



Community Services

**Corporate Homelessness Plan-
Research and Project Update**



Edmonton

Homelessness and Houselessness

Homelessness Typology

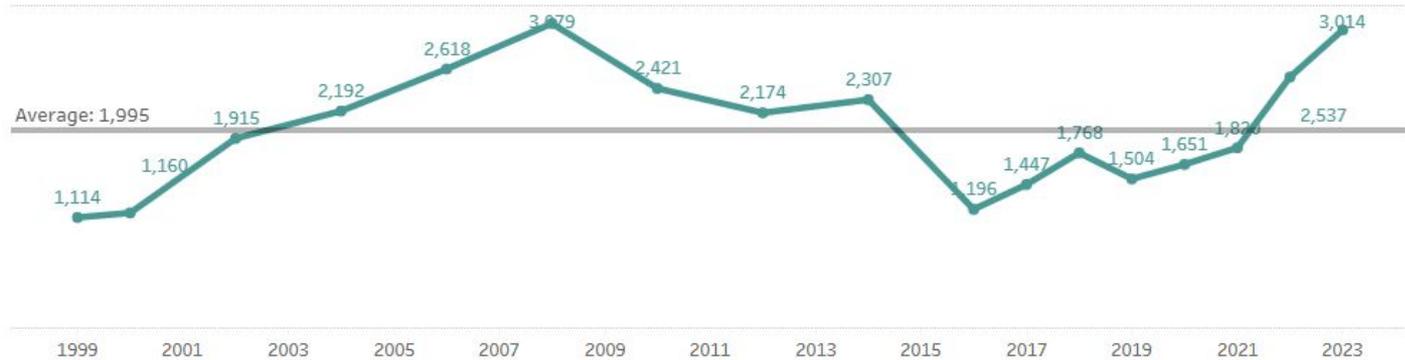
- Unsheltered
- Emergency Sheltered
- Provisionally Accommodated
- At Risk of Homelessness

Indigenous Homelessness

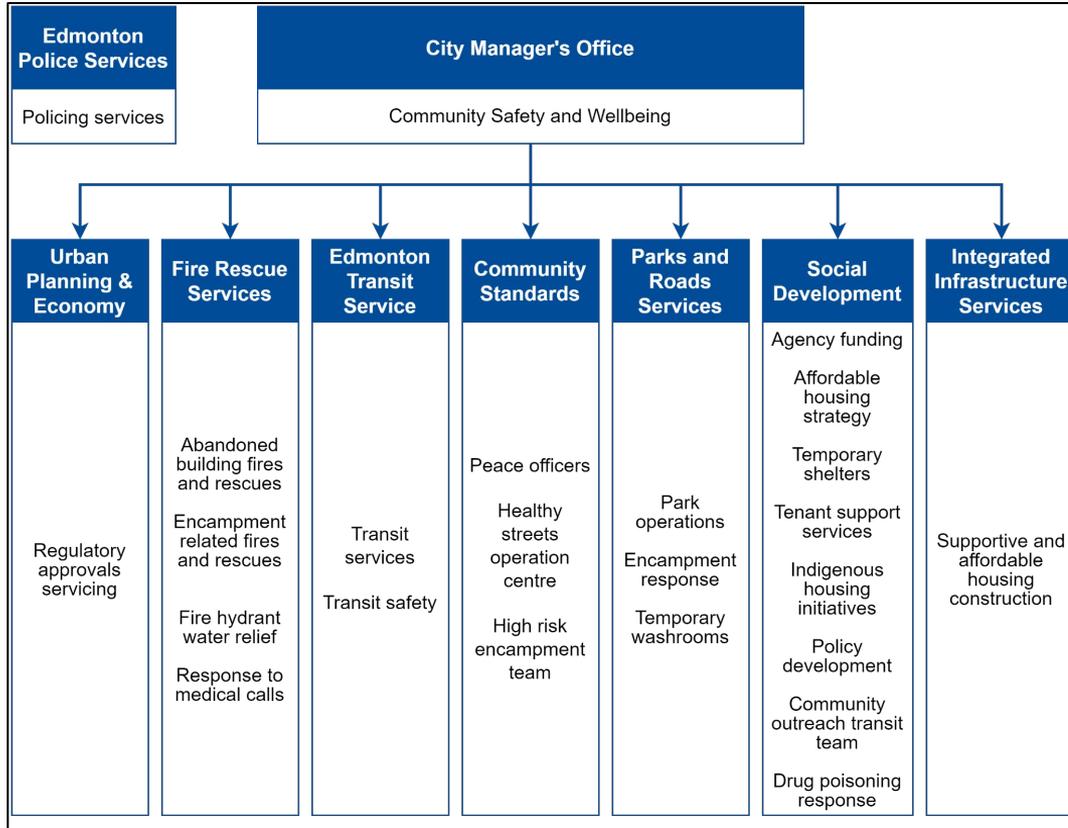
“... not defined as lacking a structure [but] understood through a composite lens of Indigenous worldviews. These include: individuals, families and communities isolated from their relationships to land, water, place, family, kin, each other, animals, cultures, languages and identities.”

Thistle, J. (2017.) Indigenous Definition of Homelessness in Canada. Toronto: Canadian Observatory on Homelessness Press.

Homelessness in Edmonton



Source: Homeward Trust Data, Analytics and Reporting
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City's Response to Homelessness

Plan Development



Jurisdictional Scan Findings

- In Edmonton, Homeward Trust is the designated Community Entity responsible for planning and coordinating the response to homelessness
- Roles and responsibilities of Canadian cities in responding to homelessness varied based on factors such as:
 - Community Entity designation (Federal funding)
 - Provincial authority and funding
 - Organizational structure and budget

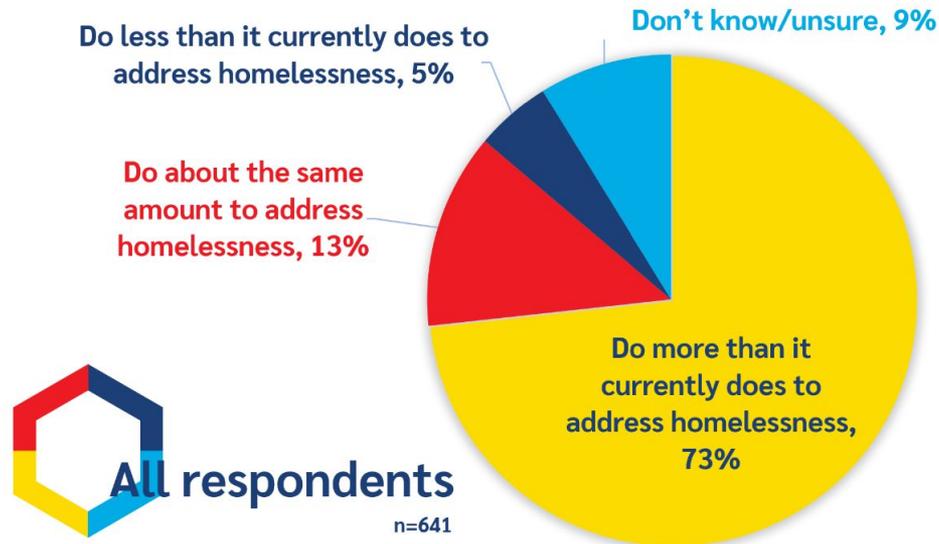
Case Study Findings

- Health care services are often integrated into homelessness responses in American cities, providing a holistic spectrum of integrated support programs and housing models
- Housing First with appropriate wrap-around services continues to demonstrate success in resolving homelessness
- Significant investment in housing through hotel models during the pandemic resulted in a significant decrease in unsheltered homelessness in certain cases

Public Opinion Research

Desired Level of Overall Involvement

Regardless of the responsibilities of other orders of government, the City of Edmonton should: (Q18)



Next Steps

- Engagement to internal and select external stakeholders to map current roles and responsibilities in responding to and addressing homelessness, including budgets;
- Identify opportunities for alignment and improvement of City-led homelessness response activities;
- Develop an integrated Corporate Homelessness Plan with a clear line of accountability and evaluation framework;
- Bring forward the Corporate Homelessness Plan Q1 2024

Thank you

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