

# Everyone Counts



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY  
OF WOOD BUFFALO

## KEY FINDINGS

- \* **66%** were age **30** to **59** years.
- \* **9%** came to Canada as an immigrant or refugee.
- \* **6%** have experience in the Canadian Armed Forces or RCMP.
- \* **41%** were found in an emergency shelter and 25% in a domestic violence shelter or transitional housing unit.
- \* **60%** were considered chronically homeless because they had been continuously homeless for a year or more or have had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years.



**200** people  
were identified as  
homeless.



The highest  
self-identified gender  
demographic was  
male at **60%**.



**46%**  
self-identified as  
Indigenous or  
having Indigenous  
ancestry.



**31%**  
said they had  
no income.



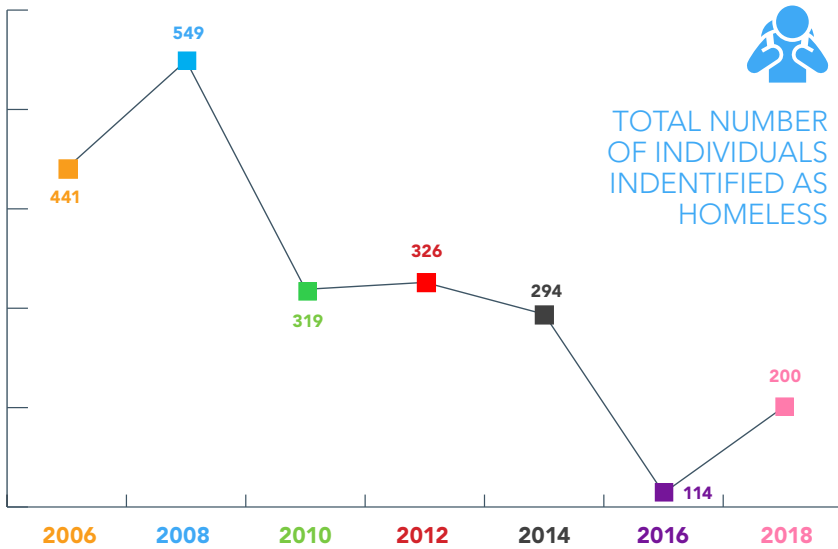
**81%**  
had stayed in  
an emergency  
shelter in the past  
12 months.



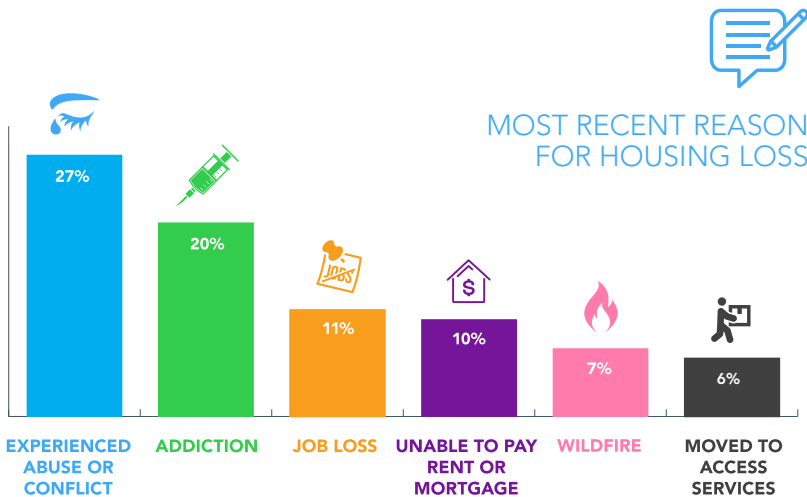
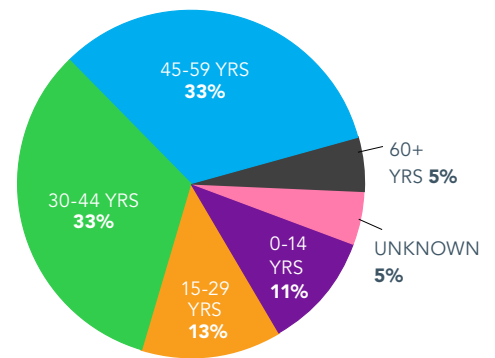
**48%** moved to  
Fort McMurray because  
they had secured or  
were seeking  
employment.

In 2018, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo was contracted to carry out a Point-in-Time (PIT) count in Fort McMurray in partnership with the 7 Cities on Housing and Homelessness (Calgary, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Red Deer and Fort McMurray). This Count was funded by the Federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS).

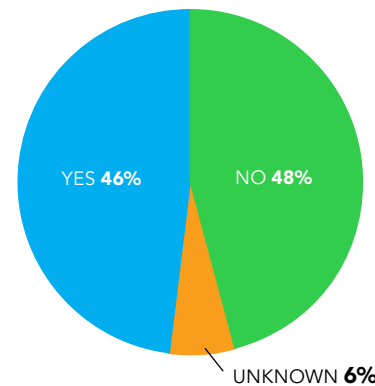
The 2018 PIT Count was conducted on the streets in Fort McMurray on April 11, 2018, from 7 to 11 p.m. An additional count was completed via surveys in facilities serving the homeless population on the evening of April 11 and during the day on April 12.



**AGE RANGES OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS**



**DO YOU IDENTIFY AS INDIGENOUS?**



As a part of the grant agreement with the Homelessness Partnership Strategy, the final data will be submitted to the Government of Canada and will be reported as a part of the national statistics.

PIT Count results will be used as one of the key indicators in evaluating the progress of the Municipality's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness: The Right Thing to Do, analyzing trends locally and provincially, and helping to most effectively align funding resources.