



# GUELPH-WELLINGTON 2021 EVERYONE COUNTS

## Results for YOUTH Participants

The Guelph-Wellington 2021 Everyone Counts count of homelessness was part of a coordinated Canada-wide count of individuals experiencing homelessness on a single night. Guelph-Wellington community partners working in youth-specific homeless services were an integral part of reaching out to youth experiencing homelessness to participate in G-W 2021 Everyone Counts.

### ABOUT YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

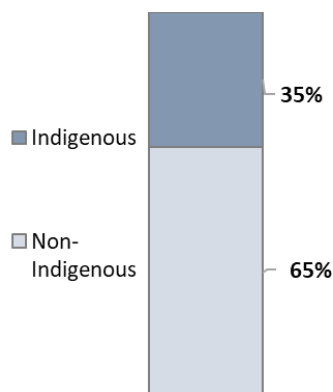
Youth experiencing homelessness have often left home due to family conflict. On their own, they are without the means to support themselves and are vulnerable to exploitation (The Homeless Hub). Recommendations include an upstream focus on prevention, diversion, responding with strong integration of services with transitional and supportive housing options. Without a Home: The National Youth Homelessness Survey.

The following is based on responses of 20 Youth participants of the G-W 2021 Everyone Counts survey

**13%** of survey participants were Youth (16-24 years old) in 2021

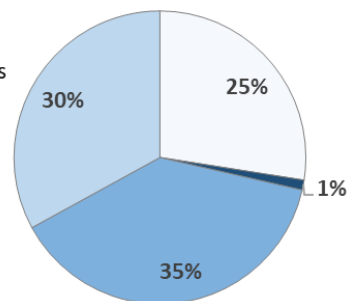
2021 results show there was a lower proportion of youth participants surveyed compared to 2018 (32%).

Youth Participants who identify as Indigenous



Age of Youth Participants

- Under 18 years
- 18-20 years
- 21-22 years
- 23-24 years



### How Youth Participants experienced homelessness on the night of October 20, 2021



### Preliminary Analysis of Results for Youth Participants

There is a notable drop in youth survey participants: 20 (13%) in 2021 compared to 93 (32%) in 2018. Factors influencing this decrease include documented reduction in chronic youth homelessness in Guelph-Wellington: CAEH - Bright Spot: Guelph-Wellington reduces chronic youth homelessness 43% during the pandemic.

**System transformation in Guelph-Wellington since 2018 has included specific youth focused prevention, diversion and wrap-around supports and most recently include the expansion of dedicated supportive housing.**