



# Lower Mainland Homelessness

## A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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An aerial photograph of Vancouver, British Columbia, showing the city skyline with numerous high-rise buildings, a marina with many sailboats, and a green park area in the foreground. The image is partially obscured by a dark blue overlay at the top and bottom.

# METRO VANCOUVER AT A GLANCE

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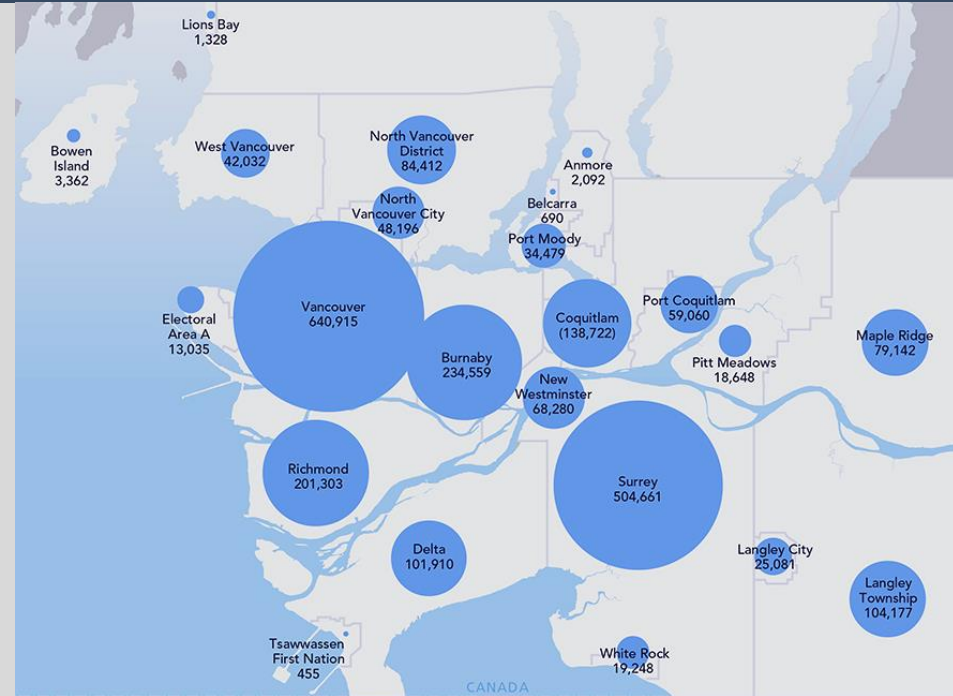
Solid Waste Services

Water Services

Housing

# Regional Planning

- Contain and structure the growth coming to our region
- Protect important lands
- Ensure the efficient provision of infrastructure



# Metro Vancouver Housing

Financial Services

Tenant Programs  
and Services

Maintenance and  
Safety

Homelessness  
Partnering  
Strategy  
Community Entity

# Addressing Homelessness in Metro Vancouver

Metro Vancouver proposes 12 critical actions based on three distinct goals:

- Preventing people from becoming homeless
- Serving those who are homeless
- Finding pathways out of homelessness







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# Homelessness Partnering Strategy: Community Entity

The Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) aims to prevent and reduce homelessness.

## HPS:

- provides direct support and funding to designated communities across Canada.
- is funded by the Government of Canada.
- is administered by approved Community Entities.

# 2017 Homeless Count

3605 people are currently homeless in Metro Vancouver.

2017 is the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that homelessness has increased.

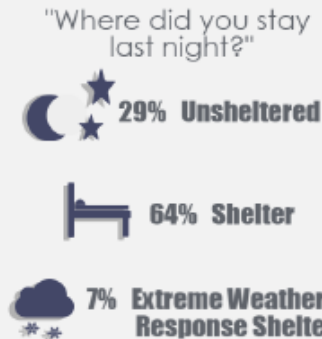
## The Count

**3,605**  
people were  
found to be  
experiencing  
homelessness



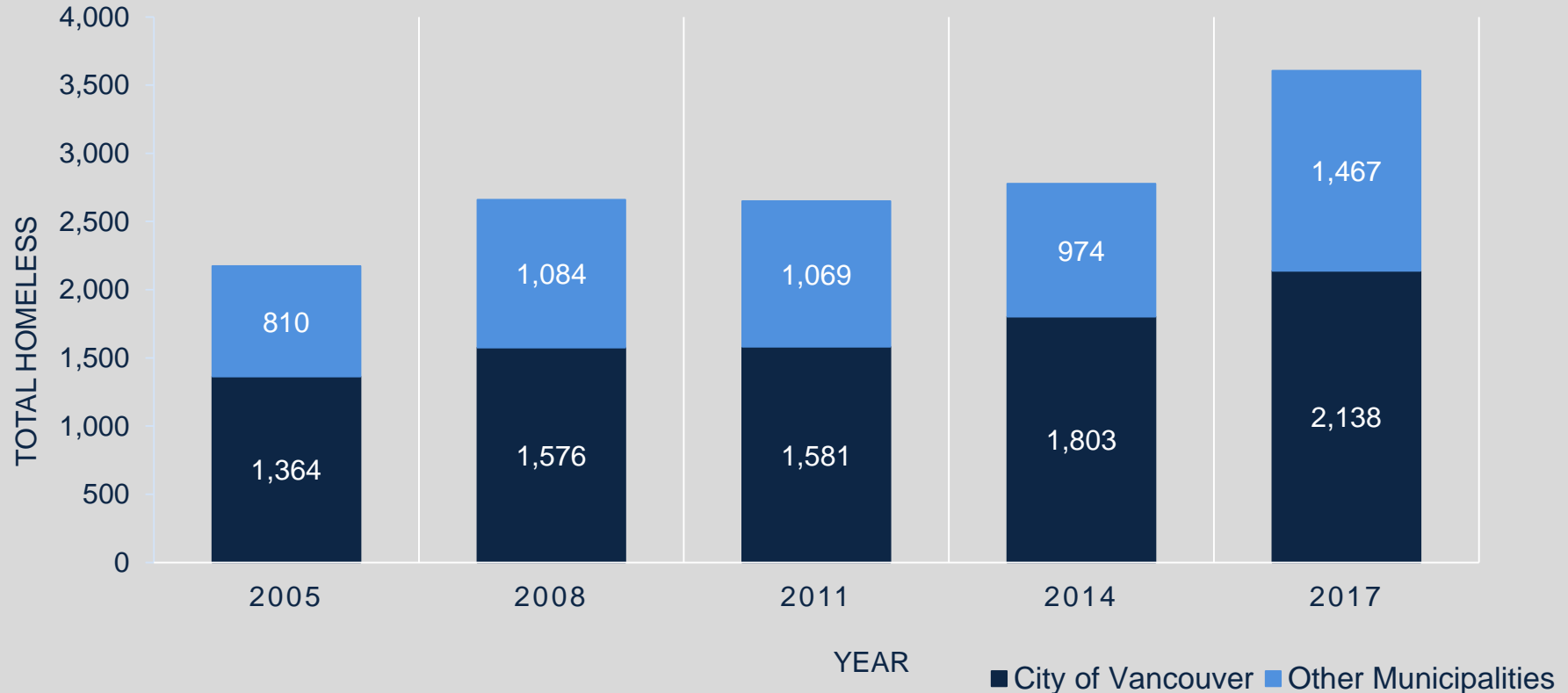
Homelessness  
increased  
**30%**  
since 2014

In comparison...  
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the general  
population  
grew by  
**6.5%**  
between  
2011 and  
2016





# TOTAL HOMELESS POPULATION IN THE METRO VANCOUVER REGION (2005-2017)



# Why Do People Become Homeless?

People become homeless for a variety of reasons, but the high cost and low availability of housing are major contributing factors.

The top factors in the 2017 Homeless Count, according to survey participants, included:

- Low income (49%)
- High rents (50%)
- No suitable housing (30%)





Thank you!



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