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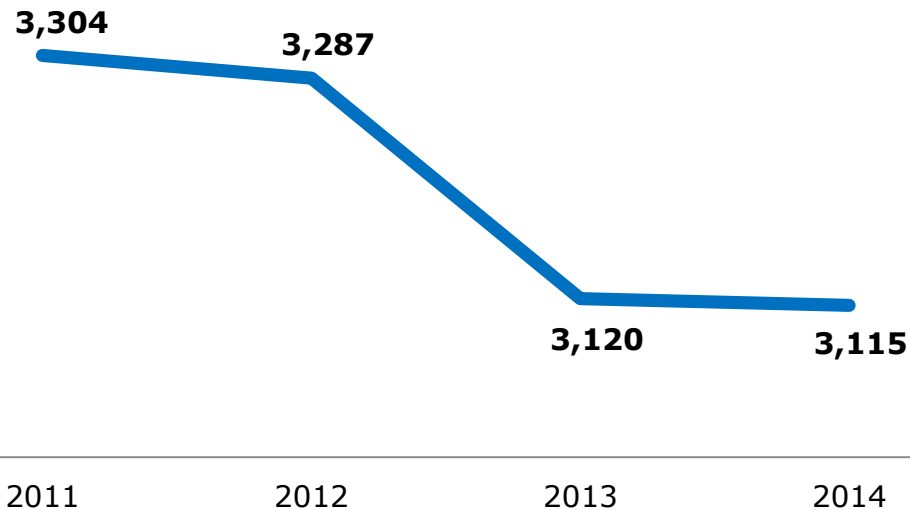
City of Hamilton
20,000 Homes Registry Week
Community Debrief

April 30, 2015

Hamilton Context

- 6 Emergency Shelters
- 235 regular shelter beds and 20 family units
- 20% of renter households pay more than 50% of their gross income on shelter costs
- 5,700 households on the Rent Geared to Income waitlist

**Number of people who stayed at an
Emergency Shelter in Hamilton by year**



20,000 Homes

- Led by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness
- A national movement of communities, mobilizing together to house 20,000 of Canada's most vulnerable people by July 1, 2018 (launching June 2015)

In Hamilton, to support our 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan

- Inspired by the successful 100,000 Homes Campaign in the USA



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Hamilton Registry Week

Over 150 volunteers and professional staff surveyed people without permanent homes using the VI-SPDAT tool on April 26 & 27

- Including those we met on our downtown streets, in our shelters, at drop-in and day programs

Participation was voluntary

Participants received a \$10 Tim Horton's gift card to thank them for their time



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Why did we do it?

- To connect with as many people as possible experiencing homelessness in our City
- To understand the big picture of need in our community and the levels of vulnerability
- To inform planning and prioritization of appropriate responses



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How did we do it?

A collective impact approach!

Aboriginal Health Centre
Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness
City of Hamilton
Community Solutions
Good Shepherd
Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction
Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre
Social Planning & Research Council of Hamilton

Living Rock Ministries
Mission Services
Native Women's Centre
Salvation Army Booth Shelter
St. Matthew's House
The Bridge
Wesley Urban Ministries
YWCA

Funding from the Government of Canada's Homelessness Partnering Strategy

Over 150 volunteers

Over 470 people with lived experience of homelessness



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<https://youtu.be/eLFwdTbGNI>

Results Overview

- 522 interactions
- 454 individuals surveyed
- 15 families surveyed

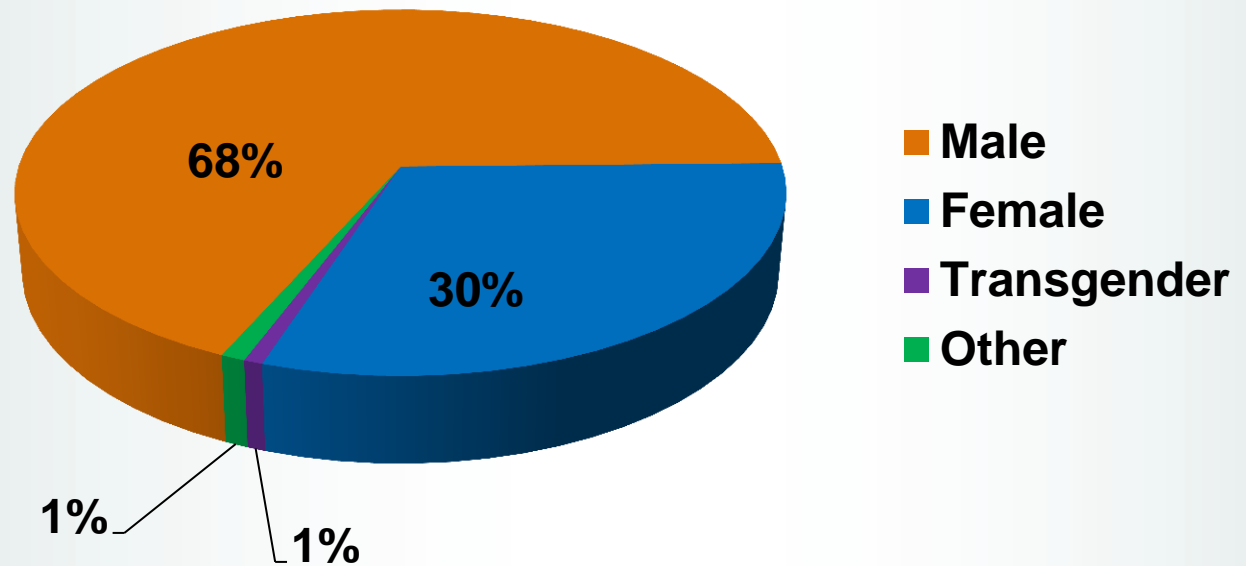
Results presented are for the individuals surveyed and do not include families



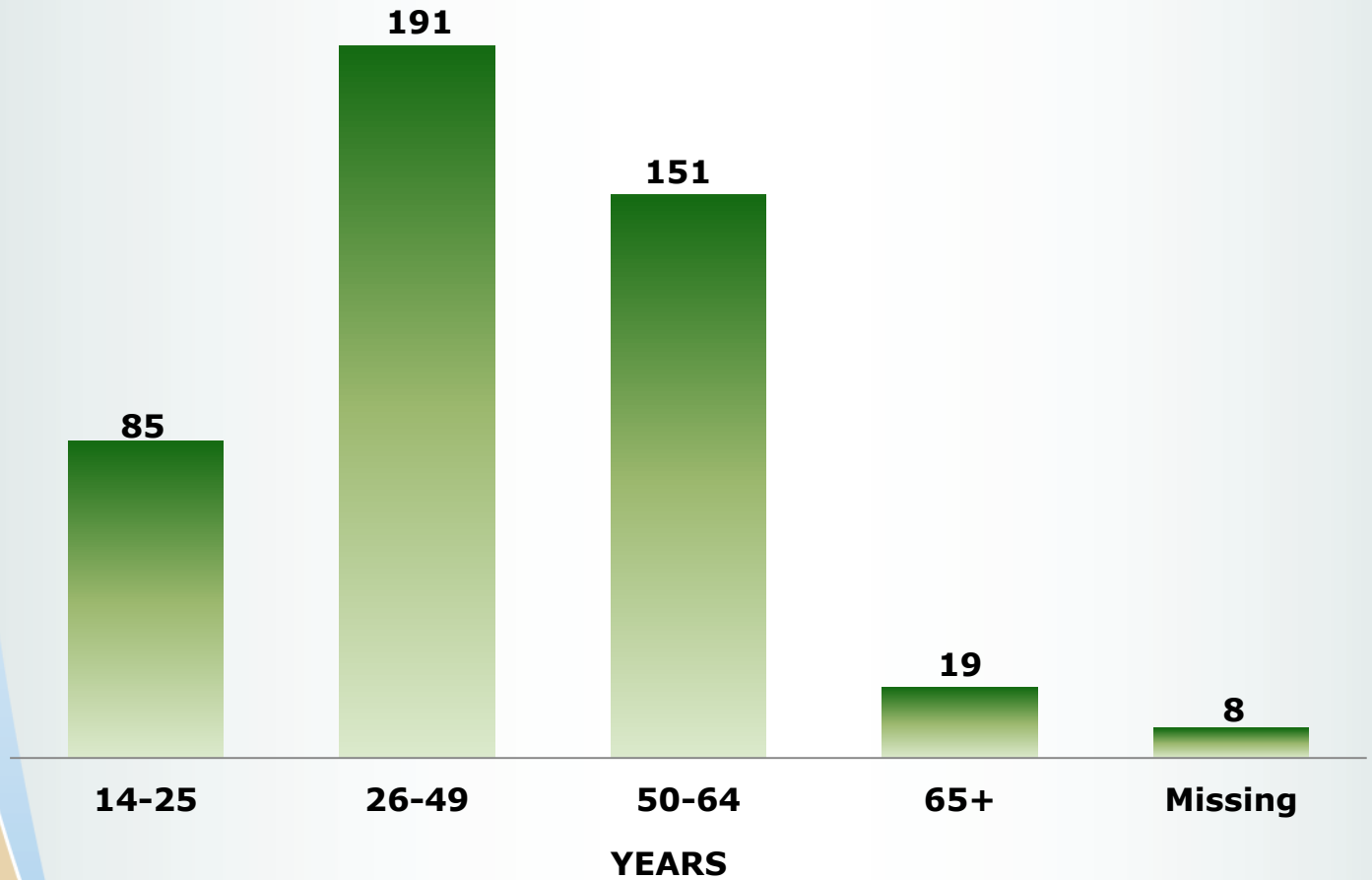
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Gender Analysis



Age Analysis



Notable Populations

116 people (26%) identified as Aboriginal or as having Aboriginal Ancestry (including Métis, Inuit, Indian, Native with or without status)

45 people (10%) identified as an immigrant or refugee

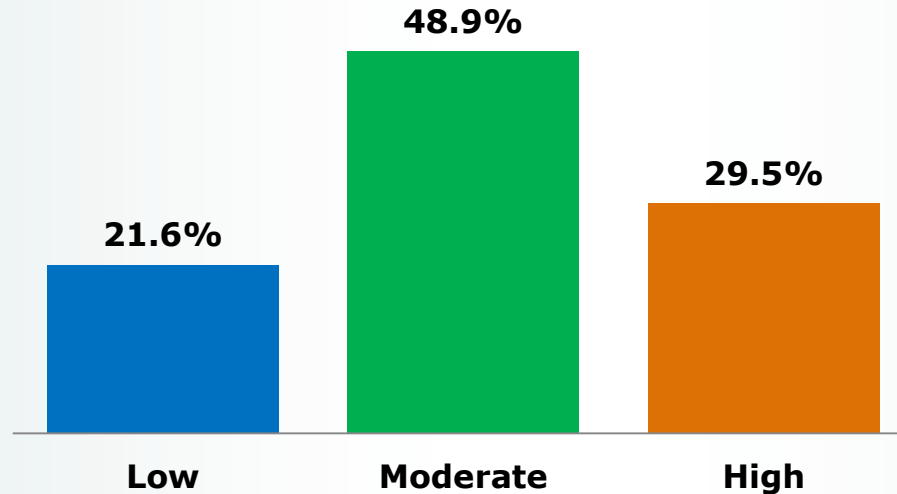
30 people (7%) reported having served in the Canadian Armed Forces



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Severity of Issues & Conditions



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Chronic Homelessness

Average total length of time people have lived on the streets or in shelters is **3 years**

306 people (67%) reported experiencing homelessness for 6 months or longer

- Of those experiencing homelessness for 6 months or longer, **109 people** have severe issues and conditions that impact housing stability



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Health

374 people (82%) reported having a mental health condition

312 people (69%) reported having a serious medical condition

332 people (73%) reported having a substance use condition

216 people (47.6%) reported having co-occurring conditions including substance use **and** a mental health issue **and** a medical condition (tri-morbidity)



Service Use (Health)

266 people visited the ER **994** times in the last 6 months

144 people required an ambulance trip **328** times in the last 6 months

96 people (21%) reported that their primary source of healthcare is the hospital



Health Services Cost Analysis

Total cost of ER visits over the last 6 months ranges from **\$185,878 - \$417,480**

Total cost of ambulance trips over the last 6 months ranges from **\$67,896 - \$114,144**



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Safety & Risks

183 people (40%) reported that they have been attacked or beaten up since becoming homeless

200 people (44%) reported that they have people take or borrow their things or get them to do things they don't want to do



Socialization & Daily Functions

316 people (62%) do not have enough money to meet their expenses on a monthly basis

195 people (43%) do not have planned activities each day other than just surviving that bring happiness and fulfillment



Legal & Criminal Justice

72 people (16%) reported having been in jail or prison in the last 6 months

91 people (20%) reported having to deal with legal issues



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Foster Care

112 people (25%) reported that they had been in foster care

Of the youth surveyed, **32 people (39%)** have been in foster care



Call to Action

121 Permanent Housing placements

National Housing Strategy

Landlord Engagement

Government Relations

System Integration



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Thank you for your interest and ongoing support in ending homelessness in the City of Hamilton

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