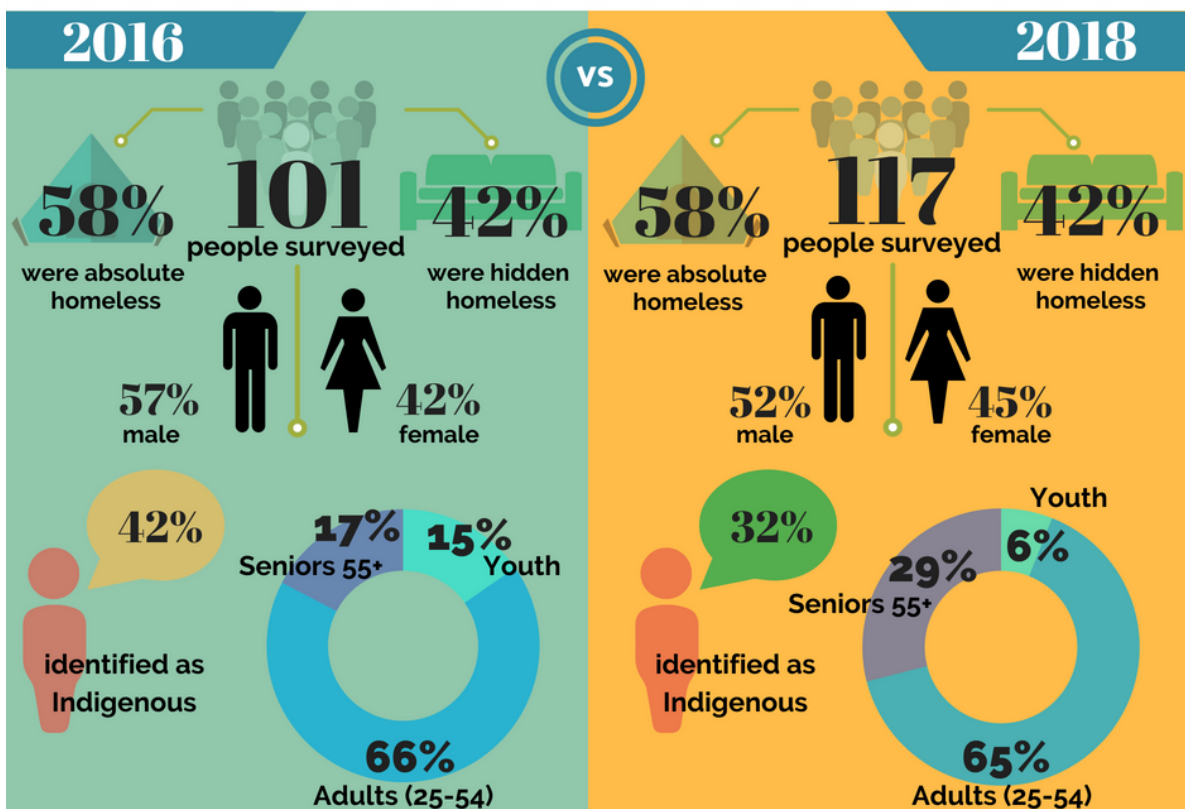


2018 Point in Time Count Preliminary Data  
 Basic indicators from the March 7th, 2018 count were released July 2018,  
 with the full report expected to be available Fall 2018.

# HOMELESSNESS IN THE COMOX VALLEY

2018 Point in Time Count Preliminary Results





### Homelessness Point in Time Count Preliminary Report

Point in Time Count Preliminary Report Comparative Analysis			
24 hour period	2016	2018	Percentage Change
# of individuals experiencing homelessness who were counted in the 24 hour period	101	117	Increased by 13%
# of individuals who experience absolute homelessness (unsheltered)	60	68	Increased by 12%
# of individuals who experience hidden homelessness (sheltered)	41	49	Increased by 16%
% of respondents who identified as indigenous	43%	32%	Down 11%
% of respondents who identified as male	49%	52%	Increased by 3%
% of respondents who are between the ages of 25-54	66%	65%	Down by 1%
% of respondents who are seniors (aged 55+)	17%	29%	Increased by 12%

The methodology for the PIT Count is intended to capture the number of people who are experiencing absolute homelessness over a 24-hour period. This method is not intended to provide a count of the *entire* homeless population in a community, and often underrepresents the actual number of homeless in the community as the population is ever changing due to varying factors.

The methodology has some limitations in that absolute homelessness is targeted meaning those experiencing hidden homelessness are often not captured.

**Absolute Homelessness:** Individuals who are living in public spaces, emergency shelters or public facilities who do not have a stable residence to return to.

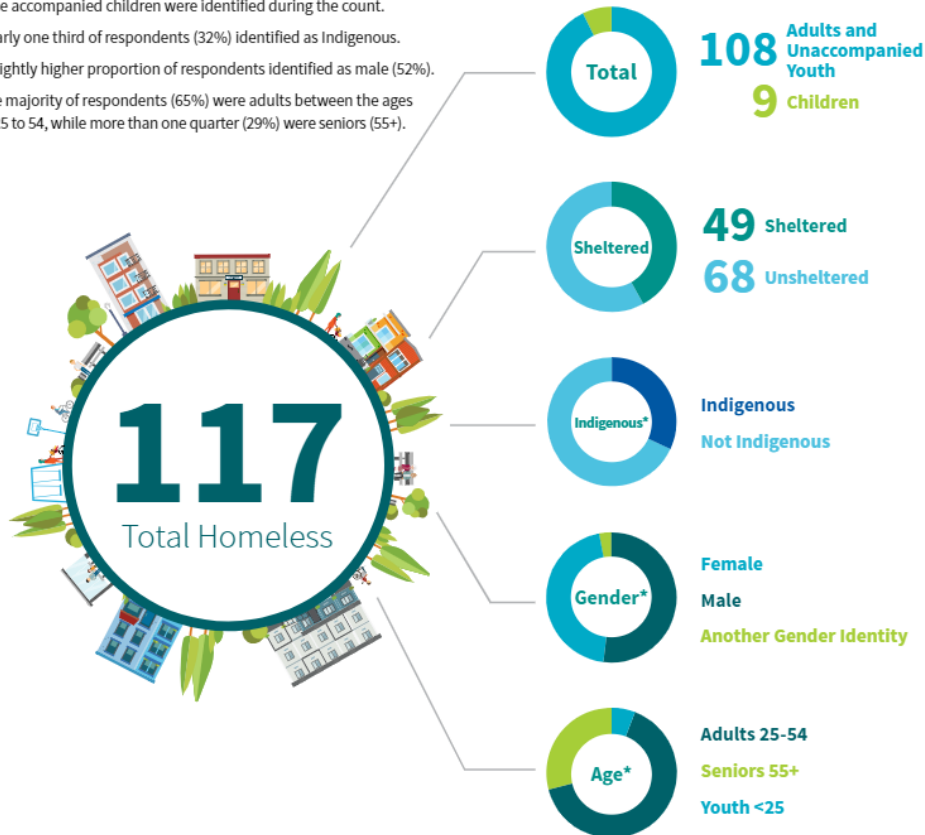
**Hidden or Provisional Homelessness:** includes those who are living in temporary accommodations, 'couch-surfing', time-limited housing or whose tenancy is to be terminated.

# 2018 Homeless Count in B.C.: Preliminary Data

## Comox Valley

A total of 117 individuals were identified as experiencing homelessness during the count in the Comox Valley on March 7, 2018.

- › More people who identified as experiencing homelessness were unsheltered (58%) than sheltered (42%).
- › Nine accompanied children were identified during the count.
- › Nearly one third of respondents (32%) identified as Indigenous.
- › A slightly higher proportion of respondents identified as male (52%).
- › The majority of respondents (65%) were adults between the ages of 25 to 54, while more than one quarter (29%) were seniors (55+).



\*For gender, age and Indigenous identity, percentages are based on the number of people who answered these questions in the survey. The survey is voluntary and not everyone who identified as homeless answered all questions. Therefore, percentages are based on the number of people who responded to each question (respondents) and not the total number of people identified as experiencing homelessness in the community. Some data with only a few respondents has been suppressed to protect privacy.