

Survey Results: COVID-19 & Homelessness

About the survey

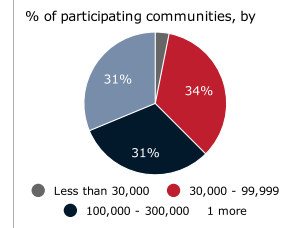
Each week, communities who work directly with CAEH, through Built for Zero Canada or the Training & Technical Assistance program, are invited to participate in a survey about COVID-19 and homelessness.

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.



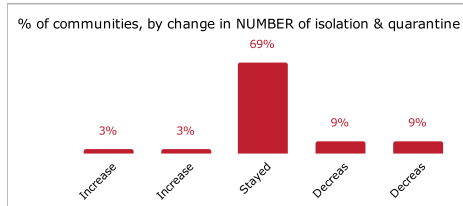
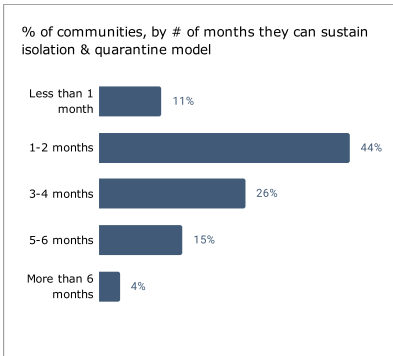
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Communities participated from across Canada

Atlantic Region	16%
Central Canada	50%
Prairie Provinces	22%
West Coast	6%
Northern Territories	6%



Isolation and Quarantine Shelters / Beds

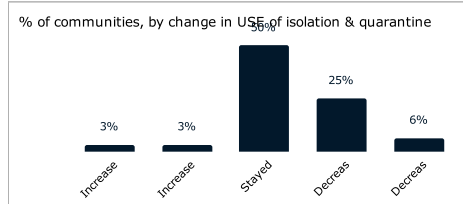
88% of participating communities continue to operate isolation and quarantine shelters or beds.



Reasons for decrease:

Lack of need	67%
Lack of funding	33%
Lack of space	17%
Lack of staff	17%

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



Reasons for decrease:

Lack of need	100%
Choosing unsheltered	30%

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

4 Number of communities that have conducted universal testing in **encampments** in the past two weeks

Only **1** community is aware of positive cases of COVID-19 in the past two weeks. All other communities reported that they have had **0** cases or were unsure of the number of cases.

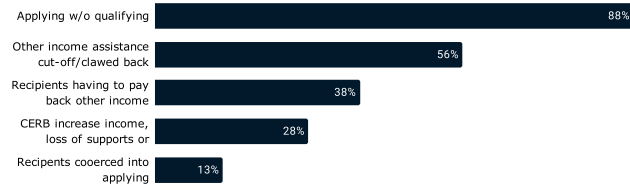
Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

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

