

2023 Snapshot on Gender-Based Violence Peterborough City & County

Combined City and County Statistics

January 2023 - December 2023

DV = Domestic Violence
 IPV = Intimate Partner Violence
 SA = Sexual Assault
 GBV = Gender-Based Violence



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Community Profile^[3]

- 147,681 Individuals [1]
- 33,520 (22.6%) Ages 15 to 34 [1]
- 7,095 Indigenous people [1]
- 2 First Nations: Curve Lake and Hiawatha First Nations
- 9.1% Living in Low Income [2]
- \$20.60 Living Wage for a single adult [2]

There are more reported cases of violence against women between the ages of 15 and 34 [3].

64%

Increase in crisis and support calls for DV/IPV concerns

1353 in 2022, 2224 in 2023

Safety & Supports

- 130 SA Advocacy & Accompaniment clients (KSAC)
- 612 SA Counselling Clients & Clients attending groups (KSAC)
- 742 Total clients served by Sexual Assault Centre (KSAC)
- 592 SA Crisis contacts (KSAC)
- 2224 Crisis and support calls answered at Crossroads
- 115 Women accessed START (YWCA) service hub
- 277 Total SA Community Counselling Visits (CCRC)
- 443 Total DV Community Counselling Visits (CCRC)
- 67 Women attending support groups for DV/IPV (CCRC)
- 111 Individuals experiencing violence accessing Indigenous support programs

Children, Youth & Families

- 20 Children & youth under 16 years presented to hospital for SA related concerns
- 50 Youth who utilized the youth emergency shelter, (YES Shelter) due to DV/IPV situations
- 4 Families utilized the youth emergency shelter, (YES Shelter) due to DV/IPV situations
- 40 CAS children and families supported by DV/SA caseworkers (KHCAS)
- 40 Children in Indigenous child witness to violence program

Policing

NOTE: The policing stats below are for Peterborough Police Service only, covering the City of Peterborough, the Village of Lakefield, and the Township of Cavan Monaghan.

- 1,457 Reported DV Occurrences
- 287 Reported DV Charges
- 168 Reported DV Related Assault Charges
- 13 DV Related Sexual Assault Charges

DV Occurrences Involving:

- Forcible Confinement → 5
- Weapon or Cause Bodily Harm → 23
- Aggravated Assault → 2
- Other Assault → 1
- Firearms → 4
- Attempted Murder → 0

Other Justice

- 25.6% Probation & Parole cases related to DV/IPV
- 6.2% Probation and Parole cases related to SA
- 719 DV Clients receiving court support (YWCA)
- 126 Individuals participating in the PAR (Partner Assault Response) program

Hospital Care

Statistics from PRHC

Statistics cover Peterborough City and County only

- 89 Clients seen for SA
- 93 Clients seen for DV/IPV
- 15 Clients seen for SA and DV/IPV
- 58 New SA Counselling Clients
- 82 New DV Counselling Clients
- 300 Total SA Counselling Clients
- 440 Total DV Counselling Clients

122%

(9 in 2022, 20 in 2023)

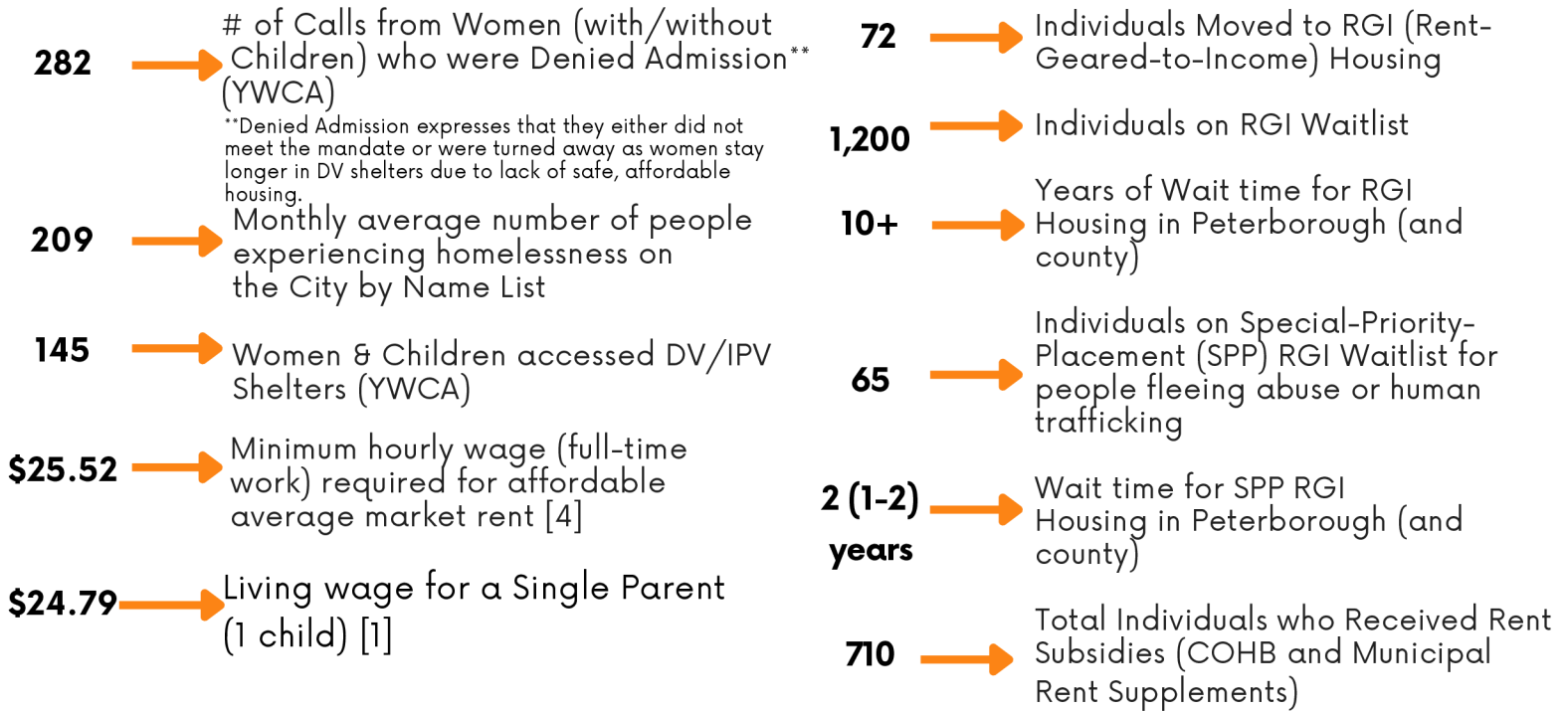
Increase in Children & Youth under 16 seen at PRHC for Sexual Assault related concerns



Housing & Homelessness

Gender-based violence is one of the leading causes of homelessness among women and children

Gender-based violence is a major cause of homelessness and housing instability among women and children. Women fleeing abuse often lack access to safe and affordable housing, which is a significant barrier [3]. Peterborough's low vacancy rate (1.1% in 2023, the 4th lowest in Ontario)[4], high rates of poverty and very limited affordable housing pose significant barriers to people seeking to leave abuse [5].



DV/IPV is complex

- Underreporting makes it difficult to capture statistics that reflect the number of people impacted.
- DV/IPV cases often involve multiple issues and sectors, requiring the involvement of multiple responses.
- Many services including those for mental health have had to implement waitlists for service.
- The primary care shortage creates another barrier for survivors as some services i.e. Mental health often require referrals from an MD.
- Femicide can have various definitions; it refers to the killing of a woman or child by a man. OAITH compiles monthly and annual Femicide counts for Ontario based on media reports. As of October 31, 2024 there had been 59 Femicides in Ontario since November 26, 2023 [6]

PDAN Plans

- Service navigation improvements
- Continued engagement with survivor consultants
- A community-wide survey on attitudes toward gendered violence
- Public education campaign to address needs identified in survey
- New outreach and education materials & campaign that addresses any key findings from that survey
- Formalized partnerships and data sharing agreements with partner organizations
- Ongoing training, support and information between organizations supporting survivors.

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Peterborough Domestic Abuse Network

A network of people and organizations working to end intimate partner violence in Peterborough City and County. We are committed to providing coordinated, consistent and compassionate services and support to survivors of intimate partner violence.

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