Project Homelessness Connect data was collected through surveys and observations by the Bethel Housing and Homelessness Coalition. Data includes all 17 adult women who stayed at the Tundra Women’s Coalition’s (TWC) emergency domestic violence/sexual assault shelter and transitional housing at that time, as well as all 32 people who stayed at Bethel Winter House the night of October 31, 2021. Data was collected at Project Homeless Connect, Bethel Winter House, and TWC on November 1, 2021 (temperature 29°F).

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<th>Total people who were definitely or possibly homeless</th>
<th>People were observed during Project Homeless Connect (3), TWC (3), and Winter House (3) (did not complete surveys for Project Homeless Connect)</th>
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<th>Total attended Project Homeless Connect (18 surveys, 11 attendees surveyed earlier that day at Winter House, 3 observations, 4 not eligible)</th>
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14 volunteers conducted the surveys representing the Bethel Housing and Homelessness Coalition, from: AVCP Regional Housing Authority, Bethel Community Services Foundation, Bethel Evangelical Covenant Church, Bethel Family Clinic, Bethel Winter House, Choosing Our Roots, City of Bethel, Covenant House, ONC, Public Defender Agency, Tundra Women’s Coalition

**Survey Analysis (53 Participants)**

- 53 surveys: 21 at Bethel Winter House, 18 at Project Homeless Connect, 14 at TWC shelter & Transitional Housing
- Frequency of Age Ranges:
  - 9% of Participants: 19-24
  - 9% of Participants: 25-29
  - 26% of Participants: 30-39
  - 30% of Participants: 40-49
  - 15% of Participants: 50-59
  - 6% of Participants: 60-69
  - 4% of Participants: 70+
- Average age: 41.9
- Age Range: 19-76
- Gender:
  - Male, 53%
  - Female, 47%
- Race:
  - Alaska Native and White, 6%
  - Alaska Native / American Indian, 94%
- 89% are Calista shareholders
- Sexual Orientation:
  - Bisexual, 2%
  - Heterosexual, 2%
  - Questioning/Unsure, 5%
  - Client refused, 2%
  - Missing data, 89%
- Tribal Affiliation:
  - ONU-Bethel, 26%
  - Other YK Delta Tribes, 6%
  - Other AK Tribe, 2%
  - Lower 48 Tribe, 2%
  - None/Didn't answer, 2%
- 17% reported being in foster care as a child
- 57% are Domestic Violence survivors
- Cohabitation Configuration:
  - Single Parent, 15%
  - Single Adult, 57%
  - Couple With No Children, 28%
- 9% are Veterans
- 11% served in the National Guard
- 19-24, 25-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+
93% of people with a disabling condition reported that at least 1 of their conditions prevents them from stability (i.e. that it is long-lasting and impairs ability to live independently).

### Prevalence of Disabling Conditions with Percentage that Prevent Stability

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<td>Alcohol Misuse</td>
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<td>Developmental / Intellectual</td>
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<td>Drug Misuse</td>
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*Physical includes 9 people with traumatic brain injuries

85% reported having at least one disabling condition

62% have more than 1 condition

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**Primary Reason for Seeking Assistance**

- **Domestic Violence, 25%**
- **Substance Misuse 23%**
- **Death in Family, 9%**
- **Moved from within Alaska with Insufficient Funds, 8%**
- **House Repairs (Damaged / Destroyed), 6%**
- **Not enough $ to get to home community, 4%**
- **Released from Jail / Prison, 4%**
- **COVID-19, 2%**
- **Missing flight home, 2%**
- **Doesn’t know, 4%**
- **Unemployed, 2%**
- **Loss of Job, 2%**
- **Unemployed, 2%**
- **Could not find voucher housing, 2%**
- **Living with Relative / Friend and Asked to Leave, 8%**
Experiences of HUD-Defined Homelessness

93% of all survey participants were experiencing the HUD* definition of homelessness

* U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

HUD-Defined Homelessness

- 91% Not experiencing HUD-definition of homelessness
- 2% Did not know
- 2% Literal homelessness (emergency shelter or place not meant for habitation)
- 6% Less than 7 nights in a temporary housing situation

Where People Slept the Night Prior

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<th>Winter House</th>
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Literal Homelessness

*Outside, abandoned building, tent, vehicle

Length of Time at Current Location

- One night or less: 13%
- Two to six nights: 21%
- One week or more, but less than one month: 28%
- One month or more, but less than 90 days: 28%
- 90 days or more, but less than one year: 8%
- Did not know: 2%

Length of Episode of Homelessness (HUD Definition)

- 2-6 nights: 21%
- 1 week-1 month: 19%
- 1 month-90 days: 23%
- 90 days-1 year: 23%
- 1-2 years: 10%

54% of the people who were experiencing the HUD definition of homelessness (49% of all survey participants) have been experiencing an episode of continual homelessness longer than just their current location, i.e., they’ve moved between places, but always in a homeless situation.

Note: Bethel Winter House was closed 07.31.2021-09.07.2021 so people could not have stayed there for more than 90 days continuously at the time of the survey

Housing Instability

- Housing instability includes individuals have been staying with friends/family temporarily
- Average: 3.3 years
- Range: 3 nights to 22 years

Length of Housing Instability

- 1 year or less: 43%
- 1-2 years: 17%
- 2-3 years: 11%
- 3-8 years: 17%
- More than 10 years: 11%

63% of people who do not have a disability have housing instability for less than a year
Bethel Project Homeless Connect

November 1, 2021

Summary Report

Supported by the Bethel Community Services Foundation (http://www.bcsfoundation.org)

Where are participants from? Where have they lived for the past year?

- **Bethel**
  - 21% from Bethel and living in Bethel
  - 2% from Bethel, living in other AK
  - 0% from other AK, living in Bethel

- **Anchorage**
  - 2% from Anchorage and living in Anchorage
  - 0% from Anchorage, living in Bethel

- **Other (Other communities in Alaska)**
  - 0% from other Alaska and living in other Alaska

- **Yukon Kuskokwim Villages**
  - 28% from YK villages and living in YK villages
  - 2% from other Alaska, living in YK villages

Type of Assistance Wanted

A permanent place to live (in Bethel or somewhere else), 79%

Doesn’t Know, 6%

Refused, 2%

Only relocation assistance (already has a place to live somewhere other than Bethel), 13%

People mostly want to live in Bethel and the YK Region:

60% want to *only live in Bethel*

83% willing to live in Bethel and somewhere else

74% want to *only live in the YK region (Bethel and/or YK villages)*

Thank you to the people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness who shared their information for this report. Thank you also to the volunteers who conducted the surveys and the organizations that planned, conducted, and funded the surveys & Project Homeless Connect events. The Coalition intends to use reports from Bethel Project Homeless Connect events and Bethel Winter House to identify and secure more resources and supports and design data-driven services for people experiencing homelessness in our community. This report was prepared by Ariel Herman, project analyst supported by the Bethel Community Services Foundation.