

HOMELESSNESS IN CANADA

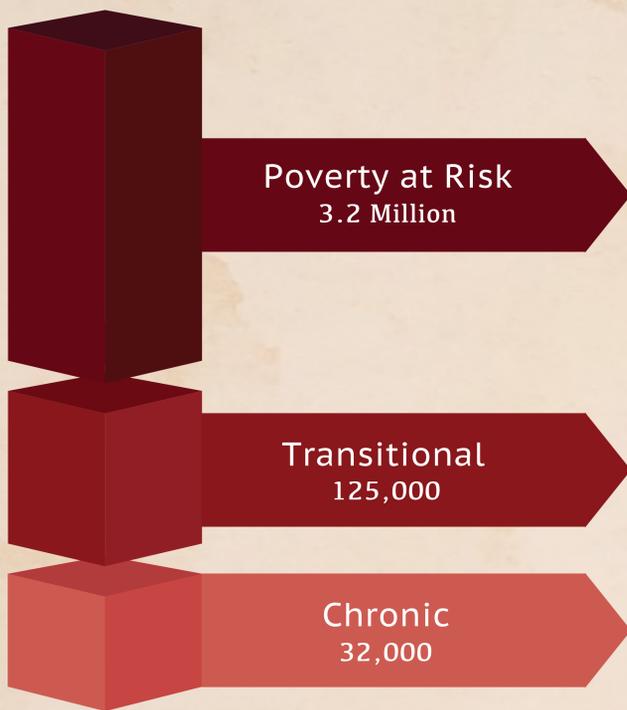
Homelessness is, and has been an ongoing crisis in Canada. There are simply not enough efforts from the public going on to help these people in need.

Something to consider:
How might we cater mandatory high school hours to helping the homeless?

The Homeless Crisis

The Three Stages

This graph includes the 3.2 million people at risk of poverty, 125,000 people are in the transitional phase, meaning that they are either newly homeless or have the resources to still become not homeless. 32,000 people are chronically homeless, meaning that they are expected to be homeless for the rest of their lives.



Shelters Across Canada



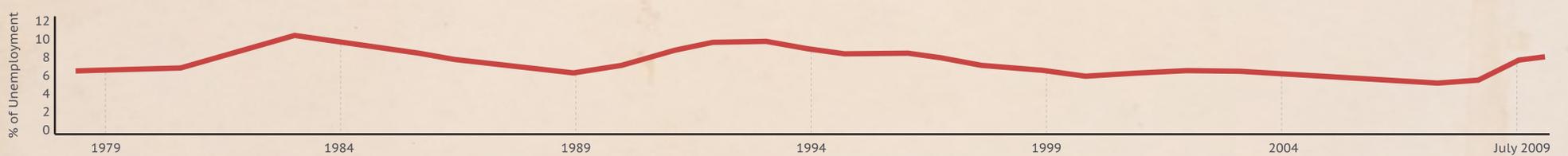
A 2010 study looked at reasons why people perform volunteer hours. They discovered that 7% of people aged 15 and over, are volunteering because it is mandatory for them. This 7% totaled to 97 million hours, and was broken up in the mandatory reasons that the hours were completed. The categories listed, are for school, employer requirements, if you work for a charitable organization, or if the hours were court appointed.

Homeless Shelter Use



Canada's Unemployment Rate

This graph expresses Canada's Unemployment Rate from 1979 to July 2009. Over this time span there have been several ups and downs in relation to unemployment. The fluctuation of unemployment rates across Canada tend to spike and drop in irregular patterns, these rates could possibly grow higher over time leading to the possibilities of homelessness in Canada.



Reasons for Mandatory Volunteer Hours

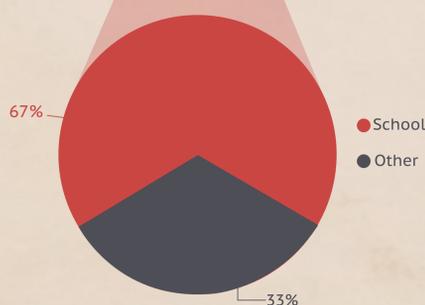


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Mandatory Volunteer Hours Reported By 15-24 year olds

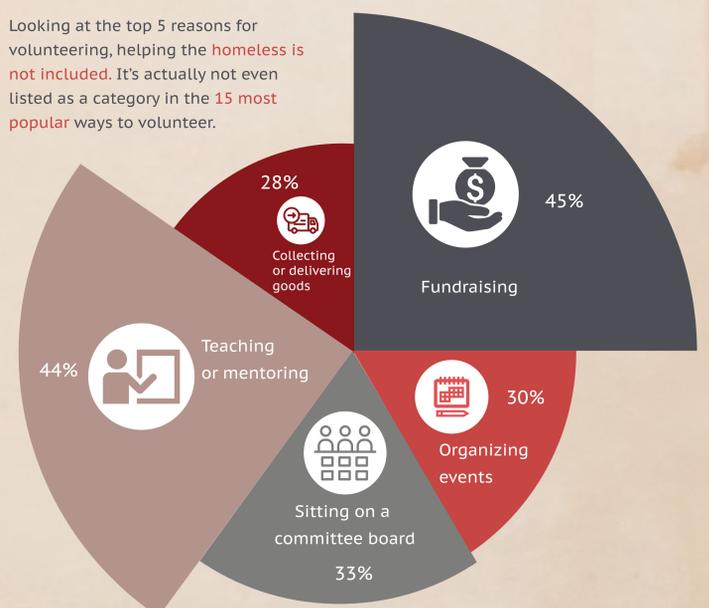


Why did they perform the hours?



Participation Rate by Type of Volunteer Activity (Age 15+)

Looking at the top 5 reasons for volunteering, helping the homeless is not included. It's actually not even listed as a category in the 15 most popular ways to volunteer.



Adding it as mandatory volunteer hours in the high school curriculum can create awareness and opportunities for students to participate in helping the homeless.