

Report Card on Homelessness for 2023



A By-Name List is a real time list of people who are homeless in Greater Sudbury and have consented to be on the list. The list is used for the Coordinated Access System to match people to available housing that meets their level of need. The data collected from the By-Name list provides insights into homelessness within our community.

For more information, visit: [Coordinated Access System at greatersudbury.ca](https://www.greatersudbury.ca)

Outcome Indicator	2022	2023	Outcome Achieved
Homelessness is reduced overall and for specific populations (i.e., Indigenous)	164 people were on the By-Name List of people experiencing homelessness	237 people were on the By-Name List of people experiencing homelessness	
	92 identify as Indigenous	109 identify as Indigenous	
Chronic homelessness is reduced (homeless for at least six months [180 days] over the past year; or recurrent experiences of homelessness over the past three years, with a cumulative duration of 18 months)	143 are chronically homeless	196 are chronically homeless	
New inflows into homelessness are reduced	346 individuals were newly identified to the By-Name List	301 individuals were newly identified to the By-Name List	
Returns to homelessness are reduced	37 returns to homelessness*	78 returns to homelessness*	
Not federal requirements			
Move-ins to housing increased	221 move ins to housing*	184 move ins to housing*	
Individuals remaining housed increased	189 individuals housed in 2022 remained housed on December 31, 2022	146 individuals housed in 2023 remained housed on December 31, 2023	

* may include the same individual becoming housed, returning to homelessness and/or being housed again more than once during the year

Outcome achieved
 Outcome not achieved

Housing and Health Crisis

Homelessness has a significant impact on the health of individuals, including barriers to accessing health care services, increased morbidities and higher rates of mortality.

When an individual experiencing homelessness is added to the By-Name List, their acuity score is determined through the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT). This tool provides a score that indicates the level of support the person would require to obtain and maintain permanent housing and prioritizes the individual for the most appropriate support services. **As of December 31, 2023, 81% of individuals on the By-Name List were 'high acuity,' indicating the majority of individuals on the By-Name List would require permanent supportive housing or a Housing First intervention to exit out of homelessness and remain housed long-term.**

Tri-morbidity describes the complex co-morbidity of chronic physical health concerns, mental health concerns and substance use concerns. **As of December 31, 2023, there were 118 individuals on the By-Name List who identified with tri-morbidity, comprising 50% of the total population on the list.**

Encampments

The number of people experiencing homelessness and living in a homeless encampment increased in 2023. Homeless encampment is defined as an outdoor location with a visible structure that can take many forms, such as tents, shanties or shacks, where two or more individuals live.

113

individuals residing in encampments across 30 locations as of December 31, 2023

25

individuals residing in encampments across 12 locations as of December 31, 2022

Emergency Shelters in Greater Sudbury

in 2023

827

different individuals used an emergency shelter program

77

contracted emergency shelter beds

in 2022

820

different individuals used an emergency shelter program

75

contracted emergency shelter beds

New in 2023: Client Navigators

In 2023, the City of Greater Sudbury Homelessness team expanded Client Navigator positions from three to nine. These trained front-line workers collaborate with Community Outreach teams, emergency shelters, attend encampments and community drop in services to connect with people experiencing homelessness and help them navigate the system into housing. This includes accessing the By-Name List, identification, income tax, Ontario Works benefits, community housing applications and wrap-around supports. With the expanded team, navigators are also able to support those at risk of homelessness with completing required documentation and addressing social issues that may cause eviction.



Coming in 2024: Roadmap to End Homelessness by 2030

On May 28, 2024, City staff presented a **Roadmap to End Homelessness** report as requested by City Council. This report outlined the current homelessness system within Greater Sudbury and recommendations to reach functional zero homelessness by 2030, through a Housing First approach.

Roadmap to End Homelessness by 2030

“However, the municipality cannot end homelessness on its own. Ending homelessness requires commitment and significant investment from all levels of government (i.e., federal, provincial and municipal) and coordination across ministries, including housing, health, corrections, income support and employment sectors.

The continued support and collaboration from Indigenous partners and community agencies who work tirelessly to support our unhoused population is a significant factor in the success of achieving functional zero. Ending homelessness requires a complete system transformation to ensure there is access to housing for all citizens and adequate supports available to maintain housing when needed.” (pg. 3)

“What does it mean to ‘end homelessness?’ Functional zero is a definition referred to internationally to define a milestone of resolving homelessness in a community. Reaching functional zero means a homelessness system has been established where homelessness becomes rare, brief and non-recurring.”

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