

Dufferin County – Men's Homelessness Community Survey

Informed Consent

You are invited to take part in an online survey (approx. 20 mins [will time this once survey is finalized]) being conducted by the Research Shop, part of the Community Engaged Scholarship Institute at the University of Guelph. The purpose of this survey is to collect information from Dufferin County residents regarding their understanding of homelessness as it affects men in this area. This project is being completed at the request of, and in partnership with, the Dufferin County Homeless Taskforce.

Feedback from the survey will:

- a) Capture community perspectives and understandings of men's homelessness
- B) Identify strengths and opportunities for growth in service provision
- b) Help inform local strategies to address men's homelessness

There are no expected risks or benefits to participating in the survey. Some people may find this topic challenging to engage with; some people may appreciate the opportunity to share their perspectives.

Your participation in the survey is completely voluntary. You may skip any questions that you are not comfortable answering or stop the survey at any time. All submitted responses are anonymous and will be kept confidential. Only the research team will have access to the individual survey responses. E-surveys are kept in a password protected software program. Direct quotes may be included. That is, we may use the exact words from your written surveys to answer our research questions, in the written and final version of our findings.

The overall research findings will be shared with the Dufferin County Homeless Taskforce. You can access these finding through the Dufferin County Homeless Taskforce. It will also be available on CESI's website www.cesinstitute.ca.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Karen Nelson, Research Shop Coordinator, at knelson@uoguelph.ca.

☐ I have read the above and consent to participate in this research project.

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Our definition of men encompasses cisgender men, transgender men, genderqueer men, and two-spirit, non-binary, and gender non-conforming people who are man-aligned.

In this project, homelessness is defined as being (1) unsheltered, (2) emergency sheltered, (3) provisionally accommodated, and (4) at risk of homelessness (Kauppi et al. 2017).

1. Unsheltered: No access to shelter or living in places not intended for human habitation (e.g., in vehicles, in garages, attics, buildings, or other spaces not designed as housing, in makeshift shelters, RVs and trailers, or tents).
2. Emergency sheltered: Living in housing following crisis such as abuse, natural disaster, or damage to current home (e.g., domestic violence, fire, floods)
3. Provisionally accommodated: Insecure housing supports offered by an individual's network for a limited period of time (e.g., couch surfers, night-to-night motel or hostel rentals, in or transitioning out of institutional care such as release from prison, residential treatment, group home).
4. At risk of homelessness: Precarious living situations that may end at any time (e.g., life crises, inappropriate or substandard housing, other risk factors)

1. What municipality do you live in? (*Select one*)
 - a. Amaranth
 - b. East Garafraxa
 - c. Grand Valley
 - d. Melancthon
 - e. Mono
 - f. Mulmur
 - g. Orangeville
 - h. Shelburne
 - i. Other (please list)
2. In which areas of Dufferin County do you believe that men's homelessness is an issue? (*Slider bar from 'not at all an issue' to 'a significant issue'*)
 - a. Amaranth
 - b. East Garafraxa
 - c. Grand Valley
 - d. Melancthon
 - e. Mono
 - f. Mulmur
 - g. Orangeville
 - h. Shelburne
3. In which areas of Dufferin County do you believe that men's homelessness is a **visible** issue? (*Slider bar from 'not at all visible' to 'very visible'*)
 - a. Amaranth
 - b. East Garafraxa
 - c. Grand Valley

- d. Melancthon
 - e. Mono
 - f. Mulmur
 - g. Orangeville
 - h. Shelburne
4. From your perspective, what are **three** main causes for men's homelessness in your community?
(Choose all the apply)
- a. Housing is unaffordable
 - b. Housing is inaccessible
 - c. Unemployment and underemployment
 - d. Lack of resources to support men's needs
 - e. Mental health and addiction
 - f. Exposure to trauma/adversity
 - g. Social exclusion
 - h. Other
 - i. Please list... (Open text)
5. Are there circumstances unique to Dufferin County that need to be considered in understanding the context of men's access to housing? (Select one)
- a. Yes
 - i. If yes, please explain... (Open text)
 - b. No
 - c. Don't Know
6. Are you aware of services (formal or informal) in Dufferin County that support men who are experiencing homelessness?
- a. Yes
 - i. If so, please list... (Open text)
 - b. No
 - c. Don't Know
7. Is there anything you would like to share about strengths and challenges in accessing, availability, maintaining, services for supporting men's homelessness in Dufferin County? (Open text)
8. How could the community benefit from addressing the issue of men's homelessness? (Open text)
9. Is there anything else you would like to share in relation to men's homelessness in Dufferin County? (Open text)