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Sault Ste. Marie District

Point-in-Time Count 2024

HOMELESSNESS SNAPSHOT

Sault Ste. Marie's Fourth Point-in-Time Count was held on October 15, 2024 from 1 PM to 9 PM



421
The total number of homelessness individuals counted



The 2024 PiT Count followed a familiar format, with both an enumeration and a survey.

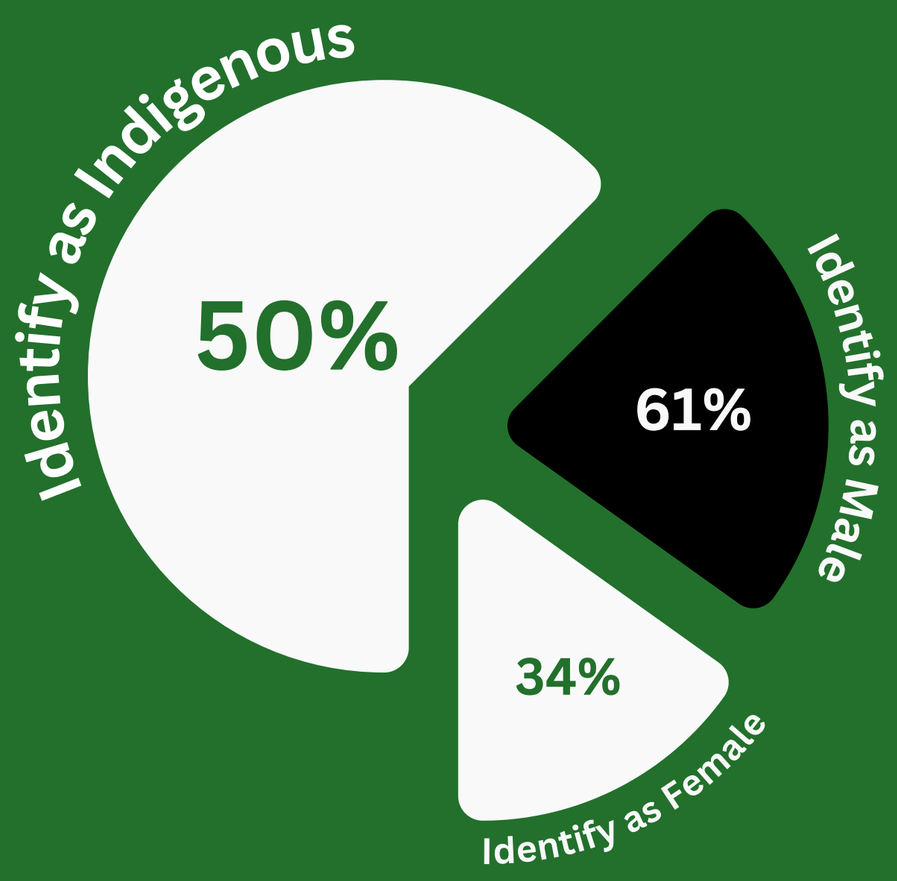
The enumeration gave us a one-night snapshot of homelessness in our community by counting individuals in shelters, transitional housing, and outdoor locations.

The survey went deeper, helping us understand the stories behind the numbers — including demographics, causes of homelessness, and service needs.

Together, they paint a fuller picture and help guide better, more informed support for those experiencing homelessness.



OF THOSE SURVEYED



Sault Ste. Marie changed their count methodology in 2024 to include Encampments.



Our survey captured 16 individuals residing in encampments.

An encampment is a place where people experiencing homelessness set up temporary shelter, often using tents or makeshift structures, typically in parks, wooded areas, or other outdoor spaces.

68 % OF THOSE SURVEYED ARE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

Chronically homeless means someone has been homeless for six months or more





Unsheltered +123

In Shelter +65

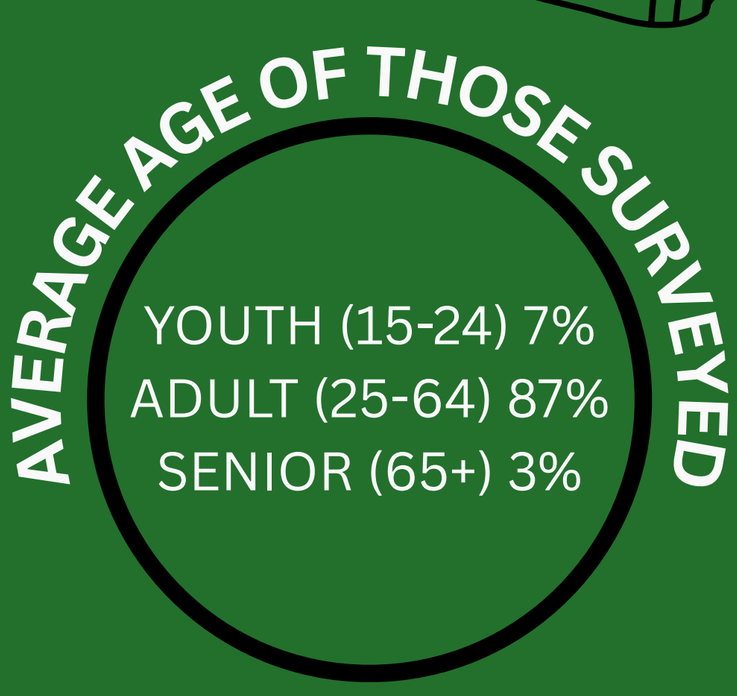
Systems +60

Encampment +16

Vehicle -3

Hotel/Motel -13

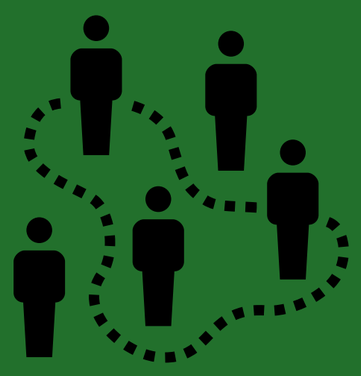
Someone Else's Place -76



Out of the 421 individuals reported as homeless, 197 people completed the survey



Two "Magnet Events" were held this year; a lunch at the Indigenous Friendship Centre (IFC) and a Sacred Fire at the Soup Kitchen. These events provided additional opportunity for volunteers to conduct surveys with the attendees of the events.



3%

Of those surveyed disclosed they are Veterans.

Where are you staying?

ENCAMPMENT 16	SYSTEMS 115	HOTEL/MOTEL 7
UNSHELTERED 157	SHELTER 107	
VEHICLE 1	SOMEONE'S PLACE 18	



Contributing Factors



71 % - Substance Abuse

70 % - Mental Health

40 % - Illness/Medical

31 % - Physical Mobility

29 % - Acquired Brain Injury

43 % - Learning, Intellectual/Development or, Cognitive Function

The 2024 Point-in-Time Count wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support of our amazing community partners:

- Algoma Treatment and Remand Centre
- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Indigenous Friendship Centre
- John Howard Society
- Algoma Community Legal Clinic
- Niigaaniin - Mamaweswen, North Shore Tribal Council
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services
- Pauline's Place
- Sault Area Hospital
- Women In Crisis



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