The Problem of Homelessness in Canada

People Most Likely to Experience Homelessness

- Seniors
- Young adults
- Indigenous peoples
- People with disabilities
- Women and children fleeing domestic violence
- People dealing with mental health and addiction
- Recent immigrants, especially refugees
- Racialized groups
- LGBTQ2+
- Veterans

Most Common Causes of Homelessness

- Fleeing from domestic violence
- Discrimination and racism towards indigenous people
- Transition to civilian life
- Mental Health
- Addiction
- COVID

19% of homeless individuals are youth

34% of people who experience homelessness are indigenous

24% of shelter users are 55+

5% of Canadians have been homeless themselves

Options for Canada Moving Forward

Canada is creating a preventative action plan called the National Housing Strategy set to take place over the next 10 years. Before the end of that plan, Canada has to create a cycle-ending solution for those already experiencing homelessness. The call is to re-start Chez-Boîte At Home. Chez-Boîte was a funded study to discover the best solution to exit people from homelessness and found that through intensive case management, housing first methods, and long term follow-up care the previous implementation of this program had an 89% success rate at keeping people housed. Homelessness is growing at an alarming rate. Canada must have recovery plans in place for those already experiencing displacement.

Every $10 spent on Chez-Soi saves $21.72 on emergency services, hospital care, cleaning/graffiti, and police dispatch