

2025 POINT IN TIME

HOMELESS COUNT REPORT



HOMELESSNESS AT A GLANCE

645
people counted

Includes individuals staying in emergency shelters or transitional facilities, sleeping outside, or temporarily housed in public institutions such as hospitals or correctional facilities.

ENUMERATION VS SURVEY

The Point-in-Time (PiT) Homeless Count has two parts: a one-night enumeration of people experiencing homelessness and a survey used in some years to gather information about their experiences and needs. The 2025 PiT Count focused on enumeration only. The next enumeration is in Fall of 2026, with a full survey & enumeration planned for 2027.

ENUMERATION CONSIDERATIONS

2025 PiT Count recorded fewer people experiencing homelessness than last year. Agency partners suggest this drop may be linked to encampment cleanups, which push people to set up camps in harder to find areas. Many individuals reportedly had belongings removed, making them less willing to be seen. Lower sheltered rates may be due to milder weather, less shelter capacity due to renovations, and a reduced number of unhoused in transitional housing. These factors show that the PiT Count is only a snapshot in time and may not reflect the full extent of homelessness in the community.

13.6% DECREASE compared to the 2024 count of 747

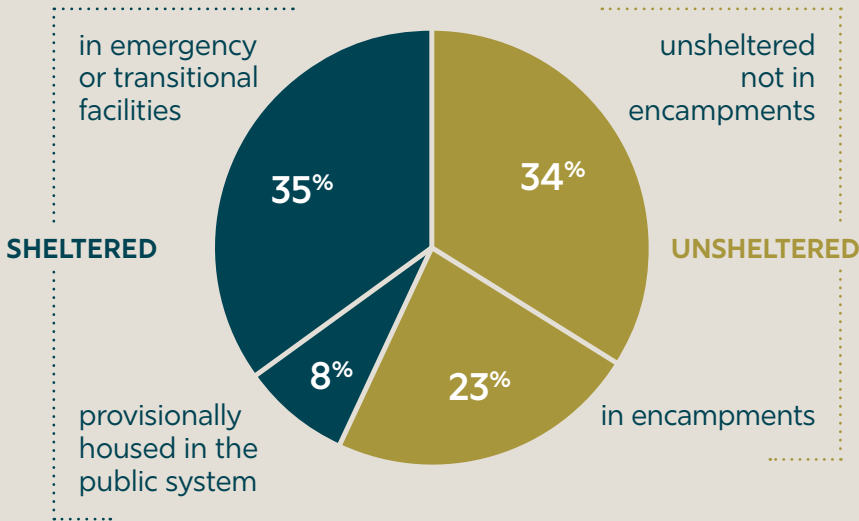
332.9% INCREASE in the last 10 years (149 people in 2016)

WHY ARE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HIDDEN HOMELESSNESS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PIT COUNT?

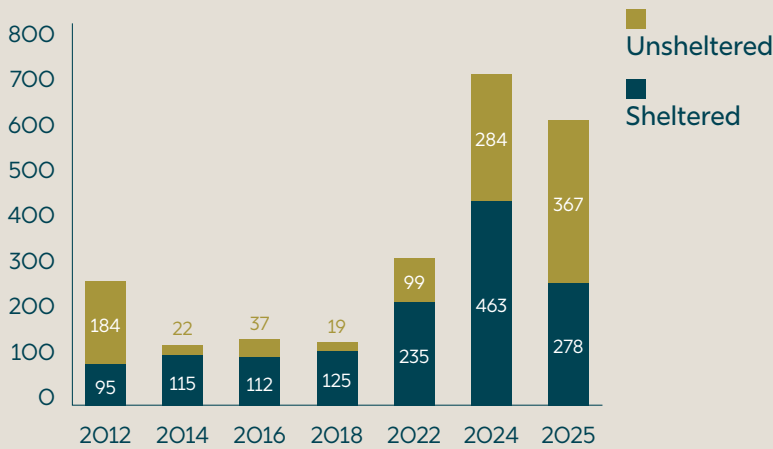
Those experiencing hidden homelessness (e.g., couch-surfing, or temporarily staying in short-term rentals without any security of tenure) are not included in the enumeration because the methodology of a PiT Count is not well suited to accurately measuring the extent of hidden homelessness. Housing, Infrastructure, and Communities Canada (HICC) and Statistics Canada have been working together on an initiative to leverage the Census to measure hidden homelessness and homelessness experiences across the country. These questions will be included in the long-form census in 2026.

Source: Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC)

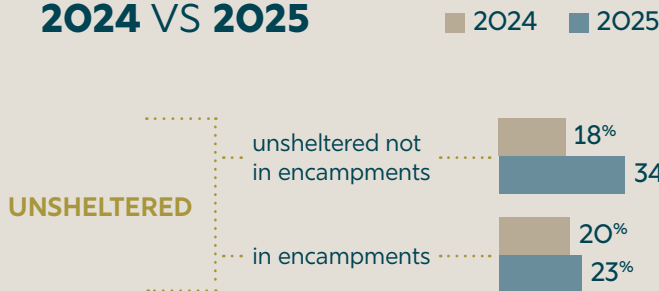
PLACE OF STAY ON NIGHT OF COUNT



SHELTERED VS UNSHELTERED



2024 VS 2025



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- John Howard Society of Red Deer
- McMan Youth, Family & Community Services Association
- Red Deer Dream Centre
- Red Deer Polytechnic Social Work Diploma Program
- Safe Harbour Society for Health & Housing
- Shining Mountains Living Community Services
- The Mustard Seed Red Deer
- The Outreach Centre
- YMCA of Northern Alberta