

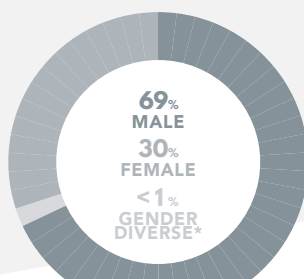
# GENDERED HOMELESSNESS

*in Winnipeg*

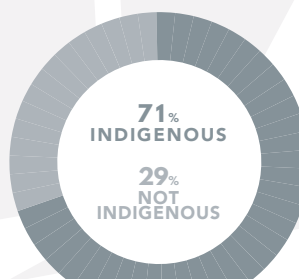
COLLECTED FROM THE 2018 WINNIPEG STREET HEALTH SURVEY

The 2018 Winnipeg Street Health Survey was focused on the health status, housing, and social service needs of people experiencing homelessness in Winnipeg. The data presented here are key findings on gender and 2SLGBTQ+ characteristics and experiences. Participants each have unique combinations of characteristics/identities. The intersection or combination of these characteristics/identities contributes to different experiences.

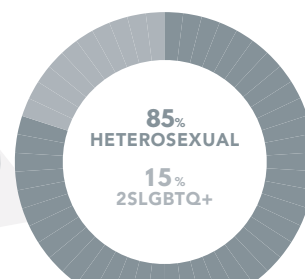
**406**  
PARTICIPANTS  
TOTAL



GENDER



INDIGENEITY



SEXUALITY

Overall, these findings are similar to the other surveys on homelessness in Winnipeg in past 10 years and fits with what would be expected in terms of gender breakdown.

\* An open-ended question in the survey asked about participant gender identity. The numbers of persons who identified as gender diverse were too small to be included here without compromising confidentiality. So the analyses presented here focus on those who specifically identified their gender as either female/woman or male/man.

THE MAJORITY ARE  
PARENTS

**85% 62%**

OF FEMALES OF MALES



OVERALL

**7.5%**

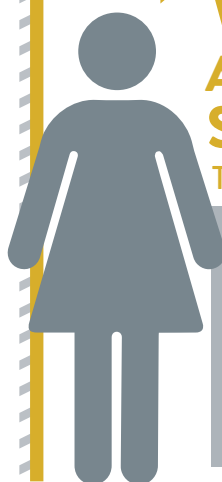
OF PARTICIPANTS  
REPORT HAVING BEEN  
SEXUALLY ASSAULTED  
OR RAPED IN  
THE PAST YEAR

INJURY AND PHYSICAL ASSAULT

**48%**

OF ALL PARTICIPANTS  
REPORTED BEING PHYSICALLY  
ASSAULTED IN THE YEAR PRIOR

**WOMEN**  
ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE  
SEXUALLY HARASSED  
THAN THEIR MALE COUNTERPARTS



HOWEVER

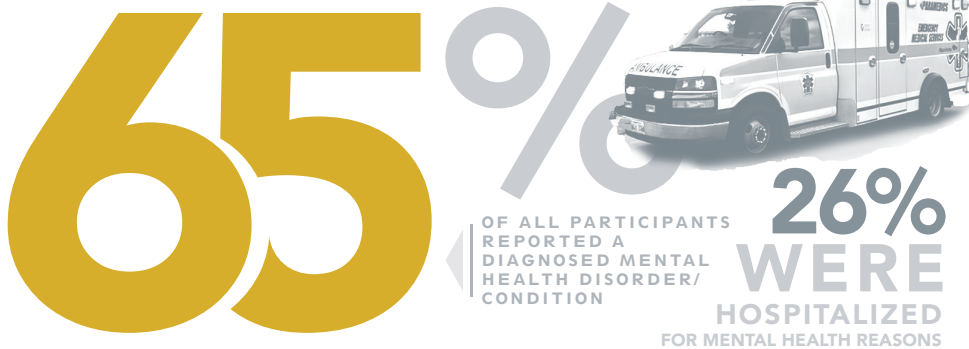
THERE IS VARIATION IN  
EXPERIENCES BETWEEN  
GROUPS (HETEROSEXUAL,  
2SLGBTQ+, AND INDIGENOUS/  
NOT INDIGENOUS)

**5x** WOMEN  
ARE MORE  
LIKELY

THAN MEN TO STAY IN A  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER

MEN ARE **32%**  
MORE LIKELY  
TO BE ASSAULTED BY A STRANGER

WOMEN ARE **48%**  
MORE LIKELY  
TO BE ASSAULTED BY SOMEONE KNOWN



## TYPES OF HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

### ABSOLUTE HOMELESSNESS

emergency shelter or domestic violence shelter, car or other vehicle, abandoned building, place of business, or outside

### PROVISIONALLY ACCOMMODATED

transitional housing, hotel or motel or boarding home funded by medical services, hospital, jail, treatment program where you live/stay overnight, stayed with a friend, or stayed with a family member

### PERMANENTLY ACCOMMODATED

rooming house, own apartment, or house

## EXPERIENCES IN THE MONTH BEFORE

participants may have experienced one or more types of homelessness in the month before the study. Stats below are overall.

### ABSOLUTE HOMELESSNESS

**87%**

**82%**

### PROVISIONALLY ACCOMMODATED

→ FEMALE (90%)  
→ MALE (78%)

### PERMANENTLY ACCOMMODATED

**15%**

### MOOD DISORDERS



51% OF INDIGENOUS FEMALES 61% OF 2SLGBTQ+ FEMALES  
33% OF INDIGENOUS MALES 50% OF 2SLGBTQ+ MALES

### ANXIETY DISORDERS



58% OF INDIGENOUS FEMALES 75% OF 2SLGBTQ+ FEMALES  
36% OF INDIGENOUS MALES 58% OF 2SLGBTQ+ MALES

## POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

WOMEN ARE 72% MORE LIKELY TO HAVE A POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

REPORTED BY  
**31%**  
FEMALE PARTICIPANTS

REPORTED BY  
**18%**  
MALE PARTICIPANTS

40% OF 2SLGBTQ+ FEMALES

31% OF 2SLGBTQ+ MALES

29% OF INDIGENOUS FEMALES

15% OF INDIGENOUS MALES



### OVERALL SUBSTANCE USE

**81%**  
**USED ALCOHOL**

**22%**  
**USED OPIOIDS**  
(HEROIN, OXYCODONES, FENTANYL)

**44%**  
**USED STIMULANTS**  
(COCAINE, AMPHETAMINES, METH)

+ **81%** OF 2SLGBTQ+ FEMALES USED STIMULANTS **65%** OF 2SLGBTQ+ MALES USED STIMULANTS

**70%**

OF ALL PARTICIPANTS REPORTED USING SUBSTANCES TO RELIEVE STRESS OR PAIN

IN THE YEAR PRIOR TO THE SURVEY, IT WAS QUITE COMMON TO BE WITH SOMEONE WHEN THEY OVERDOSED (20% OVERALL)



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