

# HOMELESSNESS IN METRO VANCOUVER: A FOCUS ON VETERANS

March 8th 2017

## ABOUT

A point-in-time homeless count took place in Metro Vancouver on March 8th 2017. A total of 3,605 individuals were found to be experiencing homelessness.

This graphic highlights characteristics of those who reported having served in the military (8% of respondents). The Canadian Military refers to individuals who served in the Canadian army, navy, or air force.

NOTE: Not every person who was counted participated in the survey, as such, the number of responses varies between questions.

## KEY FINDINGS

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9 out of 10 veterans were men

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38% of veterans were over the age of 55 compared to 21% of all respondents

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A higher percentage of veterans identified as Indigenous/Aboriginal than all respondents

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28% of veterans had a full-time or part-time job compared to 21% of all respondents

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Veterans reported higher levels of all 4 health conditions than all respondents

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26% of veterans had been in Ministry Care compared to 21% of all respondents

## 168 RESPONDENTS HAD SERVED IN THE MILITARY

94

CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

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RCMP

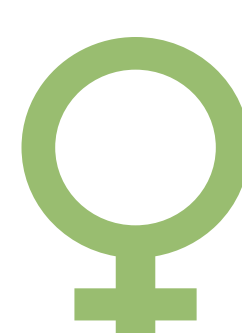
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OTHER COUNTRY'S ARMED FORCES

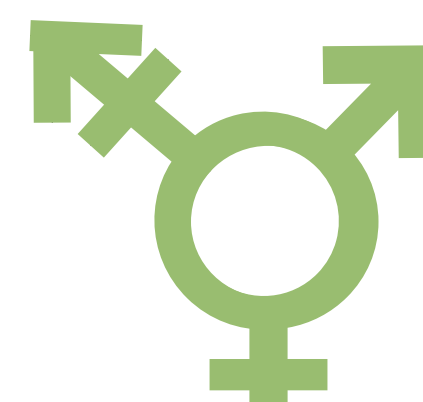
## GENDER



89% MALE



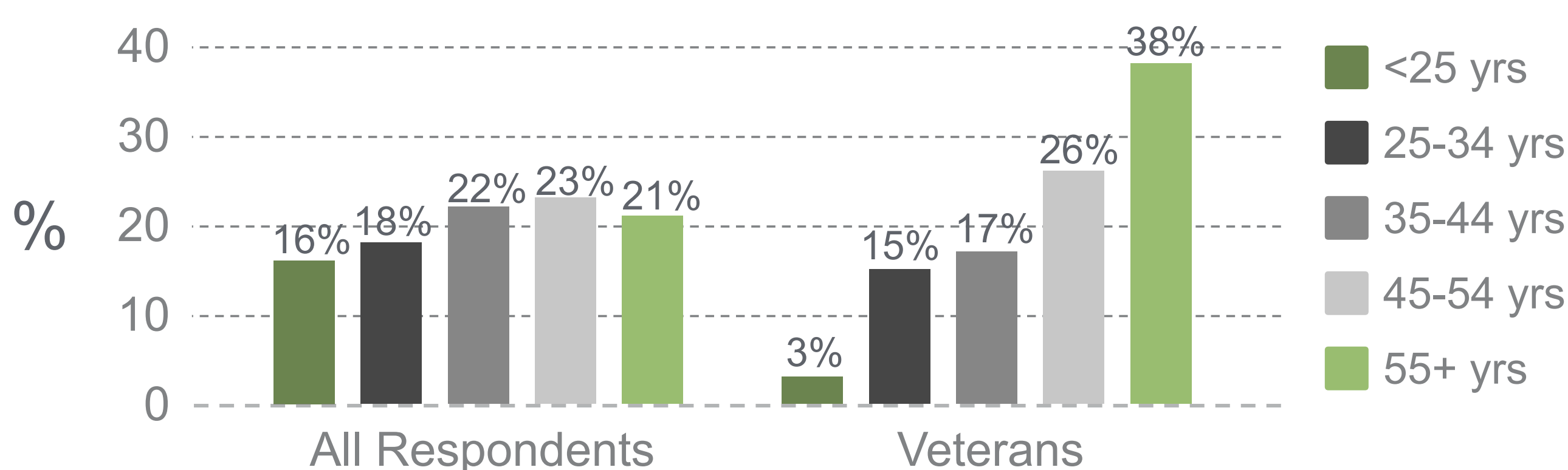
9% FEMALE



2% ANOTHER GENDER

COMPARED TO ALL RESPONDENTS: 72% MALE, 27% FEMALE, AND 1% ANOTHER GENDER

## AGE



## INDIGENOUS

38%

OF VETERANS

34%

OF ALL RESPONDENTS

IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENOUS / ABORIGINAL OR HAD INDIGENOUS / ABORIGINAL ANCESTRY

## EMPLOYMENT

28%

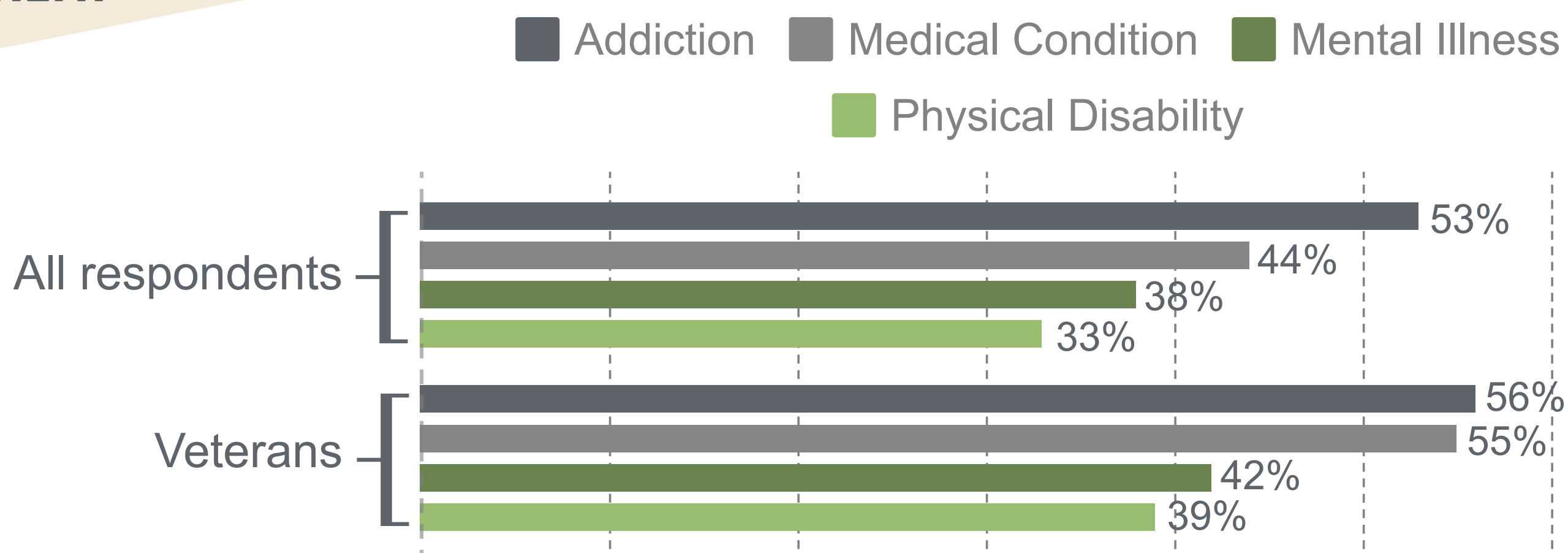
OF VETERANS

21%

OF ALL RESPONDENTS

HAD EITHER A FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME JOB

## HEALTH



## MINISTRY

26%

OF VETERANS

21%

OF ALL RESPONDENTS

HAD BEEN IN MINISTRY CARE (MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT, MCFD)