

No Fixed Address: The Intersection of Justice, Homelessness & Eviction Prevention



Agenda



- Part 1: Context Setting
 - Homelessness & justice involvement in Ontario
- Part 2: Lived Experience Perspectives
 - What justice-involved folks in Ontario are saying
- Part 3: Preventing Evictions
 - How can you spot these issues early on?
 - How can you help avoid the cycle of homelessness and justice involvement?



Part 1: The Context in Ontario

Housing in the Current Context



Soaring housing prices hit small town Ontario hard

By Allison Hannaford | News | May 28th 2022

Real Estate

Jack Landau Posted 7 months ago

CONSUMER

Average rental prices in Toronto rise year-over-year after dropping in 2021



By Hannah Jackson • Global News
Posted March 14, 2022 3:19 pm

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Out of control Greater Toronto Area home prices just broke yet another record

Most Ontario Renters Choosing Between Food and Paying Rent: Report

PUBLISHED: 12:52 PM JUN 2, 2022

Almost half of Canada's millennials think owning a home is just 'a pipe dream'

KMPG poll finds millennials disenchanted amid rising home prices, high levels of personal debt and stagnant incomes

Zeba Khan

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The Cycle of Homelessness & Justice Involvement





How the Cycle Begins & Continues



How does homelessness lead to incarceration?

- Laws target people living with homelessness
- More likely to bring them into contact with law enforcement

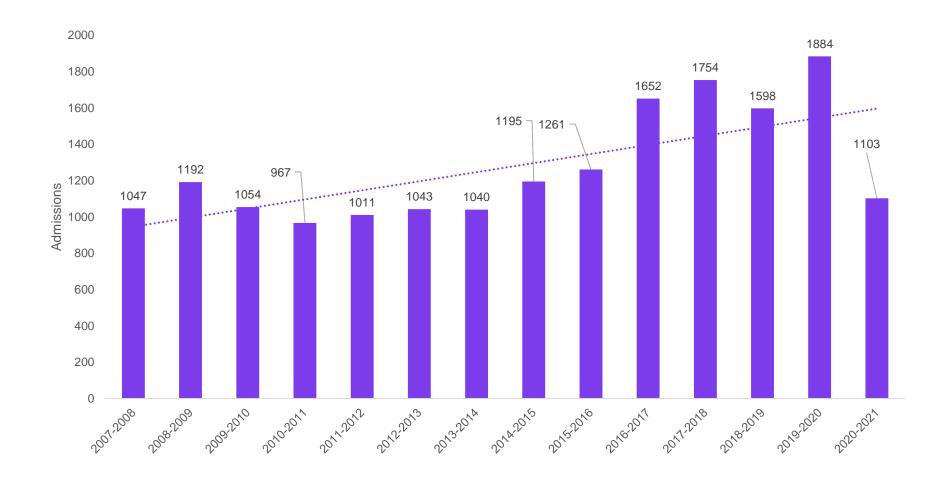
How does incarceration lead to homelessness?

- Economic costs of incarceration
- Policies (criminal records, etc.) make recovery difficult

Systemic barriers play a prominent role

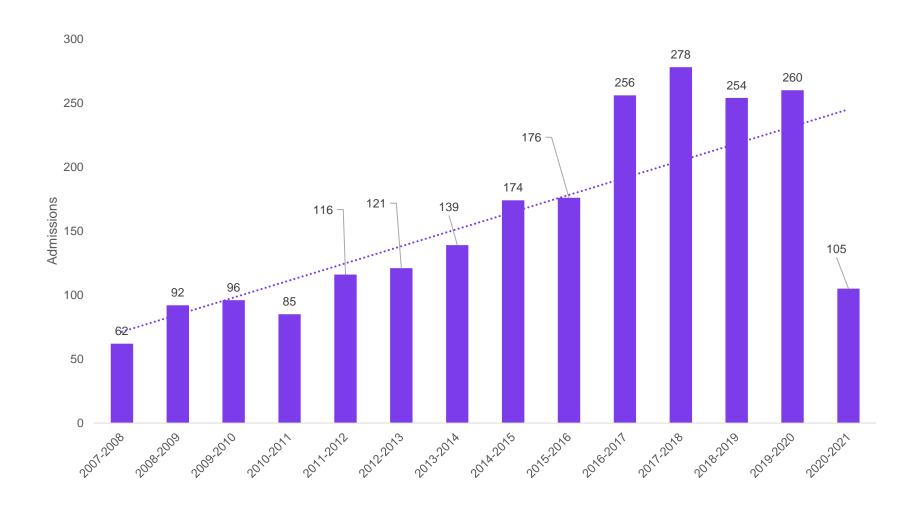


NFA Admissions Have Increased



Faster Increase for Indigenous Populations





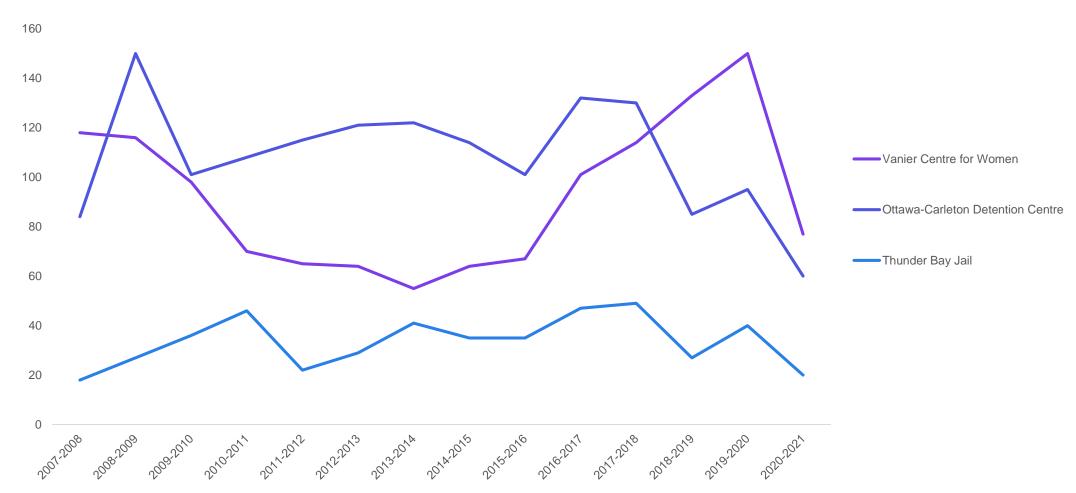
NFA Admissions Have Grown Most in the North and West





Spotlight on Declining NFA Populations







Part 2: Perspectives of Individuals with Lived Experience





- In-depth exploration of the experiences of justice involved people
- One-on-one discussions with justice-involved people & service providers
 - Interviews with 50 individuals with lived experience & 120 surveys
 - Surveys completed by 60 service providers & a handful of interviews





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Perceived Systemic Barriers

- Affordability (e.g., access to affordable housing, waitlists, eligibility requirements, etc.)
- Justice involvement (e.g., criminal record, discrimination, etc.)
- Stigma (e.g., social assistance, "looking" homeless, etc.)
- Overburdened social services

What is Wanted



- More shelters/low barrier housing options/affordable housing
- More help with systems navigation
- Greater landlord advocacy
- Rent programs/housing programs
- Release planning





- Outreach
- Highly structured detox vs. independent living
- Federal institution programming & relrease planning structure
- Social support/case worker



Part 3: Eviction Prevention

Training to Avoid Evictions





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Important Things to Flag

- Time in custody can lead to missed rent payments and evictions
- Missed rent payments can be a legal reason for eviction BUT only if a landlord provides proper notice and follows the legal eviction process
- A landlord can legally dispose of or sell tenant belongings BUT only after 72 hours following a legal eviction

Notice to End your Tenancy For Non-payment of Rent

(Disponible en français)

To: (Tenant's name) include all tenant names	From: (Landlord's name)
Address of the Rental Unit:	

This is a legal notice that could lead to you being evicted from your home.

The following information is from your landlord	
I am giving you this notice because I believe you owe me \$ in rent.	
See the table on the next page for an explanation of how I calculated this amount.	
I can apply to the Board to have you evicted if you do not:	
pay this amount by	
Or dd/mm/yyyy	
move out by the termination date.	
If another rent payment becomes due on or before the date you make the above payment to your landlord, you must also pay this extra amount.	

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The following information is provided by the Landlord and Tenant Board

The The date that the landlord gives you in this notice to pay or move out must be at least:

- termination 14 days after the landlord gives you the notice, if you rent by the month or year, or
 - 7 days after the landlord gives you the notice, if you rent by the day or week.

What if you If you agree that you owe the amount that the landlord is claiming, you should pay this amount by the termination date in this notice. If you do so, the landlord cannot apply to the the notice? Board to evict you based on this notice.

> If you do not pay the amount owing, you do not have to move out. However, the landlord can apply to the Board to evict you. If the landlord applies to the Board to evict you and the Board orders the eviction, you will likely have to pay the landlord's filing fee, in addition to what you owe.

What if you You do not have to move out if you disagree with this notice. You could talk to your landlord. disagree You may also want to get legal advice. If you cannot work things out, the landlord may apply with to the Board for an order to evict you. The Board will schedule a hearing where you can the notice? explain why you disagree.

What if you If you move out by the termination date in this notice, your tenancy will end on the termination date. However, you may still owe money to your landlord. Your landlord will not be able to apply to the Board but they may still take you to Court for this money.

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What Can You Do?

- If they receive a notice —— tell them they don't need to move just yet
 - Keep an eye on this if they are in custody
 - Cancelling the notice & repayment plans
 - Rent banks, OW or ODSP (additional allowances), OW Emergency Assistance, etc.
- If they don't receive a notice or the Rental Housing Enforcement Unit
 - Or T2 Application to the Landlord & Tenant Board

NOTE: Belongings can only be removed 72 hours after a legal eviction.



THANK YOU!

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