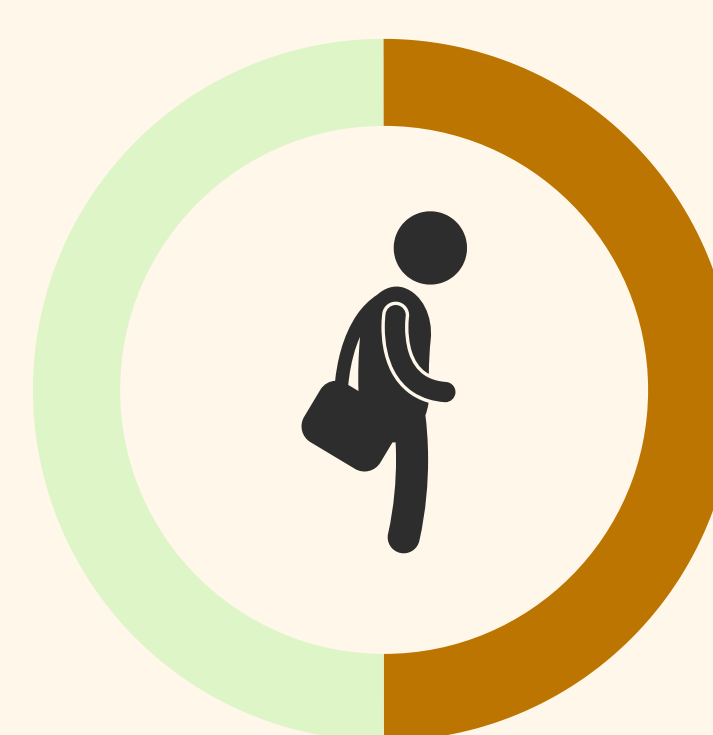
19% of those surveyed in the PiT Count identified as Indigenous. Compare that to the 4% (2021 Canadian Census) of the New Brunswick population that are Indigenous. Indigenous people are **overrepresented** among the population of those experiencing homelessness.

Indigenous Identity in the PiT Count



56% First Nations, 23% Indigenous Ancestry, 19% Métis, 2% Inuit

Indigenous Youth Entering Homelessness

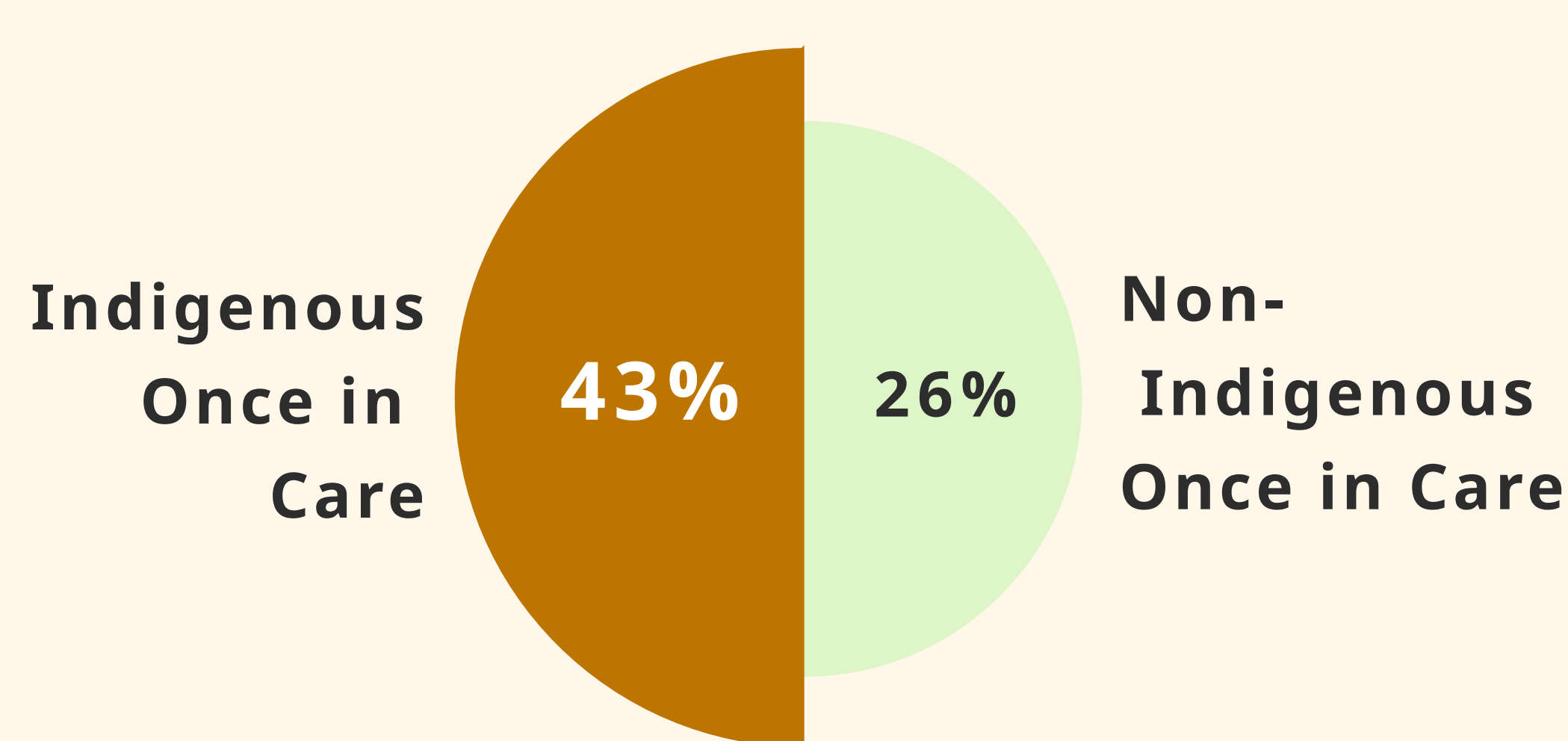


Over 50% of the Indigenous people surveyed had their first experience of homelessness before 25 years old.

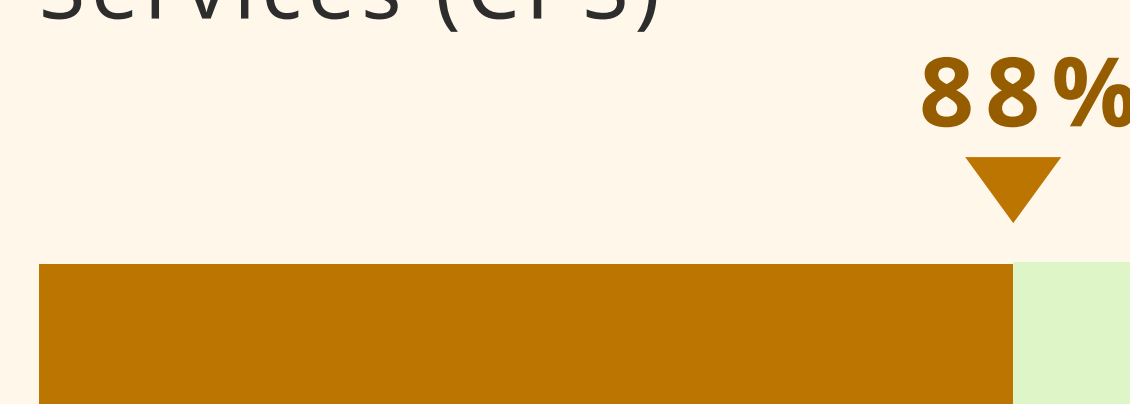
Speaking of Youth...



A significantly higher proportion of the Indigenous people surveyed indicated that they came from the foster care or group home system than non-Indigenous respondents.



Dissatisfaction With Child Protective Services (CPS)



88% of Indigenous people who indicated that they were formerly in care and gave an answer regarding their thoughts about CPS said that CPS was not helpful in transitioning them to independence.

RESOURCES

Homelessness is a complex social issue that too many New Brunswickers 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 check out our homelessness dashboards by clicking [here](#).

To read past reports on homelessness click [here](#).

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