

Partnering for Progress: Securing Municipal Buy-In for Justice Efforts

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Agenda

- 1) Building Municipal Support for Justice Initiatives
- 2) Windsor's Approach to Justice and Homelessness:
Insights and Lessons Learned
- 3) What comes next?

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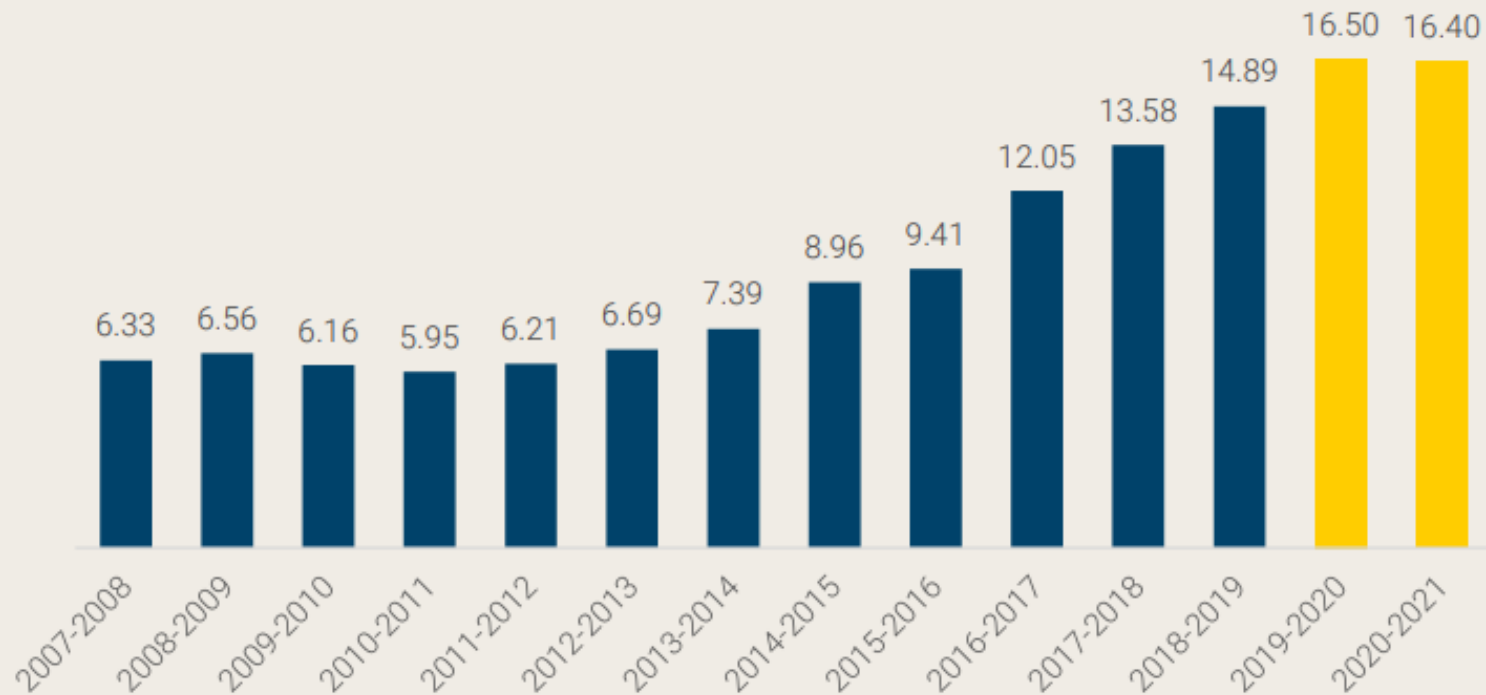


Homelessness and Incarceration are Bidirectional

Image: from: John Howard Society No Fixed Address

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Figure 1: Percentage of Admissions to Ontario Correctional Institutions Who Had No Fixed Address



1/3 of all people leaving correctional facilities are released with No Fixed Address.

Image from John Howard Society: Locked Up, Locked Out

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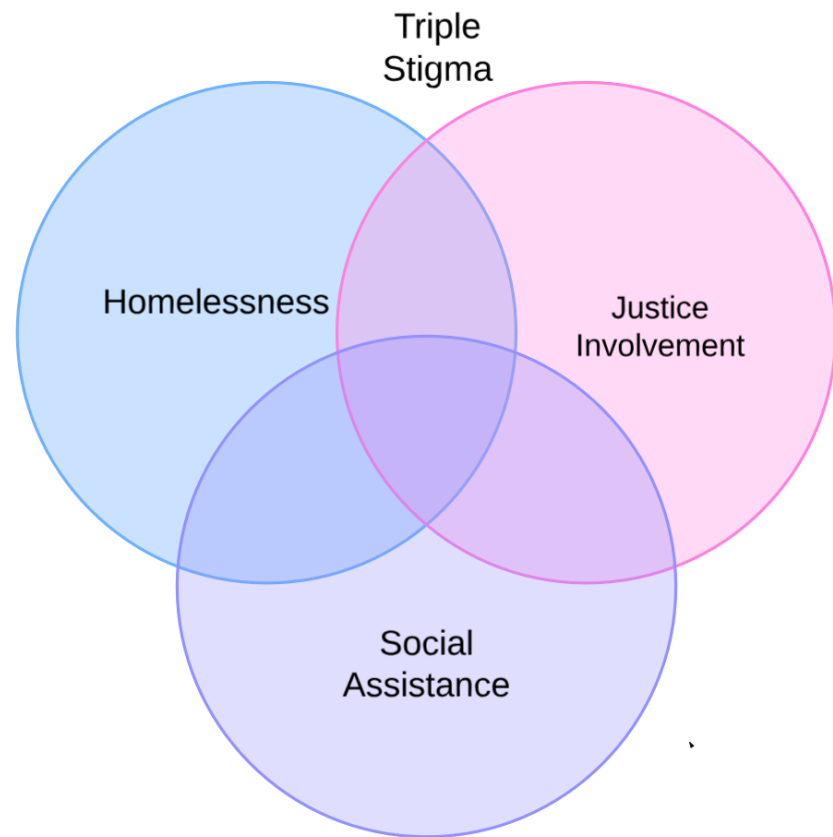
Rent prices have increased 2.3% a year for the last decade (CMHC)

Wages have increased less than 1% over 10 years.

Social Assistance Rates are unable to keep up with market trends for housing.



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Justice involvement embeds individuals deeper into homelessness by creating additional barriers for obtaining housing

Windsor's Approach: Introducing H4

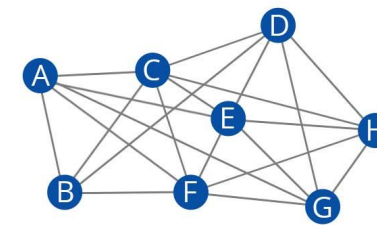


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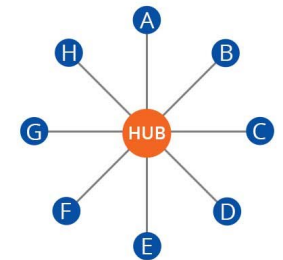
Services 150 unique people a day

914 Households on the BNPL in Windsor Essex as of Sept 2024

Point-to-Point



Hub and Spoke



Windsor's Approach: Insights



- 82% male
- Average Age 42



- Over 1/3 of participants have never had a lease in their name
- Average length of homelessness 36 months



- 64% reported SMI
- 77% reported substance use
- 32% reported chronic health issue
- 36% reported brain injury

Source: OrgCode Evaluation of H4, 2021

Windsor's Approach: Introducing H4

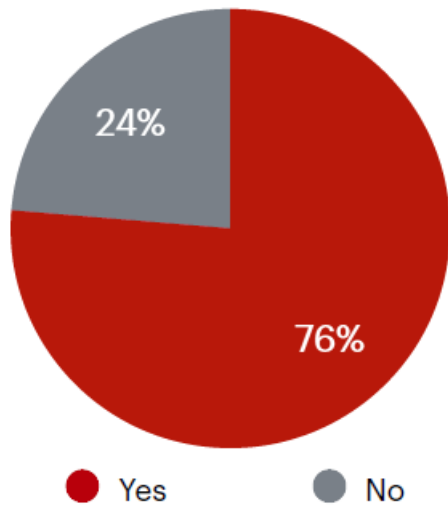


- Mental Health and Addiction Support
- Primary Care
- Housing Assistance
- Income Assistance
- Cultural Supports

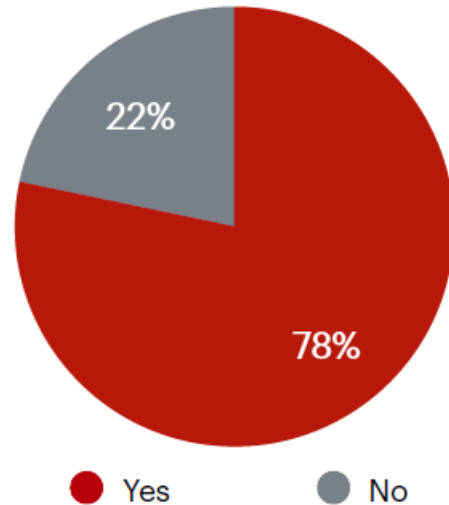
- Justice Services
- Showers & Clothing
- Meals
- Resting spaces
- Access to Computers

Windsor's Approach: Insights

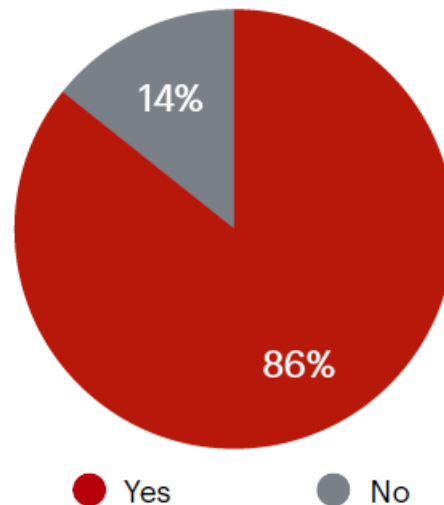
One or More Encounters with Police in Previous 6 Months



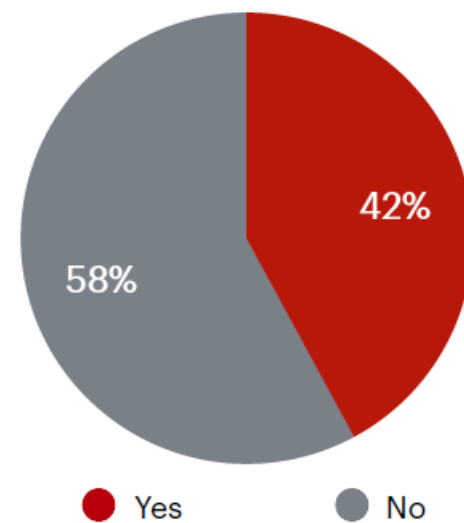
Currently on Probation or Parole



Incarcerated at Any Point in Lifetime



Incarcerated in Jail or Prison in Previous 6 Months



Source: An Evaluation of the Homelessness & Housing Help Hub (H4) 2024
OrgCode Consulting Inc.

Windsor's Approach: Justice Partnerships

John Howard Society Bail Verification Program (one half day per week)

- Sees 5-7 clients per week, resulting in 5-7 fewer breach reports being submitted to Windsor Police for failure to report

Provincial Probation & Parole (two half days per week)

- Has engaged with 250 clients at H4 since March 2022

Daily Court Lists & Justice Services Coordination (Monday-Friday)

- MSW students remind program participants of their court dates, assist in connecting to legal assistance and release from custody resources and staff

Community Justice Coordinator for Housing Retention Advocacy

- Persons on bail who achieve housing and were homeless at the time of their offence are eligible to have their file reviewed by the CJC for possible diversion and advocacy to receive a therapeutic sentence and retain housing

Southwest Detention

- Alerts regarding conflicts related to release planning, shelter restrictions

What's Next?



In 2023, 123 individuals were housed after accessing support at H4 with an average of 44 days needed to achieve housing.

From 2020-2023 H4 has recorded a 35% return to homelessness rate

What's Next?

High Need Supportive Housing



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