

Survey Results: COVID-19 & Homelessness

About the survey

Each week, communities who work directly with CAEH, through Built for Zero Canada or the Training & Technical Assistance program, are invited to participate in a survey about COVID-19 and homelessness.

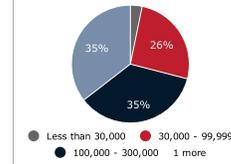
The results inform our advocacy efforts, as well as resources offered by CAEH. We are grateful to communities for taking the time to share these insights and for all they are doing to support the health and wellbeing of our homeless neighbours.



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Communities participated from across Canada

Atlantic Region	16%
Central Canada	55%
Prairie Provinces	19%
West Coast	6%
Northern Territories	3%

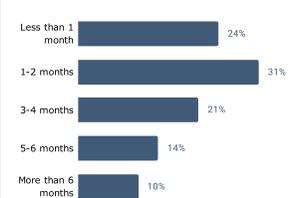
% of participating communities, by



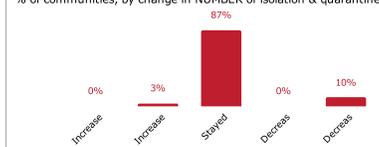
Isolation and Quarantine Shelters / Beds

94% of participating communities continue to operate isolation and quarantine shelters or beds.

% of communities, by # of months they can sustain isolation & quarantine model



% of communities, by change in NUMBER of isolation & quarantine

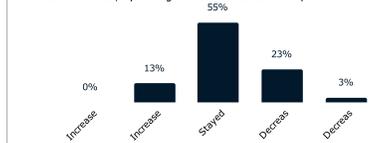


Reasons for decrease:

Lack of need	33%
Lack of funding	0%
Lack of space	0%
Lack of staff	0%

All communities that have decreased the number of I&Q shelters/beds did so in partnership with their local health authority.

% of communities, by change in USE of isolation & quarantine



Reasons for decrease:

Lack of need	75%
Choosing unsheltered	25%

Outbreaks & Testing

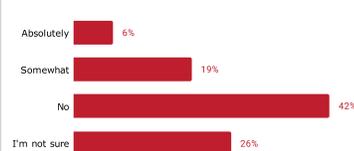
- 1** Number of communities with a COVID-19 outbreak in an **emergency shelter** in the past two weeks
- 0** Number of communities with a COVID-19 outbreak in an **encampment** in the past two weeks

- 5** Number of communities that have conducted universal testing in **emergency shelters** in the past two weeks
- 2** Number of communities that have conducted universal testing in **encampments** in the past two weeks

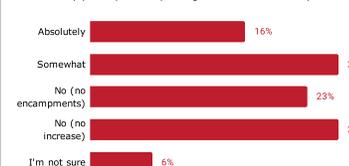
3 communities reported positive cases of COVID-19 among people experiencing homelessness in the past two weeks. All other communities reported that they have had **0** cases or were unsure of the number of cases.

Emerging Trends

% of survey participants reporting increase in homelessness in their community due to evictions in the past month



% of survey participants reporting increases in encampments



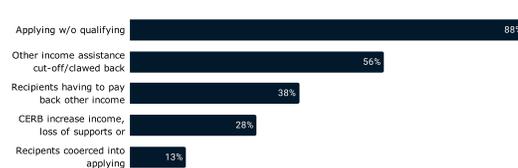
Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

The Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) gives financial support to employed and self-employed Canadians who are directly affected by COVID-19. Applicants can receive up to \$500 per week for a maximum of 24 weeks by providing their personal contact information, Social Insurance Number, and answering a few questions with Service Canada or Canada Revenue Agency.

The simple application process has helped ensure individuals receive the benefit as quickly as possible. However, it has also created an opportunity for individuals that are *not* eligible to apply and receive the benefit. Individuals who received the benefit but did not qualify, will be required to pay back the benefit in full at tax time (or earlier).

Those receiving social assistance who **did not** earn at least \$5,000 in employment income in the last 12 months **do not** qualify for CERB, yet have applied and received the benefit. Many in the homelessness sector have expressed concern about the potential impacts of CERB on those experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The charts to the right outline the primary concerns, yet it is worth noting many commented that they are more concerned about future impacts, as the full extent will not be understood until its time to pay back the benefit.

% of participants, by concern related to CERB



% of participants, by level of concern re: CERB impacts

