



# WHITEHORSE

April 13th & 14th, 2021

Point-In-Time Count

120 Surveys; 7 Street Routes; 24 Volunteers; 3 Public Systems; 15 Organizations; 1 Magnet Event

## KEY FINDINGS

At Least **151**

people experienced homelessness on the night of April 13th, 2021

### ABSOLUTELY HOMELESS - At least 43

#### 38 Emergency Sheltered\*

38 people stayed at the Whitehorse Emergency Shelter, Kaushee's Place and the Youth Emergency Shelter.

#### 5 Unsheltered\*\*

5 people stayed in an unsheltered location including in a car, public space, or a tent.

\* Actual occupancy rates on the night of April 13th.  
\*\* Estimates based on surveys completed at target locations. Actual counts of unsheltered persons, persons staying in hotels, motels or at someone else's place may be higher than reported here.

### PROVISIONALLY ACCOMMODATED - At least 108

#### 29 Transitional Housing\*

29 people stayed at Betty's Haven including children.

#### 31 Hotel/Motel\*\*

31 people were staying in a hotel/motel on the night of the count.

#### 27 Someone Else's Place\*\*

At least 27 people were couch surfing and staying at a friend's, family member's, or stranger's place temporarily.

#### 21 Public Systems\*

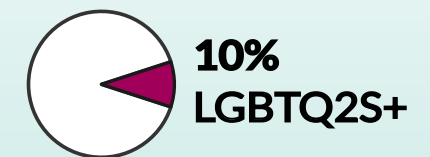
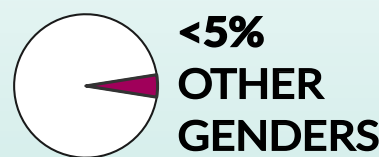
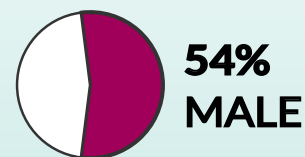
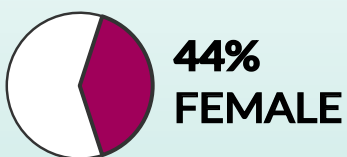
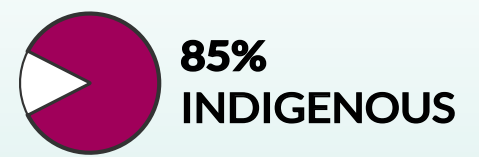
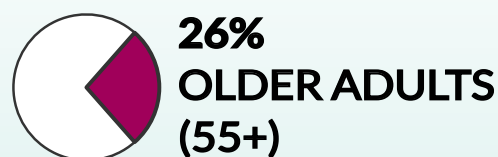
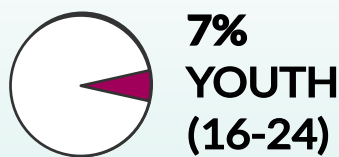
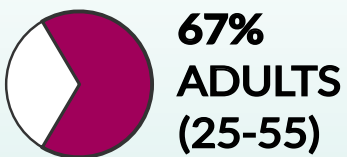
21 people were in institutional settings. This includes Whitehorse General Hospital, Whitehorse Correctional Centre, Withdrawal Management or the Intensive Treatment Program at Mental Health & Substance Use Services.

### CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

**52%** Spent the past 12 months homeless.

**64%** Were homeless for at least a year in the past 3 years.

## DEMOGRAPHICS



## SOCIAL FACTORS

- 41%** had experience in foster care or a group home.
- 51%** experienced homelessness for the first time before the age of 20.
- 19%** reported attending residential school.
- 25%** reported having FASD.
- 47%** reported having a mental health issue.
- 54%** were from a rural Yukon community or the NWT.

## OTHER DATA

### TOP 2 BARRIERS TO FINDING HOUSING

- Affordability
- Discrimination

### TOP 4 SUPPORT NEEDS

- Mental Health & Substance Use
- Physical Disability
- Serious Ongoing Medical Issue
- Brain Injury

### COMMON REASONS FOR HOUSING LOSS

- Landlord/Tenant Conflict
- Substance Use
- Unfit or Unsafe Housing Conditions
- Loss of Income

**13%** reported losing their housing due to the Covid-19 pandemic



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