

Edmonton's Collaborative Approach to Ending Veteran Homelessness

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Comprehensive Approach

Leads efforts to end homelessness in Edmonton

- Responsible for stewarding provincial and local plans to end homelessness

- System planning
- Community leadership
- Data and knowledge management (HMIS)
- Evaluation
- Innovation

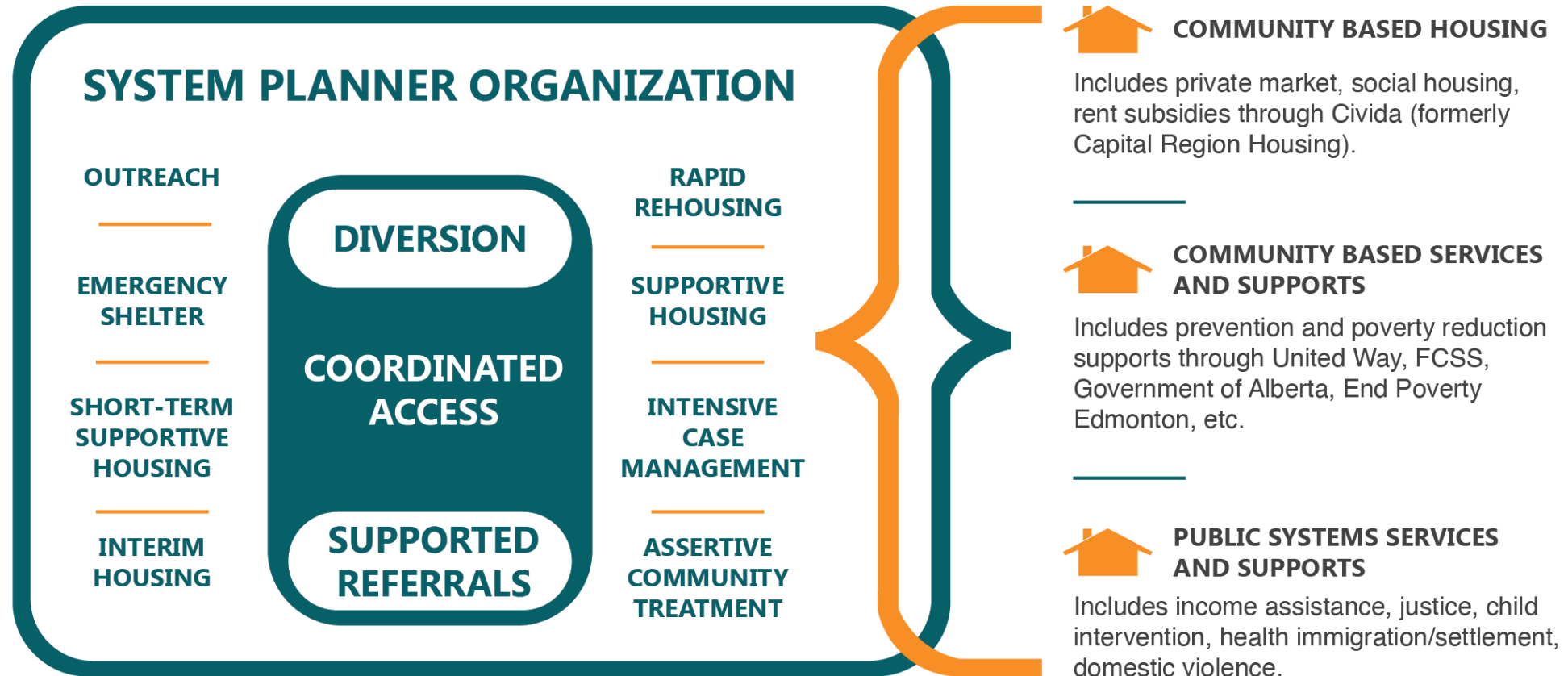


- Stewards and directs funding from 3 orders of government to meet community priorities
- Ensures compliance and contract reporting
- Invests in programs, housing supply, and community capacity

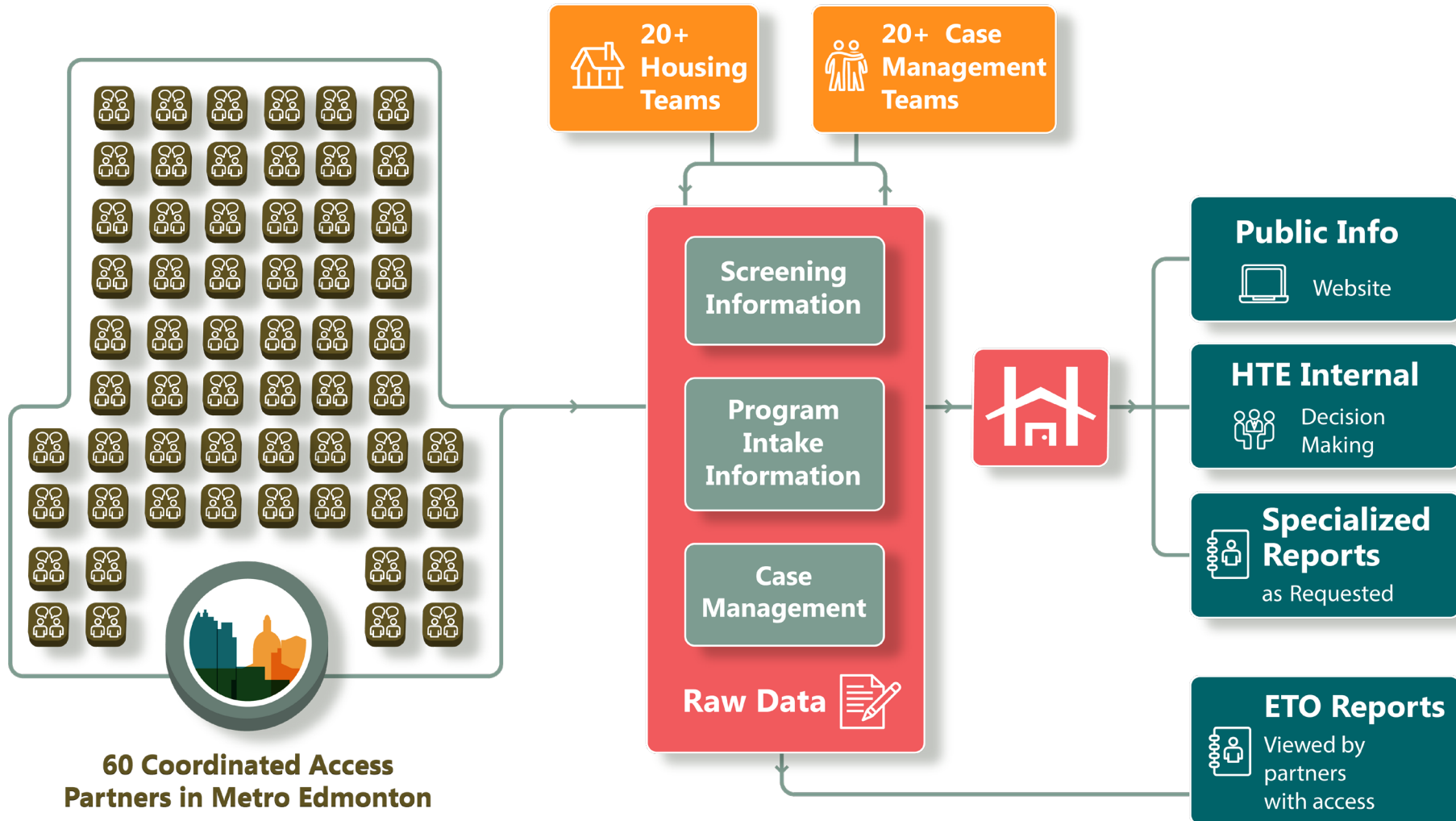
Implementation

- Community planning and engagement
- Review and investment in what works
- Taking risks and learning

System Planning and Integration



Data System



Homelessness in Edmonton

Number of people in Edmonton in September 2022

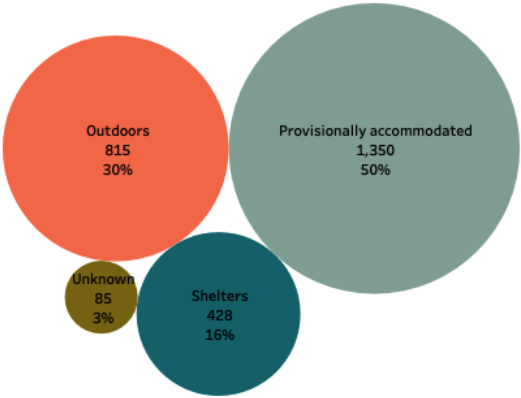
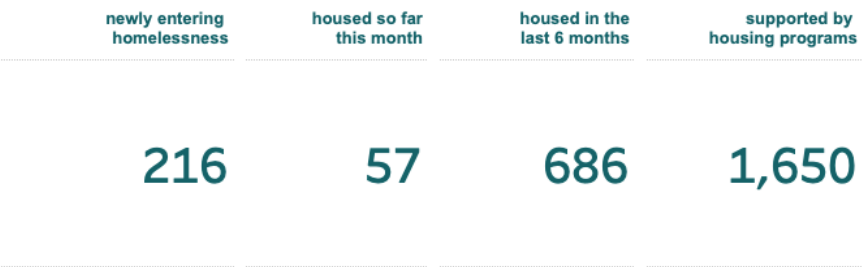
As of Date: Oct 14, 2022

14,894 people were housed through **Housing First** and related programs since 2009.

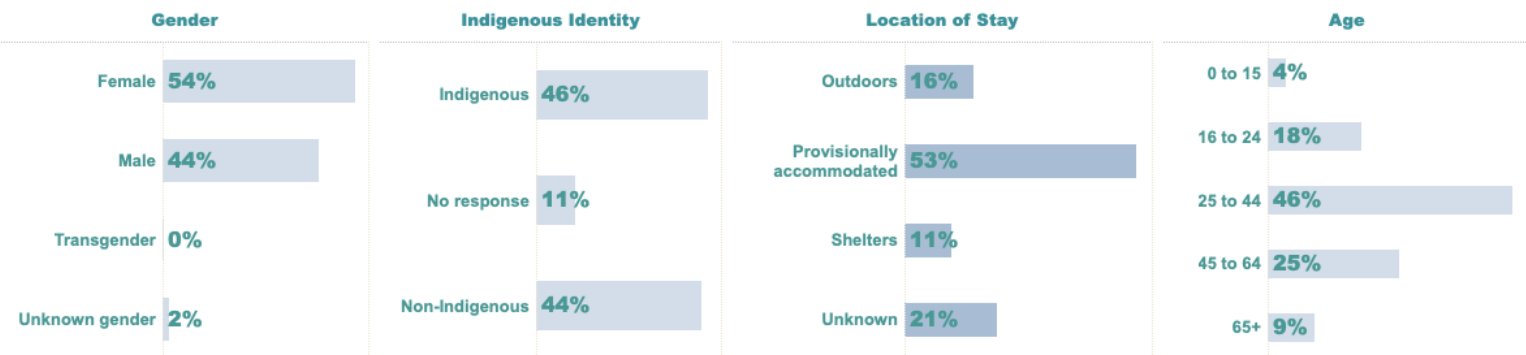
Experiencing homelessness 2,678

Real Time Data

The picture of homelessness in Edmonton is not static. Homeward Trust provides regularly updated data on the occurrence of homelessness in our community.



You are viewing a profile of
People housed so far this month

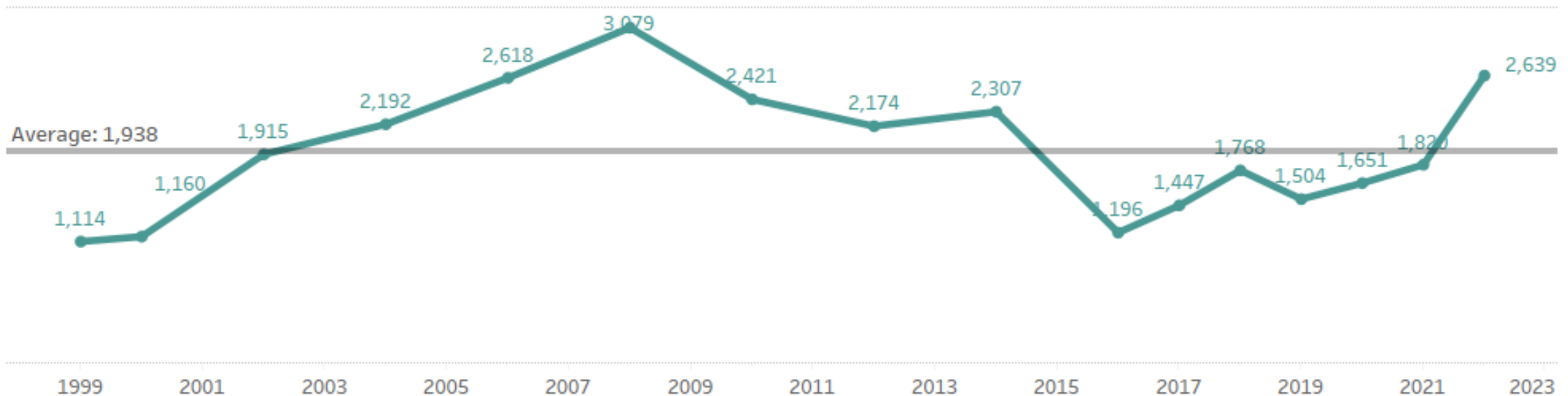


Robust, real-time data can be found in our live and publicly accessible dashboards through Tableau and available on our website.

Homelessness in Edmonton

— Homelessness Over Time

People experiencing homelessness since 1999



- Data from 1999 - 2016 from **Point-In-Time Counts**
- Data from 2017 – Present from the **By Name List**

Defining Veteran

— Definition

- We ask all people: ‘have you served in the Canadian Military or RCMP?’
 - Any person who served in the military; who successfully underwent basic training and was discharged
 - Any person who served in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Canada’s national police service

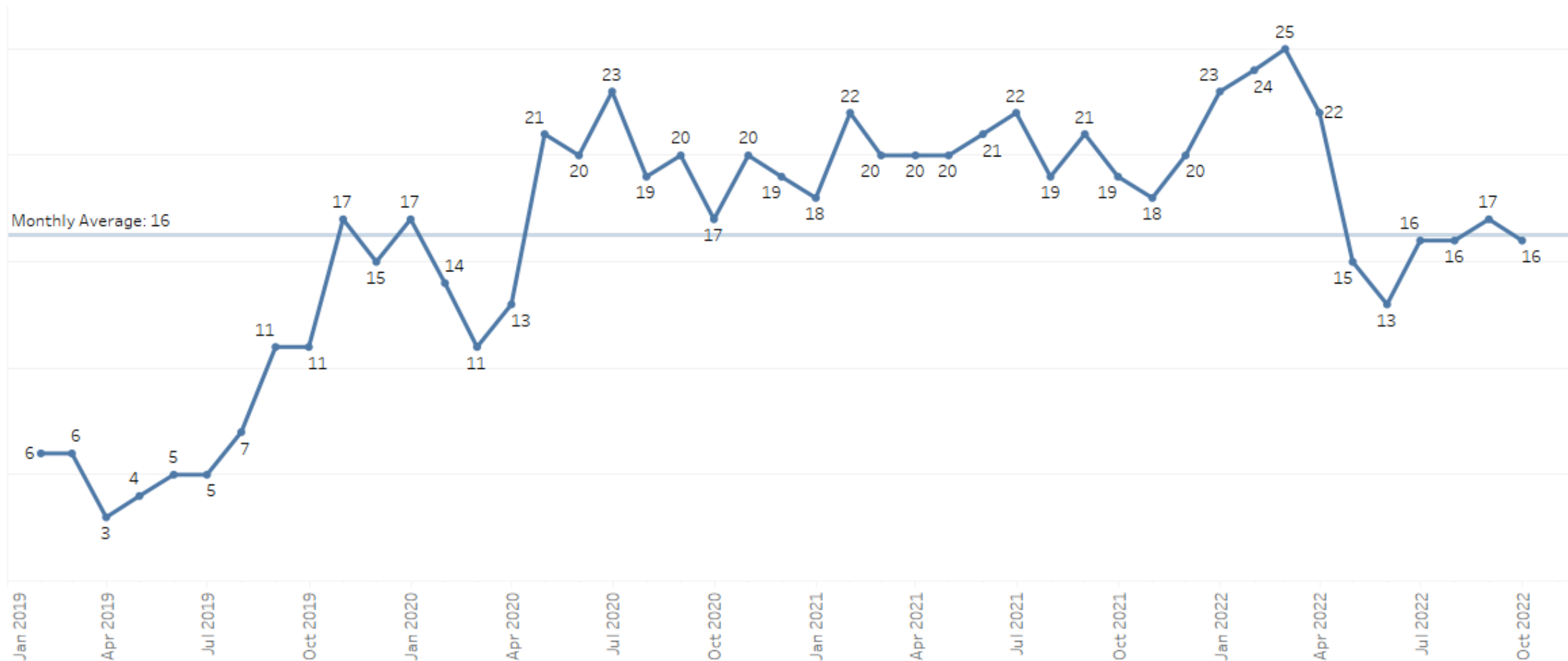
A Veteran's Experience of Homelessness

Compounding Factors



Veteran Homelessness in Edmonton

— Veteran Homelessness since 2019



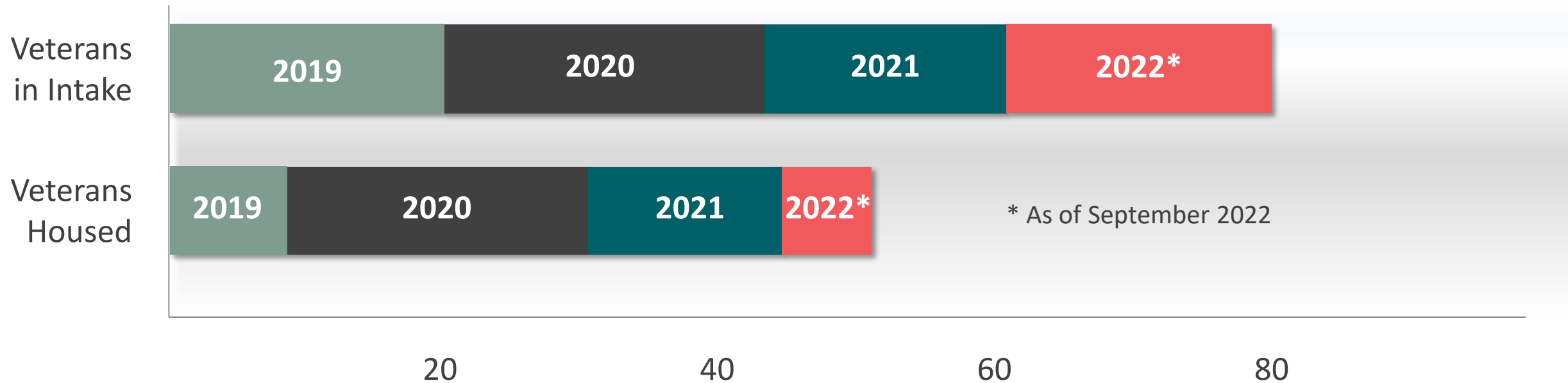
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— By Name List

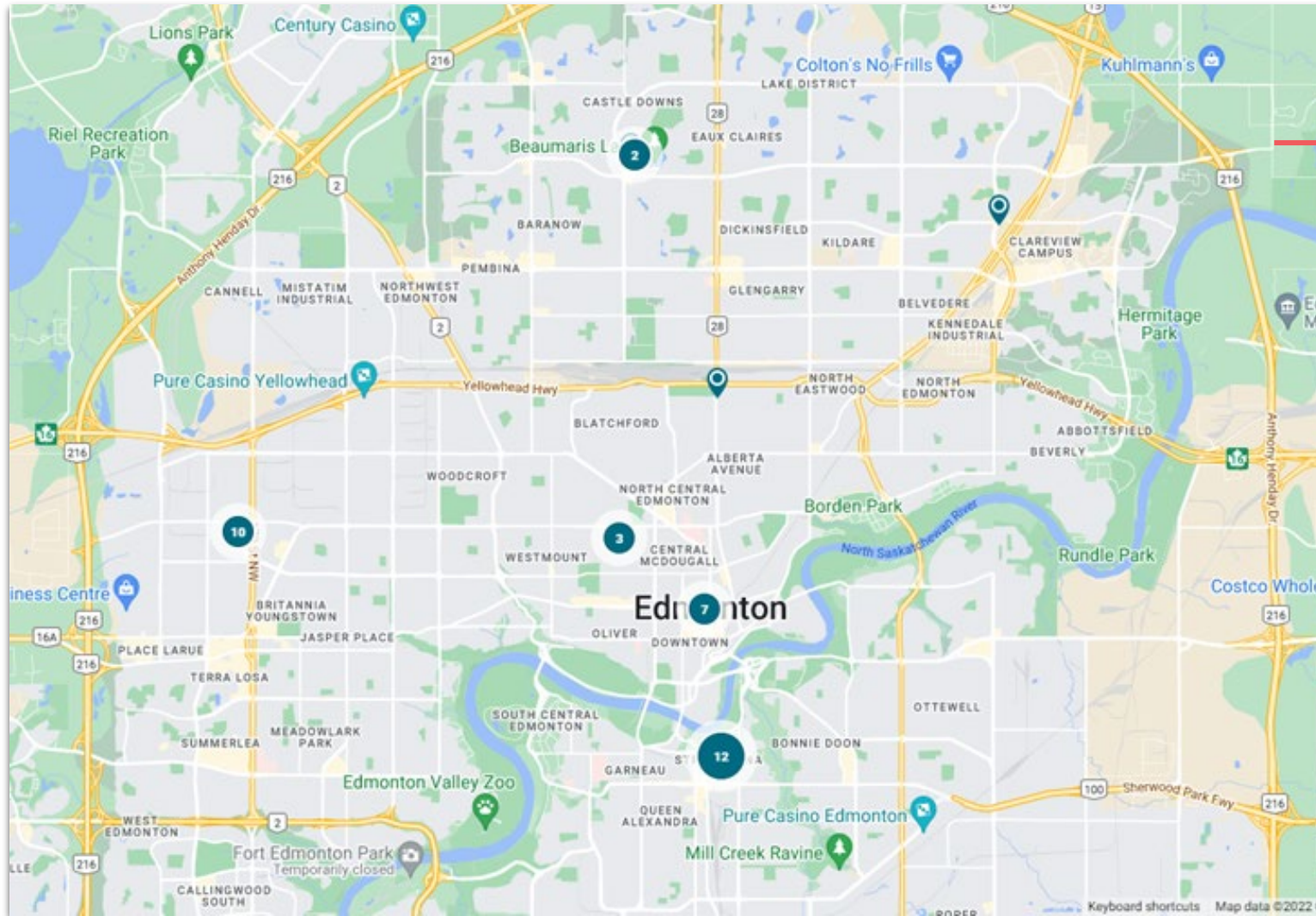
CaseNumber	Gender	IsIndigenous	Current Age	SiteName-Program
106630	Male	Non-Indigenous	43	Bissell Centre-Intake
122817	Male	Non-Indigenous	65	Bissell Centre-Housing 1st Intake (Outre
123203	Male	Indigenous	36	Boyle Street-Intake
123537	Male	Non-Indigenous	47	Bissell Centre-Housing 1st Intake (Outre
126665	Male	Non-Indigenous	42	Bissell Centre-Intake
128981	Male	Non-Indigenous	53	Bissell Centre-Housing 1st Intake (Outre
129682	Male	Non-Indigenous	65	Coordinated Access-Singles
129703	Male	Non-Indigenous	62	Coordinated Access-Singles
39830	Male	Indigenous	37	Bissell Centre-Housing 1st Intake (Outre
41569	Male	Non-Indigenous	65	George Spady-Intake
44815	Male	Non-Indigenous	42	Coordinated Access-Singles
52510	Male	Indigenous	50	Bent Arrow-Intake
52823	Male	Non-Indigenous	27	Bissell Centre-Housing 1st Intake (Outre
52864	Male	Non-Indigenous	60	Coordinated Access-Singles
65071	Female	Indigenous	26	Coordinated Access-Families

Veteran Outcomes

— Housings via Housing First



Collaboration



Scope of
Veteran Services
in Edmonton



Helpseeker.org

Collaboration

**Veterans
Association Food
Bank (VAFB)**



**Homes for Heroes
(H4HF)**



**Veteran Affairs
Canada (VAC)**

[VETERANS.GC.CA](https://veterans.gc.ca)

Canada

Collaboration

— Veteran Association Food Bank (VAFB)



More than just a Food Bank:

- Veteran Advocacy Services
- Veteran Outreach
- Wills and estate planning
- Pet Promise Program
- Peer Support

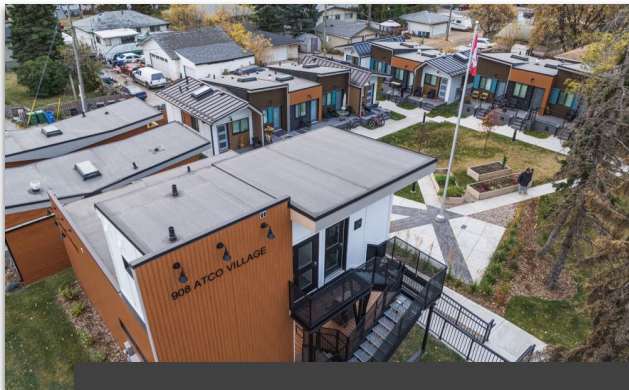
veteranassociationfoodbank.ca

Collaboration

— Homes for Heroes Foundation (H4HF)



Edmonton



Calgary

Unique and affordable 'tiny home' villages for Veterans

- Endorses Housing First and Harm Reduction
- Fully equipped with all features of a larger home
- Community Design; the village contains a resource centre, social workers office, and community garden.

Homesforheroesfoundation.ca

Collaboration

— Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC)

- Client-centred services for Veterans and their families
- Promotes recognition and remembrance of the achievements and sacrifices of those who have served
- Many benefits and services for Veterans

Veterans.gc.ca, 1-888-522-5122





Thank You!

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