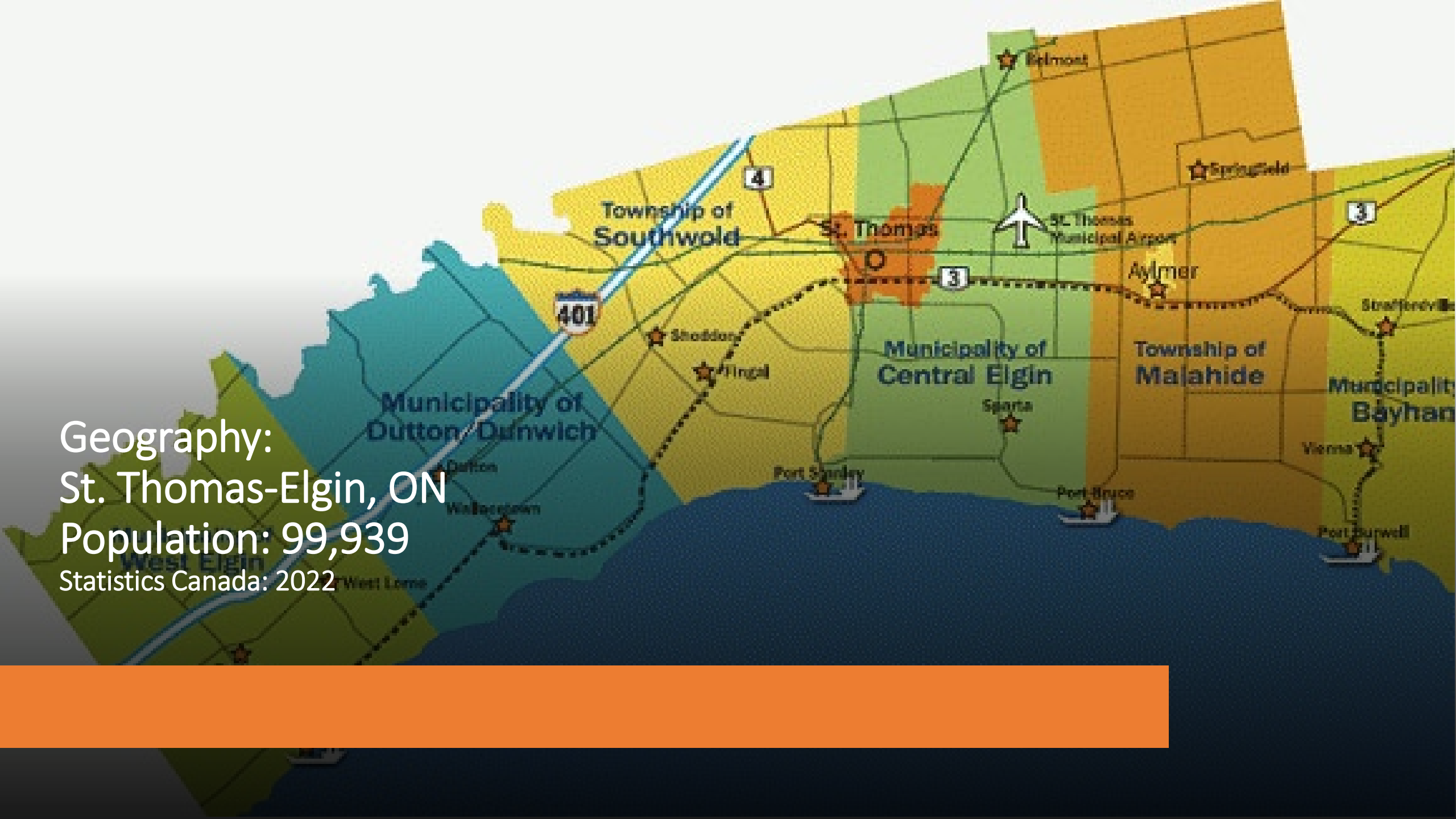


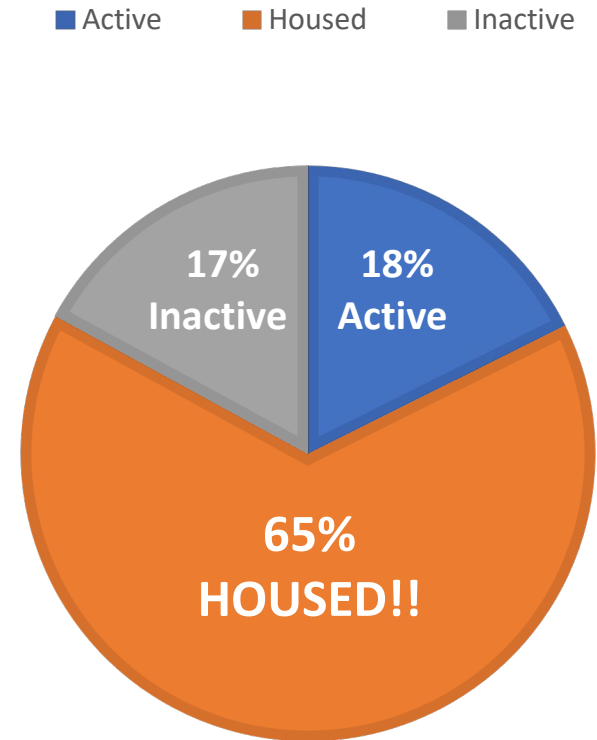
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St. Thomas-Elgin, ON  
Population: 99,939  
Statistics Canada: 2022



# St. Thomas-Elgin By Names Data

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- Implemented July 2020
- 770 Unique Individuals Referred (to date)
- Majority of Referrals are Urban (St. Thomas)
- Approx. 10% are Rural (Elgin County)
- 65% of all Referrals Housed!
- Approx. 135 Remain Unhoused



# St. Thomas-Elgin BFZ-C Milestones



An aerial photograph of the St. Thomas-Elgin area, showing a mix of residential buildings, green spaces, and a parking lot with several white vans. A semi-transparent white box with a red border is centered over the image, containing text. To the right of the text box is a red target icon with a black arrow hitting the bullseye. At the bottom of the image is a solid red banner with white text and a logo on the right side.

**St. Thomas-Elgin  
reduces chronic  
homelessness by 30%  
in just seven months!**

**Bright Spot**



Built for Zero St. Thomas-Elgin Bright Spot



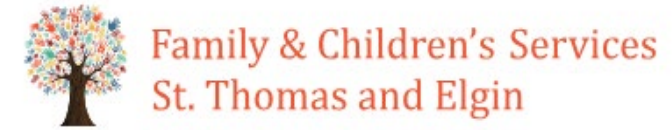
It Starts with Political Will

The Only Solution to Homelessness is  
Housing with Supports.





# ♡ It Takes A Community ♡





St. Thomas Police Service  
Community Resource Unit

CMHA Thames Valley Addictions and Mental Health Service  
Mobile Outreach and Support Team

St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services  
Housing Focused Street Outreach Services

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# Leaning Into Best Practices as a Community





# Best Practices

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- Highly Collaborative
- Action Oriented
- Homelessness is a Solvable Problem
- The Solution is Housing with Supports
- Prevention and Diversion are a Priority
- Low Barrier, Housing Focused Emergency Shelter
- Health and Justice are at the Table
- Quality By Names Data
- Data Informed Decision Making
- Coordinated Access



# The INN 24/7 Low Barrier Housing Focused Emergency Shelter Services

- **40 Beds (Congregate and Flex Spaces) + 10 Overflow Spaces**
- **On-Site Community Collaboration**
  - CMHA Addictions and Mental Health Services
  - Central Community Health Centre
  - Ontario Works
  - Housing Stability Services
  - Employment Services
  - St. Thomas Police Services, Community Resource Officers
- **Shelter Breaks, Vs. Restrictions**  
"If our guests aren't here, we can't help and support them"
- **Amnesty Bin Program**

**Police Interventions are Down!  
Housing Outcomes are UP!**

# Indwell Community Homes

## - Railway City Lofts

15 units / High Acuity

## - The Station

45 units / Mid Acuity



# Tipping the Scale on Our Way to Functional Zero



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