

PATH

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Is a *collaborative* initiative between the City of Edmonton, ETS, and social agencies to increase transit access for ***youth and adults who are homeless, or at-risk of homelessness.***

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Partners

- City of Edmonton
- Edmonton Transit Service
- MAPS Alberta Capital Region
- Children's Services Edmonton Region
- iHuman Youth Society
- Boyle Street Education Centre
- Youth Empowerment & Support Services
- Old Strathcona Youth Society
- Native Counselling Services of Alberta
- Mosaic Centre
- Bissell Centre
- Boyle Street Community Services
- The Neighbour Centre
- Jasper Place Wellness Centre

The logo for the City of Edmonton, featuring the word "Edmonton" in white, sans-serif font on a dark blue square background.

Edmonton

KÎYÂNAW

“There is a word in Cree, *kîyânaw*, which means ‘for all of us.’

By firmly believing that we are all in this together, our capacity to build relationships of trust with one another will form the foundation of community cohesion.”



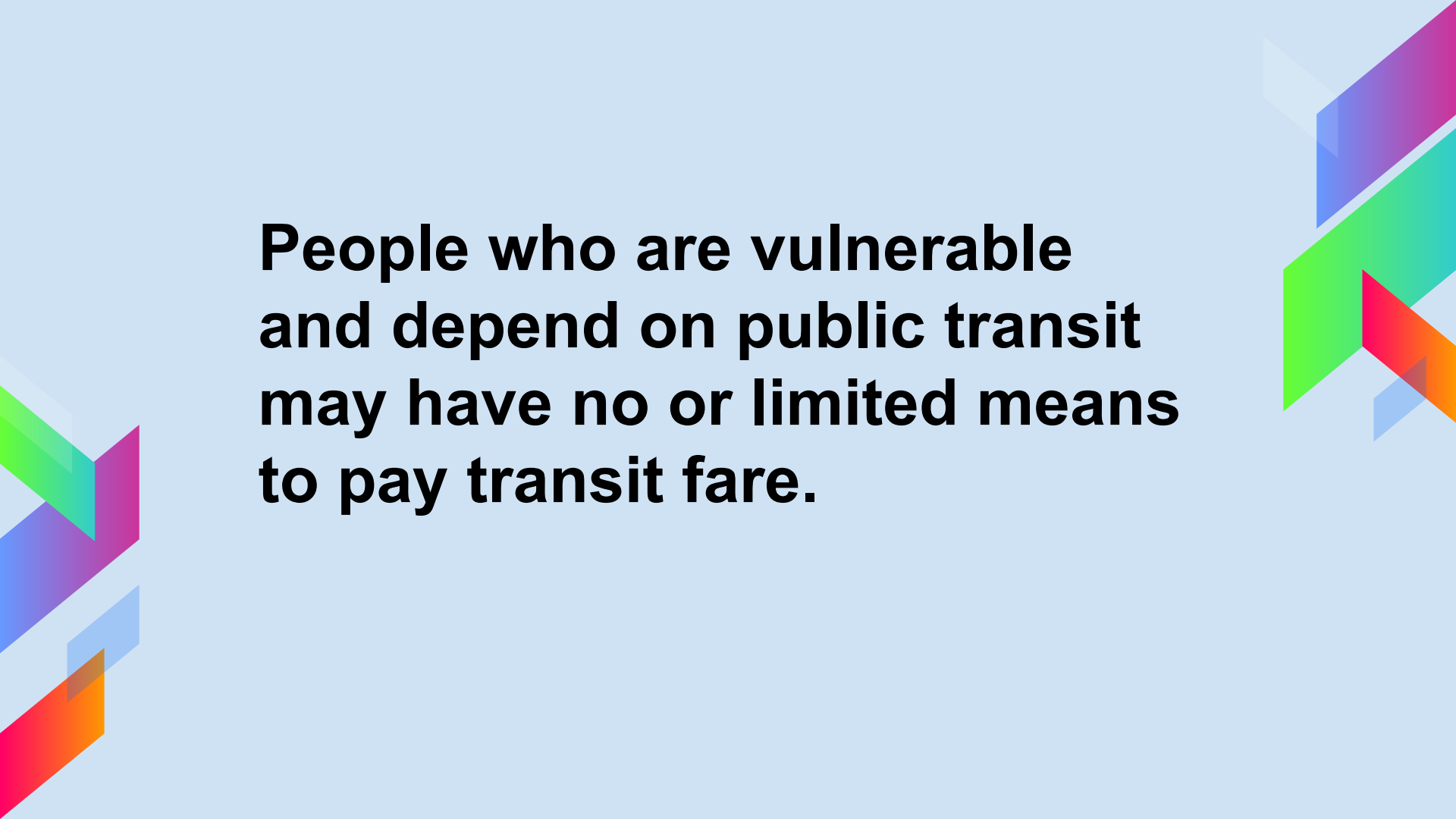
**END
POVERTY
IN A
GENERATION**

A STRATEGY

SEPTEMBER 2019

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**People who are vulnerable
and depend on public transit
may have no or limited means
to pay transit fare.**



Tickets for fare evasion are \$250, and fines can accrue.

- 88% of the youth had explicitly responded that lack of income is a barrier to using transit
- 77.0% of the youth had said they had rode on transit within the past year without paying
- 36% had received a fare evasion ticket within the last 12 months
- Generally, youth feel negatively when they ride transit without the proper fare. They cite emotions such as embarrassment, nervousness, scared and guilt.

“I don't like asking [the bus driver] for rides because people sitting in the front judge me. I don't like feeling homeless.”

Social Return on Investment Results

For every \$1 invested, a return of at least \$1.92 was created in social value

The social value created included:

- › Reduced court costs
- › More positive interactions with transit authorities
- › Increased ability to maintain employment
- › Reduced risk of events such as frostbite

PATH GOALS

- Improve access to public transit
- Reduce fare evasion tickets
- Increase inclusion, safety and stability
- Improve relationships between youth and transit authorities
- Increased understanding of impact of transit access

Pass Use

No Bus Pass Last Month

2.9%

New Recipient

3.3%

Safety

5.3%

Recreation

5.1%

Employment

11.0%

Connecting

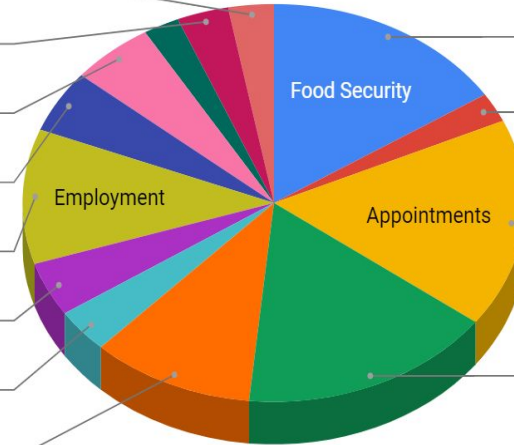
4.4%

Meaningful Daily Activity

3.6%

Basic Needs

10.5%



Food Security

15.8%

Legal

2.4%

Appointments

17.0%

Health and Wellness

16.4%

Data collected from August 2019



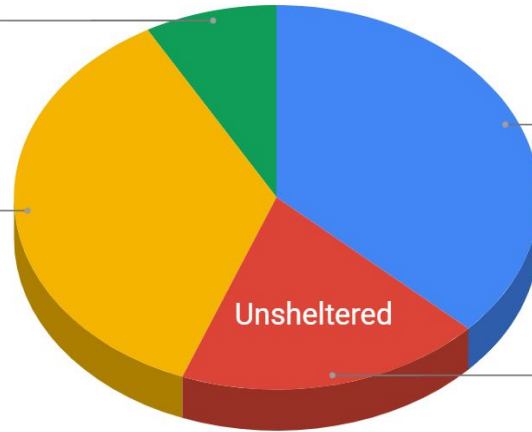
Housing Status

Emergency Sheltered

8.2%

Provisionally Accommodated

36.0%



Precariously Accommodated

37.0%

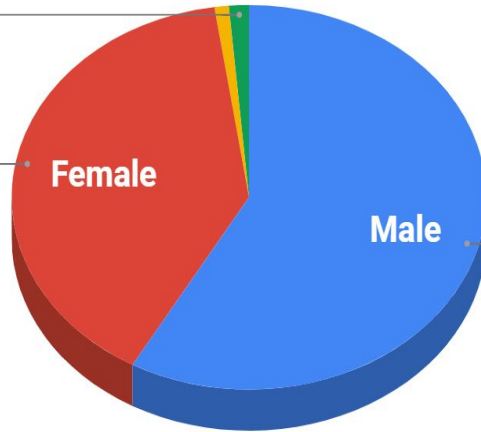
Unsheltered

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Gender Identity

Undisclosed
1.4%

Female
39.5%



Male
58.2%

Age

13-15

0.6%

16-18

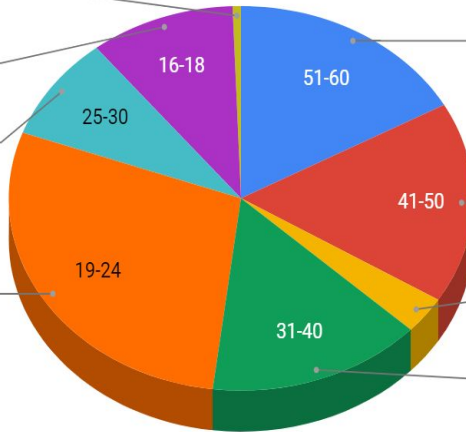
10.1%

25-30

8.8%

19-24

28.6%



51-60

16.9%

41-50

16.9%

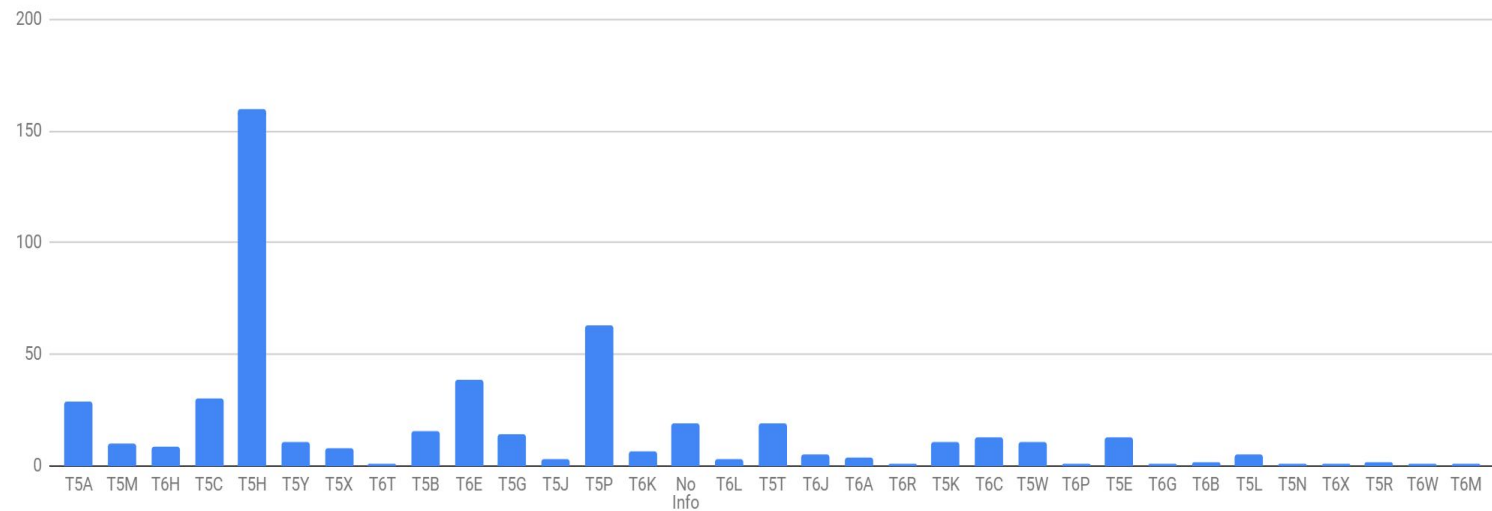
60+

3.1%

31-40

15.0%

Postal Codes



Count of Postal Codes: Where did you stay last night? (Please reference the map)



Narratives from current SROI



“Someone was following me on the train one time, I made the decision to get off 6 or 7 stops before mine. I went to an establishment and waited for about 2 hours. I then caught the bus and made my way home. If I had a bus ticket, I would have had to stay in a situation that caused me duress because of the limitations of bus tickets or transfers in contrast to the freedom of a transit pass.” – Participant, 22 years old

“I'm a single mom so since having the pass it made me able to get visitation with my kids and start a program which allows me to get on track and reunite with my kids.” – Participant, 23 years old

“The bus pass has been a life saver; I was living homeless on the streets and luckily an outreach worker found me and informed of the services available. I was able to connect with a doctor, housing worker and access services that I was never able to access since being homeless. This was all within the first month of having the pass. Ever since my life is on a steady incline since having a pass.” – Participant, 35 years old



“I have cancer in my left leg, so having this pass has helped me make sure I can stay on top of it and that I can receive treatments and check-ups.” – Participant, 51 years old

The Ride Transit Program was launched September 2017!

Greater access to transit!



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