

2025 METRO VANCOUVER INDIGENOUS HOMELESS COUNT

In March 2025,

5,232

people were identified as experiencing homelessness in Metro Vancouver.

This represents an **8.5%** increase since 2023.

Of the 1,068 Indigenous people currently experiencing homelessness,

68% have a history with the Residential School System,

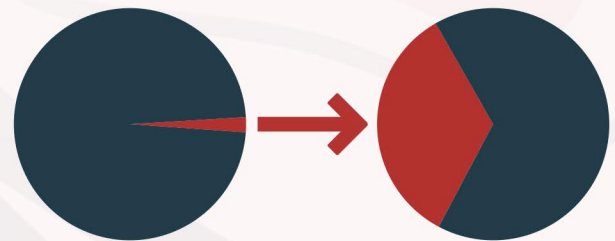
and while 7% reported direct involvement, the majority is

intergenerational.

In addition, **51%** reported a history with the **Foster Care System**, where Indigenous children comprise 65% of all children in care.

Only 2.1%

of Metro Vancouver's overall population is Indigenous, but



1,068, or 34%

of respondents identified as Indigenous, with 91% being First Nations or Métis.

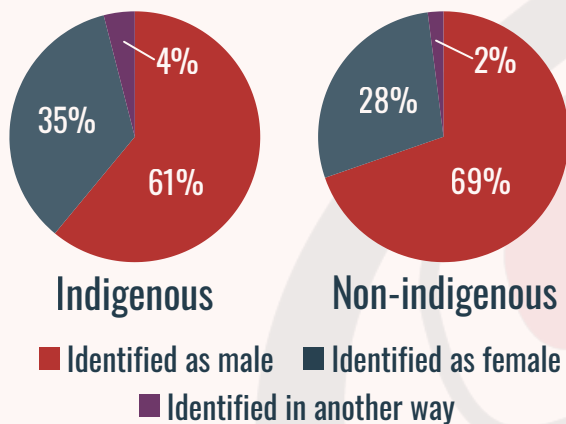
The overall increase in Indigenous homelessness since 2023 is **30%**.

Indigenous people are over **16 times more likely** to become homeless.

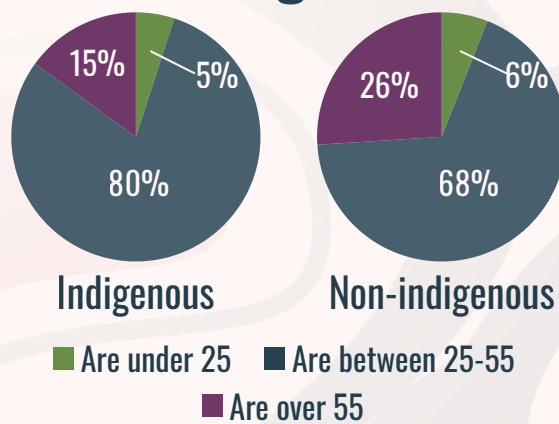
The impact of colonization continues to echo through generations.

Demographics

Gender

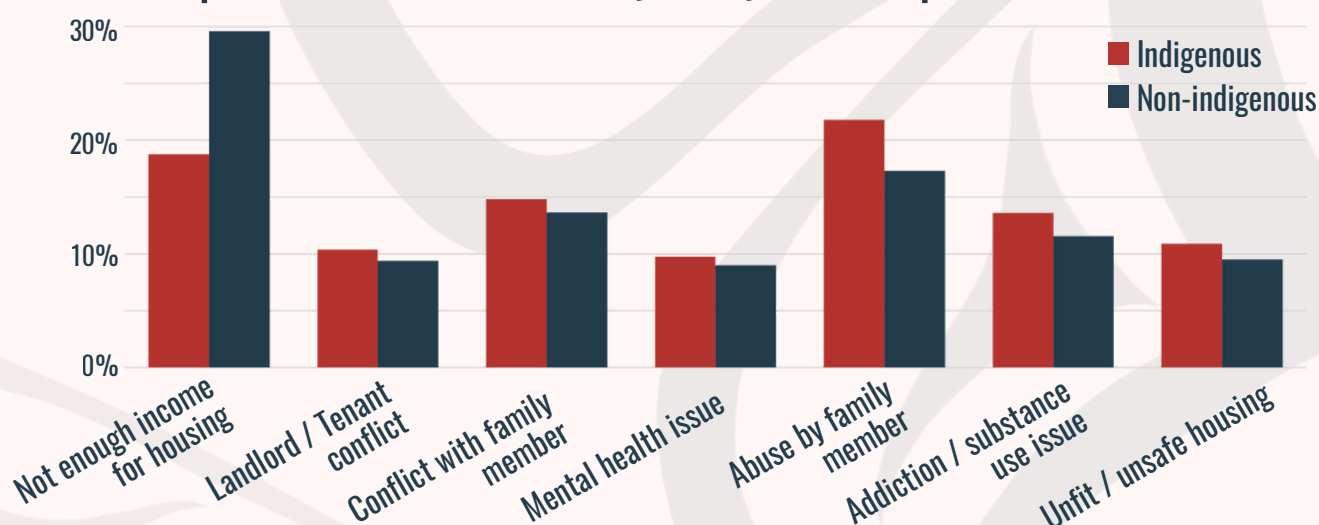


Age



Reasons

Respondents shared the ways they ended up homeless:



Indigenous people are more likely to...

become homeless <u>younger</u> :	<div>56% Indigenous</div> <div>36% Non-Indigenous</div>	became homeless for the first time as youth under the age of 25.
stay homeless <u>longer</u> :	<div>81% Indigenous</div> <div>72% Non-Indigenous</div>	reported being homeless for over 1 year .
and <u>without shelter</u> :	<div>56% Indigenous</div> <div>42% Non-Indigenous</div>	are currently unsheltered.

These trends are **getting worse**, not better.