



## **SUPPLEMENTARY ANALYSIS**

**A community survey of people experiencing homelessness  
in Greater Victoria**

**October 2018**



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## Intro to the Supplemental Analysis

This report has been prepared following the release of the 2018 Greater Victoria Point-in-Time Count Community Report as a supplementary analysis of the data collected to support the project.

This is a companion report, to provide additional data and analyses from the 2018 PiT Count, and does not stand alone as its own report: it should be read alongside the 2018 PiT Count Community report for the appropriate context and information about the 2018 PiT Count in Greater Victoria.

## Research Ethics

The Point-in-Time Count involved a research methodology gathering data directly from human participants, asking individuals very personal information about their own lives. The particular information gathered by the PiT Count relates to experiences of homelessness, which in itself may be traumatic, and questions around personal and ancestral history may be even more sensitive. The PiT Count research team deeply appreciates the willingness of participants to trust the team with this sensitive, personal information. As such, it is of utmost importance that confidentiality and privacy of personal information is respected to the highest standard.

The 2018 Greater Victoria PiT Count research was overseen by Dr. Bernie Pauly, RN, who is a Professor at School of Nursing at the University of Victoria, Scientist at the Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR), and Island Health Scholar in Residence. Dr. Pauly assisted with the coordination of a joint research ethics application through the University of Victoria and Island Health, to ensure the research methodology was appropriate and posed no significant risk to participants. The PiT Count methodology ensured that participants were provided the opportunity to provide their voluntary, informed consent to participate.

The BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) sets out the access and privacy rights of individuals as they relate to the public sector. While members of the public have a right to information gathered by a public body, the participants of the PiT Count also have a right to privacy protection.

Any data release of information relating to the PiT Count will ensure that privacy, anonymity, and confidentiality of individuals is maintained. Although names are not recorded as a part of the PiT Count data collection process, due to the personal nature of the information collected, it may be possible to identify individuals through certain types of information.

# Supplementary Analysis

## Question 7. How long have you been in Greater Victoria?

Survey respondents were asked how long they have been in Greater Victoria, and 851 respondents provided an answer to this question. As detailed below, 164 (17% of those who answered) indicated they have “always been here,” and 687 (80.7% of those who answered) provided additional information on the length of time they have been in the region (broken down below).

More complex responses, such as individuals who had grown up in Greater Victoria or previously lived in the region and returned later in life, could not be captured by the nature of this question.

The table below tabulates both the responses and the nonresponses to this question.

| <b>Q7. Amount of time in Greater Victoria</b> |            |
|---|------------|
| <b>Answered</b>                               | <b>851</b> |
| Always been here                              | 164        |
| Length of time                                | 687        |
| -365 days and over (over 1 year)              | 545        |
| -180 to 364 days (6mo to 1yr)                 | 48         |
| -0 to 179 days (under 6 months)               | 94         |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>                            | <b>55</b>  |
| Don't know                                    | 10         |
| Decline to answer                             | 2          |
| Unclear/Blank                                 | 43         |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>906</b> |

### Length of time in Greater Victoria

The following table is a detailed breakdown of the length of time that respondents indicated they have been in Greater Victoria. This table contains the responses from the 687 survey respondents who indicated a length of time responses.

The original 2018 PiT Count Community Report presented this question with the categories of “under one year” and “more than one year” because its primary concern is ensuring service planning can meet the needs of the region. It was therefore determined to be most relevant to

understand the number of people who are new to the community, who moved to Greater Victoria within the past year.

A more detailed breakdown of the length of time respondents indicated they have been in Greater Victoria is provided below. This breakdown indicates that a large proportion of respondents (nearly 40%) have been in Greater Victoria for a long period of time – more than 10 years.

| Length of time (months)                                   | Length of time (days) | # of respondents | % of respondents |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>Total respondents who gave length of time response</u> |                       | <u>687</u>       |                  |
| 3 months and under  | 1-89 days             | 54               | 7.9%             |
| 3-6 months  | 90 to 179 days        | 40               | 5.8%             |
| 6-9 months  | 180 to 269 days       | 34               | 4.9%             |
| 9-12 months   | 270 to 364 days       | 14               | 2.0%             |
| 1-3 years   | 365 to 1094 days      | 110              | 16.0%            |
| 3-5 years   | 1095 to 1824 days     | 66               | 9.6%             |
| 5-7 years   | 1825 to 2554 days     | 49               | 7.1%             |
| 7-10 years  | 2555 days to 3649     | 46               | 6.7%             |
| 10+ years   | 3650+ days            | 274              | 39.9%            |

### Question 7b. Where did you live before you came here?

The 687 respondents who provided a length of time response to question 7 (how long they have been in Greater Victoria) were asked the follow-up question: “Where did you live before you came here?” A location was given by 619 respondents – the location may have been provided as a country, a province/territory of Canada, or a particular community. Particular communities were coded into their relevant regions (provinces/territory/states, if applicable, and countries).

The following tables present various tabulations of where respondents lived before they moved here, beginning with the larger scale (countries), moving into North American regions, then provinces/territories/states, then finally a tabulation of some of the most common communities identified.

#### Tabulated by Country

| <b>Q7b. Where did you live before you moved here?</b> |            |
|---|------------|
| <b>Total specified country</b>                        | <b>619</b> |
| Canada  | 599        |
| United States   | 16         |
| Other Countries                                       | 4          |

### Tabulated by North American regions

Of the 687 respondents who provided a length of time response to question 7, 612 respondents provided responses that could be coded into North American regions. The following table presents the number and percentage of responses by region. The majority of respondents (nearly 57%) have moved to Greater Victoria from within British Columbia, which is considered intraprovincial migration.

| Region in North America                    | # of respondents | # of respondents |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| British Columbia                           | 347              | 56.7%            |
| Prairies (Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba) | 132              | 21.6%            |
| Ontario and Quebec                         | 99               | 16.2%            |
| Eastern Canada (NB, NS, NL/L, PEI)         | 17               | 2.8%             |
| Northern Canada                            | 3                | 0.5%             |
| United States                              | 14               | 2.3%             |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>612</b>       | <b>100%</b>      |

### Tabulated by Provinces/Territories/States within North America

Of the 687 respondents who provided a length of time response to question 7, 612 respondents provided responses that could be coded into Provinces, Territories, and States within North America, tabulated in the following table.

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| <b>Total specified province/territory/state</b> | <b>612</b> |
| British Columbia                                | 347        |
| Alberta   | 103        |
| Ontario   | 76         |
| Quebec  | 23         |
| Saskatchewan                                    | 20         |
| Nova Scotia                                     | 11         |
| Manitoba  | 9          |
| Newfoundland & Labrador                         | 1-3        |
| Yukon   | 1-3        |
| New Brunswick                                   | 1-3        |
| Prince Edward Island                            | 1-3        |
| United States - states specified                | 14         |



### Tabulation of Communities in Canada

A total of 503 respondents specified particular communities (cities, towns, etc) they moved from. The following table is a tabulation of the most common communities that individuals specified (includes those with 3 or more responses).

| Community          | # of respondents |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Vancouver          | 84               |
| Calgary            | 47               |
| Duncan             | 23               |
| Nanaimo            | 23               |
| Toronto            | 21               |
| Port Alberni       | 17               |
| Edmonton           | 15               |
| Prince George      | 14               |
| Kamloops           | 11               |
| Kelowna            | 11               |
| Montreal           | 10               |
| Campbell River     | 9                |
| Salt Spring Island | 9                |
| Chilliwack         | 7                |
| Nelson             | 7                |
| Thunder Bay        | 7                |
| Powell River       | 6                |
| Surrey             | 6                |
| Abbotsford         | 5                |
| Fort St. John      | 5                |
| Ottawa             | 5                |
| Parksville         | 5                |
| Penticton          | 5                |
| Tofino             | 5                |
| Halifax            | 4                |
| Regina             | 4                |
| Saskatoon          | 4                |
| Coquitlam          | 3                |
| Langley            | 3                |
| Quesnel            | 3                |
| Sechelt            | 3                |
| Whitehorse         | 3                |
| Windsor            | 3                |

### Cross-tabulation: Previous place of residence, grouped by time period in Greater Victoria

The following table provides a cross-tabulation of where individuals lived previous to Greater Victoria broken down by the length of time they have been in the region. Provinces have been

indicated when there more than 3 respondents, otherwise they have been grouped into regions (Eastern Canada, Northern Canada). The United States has been coded together, as have “Other Countries” which includes any countries outside of Canada or the United States. Any cell with 3 or fewer responses has been displayed as 1-3 responses in order to protect the identity of respondents.

|                         | Under 1 year | 1-3 years | 3-5 years | 5-7 years | 7-10 years | 10+ years |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| <b>British Columbia</b> | 69           | 59        | 32        | 25        | 24         | 108       |
| <b>Alberta</b>          | 29           | 17        | 7         | 9         | 5          | 34        |
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>     | 1-3          | 4         | 1-3       | 4         | 1-3        | 6         |
| <b>Manitoba</b>         | 1-3          | 1-3       |           |           | 1-3        | 4         |
| <b>Ontario</b>          | 12           | 9         | 6         | 4         | 4          | 39        |
| <b>Quebec</b>           | 1-3          | 1-3       | 1-3       |           | 1-3        | 12        |
| <b>Eastern Canada*</b>  | 1-3          |           | 1-3       | 1-3       |            | 10        |
| <b>Northern Canada</b>  | 1-3          |           | 1-3       |           | 1-3        |           |
| <b>United States</b>    |              |           | 4         | 1-3       | 1-3        | 7         |
| <b>Other countries</b>  | 1-3          | 1-3       | 1-3       |           | 1-3        | 1-3       |
|                         | 119          | 94        | 55        | 46        | 40         | 221       |

\*Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, PEI, Newfoundland & Labrador

### Context of immigration patterns to Capital Regional District

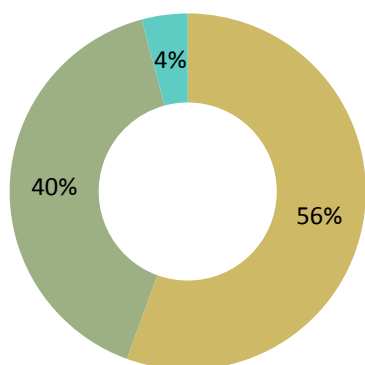
BC Stats collects migratory data relating to BC and its communities. While the publicly available data does not specify particular locations of immigration and emigration within the Capital Regional District, BC Stats provides a breakdown of numbers of intraprovincial migration (in/out of region within BC), interprovincial migration (in/out of region to/from other provinces), and international migration (in/out of region from other countries). The consistent pattern since 2001 has been that movement to the Capital Regional District from within Canada has been comprised of a higher proportion of interprovincial migration (moving from other provinces) than intraprovincial migration (moving within BC). The 2018 PiT Count results are distinct from the broader pattern in that there is a lower proportion of movement from other provinces to the Greater Victoria, compared to the broader population.

## Gender breakdown of Indigenous and non-Indigenous survey groups

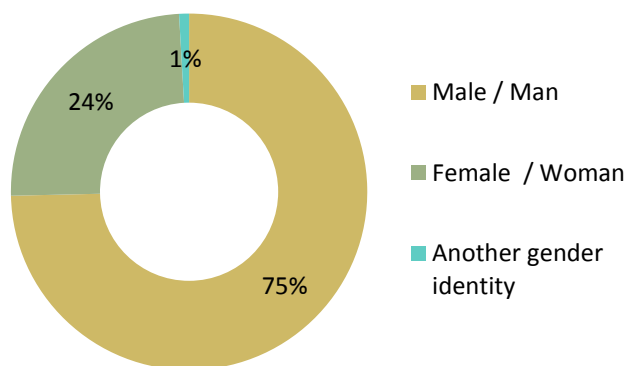
The following tabulation was prepared to lend clarity and strength to one of the findings in the 2018 PiT Count Community Report. The report identified the higher proportion of women and other gender identities among Indigenous respondents when compared to the broad survey population, however, the broad survey population also contained the responses of Indigenous respondents. A clearer comparison, which makes this gender proportion distinction starker, is offered in the following table that provides a breakdown of the gender identify composition of the non-Indigenous survey grouping. It can be seen that within the non-Indigenous survey respondents, approximately three-quarters (74.6%) identified as male, while only one-quarter identified as female (24.5%), and a very small percentage identified with another gender identity (0.9%). Within the Indigenous survey population, there is a much higher percentage of respondents who identified as female (40.5%) and who identified with another gender identity (4.2%).

|                                | Broad survey pop |       | Indigenous respondents |       | Non-Indigenous respondents |       |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|
|                                | #                | %     | #                      | %     | #                          | %     |
| <b>Male / Man</b>              | 602              | 67.6% | 160                    | 55.6% | 415                        | 74.6% |
| <b>Female / Woman</b>          | 269              | 30.2% | 116                    | 40.3% | 136                        | 24.5% |
| <b>Another gender identity</b> | 20               | 2.2%  | 12                     | 4.2%  | 5                          | 0.9%  |
| <b>Total Responded</b>         | <b>891</b>       |       | <b>288</b>             |       | <b>556</b>                 |       |

**Gender Identity of Indigenous Respondents**



**Gender Identity of Non-Indigenous Respondents**



## Data tables from the 2018 PiT Count survey

The following pages contain the tables of data from the 2018 PiT Count survey that were used to prepare the analyses and data visualization featured in the 2018 PiT Count Community Report.

### Survey locations

Refers only to the locations where surveys were conducted, and not to where the individual was staying that night. See below for more information regarding sleeping location.

| Survey locations         |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Community Agency         | 251        |
| Housing Service Provider | 365        |
| Outdoor location         | 219        |
| Public Systems           | 17         |
| Youth Magnet Event       | 52         |
| Unknown location         | 2          |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>906</b> |

### Sleeping locations – March 15, 2018

| Where are you staying tonight |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Unsheltered                   | 158        |
| Emergency Shelter             | 282        |
| Provisional Accommodation     | 389        |
| Respondent doesn't know       | 77         |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>906</b> |

## Demographics

### Family

Survey question 1: "What family members are staying with you tonight?"

| Q1. Family members indicated |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Yes                          | 139        |
| No                           | 720        |
| Don't know                   | 2          |
| Decline to Answer            | 3          |
| Unclear/blank                | 42         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>906</b> |

| Dependent Children<br>(Not surveyed) |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>43</b> |
| Male                                 | 24        |
| Female                               | 19        |

## Age

Survey question 2: "How old are you? [OR] What year were you born?"

| Q2. Age of survey respondents |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Answered</b>               | <b>899</b> |
| 18 and under                  | 28         |
| 19 to 24                      | 129        |
| 25 to 29                      | 87         |
| 30 to 34                      | 85         |
| 35 to 39                      | 119        |
| 40 to 44                      | 82         |
| 45 to 49                      | 106        |
| 50 to 54                      | 89         |
| 55 to 59                      | 77         |
| 60 to 64                      | 60         |
| 65+                           | 37         |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>            | <b>7</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>906</b> |

## Gender

Survey question 11: "What gender do you identify with?" (respondents were provided with a list of gender identities and the option to specify a gender identity that was not listed)

| Q11. Gender             |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>Answered</b>         | <b>891</b> |
| Male                    | 602        |
| Female                  | 269        |
| Another gender identity | 20         |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>      | <b>15</b>  |
| Don't know              | 4          |
| Decline to Answer       | 3          |
| Unclear/blank           | 8          |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>906</b> |

## Sexual Orientation

Survey question 12: "How do you describe your sexual orientation, for example straight, gay, lesbian?" (respondents were provided with a list of sexual orientation identities and the option to specify a sexual orientation that was not listed)

| <b>Q12. Sexual Orientation</b> |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Answered</b>                | <b>860</b> |
| Straight / Heterosexual        | 750        |
| Gay                            | 9          |
| Bisexual                       | 71         |
| Two-Spirit                     | 5          |
| Another sexual orientation     | 25         |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>             | <b>46</b>  |
| Don't know                     | 8          |
| Decline to Answer              | 27         |
| Unclear / Blank                | 11         |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>906</b> |

| <b>Sexual Orientation</b> |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>860</b> |
| Straight / Heterosexual   | 750        |
| LGBQQ2S+                  | 110        |

### Indigenous Indicator

Survey question 9: "Do you identify as Indigenous or do you have Indigenous ancestry? This includes First Nations with or without status, Métis, and Inuit."

| <b>Q9. Indigenous Indicator</b> |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Answered</b>                 | <b>854</b> |
| Yes                             | 290        |
| No                              | 564        |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>              | <b>52</b>  |
| Don't know                      | 24         |
| Decline to Answer               | 13         |
| Unclear/blank                   | 15         |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>906</b> |

| <b>Q9. Indigenous identity</b>         |            |
|--|------------|
| First nations (with or without status) | 183        |
| Inuit                                  | 1          |
| Metis                                  | 56         |
| Have indigenous ancestry               | 50         |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>290</b> |

### Immigrant/Refugee

Survey question 8: "Did you come to Canada as an immigrant, refugee or refugee claimant?"

| <b>Q8. Immigrant/Refugee</b>          |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Answered</b>                       | <b>853</b> |
| Yes (Immigrant, Refugee, or Claimant) | 61         |
| No                                    | 792        |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>                    | <b>53</b>  |
| Don't know                            | 10         |
| Decline to Answer                     | 10         |
| Unclear / Blank                       | 33         |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>906</b> |

| <b>Q8b. How Long in Canada (Immigrant/Refugee)</b> |           |
|--|-----------|
| 0 to 179 days                                      | 1         |
| 180 to 364 days                                    | 1         |
| 365 days and over                                  | 51        |
| <b>Total answered</b>                              | <b>53</b> |

### Military/RCMP Service

Survey question 10: "Have you ever had any service in the Canadian Military or RCMP? [Military includes Canadian Navy, Army, or Air Force]"

| Q10. Military/RCMP |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| <b>Answered</b>    | <b>876</b> |
| Yes                | 60         |
| No                 | 816        |
| <b>Nonresponse</b> | <b>30</b>  |
| Don't know         | 10         |
| Decline to Answer  | 6          |
| Unclear/blank      | 14         |

### Experiences of Homelessness

#### Age of first experience of homelessness

Survey question 3: "How old were you the first time you experienced homelessness?"

| Q3. Age First Experienced Homelessness |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>Answered</b>                        | <b>870</b> |
| 18 and under                           | 357        |
| 19 to 24                               | 129        |
| 25 to 29                               | 67         |
| 30 to 34                               | 67         |
| 35 to 39                               | 52         |
| 40 to 44                               | 36         |
| 45 to 49                               | 61         |
| 50 to 54                               | 35         |
| 55+                                    | 66         |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>                     | <b>36</b>  |
| Don't know                             | 17         |
| Decline                                | 7          |
| Unclear/blank                          | 12         |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>906</b> |

### Cumulative Homelessness

Survey question 4: "In total, how much time have you been homeless over the PAST YEAR?"

| <b>Q4. Cumulative Homelessness</b> |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Answered</b>                    | <b>824</b> |
| Under 3 months                     | 89         |
| 3-6 months                         | 86         |
| 6+ months                          | 649        |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>                 | <b>82</b>  |
| Don't know                         | 25         |
| Decline to Answer                  | 7          |
| Unclear / Blank                    | 50         |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>906</b> |

### Episodic Homelessness

Survey question 5: "In total, how many different times have you experienced homelessness over the PAST YEAR?"

| <b>Q5. Episodes of Homelessness</b> |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Answered</b>                     | <b>794</b> |
| 1 episode                           | 629        |
| 2 episodes                          | 94         |
| 3+ episodes                         | 71         |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>                  | <b>112</b> |
| Don't know                          | 48         |
| Decline to Answer                   | 10         |
| Unclear / Blank                     | 54         |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>906</b> |



## Mobility

### Amount of time in Greater Victoria

Survey question 7: "How long have you been in Greater Victoria?"

| <b>Q7. Amount of time in Greater Victoria</b> |            |
|---|------------|
| <b>Answered</b>                               | <b>851</b> |
| Always been here                              | 164        |
| Length of time                                | 687        |
| -365 days and over (over 1 year)              | 545        |
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| Unclear/Blank                                 | 43         |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>906</b> |

| <b>Q7. Additional breakdown of length of time</b> |                   |            |
|---|-------------------|------------|
| <b>Length of time response total</b>              |                   | <b>687</b> |
| 3 months and under                                | 1-89 days         | 54         |
| 3-6 months  | 90 to 179 days    | 40         |
| 6-9 months  | 180 to 269 days   | 34         |
| 9-12 months                                       | 270 to 364 days   | 14         |
| 1-3 years   | 365 to 1094 days  | 110        |
| 3-5 years   | 1095 to 1824 days | 66         |
| 5-7 years   | 1825 to 2554 days | 49         |
| 7-10 years  | 2555 days to 3649 | 46         |
| 10+ years   | 3650+ days        | 274        |

### Previous place of residence

Survey question 7b (asked of them who indicated a length of time in Q7): "Where did you live before you came here?"

| <b>Q7b. Where did you live before you moved here?</b> |            |
|---|------------|
| <b>Total specified country</b>                        | <b>619</b> |
| Canada  | 599        |
| United States   | 16         |
| Other Countries                                       | 4          |

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| <b>Total specified province/territory/state</b> | <b>612</b> |
| British Columbia                                | 347        |
| Alberta   | 103        |
| Ontario   | 76         |
| Quebec  | 23         |
| Saskatchewan                                    | 20         |
| Nova Scotia                                     | 11         |
| Manitoba  | 9          |
| Newfoundland & Labrador                         | 3          |
| Yukon   | 3          |
| New Brunswick                                   | 2          |
| Prince Edward Island                            | 1          |
| United States - states specified                | 14         |

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>Within North America - region</b>       | <b>612</b> |
| British Columbia                           | 347        |
| Prairies (Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba) | 132        |
| Ontario and Quebec                         | 99         |
| Eastern Canada (NB, NS, NL/L, PEI)         | 17         |
| Northern Canada                            | 3          |
| United States                              | 14         |

## Reason for moving to Greater Victoria

Survey question 7c: "What is the main reason you came to Greater Victoria?"

| <b>Q7c. What is the main reason you came to Greater Victoria?</b> |            |
|---|------------|
| <b>Answered (Multiple responses were provided)</b>                | <b>652</b> |
| Family Moved Here   | 145        |
| To Visit Friends / Family   | 131        |
| Employment (seeking)  | 73         |
| To access Services and Supports                                   | 67         |
| Fresh start   | 52         |
| Weather   | 46         |
| Employment (secured)  | 39         |
| To find housing   | 32         |
| To attend School  | 27         |
| Fear for Safety   | 27         |
| Justice system  | 18         |
| Travel  | 12         |
| From here originally  | 11         |
| To access Emergency Shelter(s)                                    | 9          |
| Recreation / shopping   | 9          |
| To retire   | 4          |
| Other   | 43         |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>  | <b>35</b>  |
| Decline to answer   | 6          |
| Don't Know  | 10         |
| Unclear / Blank Response  | 19         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>687</b> |

## Services

### Permanent Housing

Survey question C05: "Do you want to get into permanent housing?"

| <b>C05. Want permanent housing?</b> |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Answered</b>                     | <b>888</b> |
| Yes                                 | 832        |
| No                                  | 39         |
| Don't Know                          | 17         |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>                  | <b>18</b>  |
| Decline to Answer                   | 1          |
| Unclear / Blank                     | 17         |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>906</b> |

### Emergency Shelter Stays

Survey question 6: "Have you stayed in an emergency shelter in the past year?"

Follow up question 6b for those who answered "no" to question 6: "If not, what are the main reasons?"

| <b>Q6. Emergency Shelter Stays</b> |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Answered</b>                    | <b>894</b> |
| Yes                                | 643        |
| No                                 | 251        |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>                 | <b>12</b>  |
| Don't Know                         | 1          |
| Decline to Answer                  | 1          |
| Unclear / Blank                    | 10         |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>906</b> |

| <b>Q6b. Reasons no Shelter Stays</b>                 |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>Answered (multiple answers could be selected)</b> | <b>211</b> |
| Accessed other housing                               | 45         |
| Choose to stay outside or in car                     | 44         |
| Prefer to stay with friends/family                   | 44         |
| Fear for safety                                      | 37         |
| Bed bugs & other pests                               | 9          |
| Theft  | 8          |
| No privacy / personal space                          | 7          |
| Pet(s)   | 7          |
| Location / accessibility                             | 9          |
| In Hospital  | 6          |
| Others' drug use                                     | 6          |
| Don't feel comfortable                               | 6          |
| Mental health  | 5          |
| Other  | 48         |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>                                   | <b>40</b>  |
| Unclear / Blank                                      | 28         |
| Don't Know   | 6          |
| Decline to Answer                                    | 6          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>251</b> |

## Sources of Income

Survey question 14: "What are your sources of income?"

| <b>Q14. Sources of Income</b>                                 |            |
|---|------------|
| <b>Answered (multiple answers could be selected)</b>          | <b>889</b> |
| <b>Yes</b>  | <b>815</b> |
| Welfare/ Social Assistance                                    | 335        |
| Disability Benefit  | 287        |
| Informal/ Self-Employment (e.g., Bottle Returns, Panhandling) | 149        |
| Employment  | 131        |
| GST Refund  | 85         |
| Seniors Benefits (e.g., CPP/OAS/GIS)                          | 67         |
| Money from Family/ Friends                                    | 47         |
| Child and Family Tax Benefits                                 | 22         |
| Employment Insurance  | 17         |
| Youth Care  | 6          |
| Other responses   | 32         |
| <b>No income</b>  | <b>74</b>  |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>  | <b>17</b>  |
| Don't Know  | 1          |
| Decline to Answer   | 7          |
| Unclear/ Blank Response                                       | 9          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>906</b> |

### Reasons for Housing Loss

Survey question 13: "What happened that caused you to lose your housing most recently?"

| <b>Q13. Reasons for Housing Loss</b>                 |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>Answered (multiple answers could be selected)</b> | <b>852</b> |
| Addiction or Substance Use                           | 169        |
| Job Loss   | 122        |
| Unable to Pay Rent or Mortgage                       | 116        |
| Illness or Medical Condition                         | 100        |
| Conflict with: Another Adult                         | 99         |
| Conflict with: Spouse / Partner                      | 82         |
| Eviction: Landlord Use                               | 81         |
| Eviction: Unable to Pay                              | 78         |
| Conflict with: Parent / Guardian                     | 55         |
| Experienced Abuse by: Spouse/Partner                 | 46         |
| Incarcerated (Jail or Prison)                        | 45         |
| Hospitalization or Treatment Program                 | 35         |
| Unsafe Housing Conditions                            | 30         |
| Moved Cities   | 18         |
| Experienced Abuse by: Parent/Guardian                | 17         |
| Family Passed Away                                   | 16         |
| Eviction - other reason                              | 16         |
| Broke Rental Agreement                               | 15         |
| Left by Choice                                       | 14         |
| Other  | 74         |
| <b>Non-response</b>                                  | <b>54</b>  |
| Don't know   | 21         |
| Decline to Answer                                    | 19         |
| Unclear / Blank Response                             | 14         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>906</b> |

## Obstacles to Housing

Survey question C06: "What challenges or problems have you experienced when trying to find housing?"

| <b>C06. Obstacles to Housing</b>                     |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>Answered (multiple answers could be selected)</b> | <b>864</b> |
| Rents Too High                                       | 585        |
| Low Income   | 459        |
| Lack of Available Options                            | 439        |
| Addiction  | 236        |
| Discrimination                                       | 218        |
| Mental Health Issues                                 | 173        |
| Health/ Disability Issues                            | 152        |
| Poor Housing Conditions                              | 134        |
| Criminal History                                     | 117        |
| No Income Assistance                                 | 103        |
| Pets   | 99         |
| Family Breakdown/ Conflict                           | 84         |
| Racism   | 51         |
| Domestic Violence                                    | 50         |
| Children   | 46         |
| No References  | 36         |
| No/ Bad Credit                                       | 17         |
| Age  | 14         |
| No Identification                                    | 13         |
| Other  | 95         |
| <b>No barriers</b>                                   | <b>12</b>  |
| <b>Non-response</b>                                  | <b>30</b>  |
| Don't Know   | 12         |
| Decline to Answer                                    | 8          |
| Unclear/ Blank Response                              | 10         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>906</b> |

## Service Needs

Survey question C08: "I'm going to read a list of services that you may or may not need. Let me know which of these apply to you. Do you have a need for services related to [the following]":

| <b>C08. Service Needs</b>                            |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>Answered (multiple answers could be selected)</b> | <b>733</b> |
| Serious or Ongoing Medical Condition                 | 332        |
| Physical Disability                                  | 270        |
| Learning Disability                                  | 169        |
| Addiction Or Substance Use                           | 453        |
| Mental Health (Counselling, Treatment, etc)          | 427        |
| Brain Injury   | 137        |
| Pregnancy  | 21         |
| Intergenerational Trauma                             | 180        |
| Indigenous Treatment                                 | 89         |
| Culturally Sensitive Services                        | 77         |
| Other services                                       | 21         |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>                                   | <b>173</b> |
| None of the above                                    | 107        |
| Decline to Answer                                    | 17         |
| Unclear/ Blank Response                              | 49         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>906</b> |



## Indigenous-focused questions

### Indigenous communities

Survey question 9b: "What Indigenous community are you from?"

Because more than 100 Indigenous communities were identified, and because individuals responded to this question in a variety of ways (specifying tribal or language groups; specifying the closest colonial settlement; specifying a particular First Nation), communities beyond Vancouver Island have been difficult to code and categorize. The following is a list of only those who responded with communities on Vancouver Island.

### Vancouver Island Communities

75 individuals identified being from Indigenous communities on Vancouver Island. Those communities with 3 or fewer respondents have been listed as 1-3, in order to protect the identity of respondents.

| <b>Vancouver Island Indigenous Communities</b> | <b>75</b> |
|--|-----------|
| <b>-Nuu-chah-nulth</b>                         | <b>43</b> |
| Ahousaht First Nation                          | 9         |
| Nuchatlaht First Nation                        | 6         |
| Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations                    | 6         |
| Tseshaht First Nation                          | 4         |
| Ucluelet First Nation                          | 4         |
| Huu-ay-aht First Nation                        | 1-3       |
| Ditidaht First Nation                          | 1-3       |
| Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations              | 1-3       |
| Pacheedaht First Nation                        | 1-3       |
| Hesquiaht First Nation                         | 1-3       |
| Hupacasath First Nation                        | 1-3       |
| Toquaht First Nation                           | 1-3       |
| <b>-Coast Salish (Vancouver Island)</b>        | <b>29</b> |
| T'Sou-ke First Nation                          | 5         |
| Beecher Bay (Scia'new) First Nation            | 4         |
| Tsawout First Nation                           | 4         |
| Cowichan Tribes First Nation                   | 1-3       |
| Songhees First Nation                          | 1-3       |
| Lyackson First Nation                          | 1-3       |
| Tsartlip First Nation                          | 1-3       |
| Chemainus First Nation                         | 1-3       |
| Coast Salish (unspecified)                     | 1-3       |
| Cowichan First Nation                          | 1-3       |
| Esquimalt Nation                               | 1-3       |
| <b>-Kwakwaka'wakw</b>                          | <b>3</b>  |
| Alert Bay                                      | 1-3       |
| Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis First Nation         | 1-3       |

### On-reserve questions

Survey question 9c: "Have you previously lived on reserve?"

If yes, 2 follow up questions: 9ci) "Did you own or rent a home on reserve?" and 9cii) "Was it your choice to leave the reserve?"

| 9c. Lived on reserve? |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| <b>Answered</b>       | <b>273</b> |
| Yes                   | 115        |
| No                    | 158        |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>    | <b>17</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>290</b> |

| 9ci. Own or rent on reserve?                         |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>Answered (option to answer both rent and own)</b> | <b>101</b> |
| Yes - own  | 14         |
| Yes - rent   | 36         |
| No - neither   | 51         |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>                                   | <b>14</b>  |
| Don't know   | 6          |
| Decline to answer                                    | 8          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>115</b> |

| 9cii. Your choice to leave reserve? |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Answered</b>                     | <b>107</b> |
| Yes                                 | 78         |
| No                                  | 29         |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>                  | <b>8</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>115</b> |

### Waitlist on reserve

Survey question 9d: "Are you currently on a housing waitlist in your on-reserve home community?"

| 9d. On housing waitlist on home reserve? |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>Answered</b>                          | <b>251</b> |
| Yes                                      | 21         |
| No                                       | 230        |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>                       | <b>39</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>290</b> |

### Residential school or Indian Day School

Survey question 9e: "Have you ever been to residential school or what were called "Indian Day Schools"?"

| 9e. Attended residential school or "Indian Day School" |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>Answered</b>  | <b>253</b> |
| Yes  | 37         |
| No   | 216        |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>                                     | <b>37</b>  |
| Don't know   | 3          |
| Decline to answer                                      | 13         |
| Blank/Unclear  | 21         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>290</b> |

## Experiences of government care

### Have you been a youth in government/ministry care?

Survey question C02: "Have you ever been a youth in government/ministry care? [Foster care, group home, youth agreement, etc]"

| Have you been a youth in govt care? |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Answered</b>                     | <b>869</b> |
| No                                  | 598        |
| Yes                                 | 259        |
| Yes - Still in Care                 | 12         |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>                  | <b>37</b>  |
| Decline to answer                   | 18         |
| Don't know                          | 5          |
| Unclear/blank                       | 14         |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>906</b> |

### How long after leaving care did you become homeless?

Survey question C02b: "Approximately how long after leaving government care did you become homeless?"

| How long after leaving care did you become homeless? |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>Total answered</b>                                | <b>193</b> |
| Less than 1 month                                    | 68         |
| -0 days  | 15         |
| -1 day   | 46         |
| -more than 1 day                                     | 7          |
| 1 month to 1 year                                    | 38         |
| 1-2 years  | 17         |
| 2-5 years  | 17         |
| 5-10 years   | 16         |
| 10+ years  | 34         |
| Other  | 3          |
| <b>Nonresponse</b>                                   | <b>66</b>  |
| Don't know   | 42         |
| Decline to answer                                    | 8          |
| Unclear / Blank                                      | 16         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>259</b> |

### Was Child Protection Services helpful?

Survey question C02c: "Do you feel that Child Protection Services was helpful in transitioning you to stable housing after leaving government care?"

| Was CPS helpful?   |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| <b>Answered</b>    | <b>219</b> |
| Yes                | 32         |
| No                 | 187        |
| <b>Nonresponse</b> | <b>40</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>259</b> |