



COMOX VALLEY
COALITION TO END
HOMELESSNESS
Housing & Necessary Supports

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IN THE COMOX VALLEY

by the numbers

157

of homeless surveyed



55%

ARE HIDDEN HOMELESS
couch surfing, temporary housing etc

45%

ARE ABSOLUTE HOMELESS
living in shelters, tents etc

57%
Female



42%
Male

There are a significant number of women who are homeless in the Comox Valley

LOCAL PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS

66%

FROM THE COMOX VALLEY

31%

FROM OTHER PARTS OF VANCOUVER ISLAND

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ARE OVER-REPRESENTED
IN THE COMOX VALLEY HOMELESS POPULATION



*ONLY 5% OF THE COMOX VALLEY POPULATION IS INDIGENOUS

Reasons for becoming homeless



30%

EVICCTIONS



19%

FAMILY CONFLICT



17%

ADDICTION



13%

ILLNESS



12%

JOB LOSS



11%

DOMESTIC ABUSE

PEOPLE ARE NOT HOMELESS BY CHOICE - 99% SURVEYED SAID THEY WANTED A PERMANENT HOME

*respondents could choose more than one answer



Low income



High Rent



Lack of suitable housing

BARRIERS

to affordable housing