

2018 WINNIPEG STREET HEALTH SURVEY REPORT

FACT SHEET: HOUSING



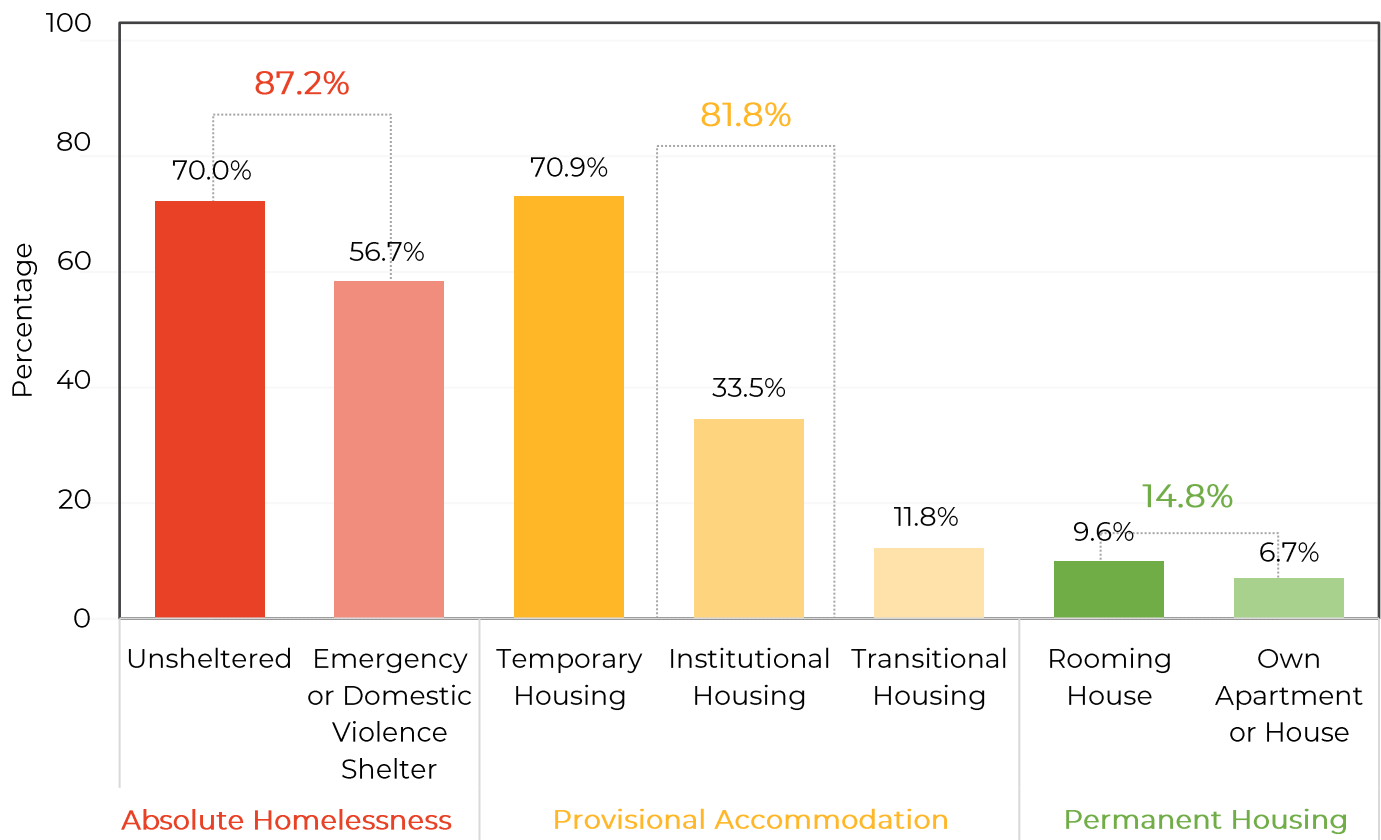
The 2018 Winnipeg Street Health Survey was a research study focusing on the health status, housing, and social service needs of people experiencing homelessness in Winnipeg. From July to October 2018, 406 people experiencing homelessness were interviewed about their self-reported health, wellness, housing and service needs.

Homelessness and Housing Status

Many participants reported living in multiple different types of homeless or housed situations in the previous month, suggesting housing instability:

- Most (87.2%) experienced **absolute homelessness**: staying in unsheltered spaces like cars, empty buildings, business places or outside; or at emergency or family violence shelters
- More than three-quarters (81.8%) reported staying in **provisional accommodation**: short-term stays with friends, family, or at a hotel; in institutions like hospitals or jails; or in transitional housing
- About 1 in 7 (14.8%) were living in **permanent housing** such as a rooming house or their own apartment

Homelessness or Housing experiences in the past month (Participants could indicate more than one place):



n = 406; Missing = 0

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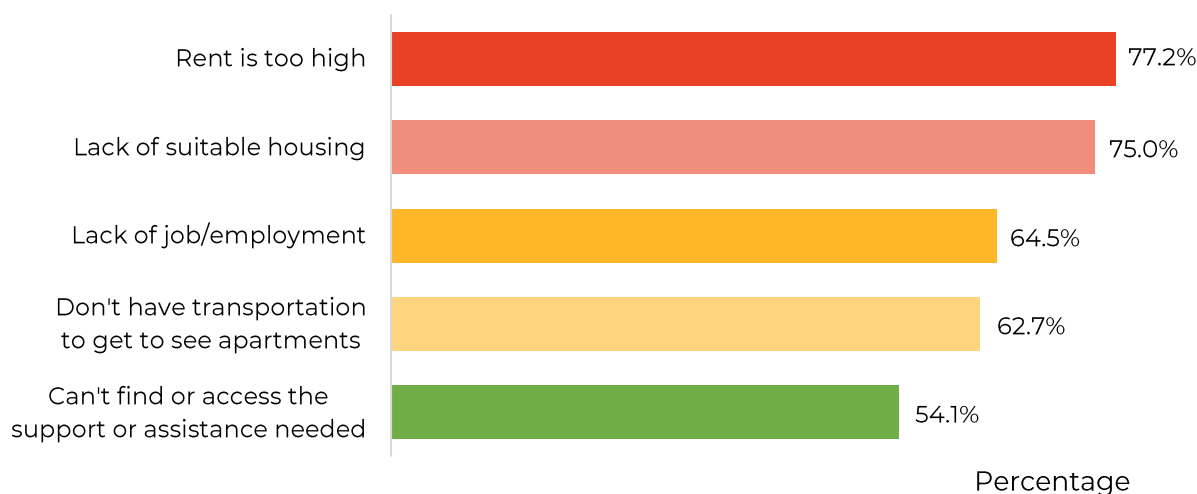
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Barriers to Finding and Keeping Housing

Participants often faced multiple hurdles to access long term housing:

**Top five barriers or challenges to finding and maintaining housing
(Participants could indicate more than one reason):**



n= 394; Missing = 12

Interactions with Landlords and Property Personnel

Many participants reported being judged or treated unfairly by landlords and property personnel in the previous year, because of their:

- Source of income (25.8%)
- Use of alcohol or drugs (24.5%)
- Race or ethnic background (21.4%)
- Gender, sexual orientation, appearance, age or disability

Several people reported that landlords were verbally, physically or sexually abusive.



“Landlord was asking questions over the phone:

1. Do you have an income? – Yes, EIA.
2. Are you a visible minority? – Yes, Native.

Then landlord said,
‘Oh, I think the apartment is rented.’”

