

Housing First Program

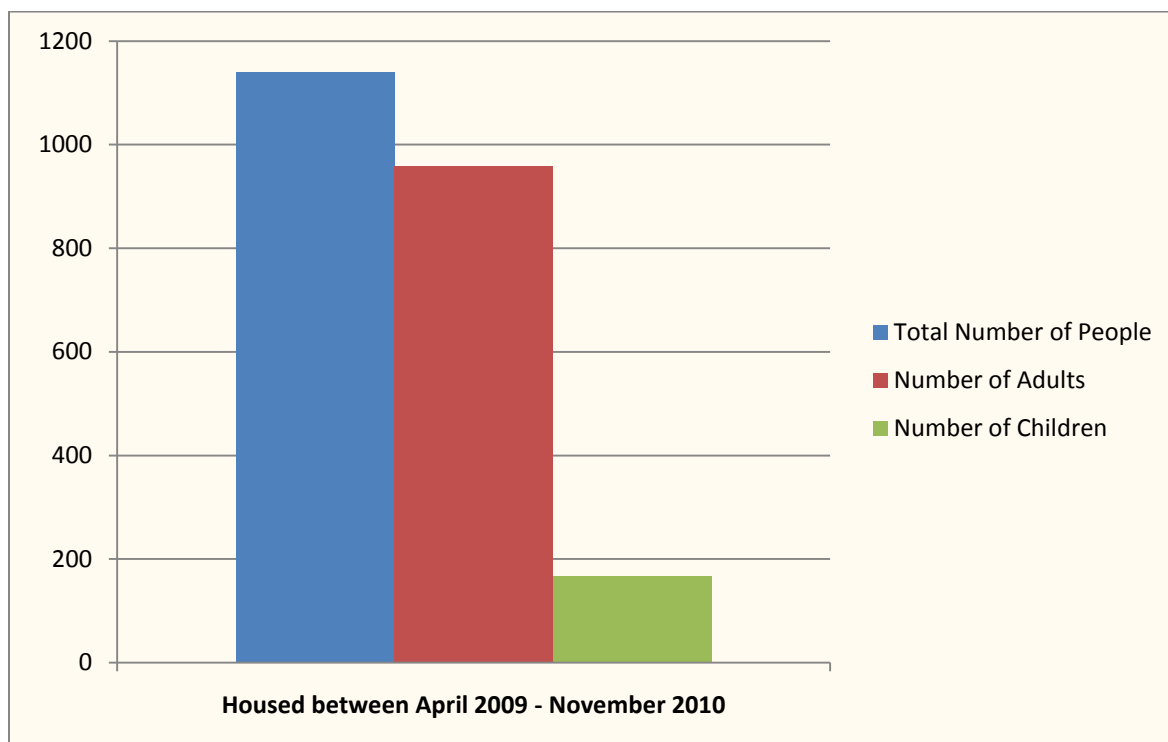
Homeward Trust coordinates the housing first program, working with agencies across Edmonton to deliver services and ensure stable, secure housing for participants. The program has demonstrated much success in its first 19 months; in coordinating it, Homeward Trust has helped ensure the following:

- Participants have found homes in over 400 different buildings.
- 80 different landlords are providing housing to participants.
- The average rent for a participant is \$744 per month.
- 400 households, in the program or recently graduated, receive rental assistance.
- Participants picked out furnishings from their home, free of cost from the Furniture Market.

Housing First Results

Since April 1, 2009:

- 1139 people have found housing through the program.
- This number includes 121 families; there are 352 people in those families.
- 82% of clients remain successfully housed.



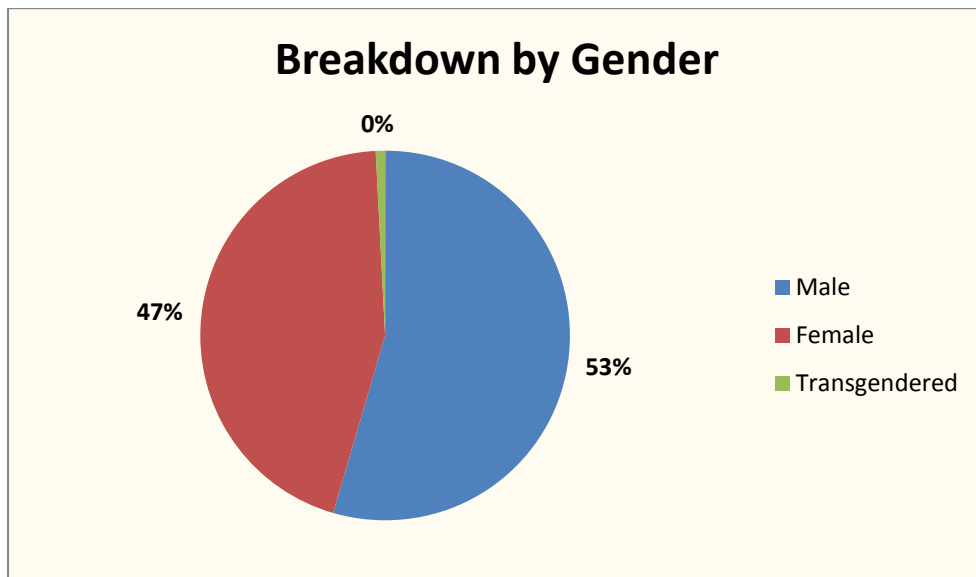
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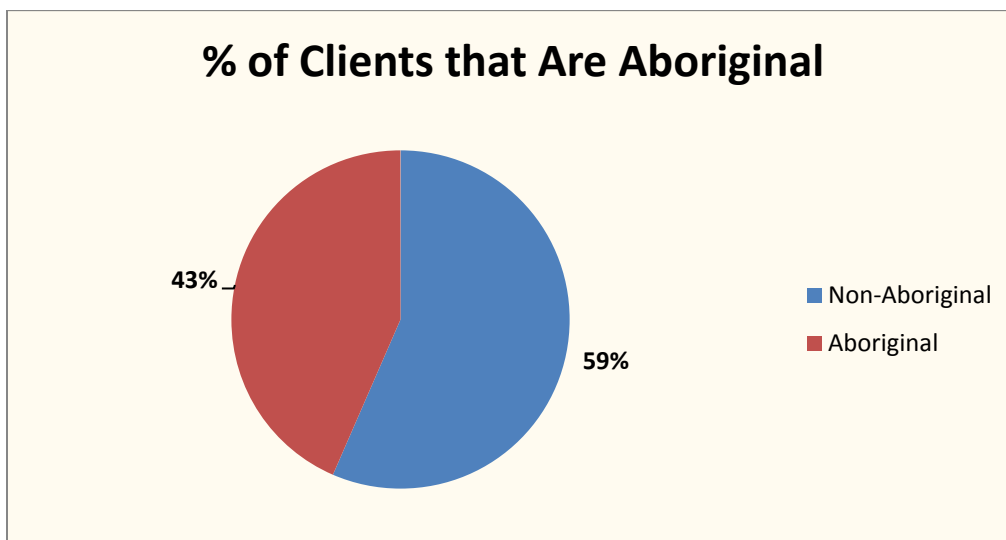
Demographics

About the 1139 people that have found housing:

- 49% were considered chronically homeless at the time of intake into the program.
- The average age for all participants is 36 years old; the average age for adults is 41, and for children is 7 years old.
- 53% are male, 47% are female, less than 1% are transgendered.



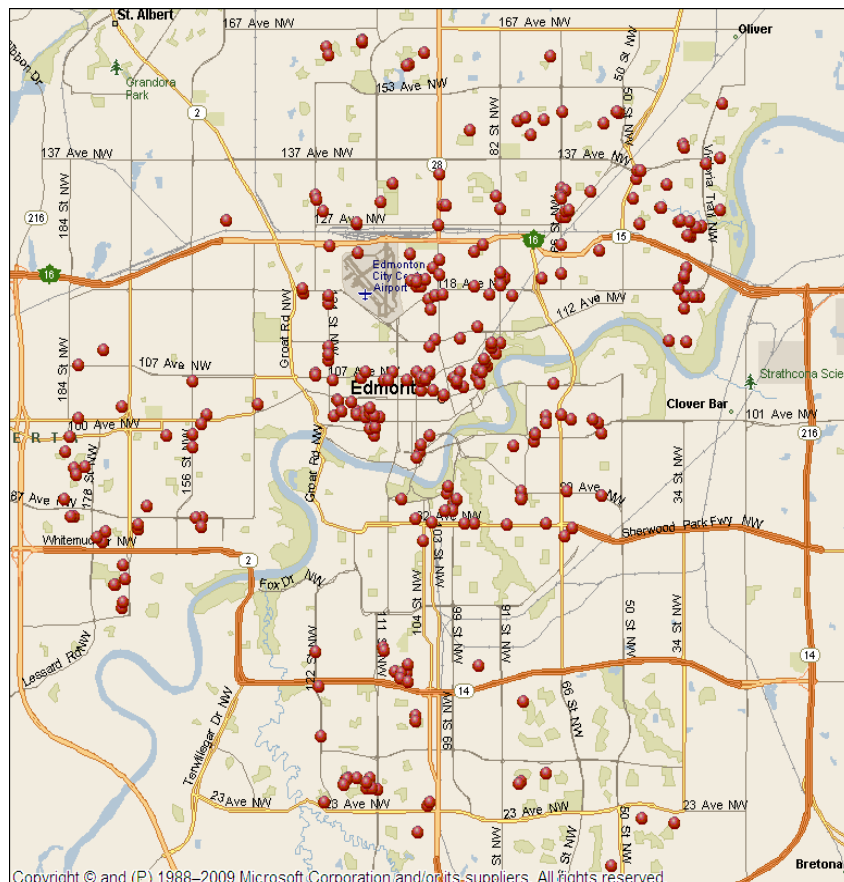
- 43% of clients are Aboriginal



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Looking Forward: Outcomes for 2010-11

- Implementation of a new Multi-Disciplinary Mobile Health, Mental Health and Addictions Focused Service Team. The George Spady Centre has been contracted to deliver this service. The team will enhance the intensity of support services provided to clients by the intensive case management teams.
- Implementation of an Assertive Outreach Team. Many of Edmonton's chronically homeless population live on streets and in parkland and do not interact regularly with current service providers. This team will work to identify and house this population.
- Increase accessibility of furniture to non-profits.
- An increased focus on family repatriation and reconnections.
- We have contracted researchers to undertake a review of the program and its delivery for Aboriginal peoples.
- We continue to offer training and professional development for housing first workers. Training in motivational interviewing began recently, and our online professional development site will be launched in early 2011.
- We anticipate that by this time next year, 1700 people will have found housing through this program since its inception.



Map of Current Housing First Clients in
Edmonton