SMALLER COMMUNITIES POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

Key Highlights - 2023 Homelessness PiT Counts in Smaller Communities of New Brunswick



WHAT IS A POINT-IN-TIME (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. A PiT Count is one tool of many that the HDC uses to understand



the scope of homelessness in NB.

BENEFITS OF A PIT COUNT



SNAPSHOT

43 people were counted as experiencing absolute homelessness in Bathurst, Miramichi, St. Stephen, and Edmundston, excluding corrections. For corrections data <u>click here</u>.

SURVEY

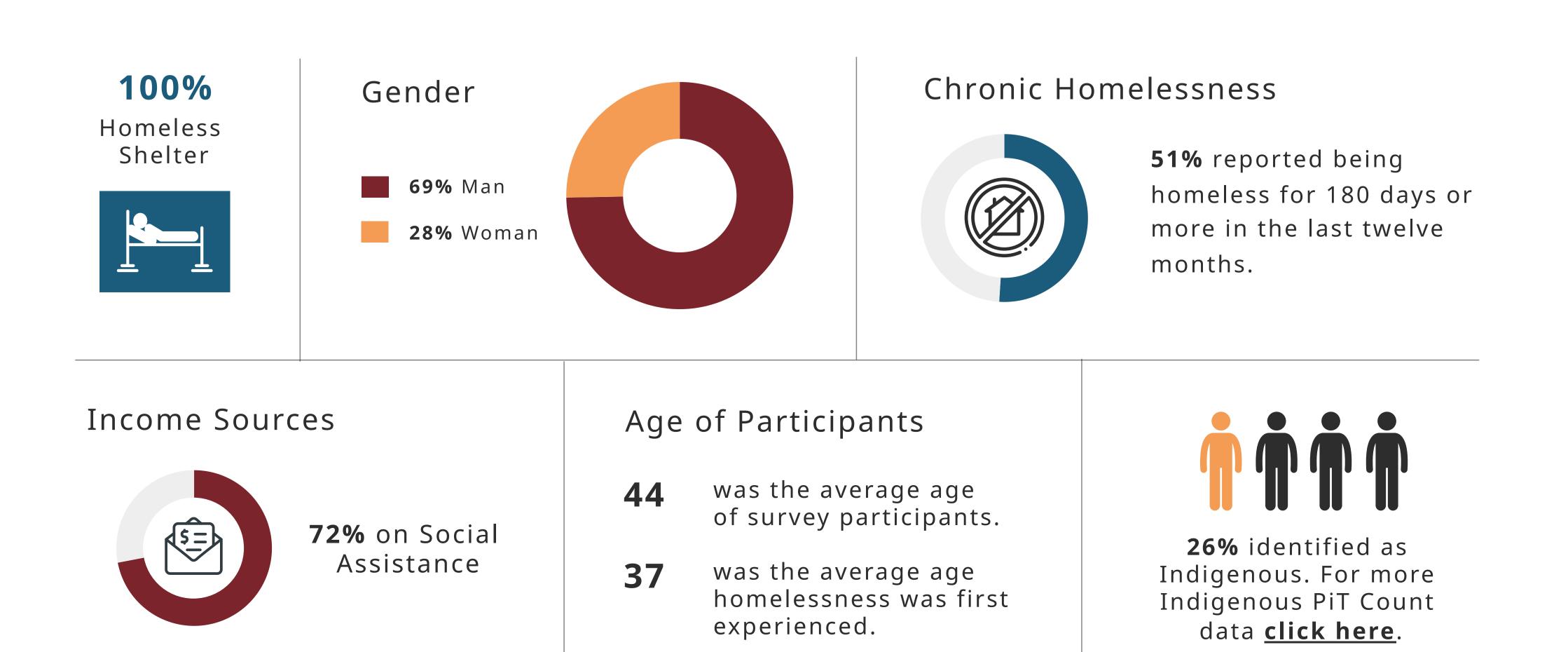
39 surveys were conducted in Bathurst, Miramichi, and St. Stephen.

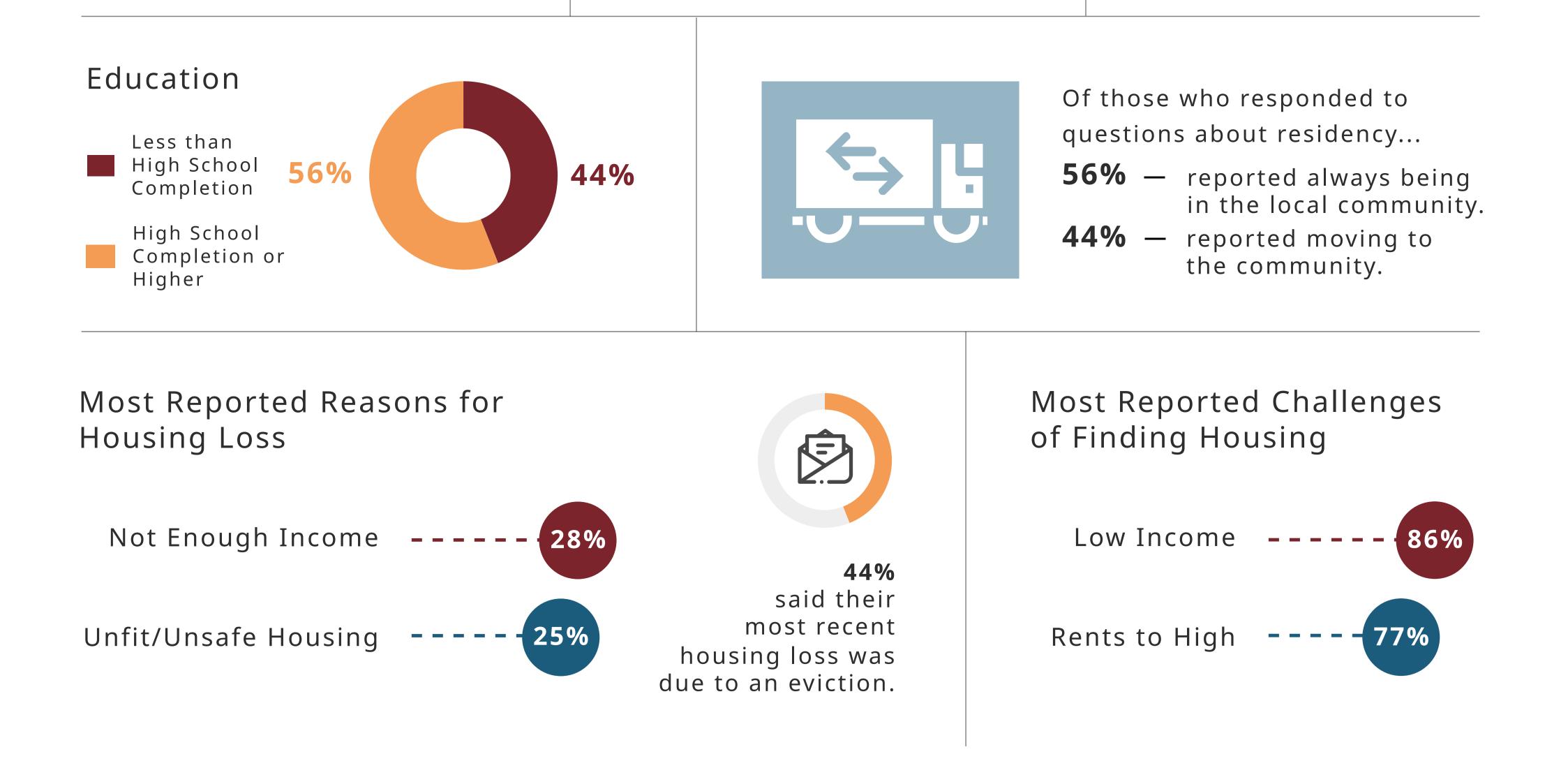


VOICE

PiT Counts are an opportunity for the homeless population to communicate their need for housing and the barriers preventing them from **getting housed**.

SURVEY RESULTS

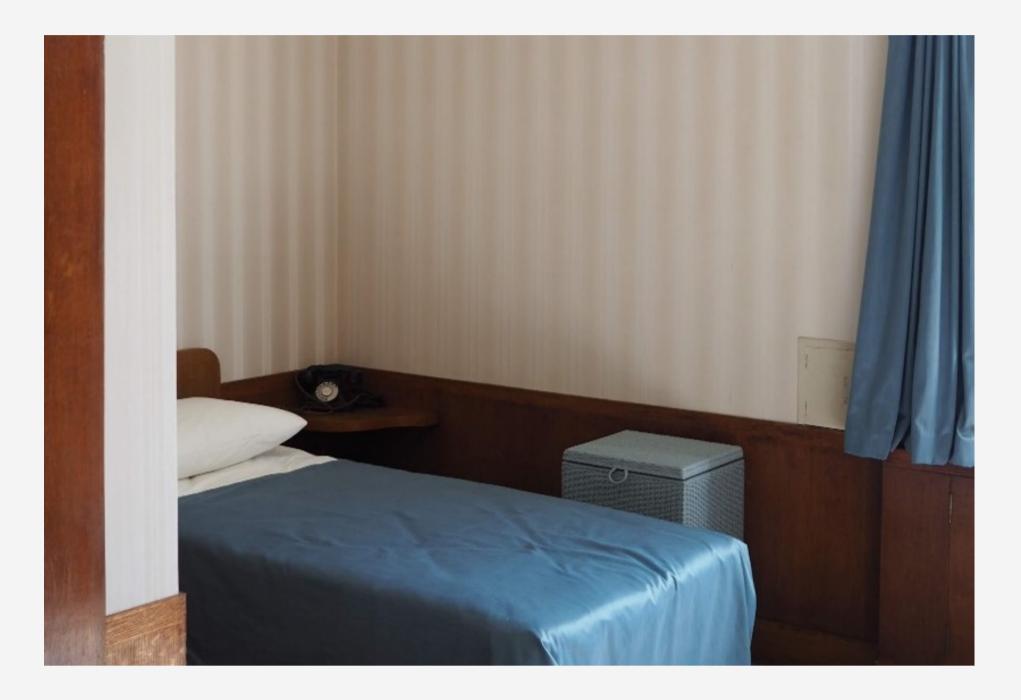




SOCIAL SYSTEMS

Youth In Care

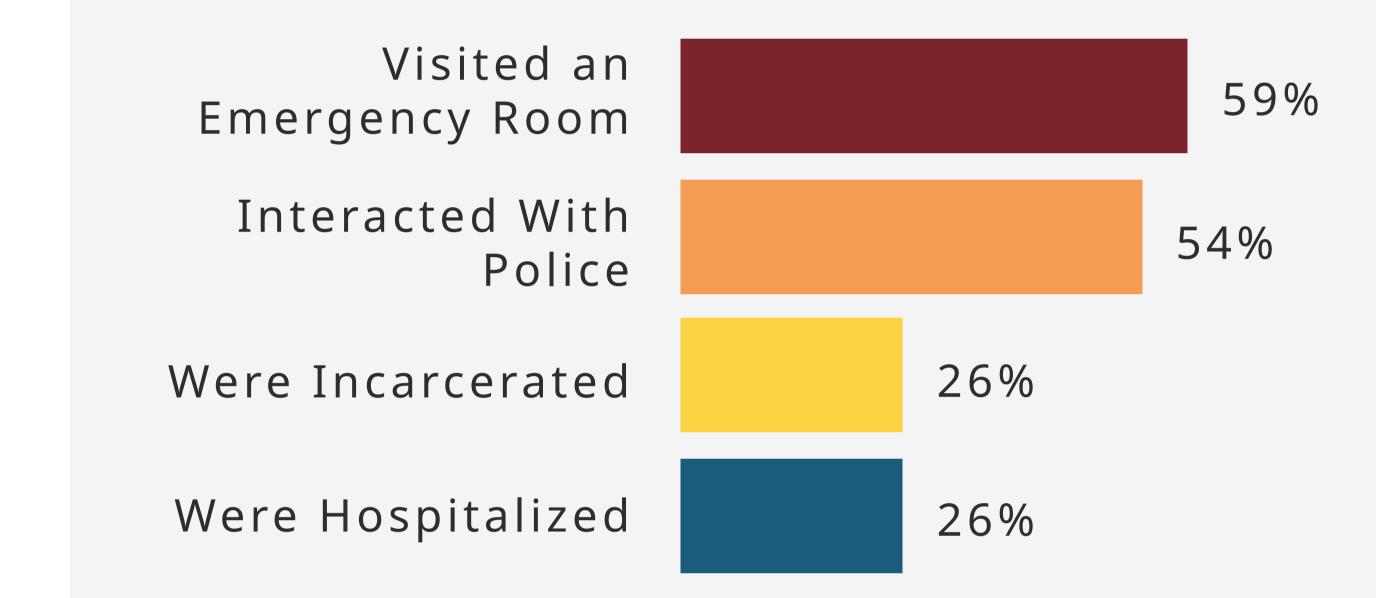
21% of those surveyed indicated that they lived in foster care or a youth group home prior to experiencing homelessness.



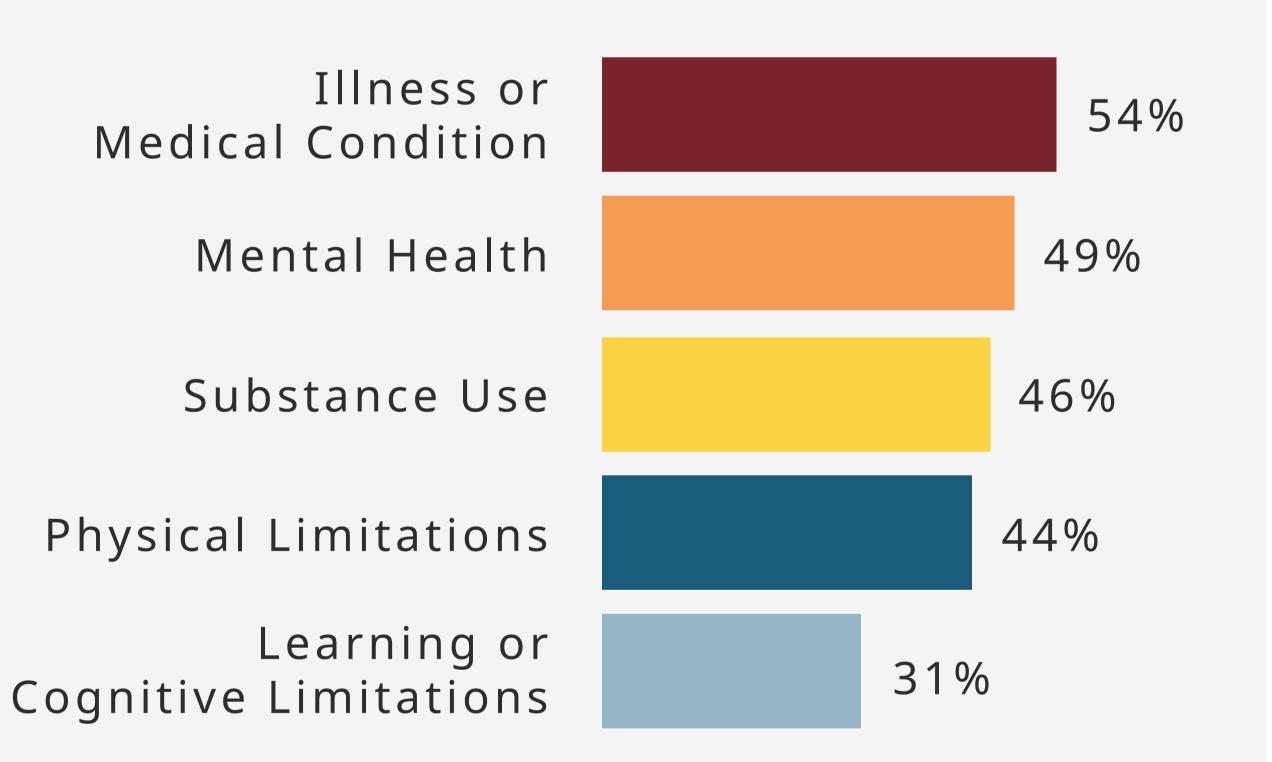
Emergency Services

Survey results indicate that people experiencing homelessness frequently interact with emergency services.

In the past year...



When asked if participants identified having any of the following health challenges, respondents reported:



Health Services

36% of the people surveyed reported accessing addiction or mental health services in the last 12 months. For more PiT Count data on health **click here**.

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 <u>sjhdc.ca</u>.

For more information on homelessness in New Brunswick's urban centres check out our homelessness dashboards by clicking <u>here</u>.

To read past reports on homelessness click <u>here</u>.

