

2020 Tri-Region Housing and Service Needs Estimate Community Summary

The Tri-Region participated in the 2020 Housing and Service Needs Estimate led by the Rural Development Network.

This survey summary provides a snapshot of who is experiencing housing insecurity, the reasons for accessing services, and the barriers to safe, affordable, stable housing throughout the Tri-Region in October 2020.

The survey data highlights possible needs, gaps, and challenges but it is not a conclusive count of the residents who may be struggling in our community.

Surveys were completed voluntarily by clients while visiting service agencies across Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, and Parkland County.

Thank you to all the partners involved who made this project possible:

Alberta Parenting for the
Future Association

Bredin Institute

Guidance Through Crisis

Native Counseling Services

Neighbourlink Parkland

Parkland Food Bank

Paying Forward Kindness

Pregnancy Support Centre

Primary Care Network

Spruce Grove FCSS

Stony Plain FCSS

Wabamun FCSS



Survey summary

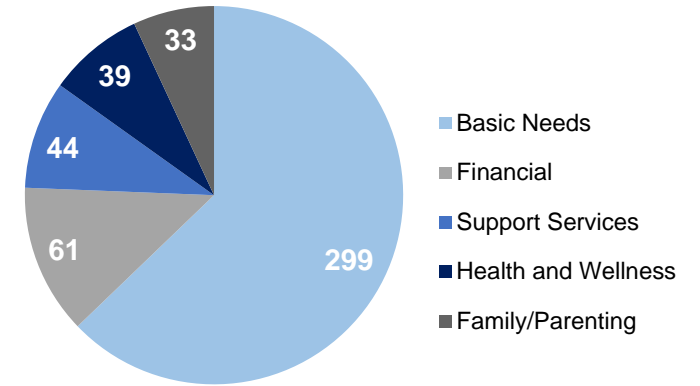
- **359 surveys** completed
- **197 respondents** reported to be **housing insecure**, including 77 single parents and 7 pregnant women
- Survey respondents reported an additional **216 adults** and **219 children** sharing their living conditions



Housing insecure is when a person experiences difficulty paying rent, spends a major portion of the household income on housing, frequently moves, lives in overcrowded conditions, or doubles up with friends and relatives.

Top 5 reasons

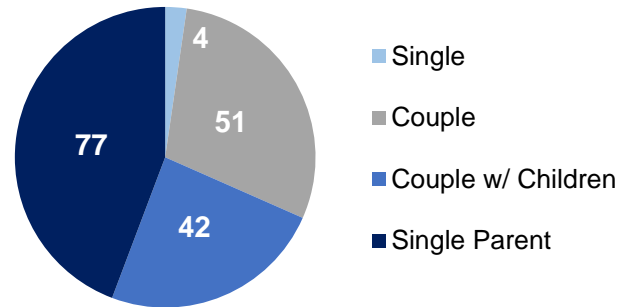
survey respondents visited a service centre



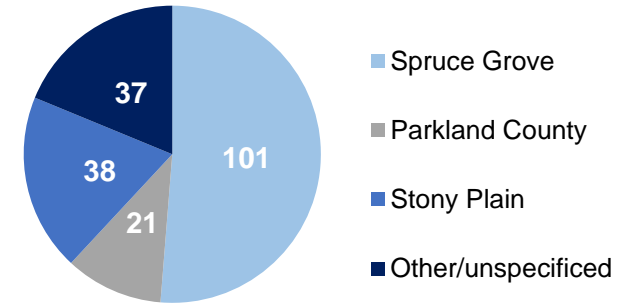
In total there are 632 individuals

in the Tri-Region were identified as living in insecure housing conditions, or sharing these conditions.

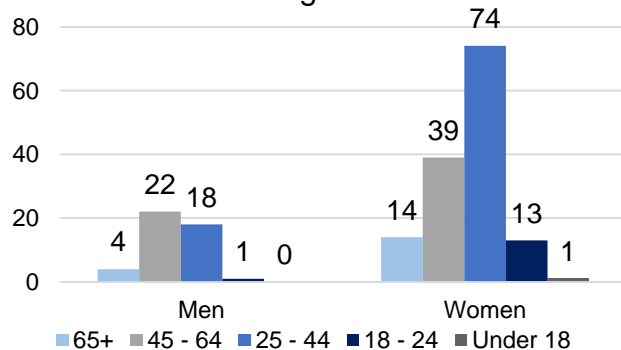
Family types of housing insecure respondents



Locations of housing insecure respondents



Age



22 individuals are living unsheltered

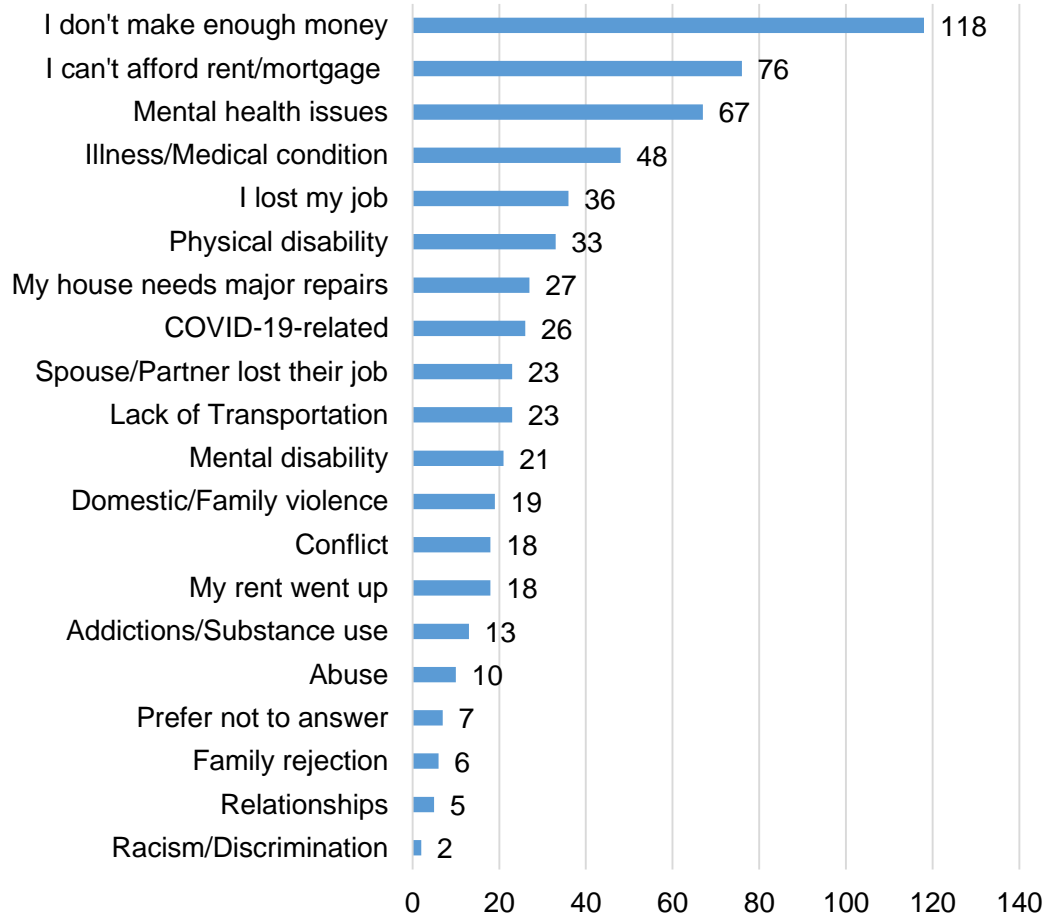


Unsheltered means people who are homeless who live on the streets or in places not intended for human habitation.



Living situations

Reasons for housing instability



Which of the following statements apply to you in the past month? (respondents selected multiple responses)

160	I find it difficult to pay rent and I spend more than a third of my monthly income on my housing
47	There are not enough rooms for the number of people in the house I'm in
46	I live in housing that needs major repairs
20	I slept in a makeshift shelter, vehicle, tent, or shack
19	I slept in a friend's/family house because I had no other place to stay
9	I slept in a shelter
9	I slept in a public space (sidewalks, park benches, bus shelter, etc.)
7	I stayed with someone I didn't know because I had no other place to stay
6	I stayed in a medical/detox/rehabilitation facility
4	I stayed at a women's/domestic violence shelter
3	I stayed in a jail/prison/remand centre
2	I live in supported housing (e.g. Housing First)

Profile

What homelessness looks like in the Tri-Region



Carol is a 42 year old single parent who has been living in the community for over a year with her two children.

She is unemployed and depends on income assistance, child support, and help from family to make it through the month. She gets a monthly food hamper but still struggles to feed her family.

More than 30% of her income goes to her rent and her house has major plumbing issues and a leaking roof.

There are only two bedrooms and one of her children sleeps on a couch in the living room.