

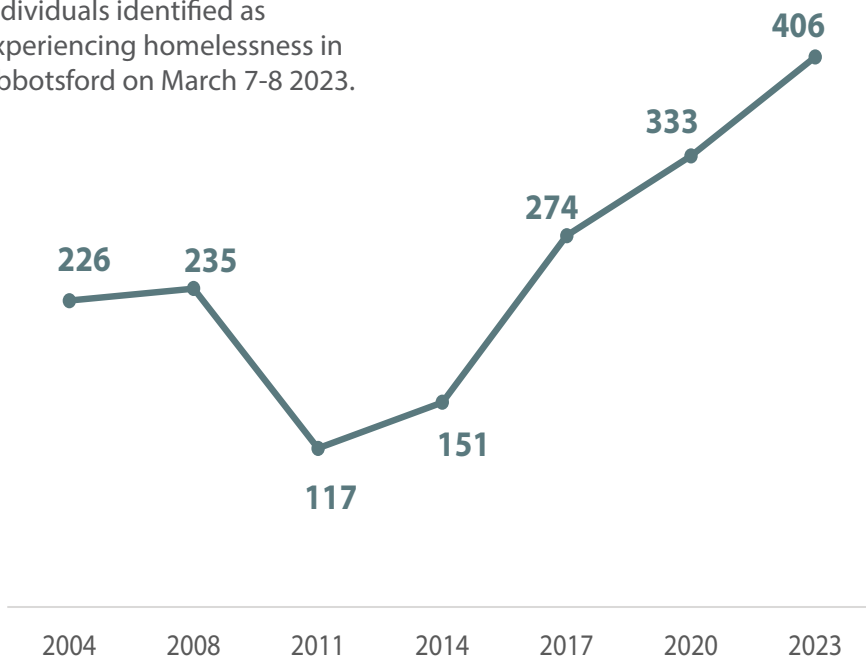
## FVRD 2023 Point-in-Time (PiT) Homeless Count & Survey

Since 2004, communities in the FVRD have worked together to conduct a tri-annual Point-in-Time (PiT) Count and Survey of individuals experiencing homelessness within the region. The results provide critical information about the scope and nature of homelessness which is used to improve supports and services, as well as monitor homelessness prevention strategies.

### ENUMERATION

# 406

individuals identified as experiencing homelessness in Abbotsford on March 7-8 2023.



- 73 additional people or an increase of 22% since 2020.
- Twice as many people experiencing homelessness than shelter beds available
- Increased rates of physical and mental health challenges reported.
- 42% had lived in Abbotsford for more than 10 years.



### OVERNIGHT LOCATIONS

The increase in the number of individuals experiencing homelessness in Abbotsford continues to outpace the increase in emergency shelter beds.



**47%**  
Shelter



**31%**  
Outside



**5%**  
Couch-surfed



**10%**  
Vehicle



**7%**  
Hospital

## WHO IS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?

Abbotsford saw an increase in older populations and fewer children and youth experiencing homelessness.



**3%**

are aged 19 or younger, a decrease from 7% in 2020.



**48%**

of those experiencing homelessness are between the ages of 30-49.



**16%**

aged 60 or older, an increase from 9% in 2020.

**32%**

identified as **Indigenous** compared to 4.5% of the general population.

**27%**

had been in **government care** as a child or youth.



Women are underrepresented in PiT Count data as they are more likely to experience hidden forms of homelessness.



**70%**

Male



**29%**

Female



**1%**

Transgender, two-spirit, non-binary, other.

## HEALTH CHALLENGES

59% reported experiencing at least one health challenge.



**50%**

Addiction or Substance Use

**40%**

Medical Condition

**42%**

Mental Health Issue

**38%**

Physical Disability

**24%**

Acquired Brain Injury

**21%**

Learning Disability

Of those experiencing addiction:

- 11% reported receiving treatment and 36% reported seeking treatment.
- 52% also identified as having a mental health issue.



## DURATION AND CAUSE

**57%**

had experienced homelessness for 2 or more years.

**74%**



4%

<1mth

15%

1-6mnths

7%

7-11mnths

>1yr

**30%**

Housing and financial issues largely related to cost and income.



**35%**

Health Issues including physical, mental, and addiction or substance use.

**31%**

Interpersonal and family issues, largely with spouse or partner.

**54%** of respondents listed two or more reasons for their most recent housing loss.