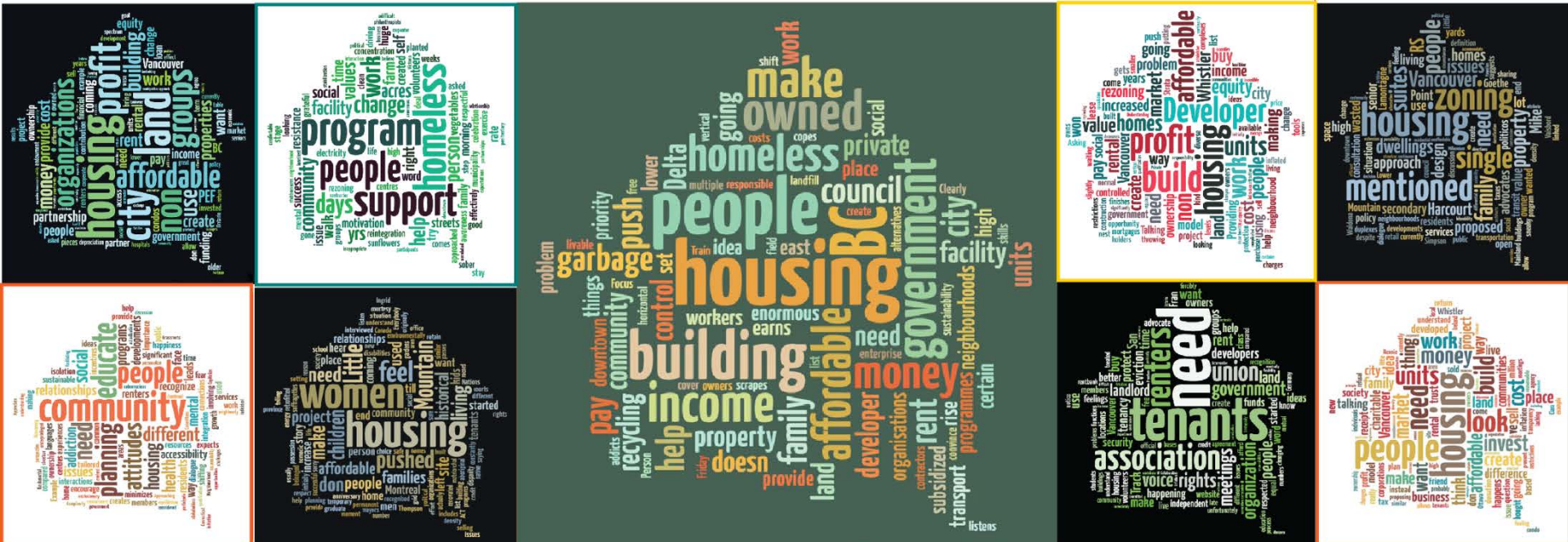


2013 Actions Towards Ending Homelessness



A home for everyone

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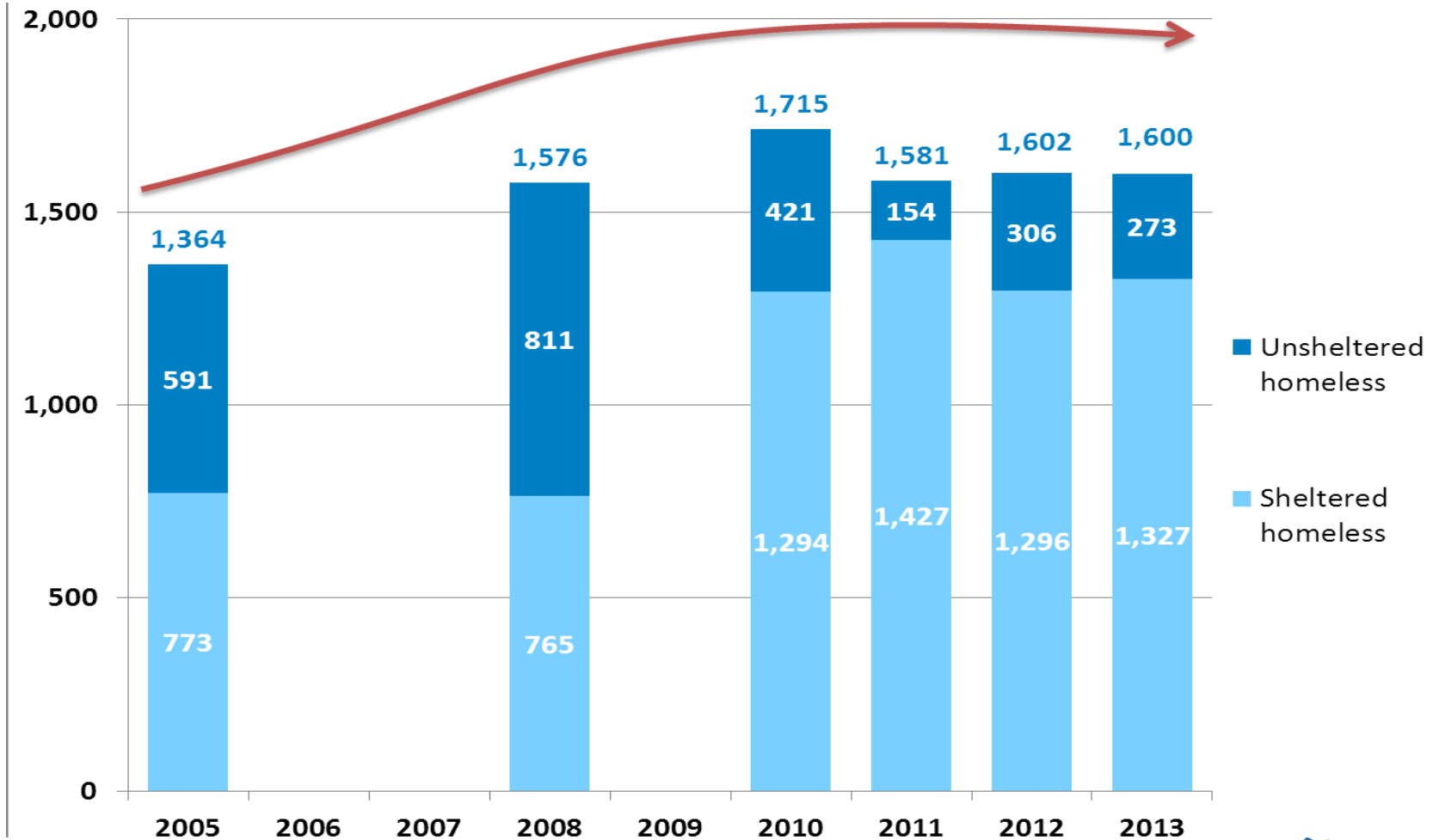
Outline of the Presentation

- 2013 Homeless Count Data
 - Count Results
 - Key Populations
 - Geographic Distribution
- 2013/2014 Temporary Winter Shelter and Interim Housing Strategy
- Homelessness Action Week: Raising Awareness and Encouraging Community Action

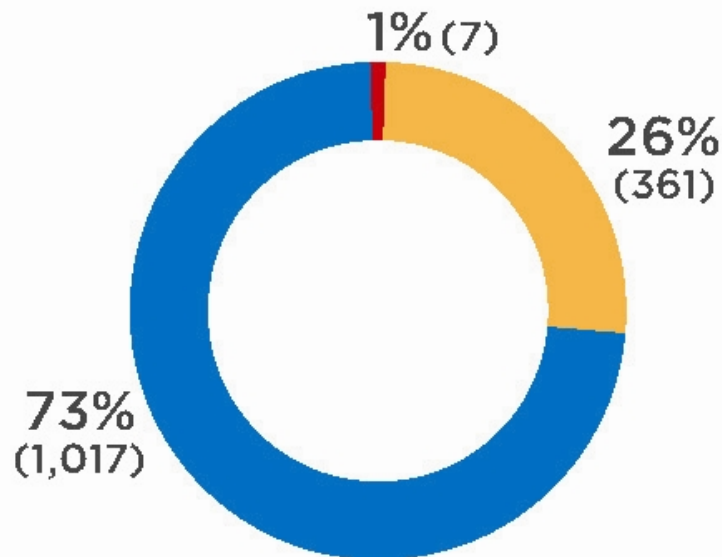
Key Findings: Vancouver Homeless Count March 2013



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2013 Key Findings: Gender

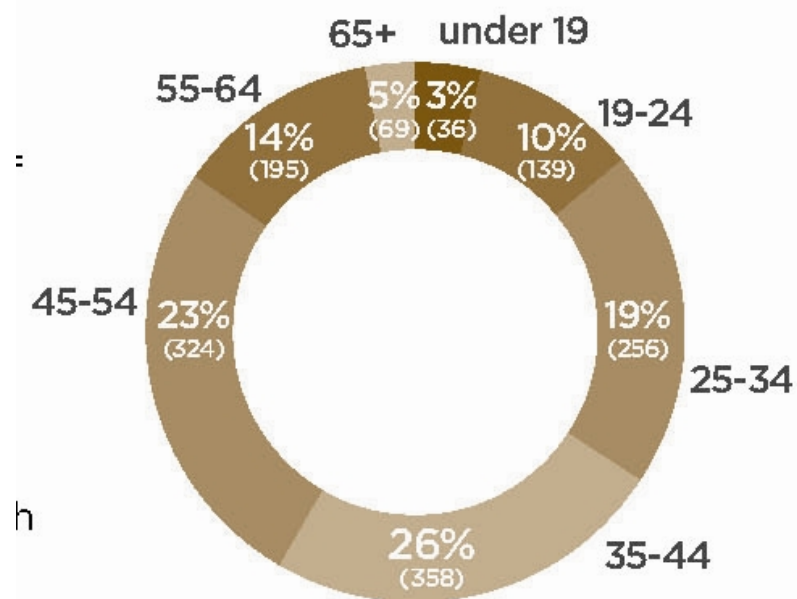


**almost 3/4
are male**

Total respondents: 1,385

Male Female Transgendered

2013 Key Findings: Age

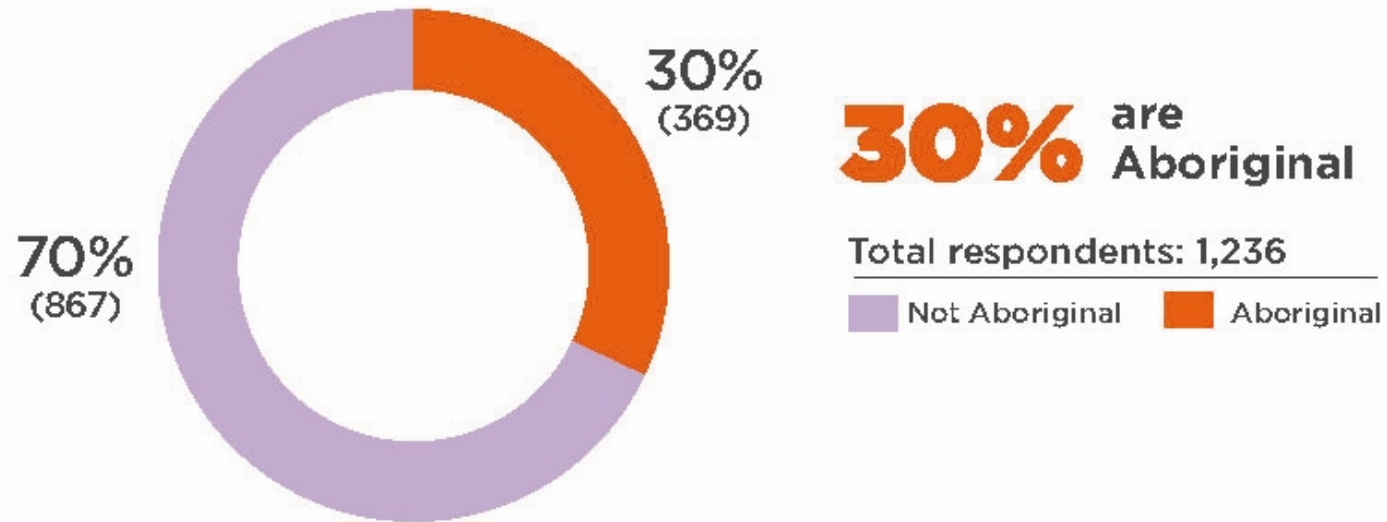


35-54 largest age group

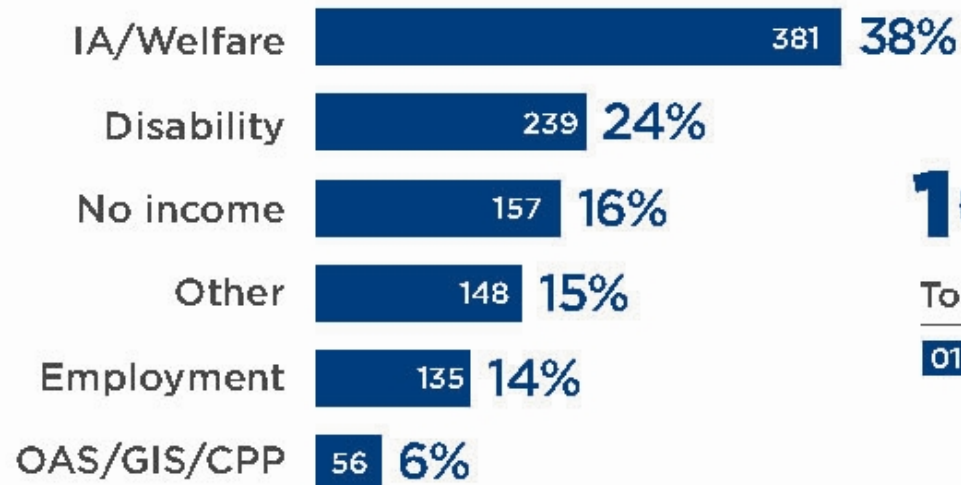
Total respondents: 1,377

% Percentage of people in that age group

2013 Key Findings: Aboriginal Identity



2013 Key Findings Income

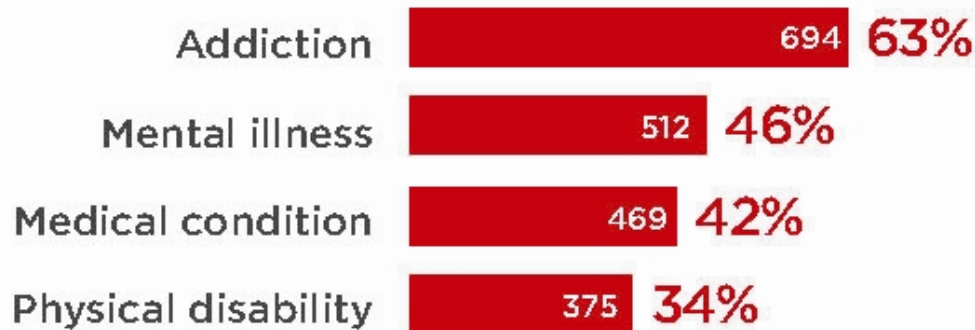


16% have no income

Total respondents: 999

01 Number of people % Percentage of people

2013 Key Findings: Self-Reported and Observed Health Conditions



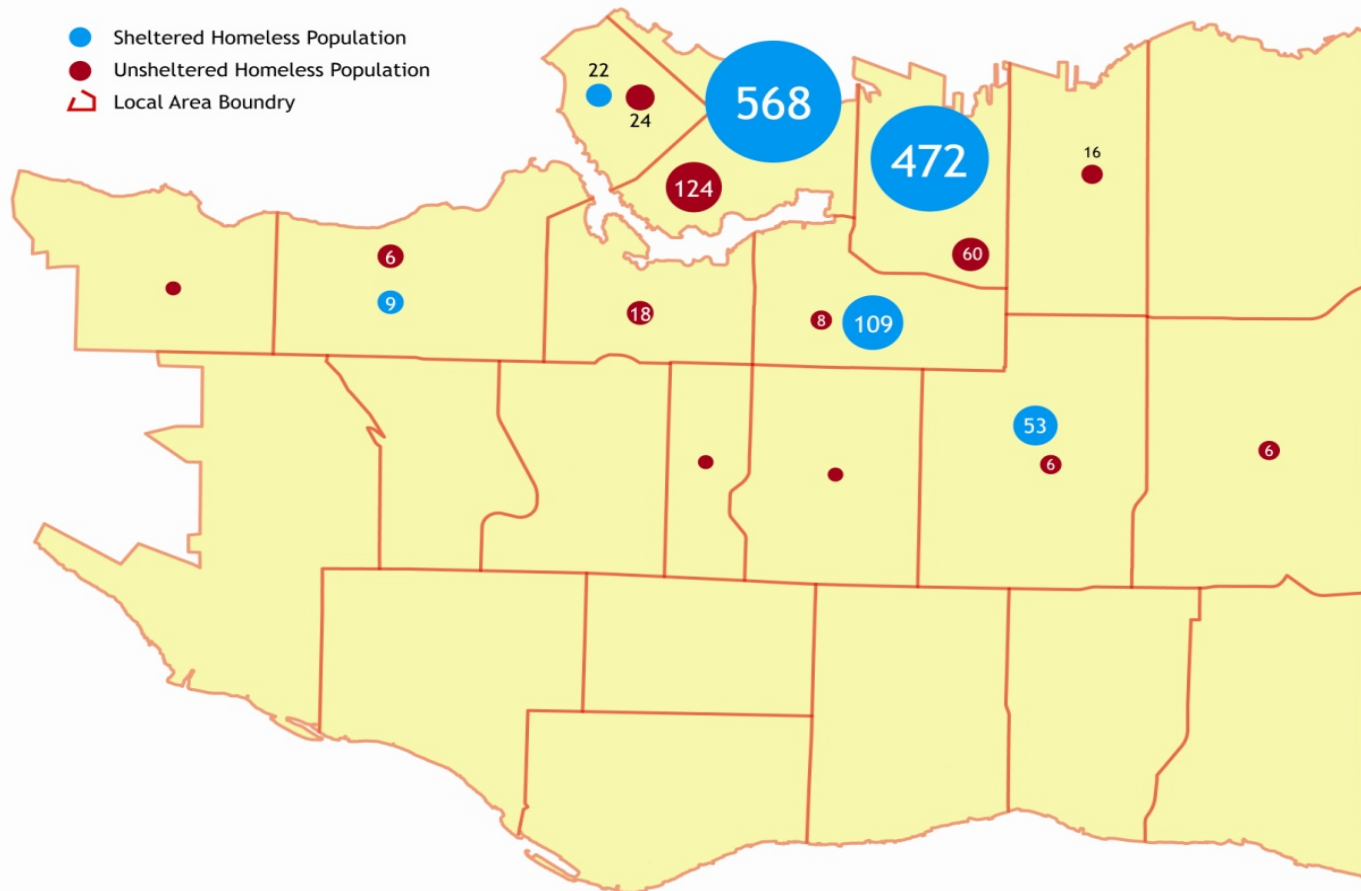
3 of every 5 people surveyed reported having an addiction

Total respondents: 1,104

01 Number of people % Percentage of people

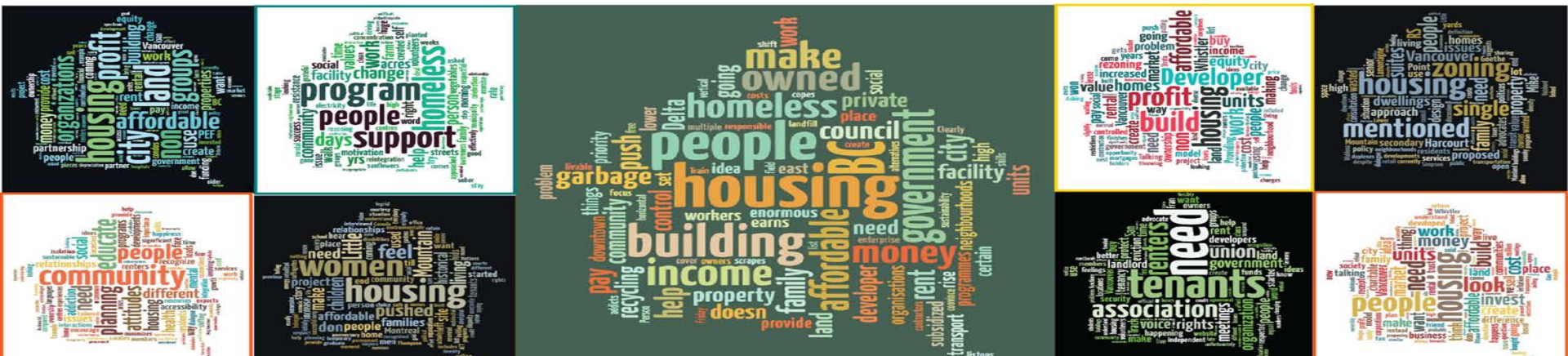
For the full 2013 Vancouver Homeless Count Report visit www.vancouver.ca/housing

2013: Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless



Working Towards Ending Homelessness:

- Building on Province's Housing First Initiative and City of Vancouver's Goal to Solving Street Homelessness, successful strategies have included:
 - Moving people off the street into temporary shelters and interim housing
 - Provincial Housing First Approach - affordable housing with supports
 - Providing permanent housing and appropriate supports to achieve long term housing stability



Winter Response Shelters 2013-2014: More Responsive Approaches

- Winter response shelters fundamental to ending homelessness:
 - Reduce death and morbidity during winter months
 - Stabilization of health and life style
 - Opportunities for intervention (e.g., mental health and addictions treatment)
 - Pathway to housing (approximately 60% - or almost 500 individuals over the last 5 years transitioned into permanent housing)
- These low-barrier shelters are:
 - Welcoming to street homeless by allowing pets and carts
 - Providing daily hot and nutritious food
 - Connecting to primary health care
 - Referring to mental health and other social services
 - No limit on length of stay



Engaging the Public on Homelessness

- Year Round Activities:
 - Community Plans - focus on social and affordable housing and shelters
 - Business Improvement Association and Urban Development Institute Liaison Committees - provide regular updates with discussions on homelessness issues
 - StreetoHome Partnership - board and committee discussions
 - Neighbourhood-based liaising - with neighborhood houses, community centres, non-profits service providers and business organizations to support homeless outreach activities and promote information on homelessness

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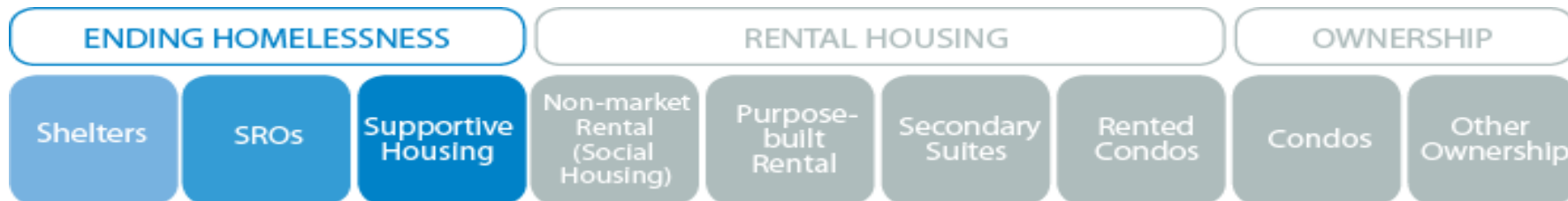
- October 2nd, 2013: Mayor's Round Table on Mental Illness and Addictions:
 - Brought together leaders from VCH, BCH, & COV; Academic Researchers; non-profit service providers; business professionals, Aboriginal elders and persons with lived experiences
 - Extensive discussion on results of Canadian Mental Health Commission's At Home/Chez Soi project and UBC's SRO Hotel Study
 - Key conclusions:
 - All areas of Vancouver need to be aware and involved around mental health and addictions issues related to homelessness
 - Health supports and housing choice throughout the City are key

Engaging the Public on Homelessness

- **Annual Winter Response Shelter Outreach**
 - Engage with neighbourhood service providers and broader community to identify opportunities to support this vulnerable population
 - Open Houses for community residents/businesses to meet shelter users and operators, with BCH and City staff including VPD on hand to provide information and contacts
 - Seek specific public input to the Operations Management Plan:
 - Providing information contact for CoV, BCH, VPD staff and non-profit operator
 - Issue management protocol

Housing the homeless in the CoV/BCH

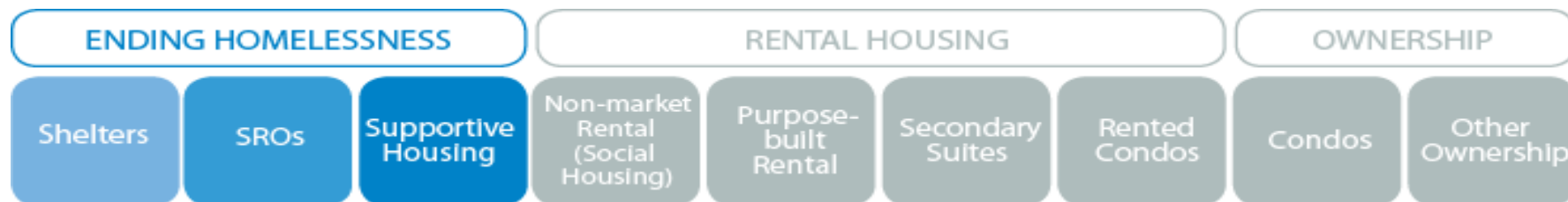
14 sites: Progress to Date



Site	Operator	Units	Housed	Homeless
1005 Station St	PHS	80	44	36
337 W. Pender	Coast	95	75	20
525 Abbott	Atira	108	40	68
1338 Seymour	More Than a Roof	104	84	20
3595 W. 17th	Coast	51	29	22
188 E. 1st	Look Out	129	81	48
215 West 2 nd	Katherine Sanford/ Raincity	156	63	93
1601 W. 7 th	Katherine Sanford/MPA	62	38	24
TOTAL		785	454	331
% of Units			57%	42%

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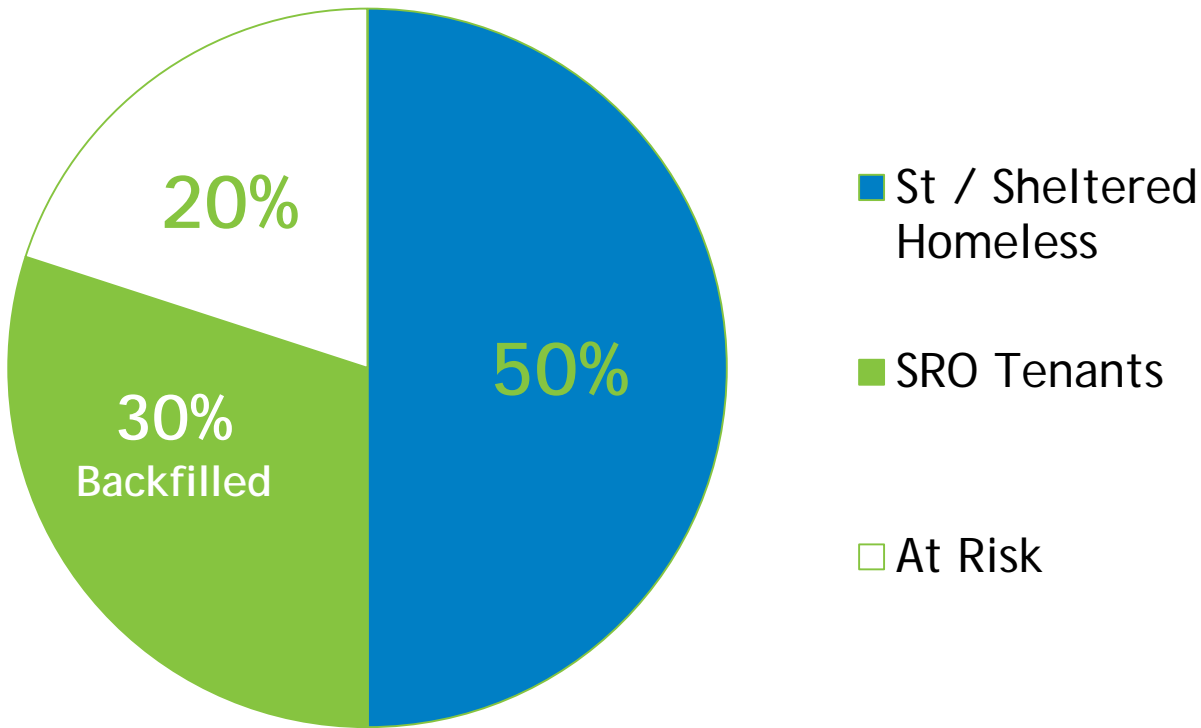
14 sites: Progress to End of 2014



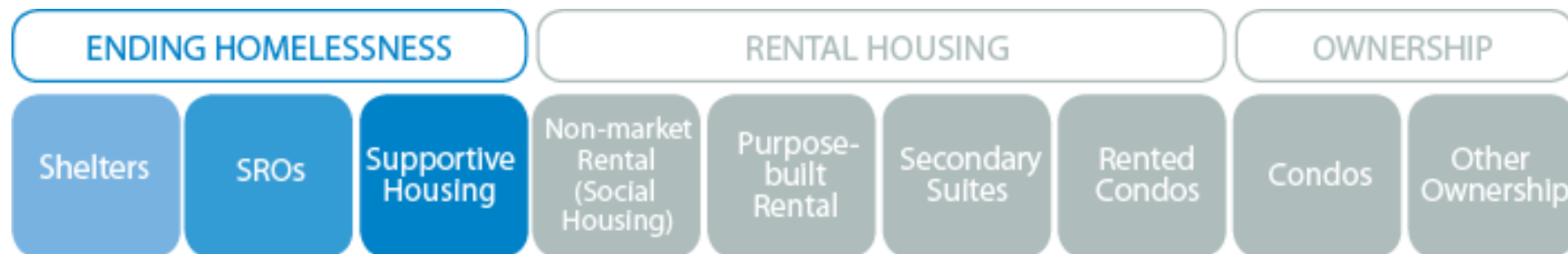
Site	Operator	Units	Housed	Homeless
1237 Howe St	Maclaren Housing	109	54	55
1134 Burrard	Kettle/Family Services	141	70	71
675 E. Broadway	VNHS	99	49	50
111 Princess	PHS	139	69	70
220 Princess	Raincity	147	73	74
	TOTAL	635	315	320
	% of Units		50%	50%

Housing the homeless in remaining CoV/BCH 14 sites

- 491 homeless will be housed in the 635 remaining supportive housing units:
 - 320 street or sheltered directly
 - 171 street or sheltered as backfill into BCH SRO's



Interim Housing



- **Scheduled to open before March 2014**
 - Kingsway Howard Johnson (Biltmore): 100 rooms
 - Kingsway Continental: 123 rooms (approximately 60 tenants being relocated from City's Old Continental)
 - East Hastings Ramada: 57 rooms
- **280 Interim Housing rooms in total**

Homelessness Action Week 2013

- Further awareness raising of homelessness
- Demonstrating importance of addressing need along the housing continuum
- Identifying positive outcomes of temporary winter shelters for both the individual experiencing homelessness and the surrounding community
- Encouraging communities to join in taking action towards ending homelessness

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Homelessness Action Week: Oct. 13 - 19, 2013

- World Homeless Day
10.10.13
- Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness
- 8th Annual HAW



Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness



2013 HAW: City-Sponsored Events and HAW Grants



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Homelessness Action Week Proclamation

- Thursday, October 10, 11:30-12:30, City Hall
- Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society's **Susan Tatoosh** (Exec Dir) and **Harold Michell** (Ops Dir 201 Central) accepting proclamation
- The Aboriginal Friendship Centre hosted the 2012 Vancouver Homeless Connect event
- Focused on meeting needs of aboriginal people making a transition to the urban Vancouver community for over 50 years.
- Runs the Aboriginal Shelter at 201 Central Street, which sleeps 100 people, and also assists Aboriginal people access housing.



Vancouver Rent Bank: One-Year Celebration

- Network of Inner-City Community Services Society, the City, Street to Home, and partners
- Tuesday, October 15, 11:30am
- Vancouver Community College,
Atrium, 250 West Pender St.
- niccss.ca/VRB



Out of the Rain - Art Exhibit and Gala



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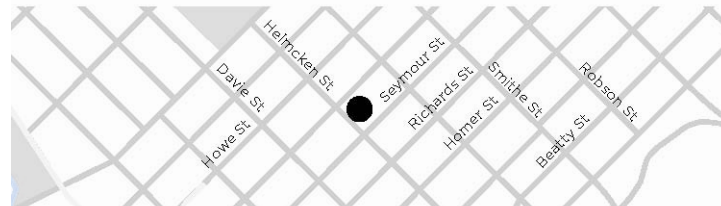


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Elliott Broidy exec. produced independent film to screen at Vancouver's Homelessness Action Week (VIDEO)

'Sugar' is a powerful film offering a harsh reality check of life on the streets

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(PR NewsChannel) / September 23, 2013 / LOS ANGELES
Months after garnering high praise at the Manhattan Film Festival, Elliott Broidy, the executive producer of the film 'Sugar,' has arranged to have the movie screened at Vancouver's Homelessness Action Week.

Homelessness Action Week will take place October 13 -19 and will feature numerous events and projects throughout Vancouver in addition to the film screening, including a planned story series by the Streethome Foundation, which was created on the principle that everyone should have a home.

Organized by Vancouver-based Reel Causes, the screening is set for October 17th, 2013.

"I don't think I could dream of a more appropriate setting to screen this eye-opening film," said philanthropist Elliott Broidy, executive producer of "Sugar." "Homelessness is an important global issue that deserves to have its day in the sun."

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7pm Screening of *Sugar* and panel on youth homelessness with Judy Graves, Aaron Munro (Raincity Housing) and Eireann Day (Vancouver Housing First Speakers' Bureau)

Proceeds to Raincity's LGBTQ2S+ youth shelter



Events and activities by 18 HAW grant recipients

Including “Eastside Stride” by UGM, Saturday Oct 12 - Sunday Oct 20

Two-hour walking tours of the DTES to build awareness and promote education while giving employment to local residents in an empowering and dignified manner.

[youtube.com/watch?v=U1fWNANNCuM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1fWNANNCuM) *(links to video)*

Join in and learn more

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