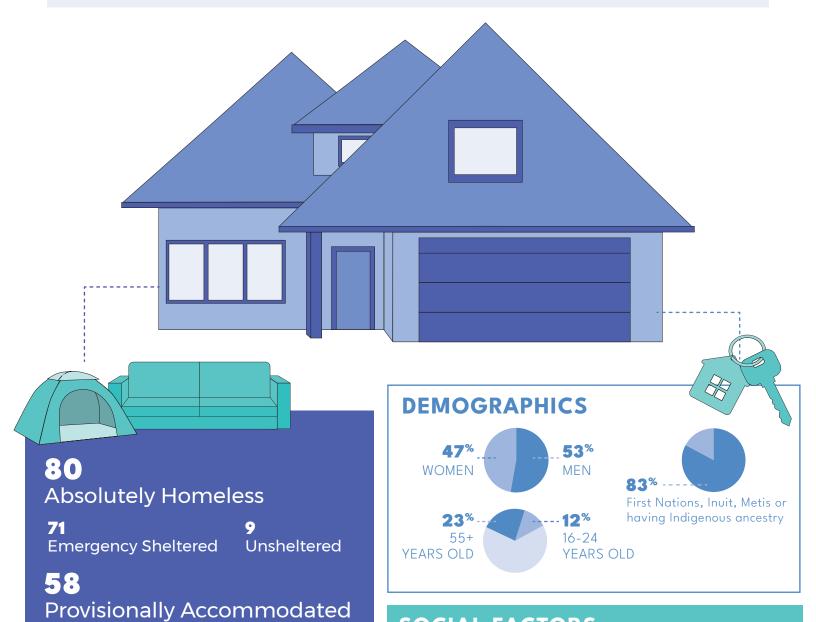
# POINT IN TIME COUNT 2024 KEY FINDINGS 2024

At least 145 people experienced homelessness on the night of October 22, 2024.



## **SOCIAL FACTORS**



reported having a mental health



53%
have not completed high school



14.% had employment (full time, part-time or



reported having a substance use disorder

#### TOP REASONS FOR MOST RECENT HOUSING LOSS



Transitional

Housing

Someone Else's Place

where they were staying

18

Not enough income

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Public Systems

**8** Hotel / Motel

Experienced conflict or abuse from a spouse / partner



Substance use issue

At least 4 of respondents reported having difficulties with one or more of the following: illnesses, physical limitations, acquired brain injuries, or difficulty with seeing or hearing.





7 additional respondents were unsure of



# POINT IN TIME COUNT 2024 CALLS TO ACTION 2024

Homelessness is created and worsened by ineffective policy decisions.

PiT Count results reinforce the urgent need for coordinated, systemic action.

### **MAKE HOMELESSNESS RARE**

Addressing youth homelessness prevents later experiences of homelessness.

**57**%

experienced homelessness for the first time before the age of 20.

43%

had experience in foster care or a youth group home.

#### **ACTIONS**

- Strengthen collaboration between the child welfare, education, and housing systems to prevent young people from falling into homelessness.
- **Centre youth voices in policy decisions**, building on the work of the Territorial Youth Strategy.

#### **ADDRESS UNMET HEALTH NEEDS**

Health and housing are deeply connected.

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of respondents reported one or more of the following health related issues: illness, physical limitation, acquired brain injury, difficulty seeing or hearing, mental health issue, or substance use disorder.

#### **ACTIONS**

- Invest in integrated care models that provide housing, and health supports together and evaluate their fidelity to evidence-based program models such as Housing First.
- Expand availability of a range of housing options for people at all stages of recovery.

### RESOLVE THE PERSISTENT BARRIER: LOW INCOME, HIGH RENT

For the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive count, low income and high rent were the top barriers to housing.

**76**%

of respondents reported social assistance as their source of income.

#### **ACTIONS**

- Invest in non-market housing.
- Strengthen rental assistance and income supports to ensure housing remains within reach for low-income Yukoners.

Homelessness is solvable.
The solutions exist—what's needed is the collective will to act.



