Prince Albert
Everyone Counts 2022

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The 2022 Point-in-Time Count took place in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada. Prince Albert is situated on Treaty 6 territory.

These are the traditional and ancestral territories of the Cree, Saulteaux, Dene, Dakota, Lakota, Nakota, and Metis Nations.
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“Homelessness is not a choice, but rather a journey that many find themselves in.”
Asa Don Brown
The 2022 Prince Albert Point-in-Time Count is supported through the Government of Canada’s Reaching Home: Canada’s Homelessness Strategy, as administered in Prince Albert by River Bank Development Corporation. As part of Canada’s Reaching Home directives, a point-in-time count must be conducted every two years. In 2021, River Bank Development Corporation conducted a light count due to covid restrictions. Reaching Homes, therefore, required a total count to be completed in 2022.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Between March 24 and March 25, 2022, trained staff from the homeless serving sector, alongside service agencies and community partners, participated in Prince Albert Point-in-Time Count. The 2022 Point-in-Time counted at least 120 individuals who were experiencing homelessness. Staff surveyed 120 individuals regarding their invaluable ser of demographics, historical information, length of time homeless and their needs. The information collected during the Point-in-Time count helps inform the strategic direction of decision-makers, planners, and services providers to prevent, reduce and develop programs and services to end homelessness.
KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Point-in-Time Count
March 24, 2022 - Prince Albert, SK

120 Individuals reported being homeless
119 Of respondents identified as Indigenous
97 Of respondents were between the age of 16 - 49
20 Children under the age of 16 were reported homeless with a parent

Where did people sleep?
Sheltered: 63 individuals
Unsheltered: 57 individuals

Homelessness on the Rise
Prince Albert saw a major increase compared to the previous PIT Count in 2021 which enumerated 97 people.

People sleeping unsheltered doubled in one year
- 26 individuals in 2021
- 57 individuals in 2022

AGE
- 26.5% Under 18
- 6.6% 19 - 24
- 40.6% 25 - 39
- 24.6% 40 - 54
- 1.9% 55 +

Foster Care
55.2% Of individuals reported spending time in a foster home

INCOME
- 41.9% reported receiving provincial benefits
- 45.4% reported no income

GENDER
- Male: 53.2%
- Female: 41.1%
- Two-Spirited: 4.7%

HISTORY
- 2016 - 106 individuals homeless
- 2017 - 77 individuals homeless
- 2018 - 97 individuals homeless
- 2019 - 120 individuals homeless

Many thanks to all the local volunteers, community organizations, and participants that made this event possible.
Homelessness is a widespread social concern throughout Canada. In preparation for the 2022 Point-in-Time count, RBDC enlisted the services of several community agencies that work with the homeless community in Prince Albert. The Prince Albert Coordinated Access system is comprised of a network of agencies dedicated to providing services to those experiencing homelessness, such as emergency shelter providers, Indigenous Governments, institutional services (corrections & health), housing service providers and social services.

Definitions and interpretations of homelessness may vary; the description used for RBDC’s 2022 Point-in-Time Count is presented here:

- **Homelessness** – “Homelessness is the situation of an individual or family who does not have a permanent address or residence; the living situation of an individual or family who does not have stable, permanent, appropriate housing or the immediate prospect, means, and ability to acquire it. It is often the result of what is known as systemic or societal barriers, including a lack of affordable and appropriate housing, the individual/household’s financial, mental, cognitive, behavioral or physical challenges, and or racism and discrimination.” – Reaching Home, 2021.

Understanding the complexity of homelessness and the specific community needs is imperative to combating homelessness. Comprehensive information allows for target resource allocation, policy development, and program creation. The Point-in-Time Count is one resource that the Government of Canada utilizes to gain insight into homelessness issues.
WHAT IS A POINT IN TIME COUNT?

A Point-in-Time (PiT) is an enumeration method that seeks to identify the number of people experiencing homelessness on a single night at a specific point in time. PiT Count is required by all Reaching Home Communities under Canada’s National Homelessness Strategy and is conducted every two years before April 30. The two primary components of the event are;

1. To count (enumerate) the number of individuals experiencing homelessness on a single night; and
2. To administer a survey to the homeless population to better understand their stories, experiences, and needs

All communities use a similar PiT approach which includes a core set of survey questions. A consistent methodology is encouraged and helps guide communities to collect data unbiased and non-judgmental. Information gathered through the PiT is anonymous and cannot be traced back to the respondents.

Prince Albert’s PiT Count methodology followed the national guidelines for conducting a PiT Count during the COVID-19 pandemic. Prince Albert conducted the surveys and enumerated them from March 24 to March 25, 2022. All enumeration data was pulled and confirmed with emergency shelter or institutional staff for the night of March 24, 2022. The PiT Count was modified due to new COVID-19 strains and did not include any significant magnet events or a Registry Week.
METHODOLOGY

DATA COLLECTION

RBDC utilized trained staff from several service agencies within Prince Albert. As part of this process, all staff signed confidentiality agreements to ensure the confidentiality of participants.

The PiT team did enumeration through paper copies, and the PiT coordinator entered the data into HIFIS lite, which was then exported to Employment and Social Development Canada (EDSC).

- **Homeless Hot-Spotting** – Community partners and Prince Albert Police Service observed homeless locations several evenings before the count, which helped identify suitable areas for our unsheltered count.
- **Unsheltered Count** – On March 24, 2022, between 7 pm and 12 am, four enumeration teams drove/canvased in Prince Albert and approached individuals on the street to request their participation in the count. In total, 57 individuals identified as homeless, 45 surveys and 12 observed (see appendices)
- **Sheltered Count** – Between 6 pm on March 24, 2022, and 5 pm on March 25, 2022, seven human service agencies within Prince Albert conducted enumeration surveys with clients staying in their facilities (voluntarily or mandated). In total, 63 individuals identified as homeless and were enumerated. (see appendices)
- **Observed Homeless count** – In alignment with the unsheltered count, four teams canvased the city, making observations of people experiencing homelessness. Four teams observed a total of 12 individuals that were homeless. (see appendices)
DEFINITIONS

- **Chronically Homeless** – refers to individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness AND who meet at least one of the following criteria:
  They have a total of at least six months (180 days) of homelessness over the past year, **OR** they have recurrent experiences of homelessness over the past three years, with a cumulative duration of at least 18 months (546 days).

- **Emergency Sheltered** - refers to people who cannot secure permanent housing and are accessing emergency shelter and system support.

- **Hidden Homeless** – refers specifically to people who live “temporarily with others but without guarantee of continued residency or immediate prospects for accessing permanent housing.” Often known as "couch surfing," this describes people staying with relatives, friends, neighbors, or strangers because they have no other option. They generally are not paying rent, and it is not a sustainable long-term living arrangement, but they cannot secure their permanent housing immediately or in the near future. This population is considered "hidden" because they usually do not access homeless supports and services even though they are improperly or inadequately housed. Because they do not access services, they do not show up on standard statistics regarding homelessness.

- **Reaching Home** - Reaching Home is a community-based program aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness by providing direct support and funding to Designated Communities (urban centers), Indigenous communities, territorial communities, and rural and remote communities across Canada (Government of Canada).

- **Unsheltered** – This includes people who lack housing and are not accessing emergency accommodation shelters.
DATA LIMITATIONS

Due to the transient and dynamic nature of homelessness, the PiT Count methodology could not capture everyone experiencing homelessness in Prince Albert. The PiT Count should be viewed as an estimated minimum number of people experiencing homelessness on a given night. The following factors should be considered:

1. **Self-Reported data** – The PiT relies on information provided by participants, which may impact the accuracy of the data. Individuals experiencing homelessness have the right to choose which information they provide to surveyors. Participants may choose to modify the information they are sharing, which can skew results.

2. **Hard to Reach Populations** – Several subgroups are included in the homeless population that is often more difficult to connect with. They are vulnerable populations such as Indigenous individuals, women fleeing violence, and LGBTQS+ individuals. These groups are often overrepresented in homelessness but underrepresented in data collection.

3. **Inconsistent Data & Surveyor Errors** – Prince Albert completed our PiT with paper surveys. Due to the nature of being on the streets and participants answering rapidly, often, information may have been missed. A surveyor thought they had completed the survey in several instances, but some responses were blank.

4. **HIFIS Lite Entry Errors** – HIFIS Lite is the data entry system used to enter survey information and export it to ESDC. As with many technological systems and data entry, we can assume some entry errors may occur.
REFERENCES


Howell, B (2022). *Personal communication*. Prince Albert, SK. Riverbank Development Corporation


**APPENDICES**

**UNSHELTERED TALLY SHEET**

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**Instructions**: For those who are *not surveyed*, please fill in the sheet below indicating the reason. For those who DECLINE or are OBSERVED only, but who are clearly experiencing homelessness, please also indicate the reason you believe they are homeless (e.g., asleep outside with belongings).
**UNSHELTERED SURVEY [OVERNIGHT]**

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**C. [Surveyor: Indicate overnight location]**

- a. DECLINE TO ANSWER [THANK & END SURVEY]
- b. OWN APARTMENT / HOUSE
- c. SOMEONE ELSE’S PLACE [BEGIN SURVEY]
- d. MOTEL/HOTEL (SELF-FUNDED)
- e. HOSPITAL
- f. TREATMENT CENTRE
- g. JAIL, PRISON, REMAND CENTRE
- h. HOMELESS SHELTER (EMERGENCY, FAMILY OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER)
- i. HOTEL/MOTEL (FUNDED BY CITY OR HOMELESS PROGRAM)
- j. TRANSITIONAL SHELTER/HOUSING
- k. UNSHELTERED IN A PUBLIC SPACE (E.G. STREET, PARK, BUS SHELTER, FOREST OR ABANDONED BUILDING)
- l. ENCAMPMENT (E.G. GROUP OF TENTS, MAKESHIFT SHELTERS OR OTHER LONG-TERM OUTDOOR SETTLEMENT)
- m. VEHICLE (CAR, VAN, RV, TRUCK, BOAT)
- n. UNSURE: INDICATE PROBABLE LOCATION (b. - m.)

**BEGIN SURVEY**

1. **Do you have family members or anyone else who is staying with you tonight?** [Indicate survey number for partners. Check all that apply]

   - NONE
   - PARTNER - Survey #:
   - CHILD(REN)/DEPENDENT(S) [indicate gender and age for each]

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2. **How old are you? [OR] What year were you born?** [If unsure, ask for best estimate]

   - AGE OR YEAR BORN
   - DON’T KNOW
   - DECLINE TO ANSWER

   For this survey, “homelessness” means any time when you have been without a permanent and secureplace to live, including sleeping in shelters, on the streets, or living temporarily with others without having your own permanent housing (e.g. couch surfing).

3. **How old were you the first time you experienced homelessness?**

   - AGE
   - DON’T KNOW
   - DECLINE TO ANSWER

4. **In total, for how much time have you experienced homelessness over the PAST YEAR (the last 12months)?** [Does not need to be exact. Best estimate.]

   - LENGTH DAYS | WEEKS | MONTHS
   - DON’T KNOW
   - DECLINE TO ANSWER
5. Have you stayed in a homeless shelter in the past year? For example, *(COMMUNITY NOTE: Include examples of emergency shelters and extreme weather shelters for interviewers to provide).*

○ YES  ○ NO  ○ DON'T KNOW  ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER

6. Did you come to Canada as an immigrant, refugee or a refugee claimant (i.e. applied for refugee status after coming to Canada)?

○ YES, IMMIGRANT  ○ YES, REFUGEE  ○ YES, REFUGEE CLAIMANT  ○ NO  ○ DON'T KNOW  ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER

If YES: How long have you been in Canada?

○ LENGTH: _______ DAYS | WEEKS | MONTHS | YEARS  ○ OR DATE: / / DAY / MONTH / YEAR  ○ DON'T KNOW  ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER

7. How long have you been in *(community name)*?

○ LENGTH _______ DAYS / WEEKS / MONTHS / YEARS  ○ ALWAYS BEEN HERE  ○ DON'T KNOW  ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER

Where did you live before you came here?  ○ CITY: __________________ | PROVINCE/TERRITORY/COUNTRY: ______________

8a. Do you identify as First Nations (with or without status), Métis, or Inuit, or do you have North American Indigenous ancestry? [If yes, please specify] *(COMMUNITY NOTE: The wording of this question can be adapted to what makes sense in your community, for example by listing specific First Nations)*

○ YES, FIRST NATIONS  ○ YES, MÉTIS  ○ YES, INUIT  ○ YES, INDIGENOUS ANCESTRY  ○ NO  ○ DON'T KNOW  ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER

8b. In addition to your response in the question above, do you identify with any of the racial identities listed below? [Show or Read list. Select all that apply]

- ARAB (e.g., Syrian, Egyptian, Yemeni)
- ASIAN-EAST (e.g., Chinese, Korean, Japanese)
- ASIAN- SOUTH-EAST (e.g., Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Malaysian, Laotian)
- ASIAN-SOUTH OR INDO-CARIBBEAN (e.g., Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Indo-Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian)
- ASIAN-WEST (e.g., Iranian, Afghan)
- BLACK-CANADIAN/AMERICAN
- BLACK-AFRICAN (e.g., Ghanaian, Ethiopian, Nigerian)
- BLACK-AFRO-CARIBBEAN OR AFRO-LATINX (e.g., Jamaican, Haitian, Afro-Brazilian)
- LATIN AMERICAN (e.g., Brazilian, Mexican, Chilean, Cuban)
- WHITE (e.g. European, French, Ukrainian, Euro-Latinx)
- NOT LISTED (PLEASE SPECIFY):
- IDENTIFY AS INDIGENOUS ONLY
- DON'T KNOW
- DECLINE TO ANSWER

9. Have you ever served in the Canadian Military or RCMP? [Military includes Canadian Navy, Army, or Air Force]

○ YES, MILITARY  ○ BOTH MILITARY AND RCMP  ○ DON'T KNOW

○ YES, RCMP  ○ NO  ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER

10. As a child or youth, were you ever in foster care or in a youth group home *(COMMUNITY NOTE: include any other Provincial child welfare programs)*? [Note: This question applies specifically to child welfare programs.]

○ YES  ○ NO  ○ DON'T KNOW  ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER
11. **Do you identify as having any of the following health challenges at this time?**

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12. **What gender do you identify with?** [Show list.]

- MAN
- WOMAN
- TWO-SPRIT
- TRANS MAN
- TRANS WOMAN
- NON-BINARY (GENDERQUEER)
- NOT LISTED:
- DON’T KNOW
- DECLINE TO ANSWER

13. **How do you describe your sexual orientation, for example straight, gay, lesbian?** [Show list.]

- STRAIGHT/HETEROSEXUAL
- GAY
- LESBIAN
- BISEXUAL
- TWO-SPRIT
- PANSEXUAL
- ASEXUAL
- QUESTIONING
- QUEER
- NOT LISTED:
- DON’T KNOW
- DECLINE TO ANSWER

14a. **What happened that caused you to lose your housing most recently?** [Do not read the options. Check all that apply. “Housing” does not include temporary arrangements (e.g., couch surfing) or shelter stays. Follow up for the reason if the respondent says “eviction” or that they “chose to leave”.

- NOT ENOUGH INCOME FOR HOUSING (E.G. LOSS OF BENEFIT, INCOME, OR JOB)
- UNFIT/UNSAFE HOUSING CONDITION
- BUILDING SOLD OR RENNOVATED
- OWNER MOVED IN
- LANDLORD/TENANT CONFLICT
- COMPLAINT [E.G. PETS/NOISE/DAMAGE]
- LEFT THE COMMUNITY/RELOCATED
- OTHER REASON: ____________________________

14b. **Was your most recent housing loss related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

- YES
- NO
- DON’T KNOW
- DECLINE TO ANSWER

14c. **How long ago did that happen (that you lost your housing most recently)?** (Best estimate)

- LENGTH ___________ DAYS | WEEKS | MONTHS | YEARS
- DON’T KNOW
- DECLINE TO ANSWER
15. **What are your sources of income?** [Reminder that this survey is anonymous. **Read list** and check all that apply]

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C. [Surveyor: Indicate overnight location]
   h. HOMELESS SHELTER (EMERGENCY, FAMILY OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER)
   i. HOTEL/MOTEL (FUNDED BY CITY OR HOMELESS PROGRAM)
   j. TRANSITIONAL SHELTER/HOUSING

BEGIN SURVEY

1. Do you have family members or anyone else who is staying with you tonight? [Indicate survey numbers for partners. Check all that apply]
   □ NONE
   □ PARTNER - Survey #:
   □ CHILD(REN)/DEPENDENT(S)  [indicate gender and age for each]

2. How old are you? [OR] What year were you born? [If unsure, ask for best estimate]
   ○ AGE ______ OR YEAR BORN ________  □ DON’T KNOW  □ DECLINE TO ANSWER

→ For this survey, “homelessness” means any time when you have been without a permanent and secure place to live, including sleeping in shelters, on the streets, or living temporarily with others without having your own permanent housing (e.g. couch surfing).

3. How old were you the first time you experienced homelessness?
   ○ AGE ________  □ DON’T KNOW  □ DECLINE TO ANSWER

4. In total, for how much time have you experienced homelessness over the PAST YEAR (the last 12 months)? [Does not need to be exact. Best estimate.]
   ○ LENGTH _________ DAYS | WEEKS | MONTHS  □ DON’T KNOW  □ DECLINE TO ANSWER

5. Have you stayed in a homeless shelter in the past year? For example, (COMMUNITY NOTE: Include examples of emergency shelters and extreme weather shelters for interviewers to provide).
   ○ YES  □ NO  □ DON’T KNOW  □ DECLINE TO ANSWER

6. Did you come to Canada as an immigrant, refugee or a refugee claimant (i.e. applied for refugee status after coming to Canada)?
   ○ YES, IMMIGRANT --------->  □ IF YES: How long have you been in Canada?
   ○ YES, REFUGEE --------->
   ○ YES, REFUGEE CLAIMANT --------->
   ○ NO
   ○ DON’T KNOW
   ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER

7. How long have you been in (community name)?
   ○ LENGTH _______ DAYS / WEEKS / MONTHS / YEARS-------->
   ○ ALWAYS BEEN HERE
   ○ DON’T KNOW
   ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER

Where did you live before you came here?
   ○ COMMUNITY ___________ PROVINCE _____
   ○ OR COUNTRY ___________________________
   ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER
8a. Do you identify as First Nations (with or without status), Métis, or Inuit, or do you have North American Indigenous ancestry? [If yes, please specify] (COMMUNITY NOTE: The wording of this question can be adapted to what makes sense in your community, for example by listing specific First Nations)

○ YES, FIRST NATIONS ○ YES, MÉTIS ○ NO ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER
○ YES, INUIT ○ YES, INDIGENOUS ANCESTRY ○ DON’T KNOW

8b. In addition to your response in the question above, do you identify with any of the racial identities listed below? [Show or Read list. Select all that apply]

☐ ARAB (e.g., Syrian, Egyptian, Yemeni)
☐ ASIAN-EAST (e.g., Chinese, Korean, Japanese)
☐ ASIAN- SOUTH-EAST (e.g., Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Malaysian, Laotian)
☐ ASIAN-SOUTH OR INDO-CARIBBEAN (e.g., Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Indo-Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian)
☐ ASIAN-WEST (e.g., Iranian, Afghan)
☐ BLACK-CANADIAN/AMERICAN
☐ BLACK-AFRICAN (e.g., Ghanaian, Ethiopian, Nigerian)
☐ BLACK-AFRO-CARIBBEAN OR AFRO-LATINX (e.g., Jamaican, Haitian, Afro-Brazilian)
☐ LATIN AMERICAN (e.g., Brazilian, Mexican, Chilean, Cuban)
☐ WHITE (e.g. European, French, Ukrainian, Euro-Latinx)
☐ NOT LISTED (PLEASE SPECIFY):
☐ IDENTIFY AS INDIGENOUS ONLY
☐ DON’T KNOW
☐ DECLINE TO ANSWER

9. Have you ever served in the Canadian Military or RCMP? [Military includes Canadian Navy, Army, or Air Force]

○ YES, MILITARY ○ BOTH MILITARY AND RCMP ○ DON’T KNOW
○ YES, RCMP ○ NO ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER

10. As a child or youth, were you ever in foster care or in a youth group home (COMMUNITY NOTE: includeany other Provincial child welfare programs)? [Note: This question applies specifically to child welfare programs.]

○ YES ○ NO ○ DON’T KNOW ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER

11. Do you identify as having any of the following health challenges at this time:

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<td>ILLNESS OR MEDICAL CONDITION [e.g. diabetes, arthritis, TB, HIV]</td>
<td>○ YES ○ NO ○ DON’T KNOW ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER</td>
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<td>PHYSICAL LIMITATION [e.g. challenges with mobility, physical abilities or dexterity]</td>
<td>○ YES ○ NO ○ DON’T KNOW ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER</td>
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<td>LEARNING OR COGNITIVE LIMITATIONS [e.g. dyslexia, autism spectrum disorder, or as a result of ADHD or an acquired brain injury]</td>
<td>○ YES ○ NO ○ DON’T KNOW ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER</td>
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<td>MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE [diagnosed/undiagnosed] [e.g. depression, Post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), bipolar disorder]</td>
<td>○ YES ○ NO ○ DON’T KNOW ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER</td>
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<td>SUBSTANCE USE ISSUE [e.g. tobacco, alcohol, opiates]</td>
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12. What gender do you identify with? [Show list.]

○ MAN ○ TRANS WOMAN ○ NOT LISTED: ________
○ WOMAN ○ TRANS MAN ○ DON’T KNOW
○ TWO-SPRIT ○ NON-BINARY (GENDERQUEER) ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER

13. How do you describe your sexual orientation, for example straight, gay, lesbian? [Show list.]

○ STRAIGHT/HETEROSEXUAL ○ BISEXUAL ○ ASEXUAL ○ NOT LISTED: ________
○ GAY ○ TWO-SPRIT ○ QUESTIONING ○ DON’T KNOW
○ LESBIAN ○ PANSEXUAL ○ QUEER ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER
14a. What happened that caused you to lose your housing most recently?  [Do not read the options. Check all that apply. “Housing” does not include temporary arrangements (e.g., couch surfing) or shelter stays. Follow up for the reason if the respondent says “eviction” or that they “chose to leave.”]

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<td>(E.G. LOSS OF BENEFIT, INCOME, OR JOB)</td>
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<td>□ MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE</td>
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<td>□ CONFLICT WITH: OTHER (__________)</td>
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<td>□ LEFT THE COMMUNITY/RELOCATED</td>
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<td>□ DON’T KNOW</td>
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14b. Was your most recent housing loss related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

○ YES  ○ NO  ○ DON’T KNOW  ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER

14c. How long ago did that happen (that you lost your housing most recently)?  (Best estimate)

○ LENGTH__________DAYS | WEEKS | MONTHS | YEARS  ○ DON’T KNOW  ○ DECLINE TO ANSWER

15. What are your sources of income?  [Reminder that this survey is anonymous. Read list and check all that apply ]

| □ FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT                       | □ EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE                                    | □ CHILD AND FAMILY TAX BENEFITS                             |
| □ PART TIME EMPLOYMENT                       | □ DISABILITY BENEFIT [Name of PROV. DISABILITY BENEFIT]   | □ GST/HST REFUND                                            |
| □ CASUAL EMPLOYMENT (E.G. CONTRACT WORK)     | □ SENIORS BENEFITS (E.G. CPP/OAS/GIS)                     | □ OTHER MONEY FROM A SERVICE AGENCY                        |
| (E.G. BOTTLE RETURNS, PANHANDLING)           | □ VETERAN/VAC BENEFITS                                    | □ NO INCOME                                                |
| □ MONEY FROM FAMILY/FRIENDS                 |                                                             | □ DON’T KNOW                                               |
|                                              |                                                             | □ DECLINE TO ANSWER                                        |