Métis Nation British Columbia

Understanding the State of Métis Homelessness

Every Métis deserves a safe place to call home.

MNBC's Reaching Home Program actively supports Métis housing needs by providing housing stabilization and loss prevention services. Alongside direct action, MNBC is building the data foundation to show where needs are greatest and where investments can make the most difference.

This one-pager highlights the scale and complexity of Métis homelessness in BC, and areas for targeted action and funding.

Métis are overrepresented among BC's unhoused population **by 2.5 times** the population share.

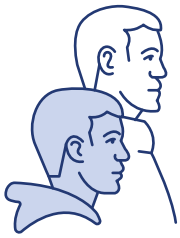
2%
of the total population in BC self-identifies as Métis

5%
of the unhoused pop. in BC self-identifies as Métis

Out of an estimated 28,710 people experiencing homelessness in BC, approximately 1,420 are Métis.

Sources: 2023 Point-in-Time Homeless Counts in BC; Preventing and Reducing Homelessness: An Integrated Data Project; 2021 Census of Population, Statistics Canada.

The Métis unhoused experience is characterized by **complex, multifaceted challenges.**



Experiences of homelessness begin early.

While only 6% of unhoused Métis today are youth, the majority of unhoused Métis (57%) first experienced homelessness before the age of 25.

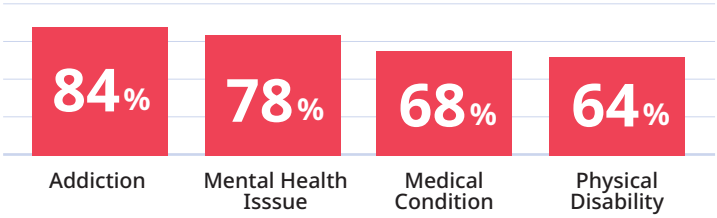
74% of unhoused Métis have been unhoused for a year or more, indicating a state of chronic crisis.



Substantial representation from marginalized groups.

Women (41%), 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals (15%), and individuals with trans experience (6%) are among those experiencing homelessness.

The vast majority of unhoused Métis are navigating severe health challenges.



There is a need for targeted investment in Métis-led housing and support services.

Due to the multifaceted challenges faced by unhoused Métis in BC, a wholistic approach is required. Funding must support wraparound services, including mental health, addictions treatment, medical care, and culturally safe supports, alongside housing.