



HOMELESSNESS in CBRM

a service-based approach

one month

Homelessness in the CBRM is hidden. To gain a better understanding of homelessness locally, service providers who work with clients at risk of homelessness participated in a research study. The study used a service-based approach to understand homelessness.

April	4	51	278
2018	weeks	organizations/ departments	people identified as experiencing homelessness

Service Sectors

- housing, transitional housing & shelters
- income & employment services
- community based agencies
- education
- justice
- health

Absolute Homelessness

people who are staying outside or in places not fit for human habitation, or using emergency homeless shelter



17%

Unsheltered

of people were unsheltered: staying in a public space, sleeping in a car or not knowing where they would sleep that night



18%

Emergency Shelters

of people were staying in an emergency homeless shelter or women's shelter

Provisionally Accommodated

people temporarily accommodated by an organization, lack secure housing, or are staying at someone else's place i.e. couch surfing

Transitional Housing



11%

of people were staying in transitional housing (hotel, motel or boarding house)

Another's Home



23%

of people lacked secure housing and were living temporarily with others (couch surfing with friends, family or strangers)

Transitional Residential Centres & Institutions



26%

of people were temporarily housed in an addiction centre, half-way house, correctional facility or hospital

Key Findings



72%

of people were single, separated, or divorced



2%

were young dependants



42%

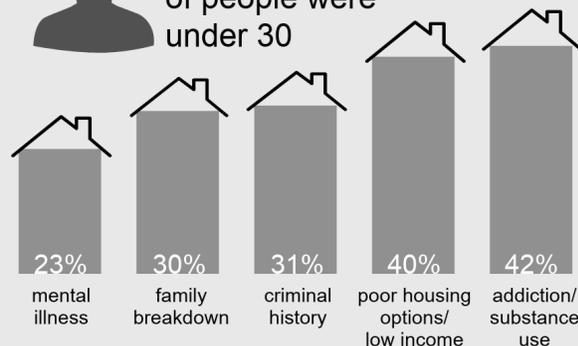
of people were under 30

39% were female

55% were male



most support services were located in **Sydney**



Barriers to finding permanent housing

(people can be affected by more than one barrier)

The 2018 Affordable Housing and Homelessness Working Group: Cape Breton Community Housing Association, Nova Scotia Health Authority, Cape Breton University, Community Advisory Board on Homelessness, Cape Breton Regional Municipality, Cape Breton Regional Police Services, Government of Nova Scotia – Department of Community Services and Housing Nova Scotia

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