

# HOMELESSNESS

## IN THE MANITOULIN-SUDBURY DISTRICT SERVICES BOARD

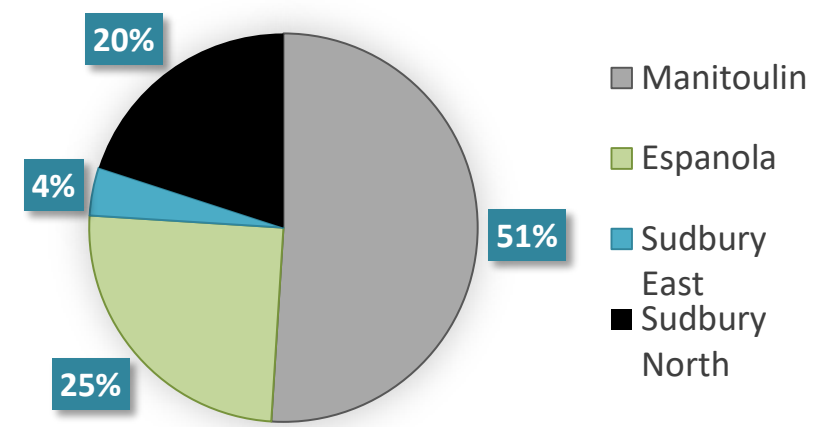
Surveys to enumerate homelessness were conducted in 7 communities in the jurisdiction of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board. The enumeration took place between April 12<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 in Espanola, Little Current, Mindemoya, Markstay, Noëville, Chapleau and Foleyet. The total number of adult and adolescent participants was **122**. With their **49** dependents, the total count was **171**.

### TOTAL COUNT

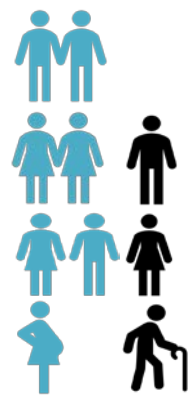
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participants and their dependent children

### LOCATION OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE DISTRICT



Overall, **53%** were **Indigenous** & **7 in 10** absolutely homeless were **Indigenous**



Unseasonably cold weather, including a late snow storm, impacted on data collection, especially in Sudbury East.

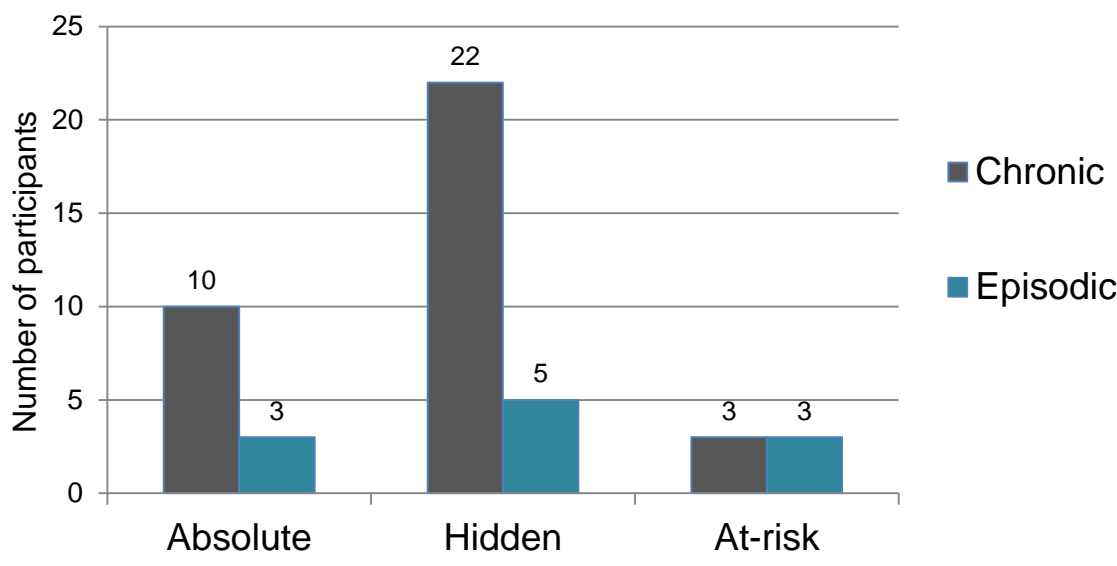
### Age range of participants

**16 - 89**

Number of youth up to 24 years old not connected to a family.

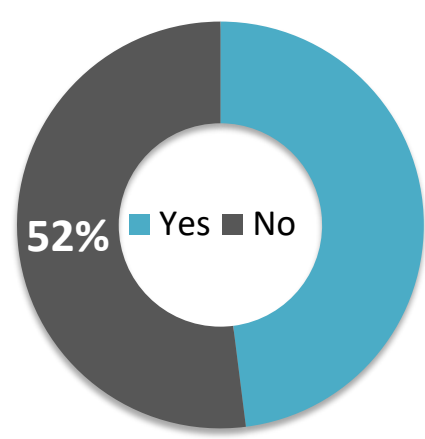
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### Chronic and Episodic Homelessness

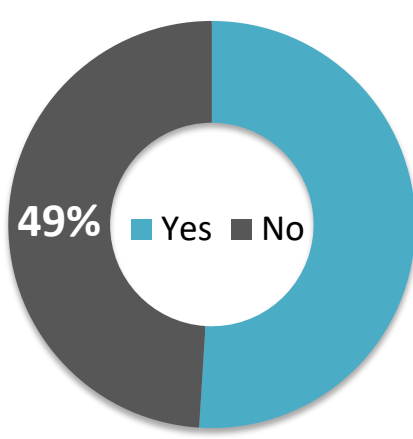


**Chronic homelessness:** Continuously homeless for 6 months or more in the previous year.

**Episodic homelessness:** 3 or more episodes of homelessness in the previous year.



Physical/medical issues



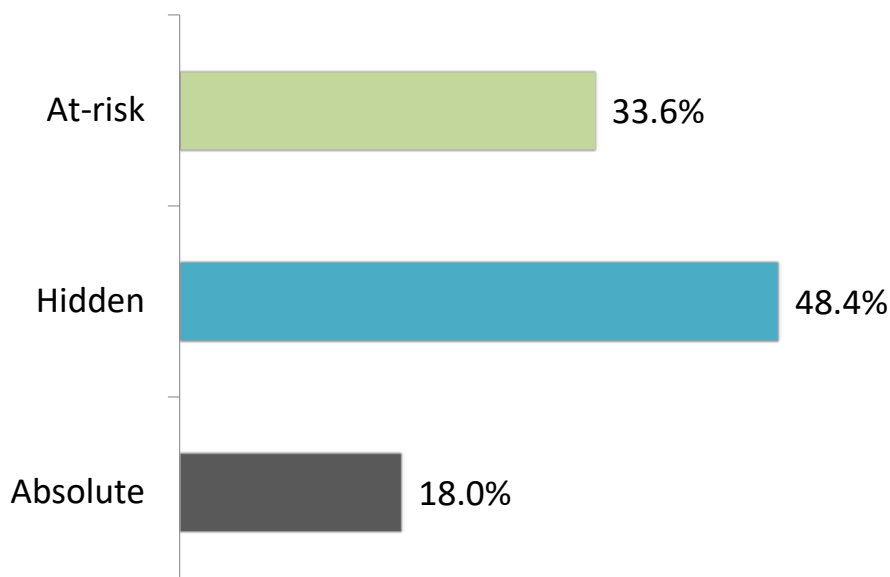
Mental health issues

About half of the participants reported a physical or a mental health issue.

**OVER 3/4**

reported one or more medical, physical, mental health or addictions issues

### Types of Homelessness



The largest subgroup was people living with hidden homelessness

- People who are **absolutely homeless** stay in shelters or in unsheltered places.
- **Hidden homelessness** is often invisible: couch surfing or staying in motels, vehicles, campers or bush camps, or other temporary accommodation.
- Over a third of those **at risk of homelessness** – 35% – had been absolutely homeless in the past and 39% had been couch surfers.

**Call-to-action:** Participants reported the need for services to address basic necessities of food, shelter and clothing as well as medical, mental health and addictions services.