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## Point-in-Time Homelessness Count Brandon 2016 Summary Results

### April 13, 2016

**146** Homeless

**118** Sheltered

**28** Unsheltered



103 Men, 53 Women,  
4 Trans, 2 Two-Spirit, 9 declined;  
plus 35 Children in 14 Families

## Demographics

- 146** Of surveys conducted, **146** persons were identified as experiencing homelessness on April 13, 2016.
- 25** Another **25** adults declined to be surveyed, but were identified as homeless, with 80% of those being known to service providers.
- 35** In addition to 146 surveyed adults, **35** children and dependents were present.
- 206** It is believed **206** people overall, including children and those who declined to be surveyed, were identified.
- 48%** The number of surveyed adults who indicated they had been in foster care and/or a group home was **48%**.
- 23.7** The average age people became homeless was **23.7** years old, and the most common age of first becoming homeless was **18** years old.
- 38%** Youth homelessness in Brandon is nearly twice the national average with **38%** of surveyed respondents under the age of 30 on the day of the Count.

## REMEMBER

A Point-in-Time Homeless Count is not without limitations. The results of this count should be considered a minimum number from a single point-in-time. All homeless counts are inherently undercounts. Much like an iceberg, we only observe what's visible. Most homeless individuals are hidden, especially during colder seasons.



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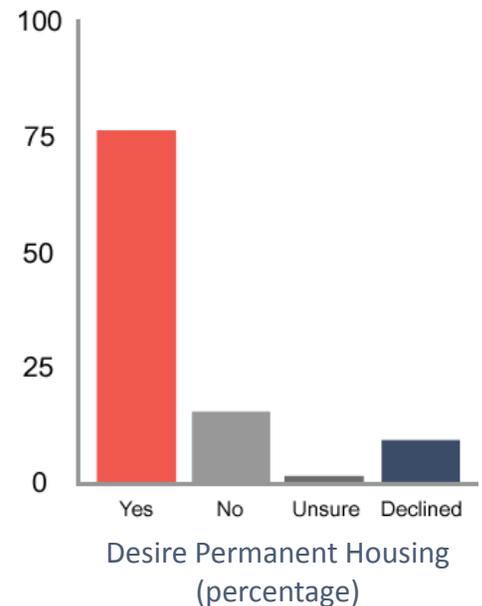
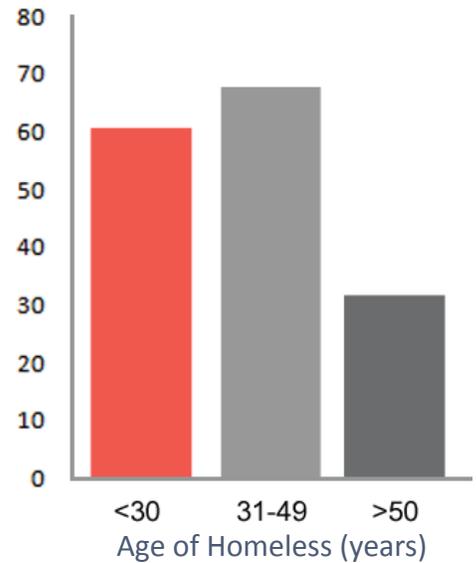
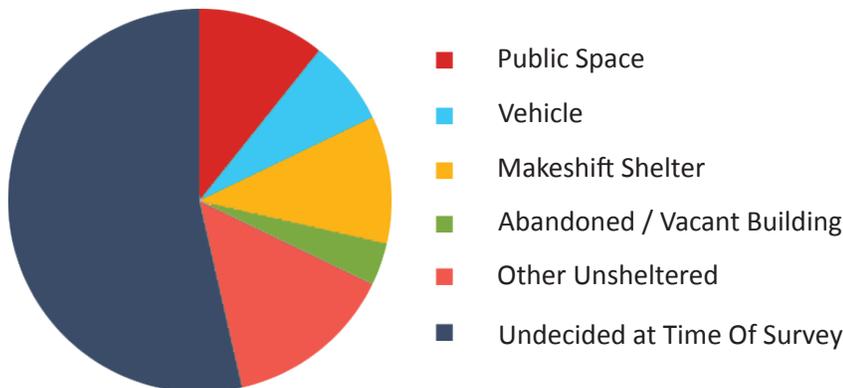
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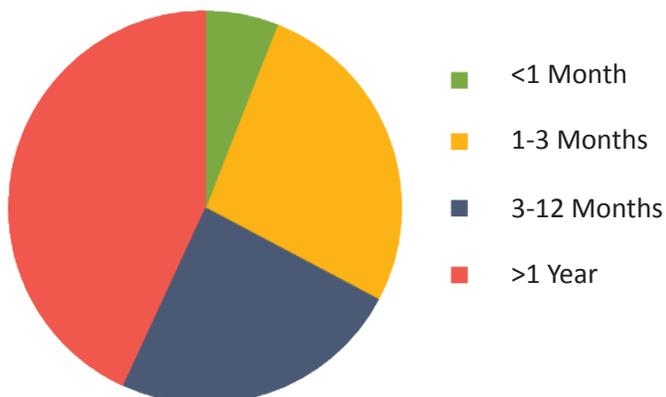
iMATTER captures the essence of how important all our people are - we all matter! The homeless among us have many faces. No one chooses to be homeless, yet the hard reality is there are people who are experiencing homelessness every night in Brandon. A number of initiatives are working towards reducing the number of homeless in our community. This study provides a more accurate count and such data is a cornerstone to understanding the magnitude and complexity of the problem, as well as providing insight into possible future action.

This research has more importance than only gathering statistics. It creates a partnership of community engagement around an issue that directly or indirectly touches everyone to say we all matter!

### Where Unsheltered Homeless People Sleep



### Length of Time Homeless



## THANK YOU

Thank you to all volunteers, sponsors and organizations for participating in the 2016 PiT Count! It was a meaningful and engaging day that will help to reduce the number of homeless in our community.

