

# Summary of Results of the 2011 Metro Vancouver Homeless Count – North Shore perspective

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**Total surveyed North Shore homeless population was 122.** This represents 5% of the 2,650 homeless people counted in Metro Vancouver.

**More homeless people are accessing shelters.** Of those counted on the North Shore, 67 were sheltered, while 55 were unsheltered. Since 2008, there has been an 8% increase in sheltered homeless, and a 17% decrease in unsheltered homeless on the North Shore.

**Total homeless population has decreased slightly since 2008. The total number of homeless.** 122 people were found compared to 127 counted in 2008. This represented an absolute reduction of 5 people or 4%.

## Trends in total homeless population on the North Shore:

	Total Homeless 2002	Total Homeless 2005	Total Homeless 2008	Total Homeless 2011	Change 2008-2011	Change 2002-2011
North Shore	47	90	127	122	-4%	160%

## Key Regional Data

**75% of respondents across Metro Vancouver had spent a year or more in their municipality**

**Aboriginal people remained overrepresented in the homeless population.** Twenty-seven percent (27%) of the surveyed homeless population self-identified as Aboriginal, although Aboriginal people comprised only about 2% of the general population of Metro Vancouver.

**Youth homelessness increased.** A total of 397 unaccompanied youth under the age of 25 were found. This was the highest number of unaccompanied homeless youth ever found in the region.

**Female share of the homeless population increased.** Nearly one in three (30%) homeless person counted was female.

***Number of homeless families increased.*** Fifty-six homeless families with 54 children were found. The majority of the children, 32 of the 54, were 12 years or younger. The majority of the homeless families (55%) reported being homeless due to family breakdown, abuse or conflict.

***More seniors remained homeless longer and were susceptible to high shelter costs.*** More than 200 people aged 55 years and older were found homeless in 2011. Although the absolute number of homeless seniors did not indicate a change in trend since 2008, nearly 48% of the seniors found in 2011 were considered long term homeless people who had been without a home for at least one year. Large segments of this population also faced multiple health issues.