




2018 Simcoe County Homeless Enumeration Report: **BARRIE**

On April 24-26, 2018, over 800 people participated in a combined Point-in-Time (PiT) Count and Registry Week. These activities serve the purpose of counting and understanding the people who are experiencing homelessness in Simcoe County, and identifying those who wish to be included on a prioritized list for housing and outreach services.


How many? **305** **148** people were experiencing chronic homelessness, having been homeless for at least 180 days of the last year.
 49% of total for Simcoe County

60% male 
40% female 
37% reported having nowhere to live after they left a hospital or correctional facility.  

Reasons for homelessness:

1. Addiction or substance abuse
2. Unable to pay rent or mortgage
3. Conflict with spouse/partner

Over-represented populations
 compared to their prevalence in general population of the city:

1. **SINGLE ADULTS** 
2. **INDIGENOUS** 
3. **YOUTH** 

Demand for Housing Units:
214 



NEXT STEPS:

1. **Educate** city councils and decision makers.
2. **Increase** housing options for people experiencing homelessness.
3. **Increase** primary care, mental health and addiction services, and other supports for street involved and vulnerable populations.
4. **Collaborate** with other key sector partners to discharge people directly into housing with supports.
5. **Convene** youth service providers to develop a youth specific, local approach to ending youth homelessness in Simcoe County.

Our Ask to City Council:

To commit to **championing a Housing First approach to ending homelessness** in our community and upholding **housing as a fundamental human right** as outlined in the Ontario Human Rights Code, by supporting municipal bylaws, policies, and procedures that protect those rights, including **creative planning** and **investments in affordable housing** that include options and choice for marginalized populations.

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