

SAINT JOHN POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

 Key Highlights - 2024 Homelessness
PiT Counts in 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 Nov 20th, 2024, the Human Development Council (HDC), in partnership with government and community organizations, conducted its largest PiT Count, surveying people at homeless shelters, unsheltered locations, transitional housing, and correctional/health facilities across New Brunswick. A PiT Count is one tool of many that the HDC uses to understand the scope of homelessness in NB.

WHY A PIT COUNT?



SNAPSHOT

273 people were counted as experiencing homelessness in Saint John. This includes people staying in homeless shelters, living in encampments or unsheltered, as well as those in transitional housing or couch surfing.



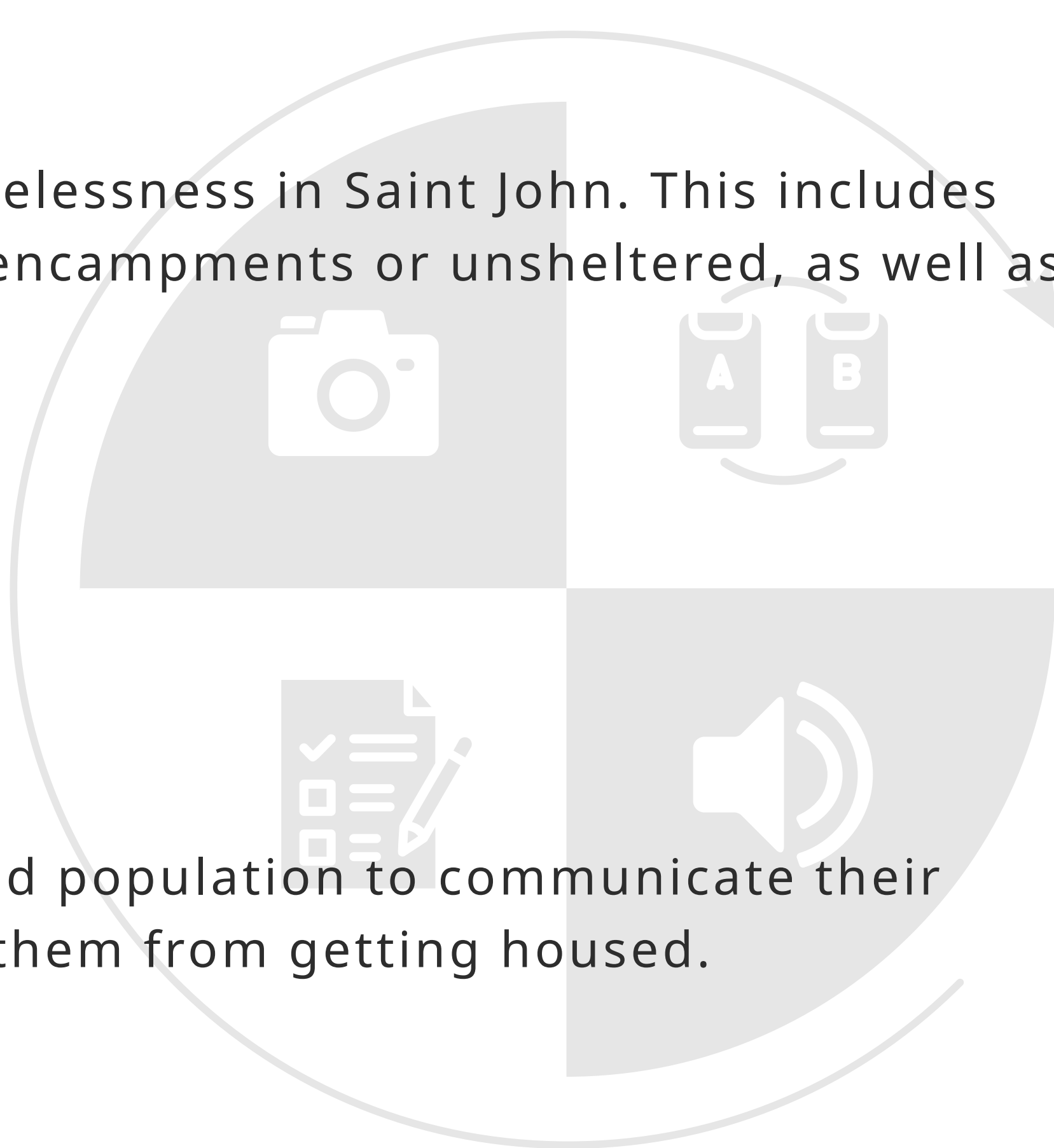
SURVEY

215 surveys were conducted in Saint John.

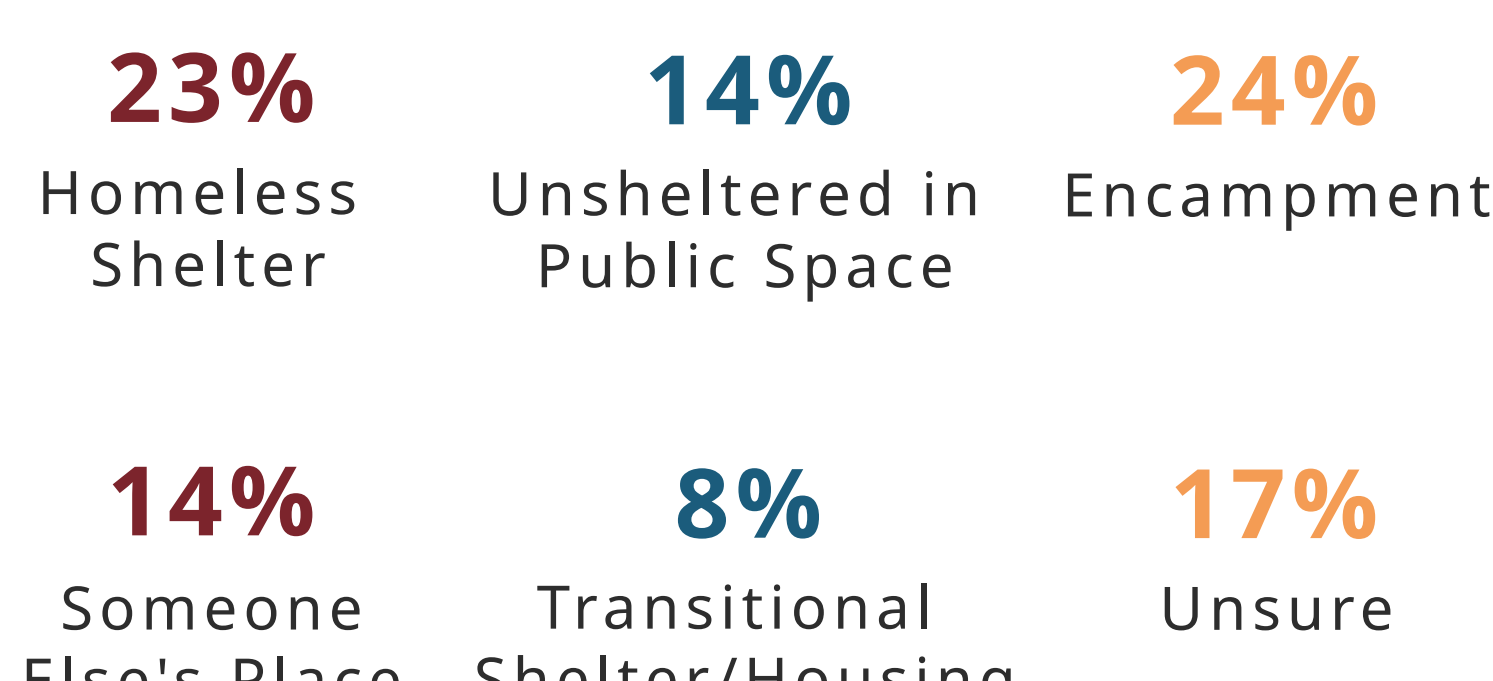


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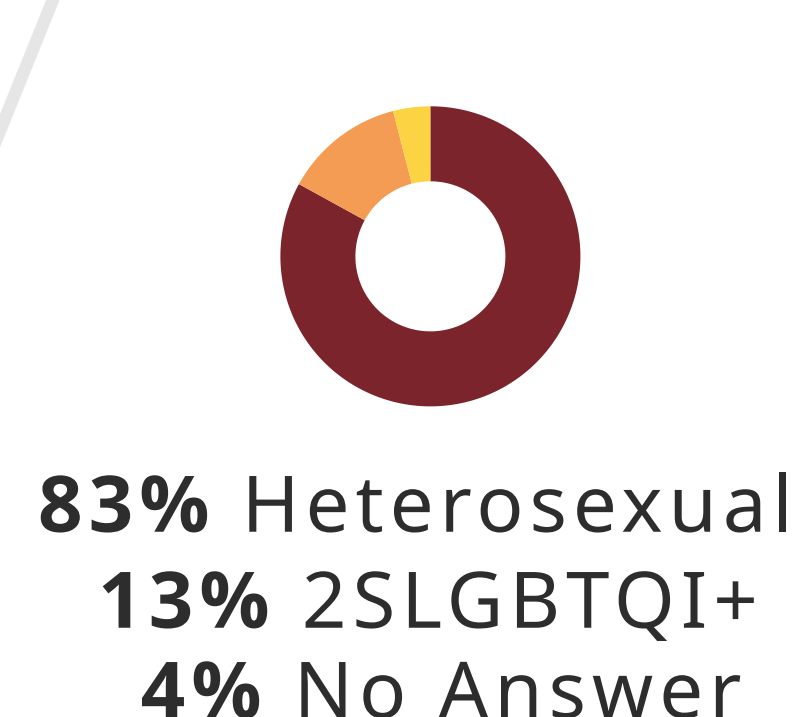
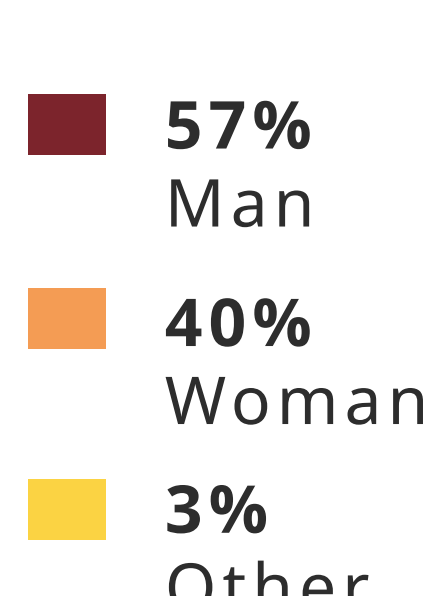
PiT Counts are an opportunity for the unhoused population to communicate their need for housing and the barriers preventing them from getting housed.



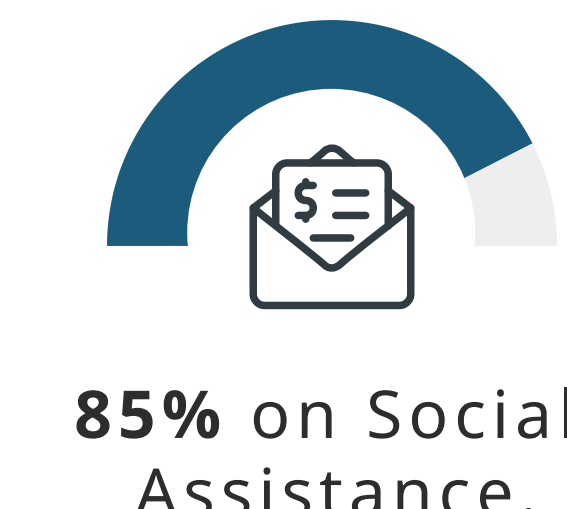
SURVEY RESULTS



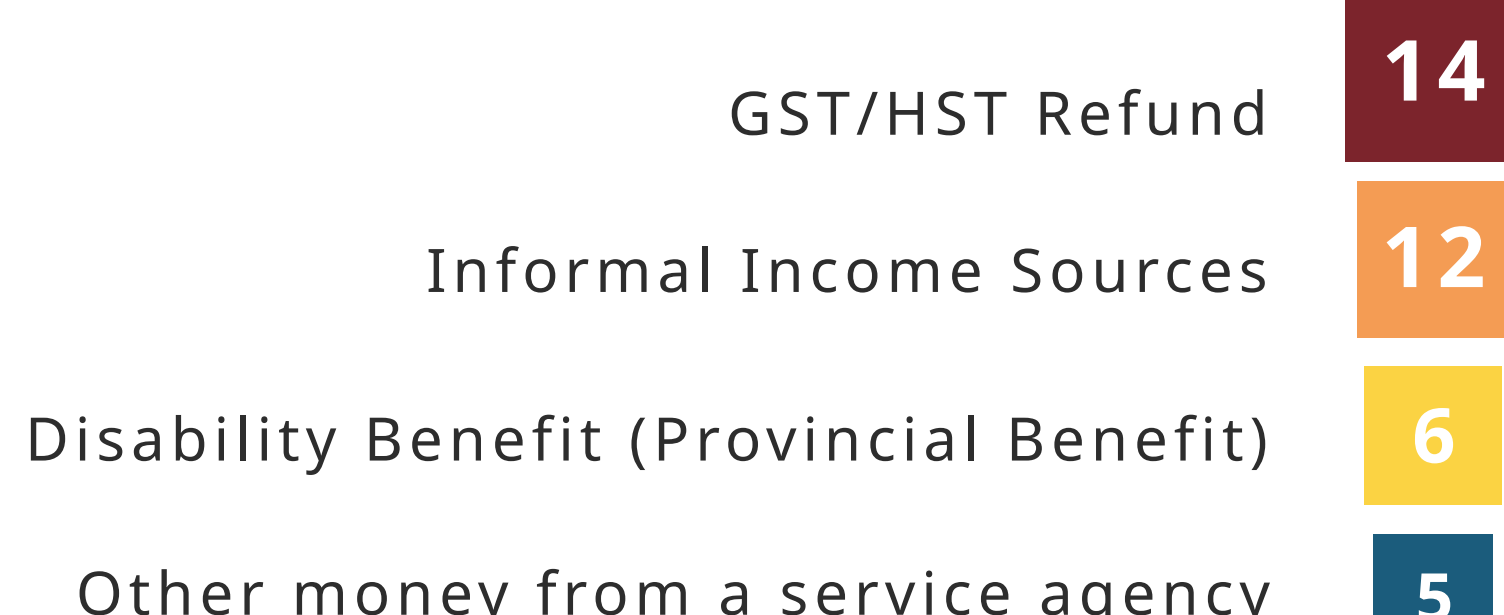
Gender



Income Sources



% With the Following:



Chronic Homelessness

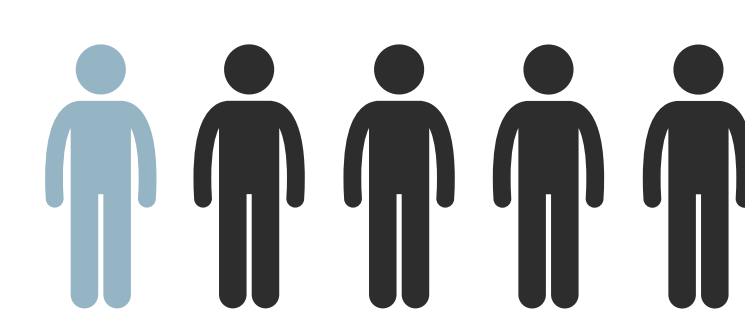
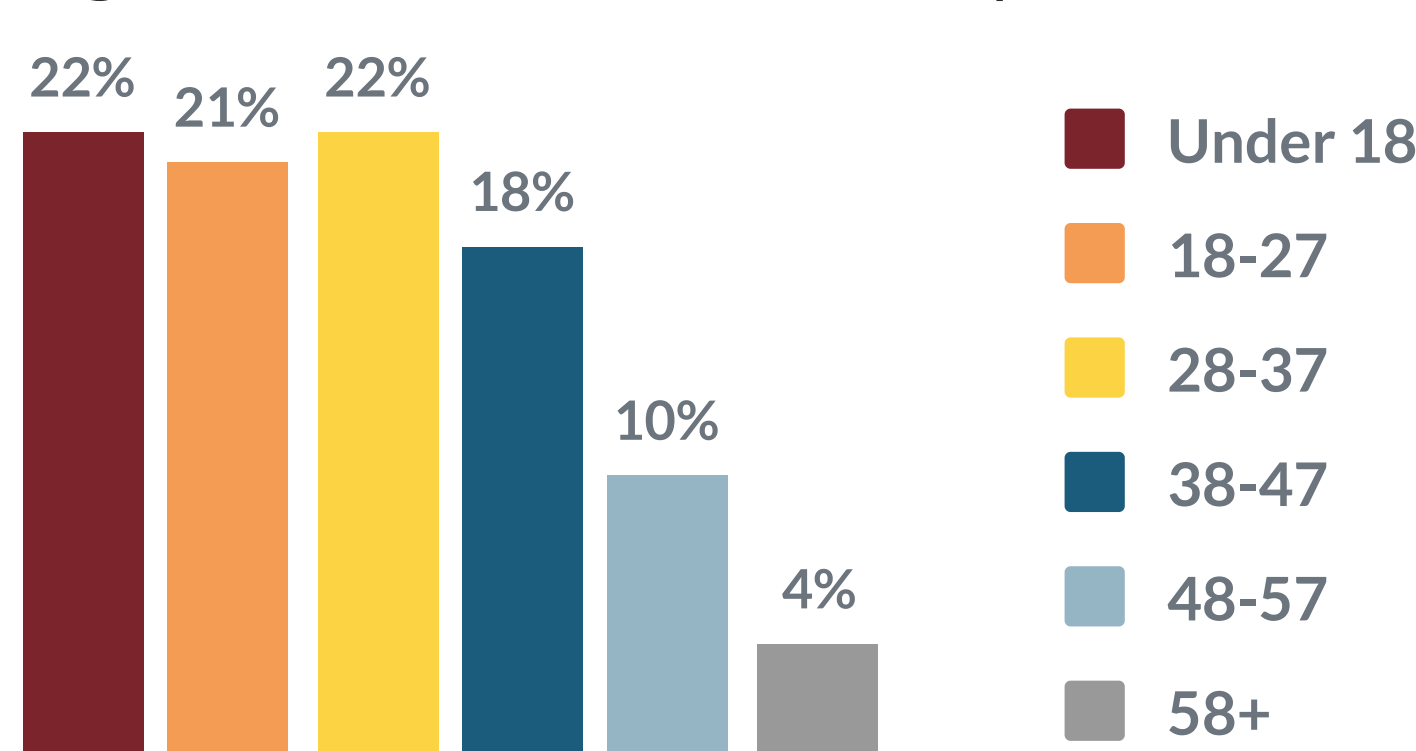


78% reported being homeless 180 days or more in the last year.

Age of Participants

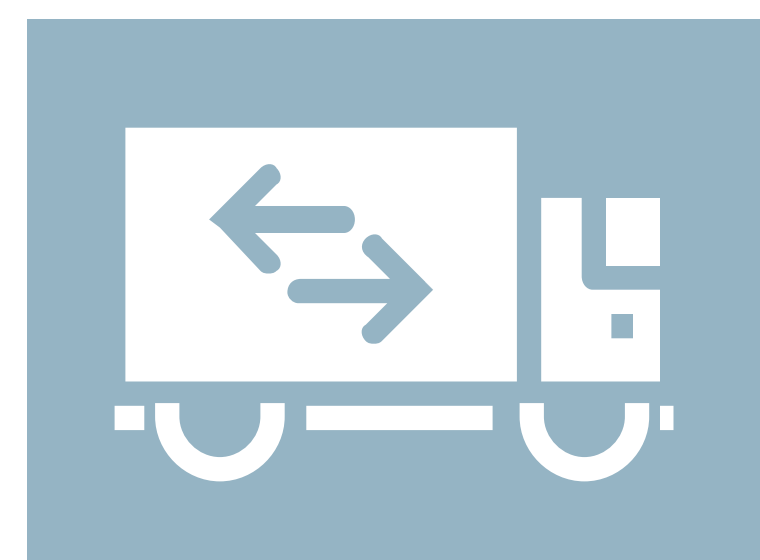
40 was the average age of survey participants.
31 was the average age homelessness was first experienced.

Age of First Homeless Experience



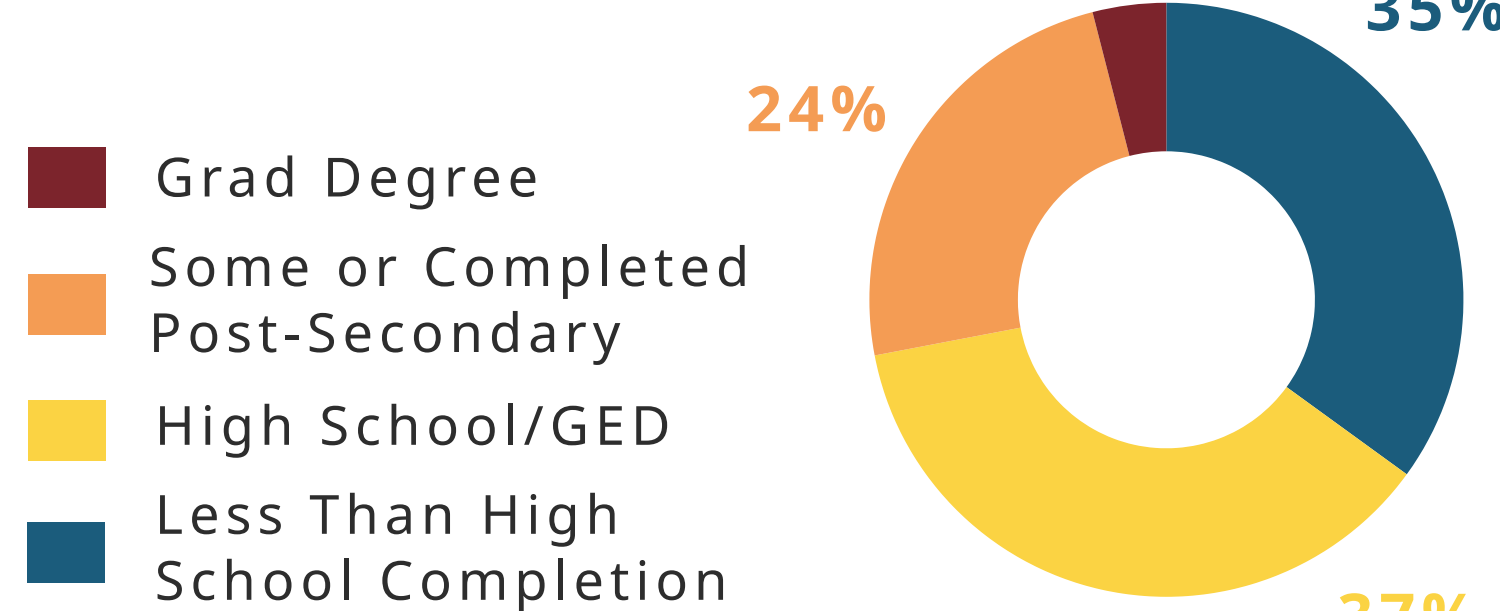
20% identified as Indigenous or having Indigenous ancestry.

Of those who responded to questions about residency...

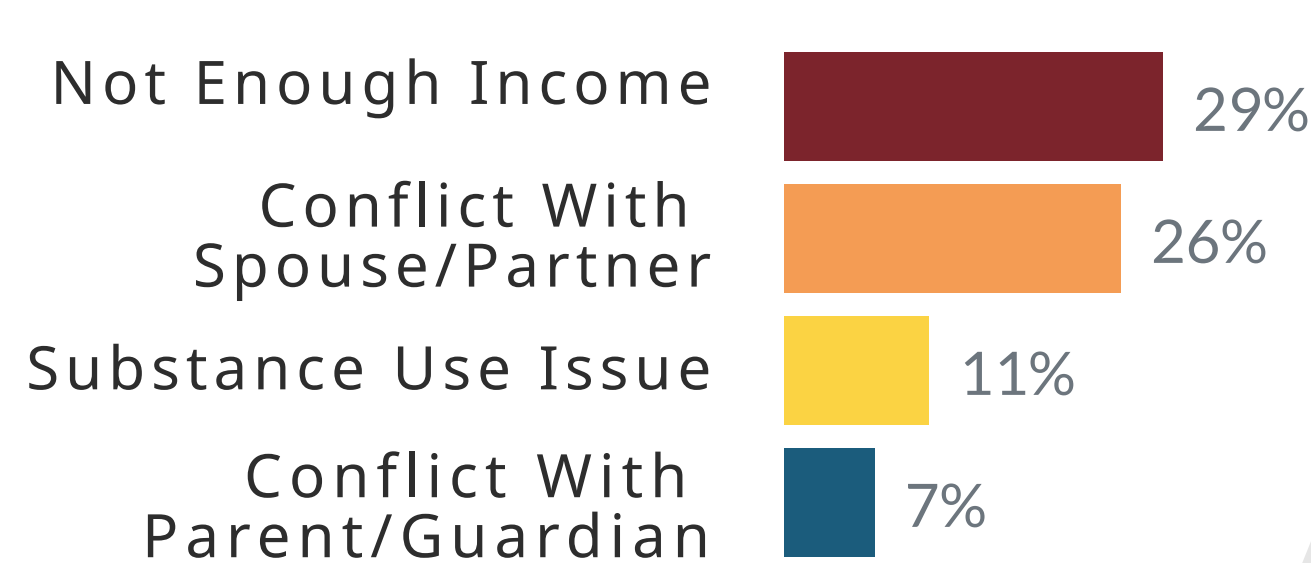


47% — reported always being in the local community.
53% — reported moving to the community.
60% — Of those who moved said they moved from within NB.

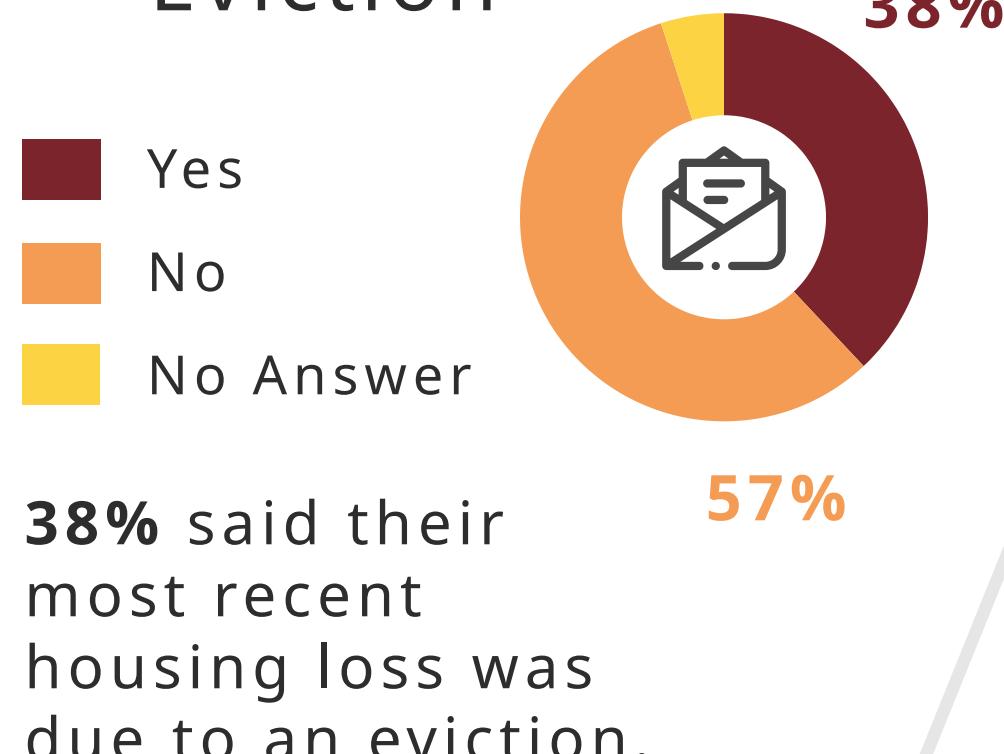
Education



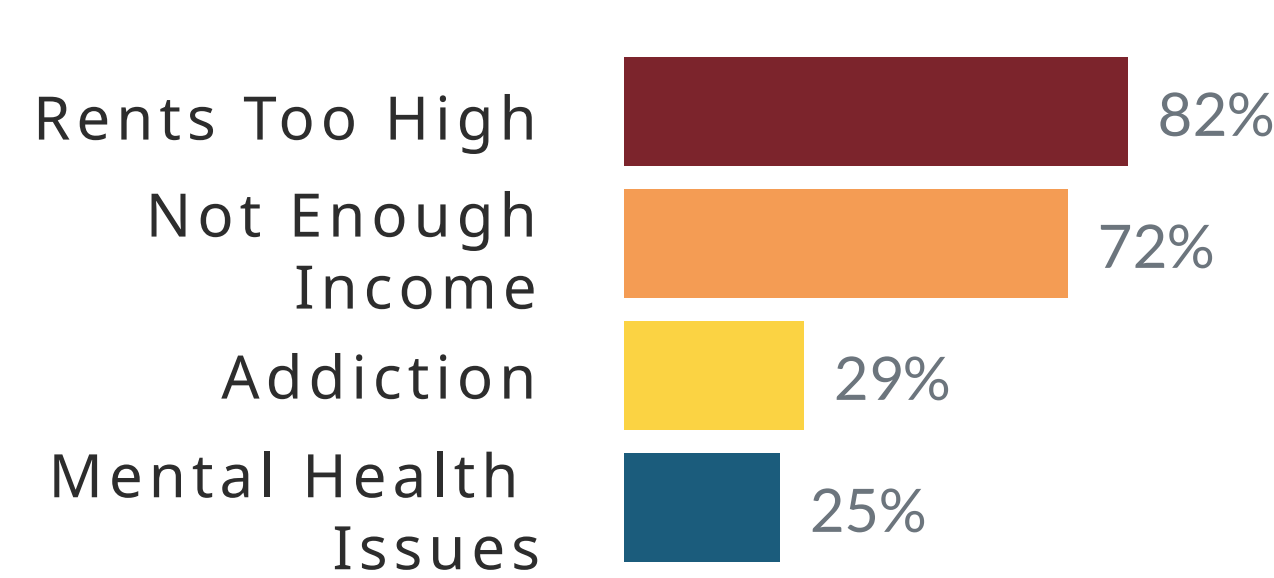
Most Reported Reasons for Housing Loss



Eviction



Most Reported Challenges of Finding Housing



Health Services

17% of respondents reported that they did not have access to health services.



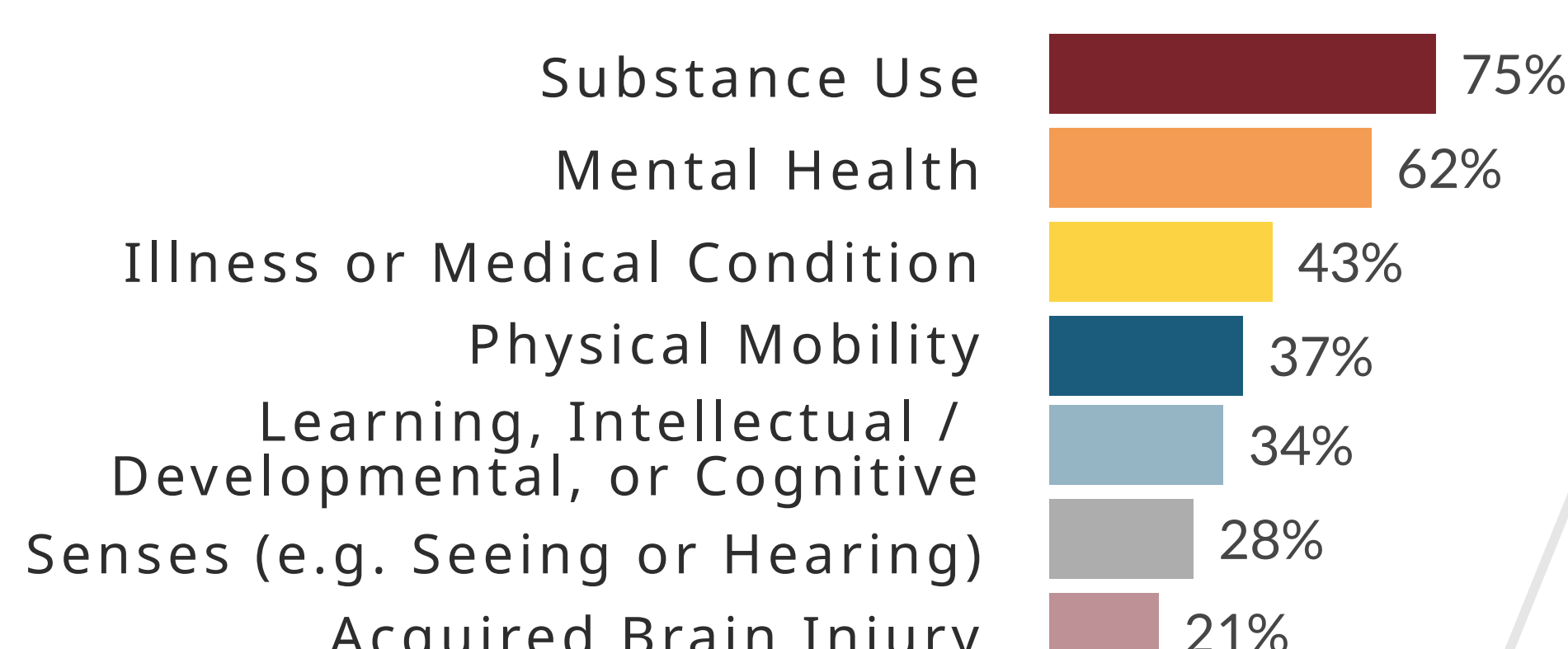
Youth In Care

32% of those surveyed indicated that they lived in foster care or a youth group home prior to experiencing homelessness.



Health Issues

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



Emergency Services

In the Past Year...



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](#).

NOTE: Percentages are generally calculated by dividing the number of respondents who provided a specific answer by the total number of completed surveys. However, for questions about reasons for housing loss, challenges in finding housing, income sources, and residency, percentages are calculated based only on the number of respondents who answered that specific question.