



Through volunteer power, we provide tangible necessities, systems navigation, and advocacy to help end the cycle of homelessness.

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In 2022-2023

- 17,399 individual contacts served
- 47% or 8236 Indigenous (over represented)
- 1/3rd said we're Sleeping outside (rough)

Over 206 shifts we served..



17 399 Contacts

22% of those we served received a referral to a service they did not previously know about



5568 Female

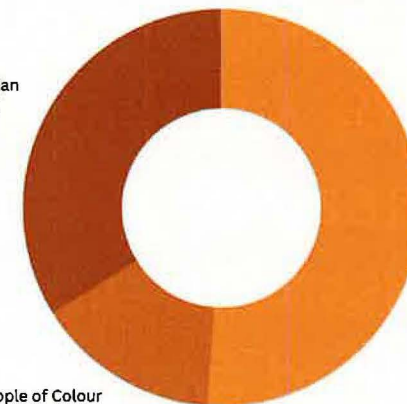


97 Gender Diverse



11327 Male

Caucasian
5444



Indigenous
8236

People of Colour
2412



A third of those were sleeping rough, meaning that they were not accessing emergency shelter that night

12,042

the number of sandwiches we prepared
and supplied to the unhoused in the
downtown community in 2022

**DID YOU
KNOW?**



that is as many as 8 Calgary towers!



83,507

the number of food and hydration items
we handed out to the unhoused in the
downtown community in 2022

**Food is the
MOST requested
item we never
have enough of**



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– **Team Leads who run shifts :**

Are Nurses, Paramedics, EMR's.

**They run trained volunteer
outreach worker teams of 4,
often coupled with folks with
lived experience of**

Homelessness to help



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Over our 8+ years of operating the most consistently requested referral, year after year, is for those who **want & need housing**. For many years the standard is that folks wait many months, if not years for housing



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City of Calgary Corporate Housing Strategy 2015-2024

64%

The City should
invest more
in affordable housing

69%

Affordable housing
for low-income
families is
"very important"

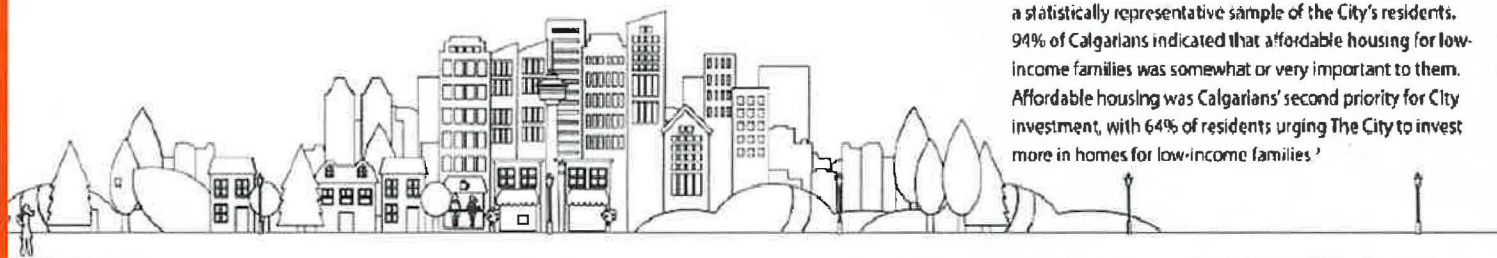
Source: Calgary Citizen
Satisfaction Survey, 2015

Affordable housing is
second
only to transit as
a priority
for City investment

by \$1.4 billion and generates up to 15,000 direct and indirect jobs.¹

- Affordable housing strengthens residents' purchasing power and boosts the local economy. With lower housing costs, residents have better opportunities and more disposable income to invest in other goods and services.
- Affordable housing attracts employers with the promise of a stable workforce. When housing costs are prohibitively high, companies, particularly those in the industrial sector, struggle to find and retain the workers they need.
- Affordable housing reduces demand for emergency services. By keeping vulnerable residents off the streets, affordable housing reduces pressure on hospitals and corrections facilities, as well as City spending on policing, bylaw, and fire services. Providing one homeless person with housing has been shown to save taxpayers \$34,000 annually.²

Calgarians believe in affordable housing. In 2015, for the first time, The City of Calgary included questions on affordable housing in its annual Citizen Satisfaction Survey, which polls a statistically representative sample of the City's residents. 94% of Calgarians indicated that affordable housing for low-income families was somewhat or very important to them. Affordable housing was Calgarians' second priority for City investment, with 64% of residents urging The City to invest more in homes for low-income families.³



National Housing Strategy Act

S.C. 2019, c. 29, s. 313

Assented to 2019-06-21

An Act respecting a national housing strategy

[Enacted by section 313 of chapter 29 of the Statutes of Canada, 2019, in force July 9, 2019, see SI/2019-62.]

Preamble

Whereas housing is essential to the inherent dignity and well-being of the person and to building sustainable and inclusive communities as well as a strong national economy in which the people of Canada can prosper and thrive;



**We know we have been lacking
Affordable Housing For years: :**

We must implement immediate actions to address the affordability crises that has increased cost of living. Increasing rents of many hundreds of dollars per month is unsustainable.

Without collaboration of all of the civil sector, the public, all levels of government, the housing crisis will only get worse.





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Numbers from a 2020 study from the foundation and the School of Public Policy found individuals suffering from homelessness and frequently used services such as hospitals and jails cost the public an average of \$87,000 a year. After they were placed in a home, that number dropped to an average of \$30,500 per year, the study found.

Despite the documented success of housing first, Kneebone said there remains a need to help people from becoming homeless in the first place.

**\$87,000 per person per
year experiencing
homelessness**



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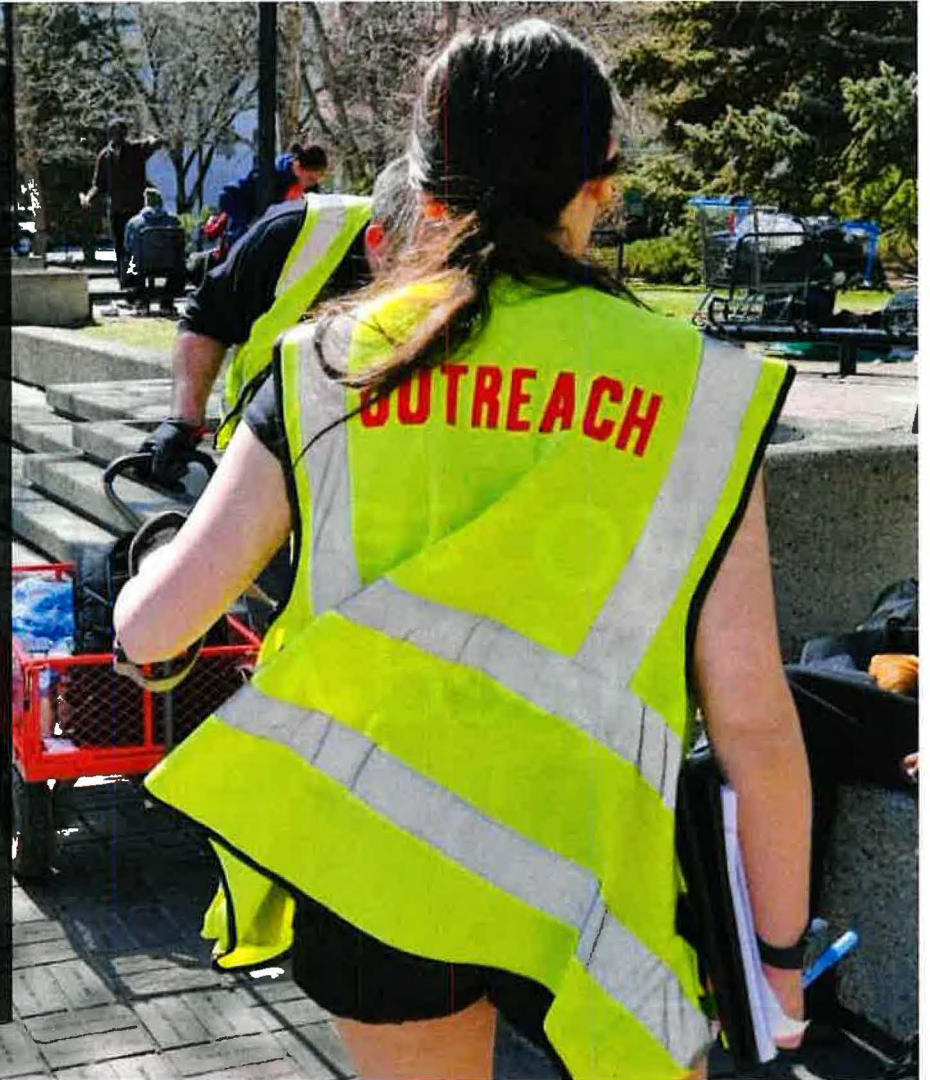
Or \$30,400/year for housing

**We ALL are already paying
for this housing crises. One
way or another**

We have an opportunity to create a city that leads the country in access to safe, equitable, timely access to Housing!

Our hopes & prayers are that we seize this moment to create the change that people are literally crying out for.

We encourage council use all the tools provided & approve them to build more affordable housing in Calgary





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Housing Is A Human Right

Without a home, people cannot work, they cannot shower, our economy will continue to suffer. People's lives will continue to be lost

The time for more Affordable Housing is long overdue. We need to act now!
