

## Bethel Point-In-Time Count & Project Homeless Connect: January 28, 2025

The Point-In-Time Count is the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) national annual count of unsheltered and sheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. Data were collected through surveys and observations by the Bethel Housing and Homelessness Coalition. Data include all 60 people who stayed at Bethel Winter House (BWH) and all 20 adults who stayed at the Tundra Women's Coalition's (TWC) emergency domestic violence/sexual assault shelter and transitional housing the night of January 27, 2025, as well as Project Homeless Connect (PHC) attendees and outreach at the library. Data were collected at BWH, TWC, PHC, and the library on January 28, 2025 (temp. -14°F).

**95** Total people who were experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness.

**8** People attended the event who were not homeless or at-risk of homelessness and are not included in the analysis.

**54** Total attended Project Homeless Connect (13 surveys, 33 attendees surveyed or observed at BWH, 8 not eligible)

**14** People were observed (did not complete surveys) at TWC (6) and BWH (8).

**81** People completed surveys who were homeless or at-risk of homelessness, including temporarily staying with friends/family and transitional housing. Surveyed during outreach (1), at PHC (13), BWH – both overnight and morning attendees (53), TWC shelter and transitional housing (14).

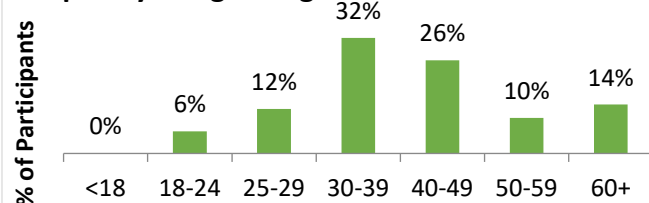
**11** People (14%) surveyed had not been surveyed prior. 2 at PHC and 9 at TWC.

**15 Bethel Housing and Homelessness Coalition volunteers** conducted the surveys from: ▀ AVCP Regional Housing Authority ▀ Bethel Community Services Foundation ▀ Bethel Winter House ▀ Public Health Nursing ▀ Tundra Women's Coalition

**Comparison:** In 2024, 86 total people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness; 80 surveys done

### SURVEY ANALYSIS (81 PARTICIPANTS)

#### Frequency of Age Ranges



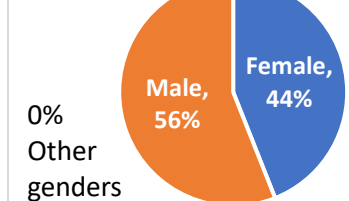
Average age:

**41.2**

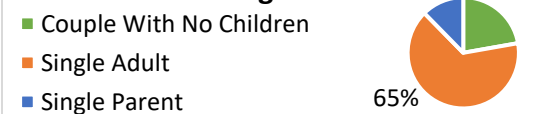
Age Range:

**18-69**

#### Gender



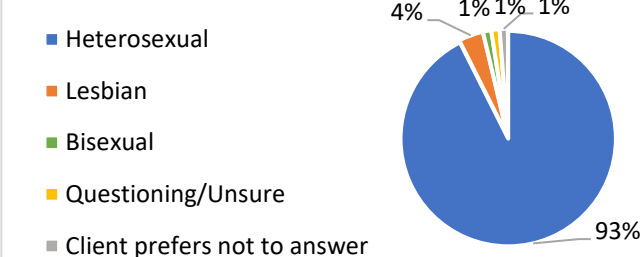
#### Cohabitation Configuration



**6% are veterans;**  
**7.5% served in the**  
**National Guard**

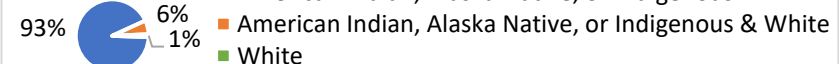
**61% are**  
**domestic violence**  
**survivors**

#### Sexual Orientation



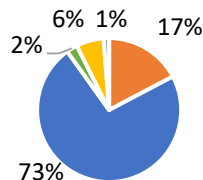
**85% are Calista shareholders**  
(AK Native Regional Corp)

#### Race



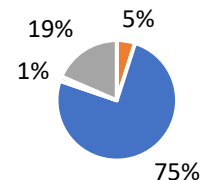
### Tribal Affiliation

- ONC - Bethel
- Other YK Delta Tribe
- Other Alaska Tribe
- Doesn't know
- None



### Village Corporation

- Bethel Native Corp.
- Other YK Delta Corp.
- Other Alaska Corp.
- None or Doesn't Know



**89%**

reported having at least one **disabling condition**

72 people; 137 conditions

Of the people with disabling conditions:

56% have more than 1 condition

Average of 1.9 conditions

Of the people with more than 1 condition:

83% include Substance Misuse

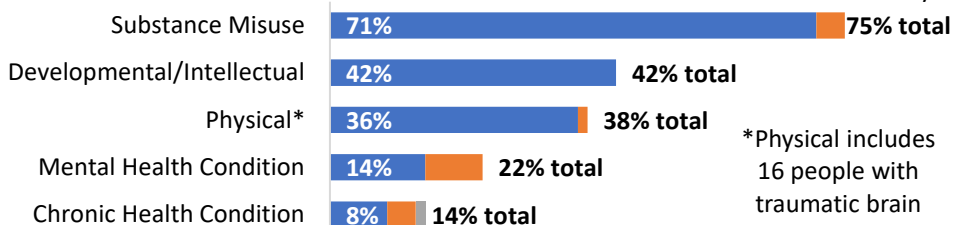
60% include a Developmental / Intellectual Disability

68% include a Physical Disability

**92%** of people with a disabling condition reported that at least 1 of their conditions is long-lasting and/or impairs ability to live independently

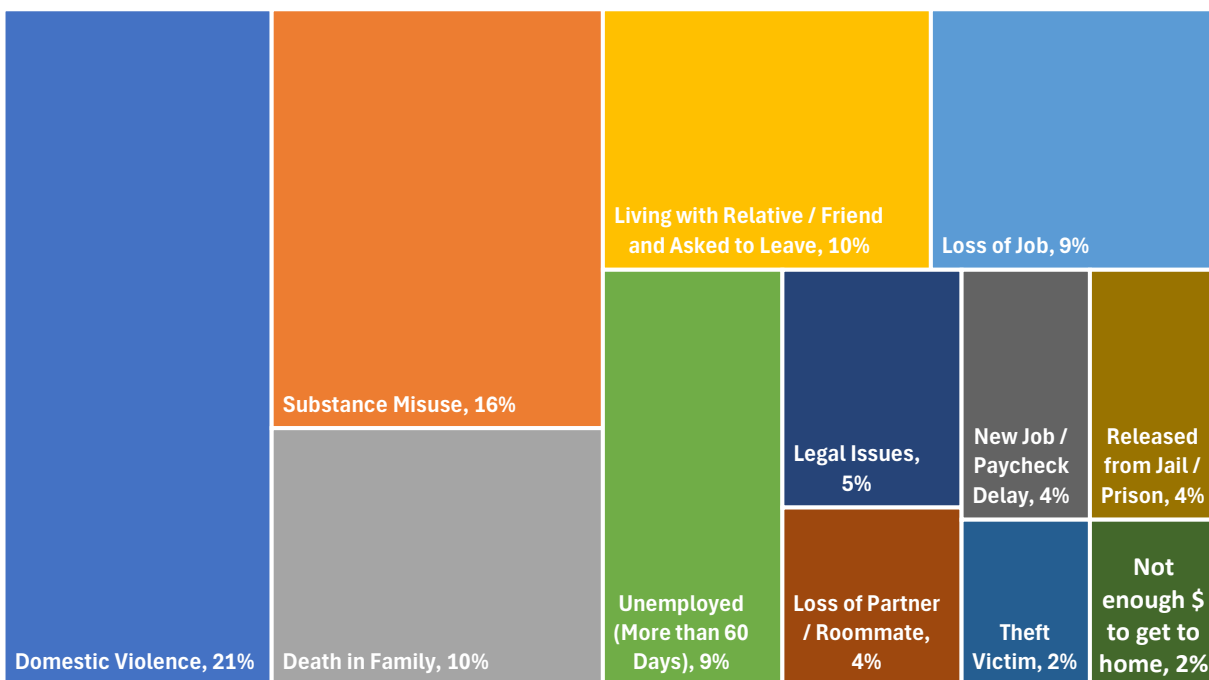
### Prevalence of Disabling Conditions

- Prevalence that causes instability
- Prevalence but does not cause instability
- Prevalence but does not know if cause instability



\*Physical includes 16 people with traumatic brain injuries

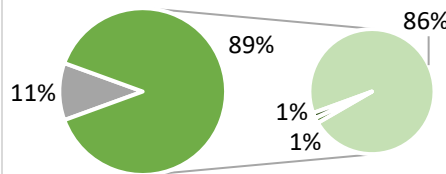
### Primary Reason for Seeking Assistance



Additionally, 1 person (1%) each: "choice", house repairs (damaged/destroyed), in treatment, and moved from within Alaska with insufficient funds.

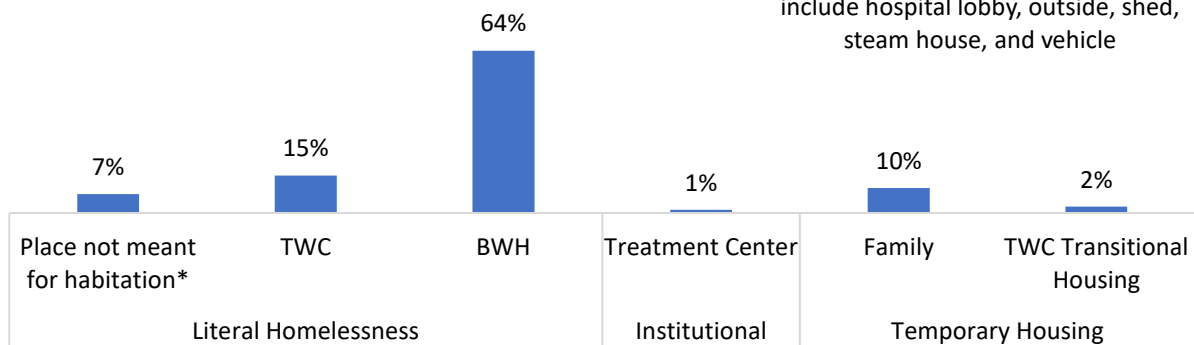
**89% of all survey participants (n=72) were experiencing the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) definition of homelessness**

### HUD-Defined Homelessness

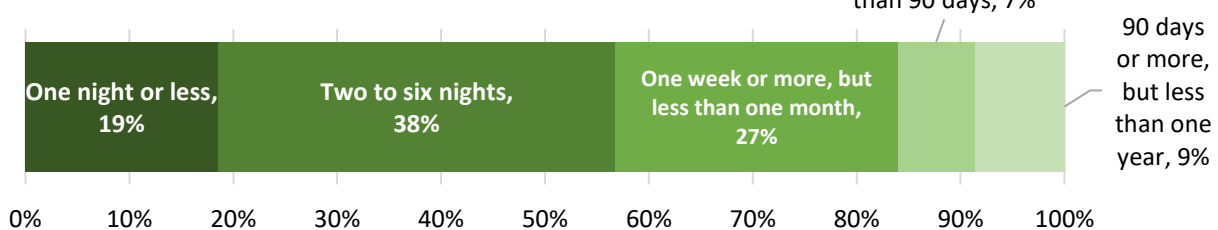


- Literar homelessness (emergency shelter or place not meant for habitation)
- Less than 7 nights in temporary housing situation (literal homeless right before)
- Less than 90 nights in an institution (literal homeless right before)
- Not experiencing HUD-definition of homelessness

### Where People Slept the Night Prior



### Length of Time at Current Location (Continuous)

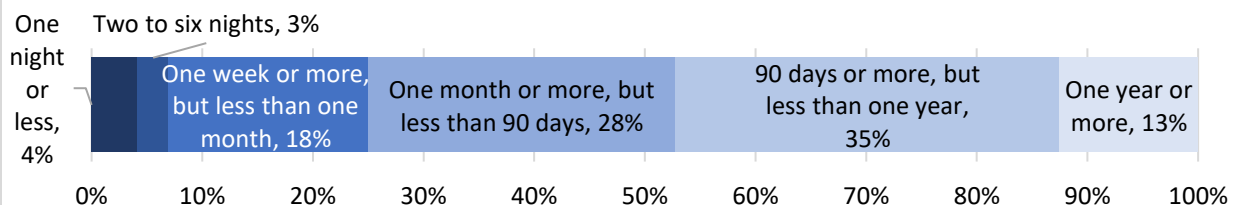


Notes: Bethel Winter House was closed 05.01.2024-10.01.2024 so people could not have stayed there for more than 1 year continuously at the time of the survey.

Additionally, this section's data reflects continuous nights at the specific location, not cumulative.

**79% of the people who were experiencing the HUD definition of homelessness (70% of all survey participants) have been experiencing an episode of homelessness longer than just their current location, i.e., they've moved between places, but always in a homeless situation.**

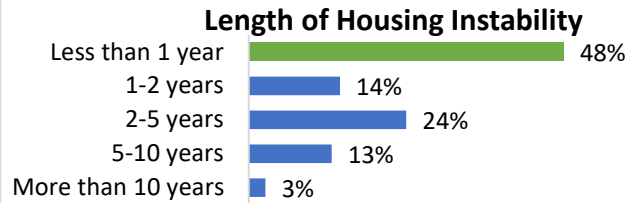
### Length of Episode of Homelessness (HUD Definition)



**100%**

Have stayed in an **emergency shelter or in a place not meant for habitation** (including abandoned buildings, outside, and vehicles) **at least once in their lifetime.**

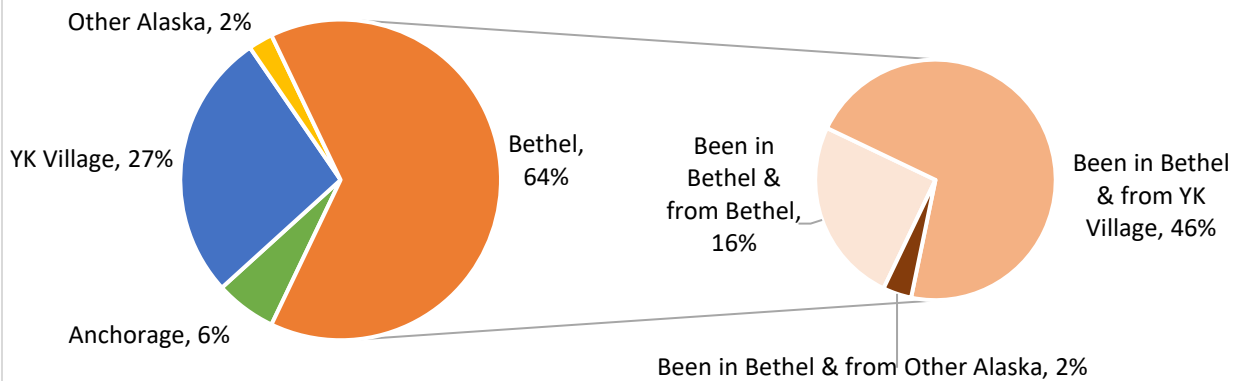
In Bethel, we are also interested in how long individuals have been staying temporarily with friends or family to understand overcrowding and “couch surfing” in our community. We are therefore using a broader concept, **housing instability**, which would include these situations.



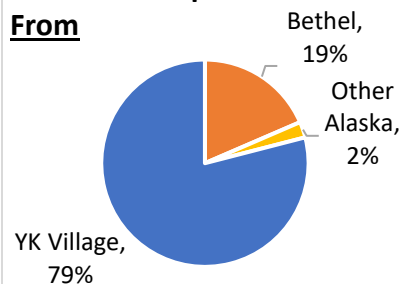
Average: 2.3 years • Range: 1 night to 13 years

### Where Participants have Been for the Past Year

*Where the 64% of Participants are from who have been in **Bethel** for the Past Year*

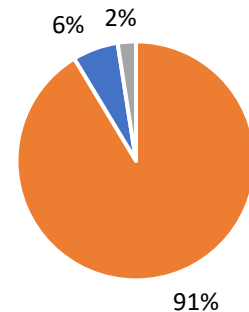


### Where Participants are From



### Type of Assistance Wanted

- A permanent place to live (in Bethel or somewhere else)
- Only relocation assistance (already has a place to live somewhere other than Bethel)
- Doesn't Know



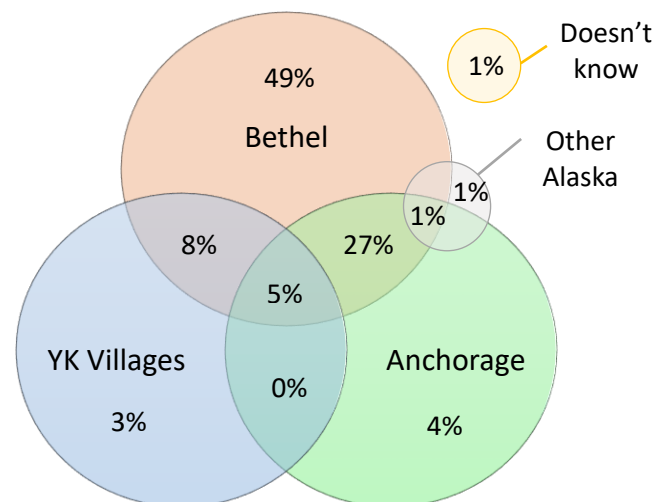
Of those **91%** looking for a **permanent place to live**, communities they would be willing to live in:

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

**49%** want to **only live in Bethel**

**91%** willing to live in **Bethel**

**59%** want to **only live in the YK region (Bethel and/or YK villages)**



**98%** said they receive support from organized entities

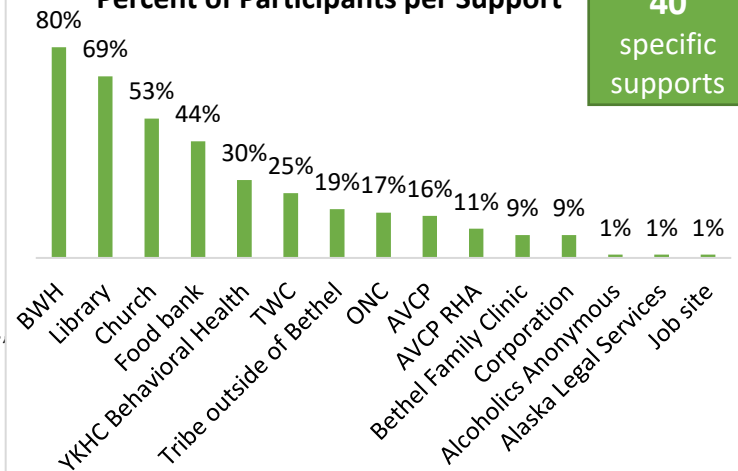
Average per person: 3.9 • Range: 0-8

**14 specific tribes:** Aniak, Atmautluak, Emmonak, Kongiganak, Kwethluk, Lower Kalskag, McGrath, Mekoryuk, Napaskiak, Newtok, ONC (Bethel), Quinhagak, Tuluksak, Tununak

**5 specific corporations:** Bethel Native Corp., Bristol Bay Native Corp., Calista, Nunapiglluraq, The Kuskokwim Corp.

**7 specific churches:** 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist, Assembly of God, Catholic, Covenant, Moravian, Pentecostal, Russian Orthodox

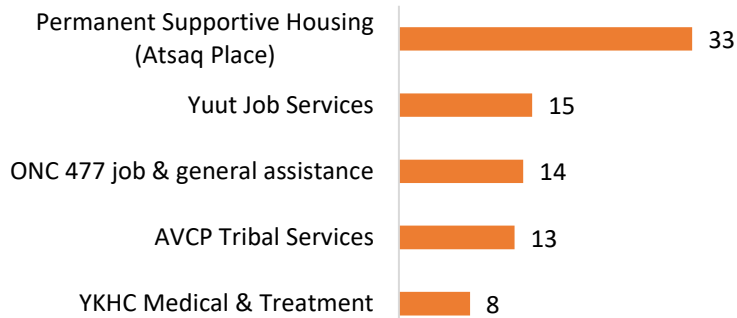
### Percent of Participants per Support



**40**  
specific  
supports

*\*TWC likely underreported due to safety and confidentiality*

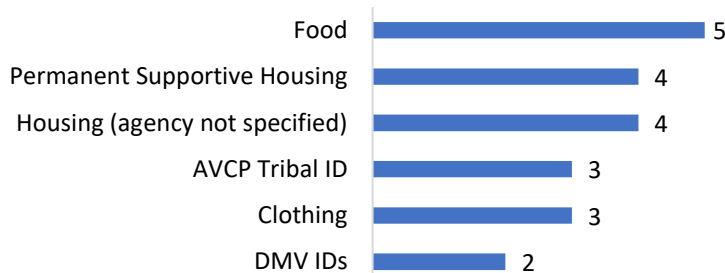
### Top 5 Services Attendees Planned to Visit at PHC



### Attendee Feedback: Additional Services Suggested by Number of People for Next PHC

Additional Services	# of Participants Requesting
More housing	3
Job Center	3
Food stamps (SNAP)	2
Warming Center	2
Akutaq / more Yup'ik foods	1
Cash benefits	1
CITC	1
Drivers license road test appointment schedule	1
ONC (tribal IDs)	1
SSI	1
Support for first time home buyers	1
Taxi voucher	1
Treatment center	1
Veterans Affairs	1

### Attendee Feedback: Most Useful Service at PHC



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 uses 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.