

Homelessness in Northern BC

Selected excerpts from an informal survey of shelter and service providers in northern BC.
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Housing and Homelessness

Issues are recognized in all communities.

Terrace ~ *Right now I am aware of 15 clients accessing our services who are homeless or at risk of being homeless and there are another 20 who live on the streets ...”*

Fort Nelson ~ *as an indicator of the underlying high risk for homelessness, at least 40 people pick up supplies from the food bank every 2 weeks ...”*

Quesnel ~ *an estimate would be 20 currently homeless with a larger number who are at high risk for homelessness...”*

Fort St. John ~ *there are approximately 60 homeless persons in FSJ, which is down from an estimated 100 last winter...”*

Prince George ~ *St. Vincent De Paul probably sees the most invisible homeless – often those with severe MH and often those who are “campers in the forest.. “*

