Homelessness in Kelowna

Point-in-Time Count
KELOWNA MARCH 6, 2018

1 in 4
(26%) identified as Aboriginal or had Indigenous ancestry

AT LEAST
286 PEOPLE
were experiencing homelessness in Kelowna

23% INCREASE
Since 2016

98%
indicated that they had stayed in an emergency shelter within the past year

18%
Episodically Homeless
experienced 3 or more episodes of homelessness within the past year

67%
Chronically Homeless
homeless for 6 months or more within the past year

Average days homeless within the past year has increased from 192 days in 2016 to 241 days in 2018

There were an additional 319 individuals living in temporary system-supported housing

Top 5 Reasons for Housing Loss
• Unable to Pay Rent or Mortgage
• Household Conflict
• Addiction or Substance Abuse
• Job Loss
• Illness or Medical Condition

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View the full 2018 Point-in-Time Count report online at centralokanaganfoundation.org

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Housing Needs in Kelowna

The BC Housing Supportive Housing Registry has over 500 people currently waitlisted.

People experiencing homelessness in Kelowna have access to the following BC Housing-funded services and housing:

- Outreach workers: 225
- Year-round shelter beds: 225 (consistently over capacity)
- Supportive housing units: 288 (fully allocated)
Journey Home Strategy

housing first / no wrong door / community safety

The Journey Home Strategy is Kelowna’s 5-year plan to address homelessness with a focus on ensuring everyone has a place to call home. It includes an action plan concentrated on building a system of care that is projected to support more than 2,100 individuals into housing or support programs by 2024.

MAINTAINING STATUS QUO

Doing nothing to address homelessness has a greater cost than taking action

$100M

It’s cheaper to house & support than keep someone homeless

+$50M

Journey Home Strategy

Kelowna.ca/journeyhome