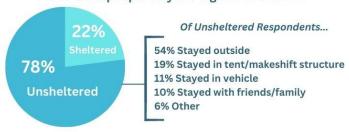
Duncan/Cowichan Valley 2023 Point in Time Homeless Count

The 2023 Point in Time Homeless Count occurred in Duncan/Cowichan Valley on the evening of April 11th and the day of April 12th to help provide an overall snapshot of homelessness in the community.

223

people who completed surveys identified as experiencing homelessness, compared to 129 in 2020

Where did people stay the night of the count?





Experienced homelessness for the first time before the age of 19

44% Experienced homelessness for the first time before the age of 25

Had been in foster care, a youth group home, or under a youth agreement

Indigenous Identity

46% of respondents identified as Indigenous

73%

of those who identified as Indigenous had a family history of attending residential school



43%

of all surveyed individuals had a family history of attending residential schools

Gender Identity





Man





Sexual Orientation

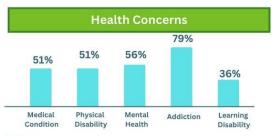


Identified as 2SLGBTOIA+









Reported having 2 or more health concerns
Reported having 3 or more health concerns
Reported having an acquired traumatic brain injury

Length of Time Experiencing Homelessness









Length of Time Living in the Community

38% Have always been in the community

Of those who've moved here...

86% Have been in the community for 1 year or more
66% Have been in the community for 5 years or more

Top Reasons for Housing Loss

37% Not Enough Income

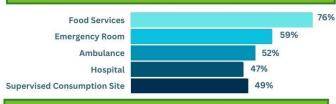
31% Substance Use 22% Conflict w/ landlord 16% Conflict w/ Spouse 15% Experienced Abuse

Income



40% had 2 or more sources of income

Percentage of People who Accessed Specific Services



Top 3 Barriers to Accessing Services

Discrimination and stigma

Lack of adequate shelter and housing

Lack of Transportation