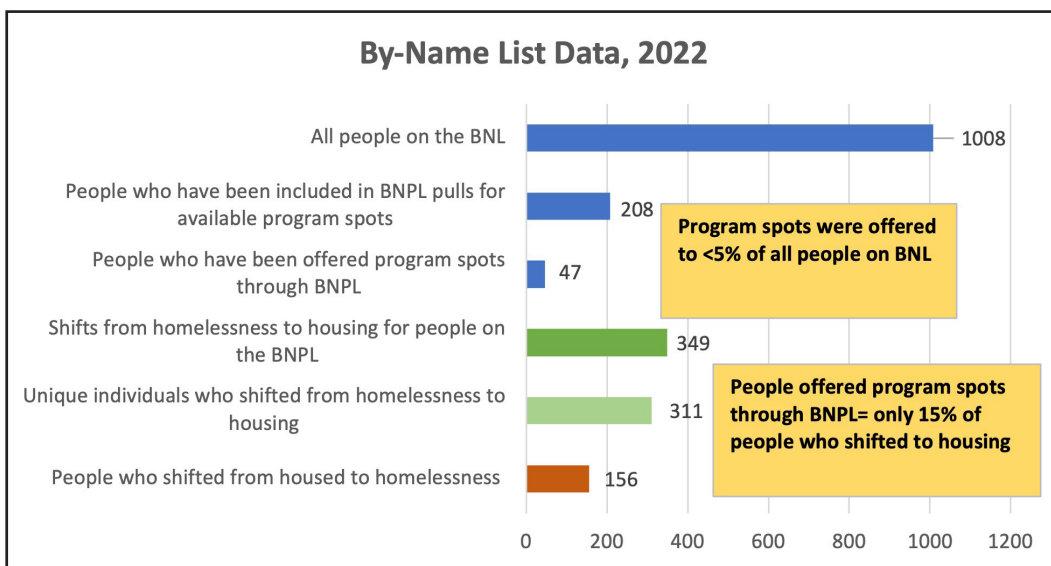


Peterborough's By-Name List in 2022: What We Know

An analysis of the City of Peterborough's By-Name List of people experiencing homelessness

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The City of Peterborough, like all homelessness service managers in Ontario, is required by the Provincial Government to maintain a **By-Name List**, which is an up-to-date list of all people in its area (Peterborough City and County) who are experiencing homelessness.

Why do communities keep By-Name Lists?

The reasons that communities are required to keep by-name lists are to:

- Understand the needs of individuals so that they can be provided with appropriate services and housing resources
- Understand the needs of the homeless population overall in order to develop necessary services
- Understand the trends happening in homelessness and whether or not they are improving
- Help with coordinating service provision
- Help maintain a standard approach to assessment and referral to services and programs¹

How does the Peterborough By-Name List work?

When BNL program spots, including housing spaces and rent supplements, become available among local organizations, those organizations let the City know. The City then ranks the BNL based on factors such as age (youth, adult, or senior), length of homelessness, trimorbidity (having physical health, mental health, and substance use challenges), being unsheltered, and vulnerability (based on a standard assessment, the SPDAT or VI-SPDAT). From the ranked list (By-Name Priority List or BNPL), the City pulls the top several names of people who would be eligible for the program spot (often 4 names and then possibly 4 alternates) so that the organization can consider them for the program spot.

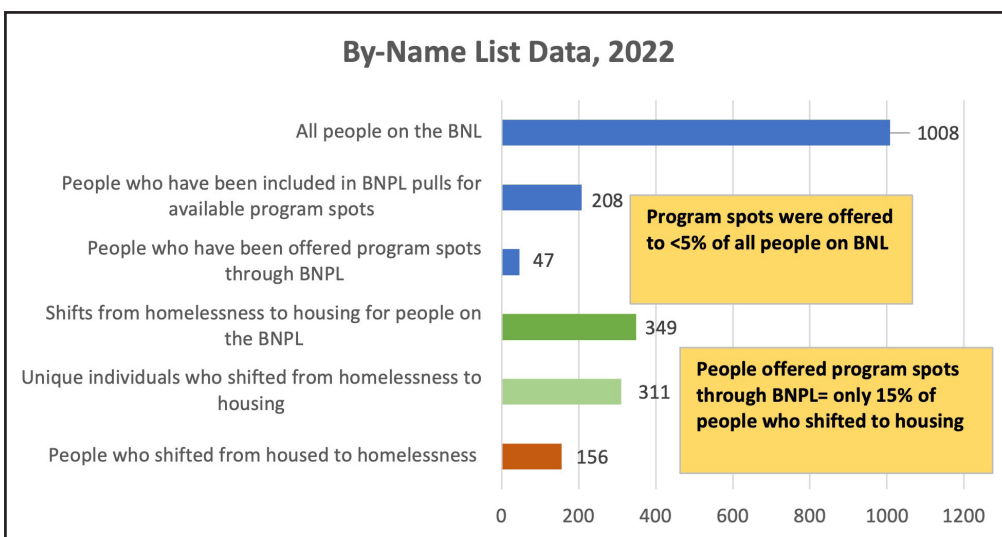
What do we know about people on the By-Name list in 2022?

There were 1008 people included on Peterborough's By-Name list at some point during 2022. The names of 208 (about 1 in 5 of them) were "pulled" or provided to organizations to consider in offering a program spot. However, only 47 people (or less than 5% of everyone on the BNL) were offered program spots in 2022. It is important to recognize that not all of these 47 offers of program spots would come with a housing unit right away; sometimes people are offered rent

1 <https://www.ontario.ca/page/service-manager-name-list-2022-guidelines>

supplements and help from an intensive case manager with finding a housing unit in the private market. In addition, not all of the offers would have been accepted. Therefore, the number of people actually housed this way could be lower than 47.

At the same time, there were 311 people on the BNL who shifted from homelessness to housing. This constitutes almost 7 times the number of people offered program spots through the BNL. This means that about 31% of all people on the BNL shifted from homelessness to housing, but most of them did not do so through the BNL itself.



Note: Housing shift data includes self-resolutions of homelessness.

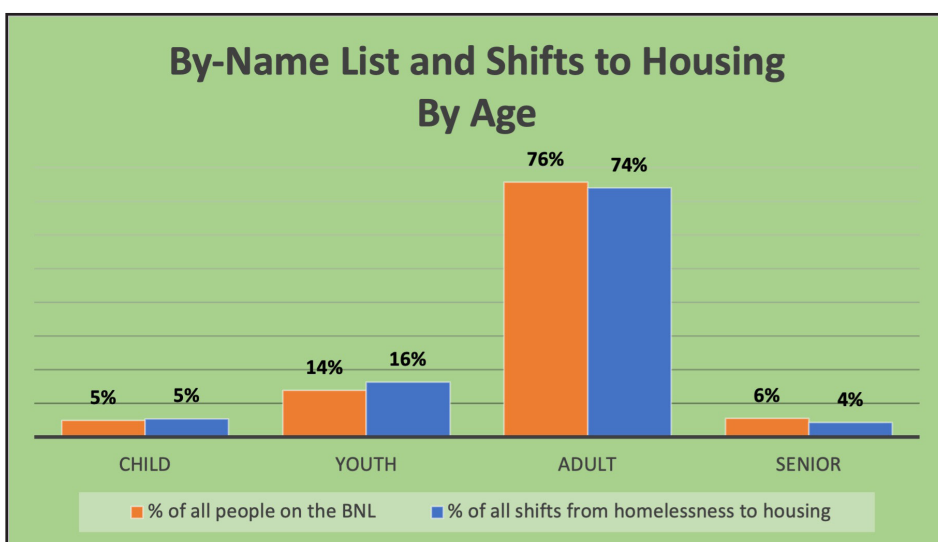
What does all this mean?

- Very few homeless people are housed through the By-Name list. Most people who experience homelessness and shift to housing do so through means other than the BNL.
- The time, effort, and money expended on adding people to the list, completing in-depth assessments with them, keeping people's records up-to-date, prioritizing people for housing resources, and referring/matching them to those resources is only resulting in very few people being housed.

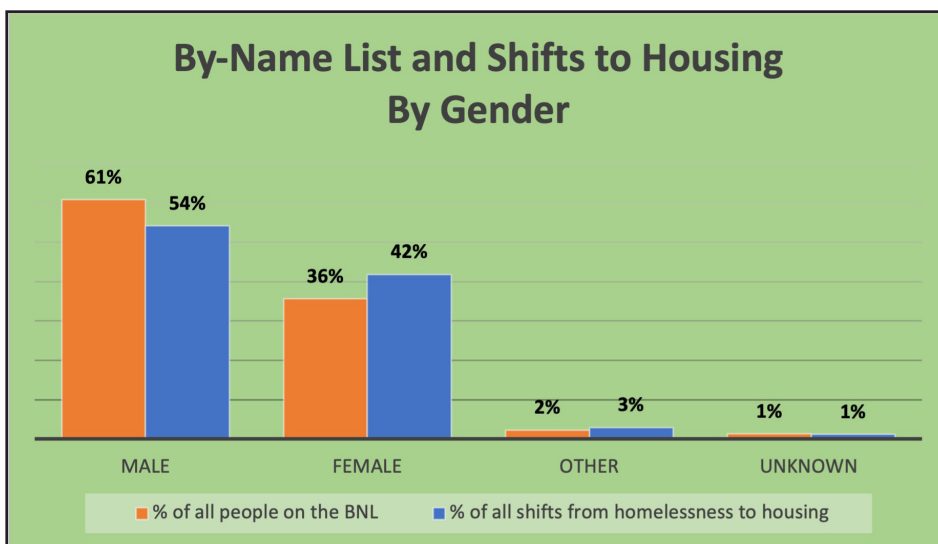
Who is on the BNL – And who on it has been housed?

Graphs on the following pages show how many people in various groups were on the By-Name List in 2022 and how many of them did or did not shift to housing.

Overall, the data shows that the demographic make-up of the total shifts to housing is fairly consistent with the demographic make-up of the total BNL. However, it seems that shifts to housing for people identifying as female and those receiving ODSP represent higher proportions of the total shifts to housing than these groups' proportions of the total BNL. Because youth, seniors, and people with higher acuity are all prioritized in Peterborough, it would be expected that these groups would all show shifts into housing that are proportionally higher than the proportion of the BNL that they make up.

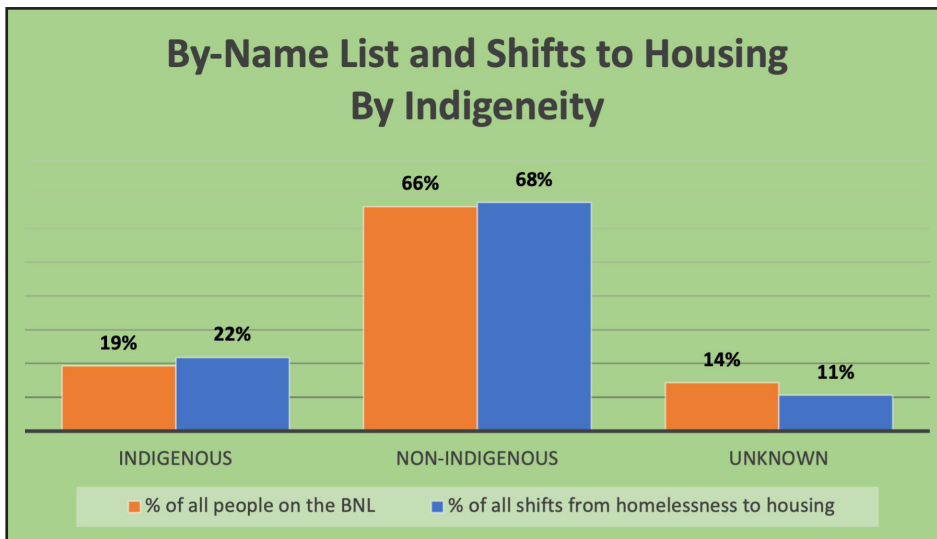


Age Category	# of people on BNL in 2022	% of all people on BNL in 2022	# of shifts to housing in 2022	% of all shifts to housing in 2022
Child	50	5%	19	5%
Youth	140	14%	57	16%
Adult	762	76%	258	74%
Senior	56	6%	15	4%
Total	1,008	100%	349	100%

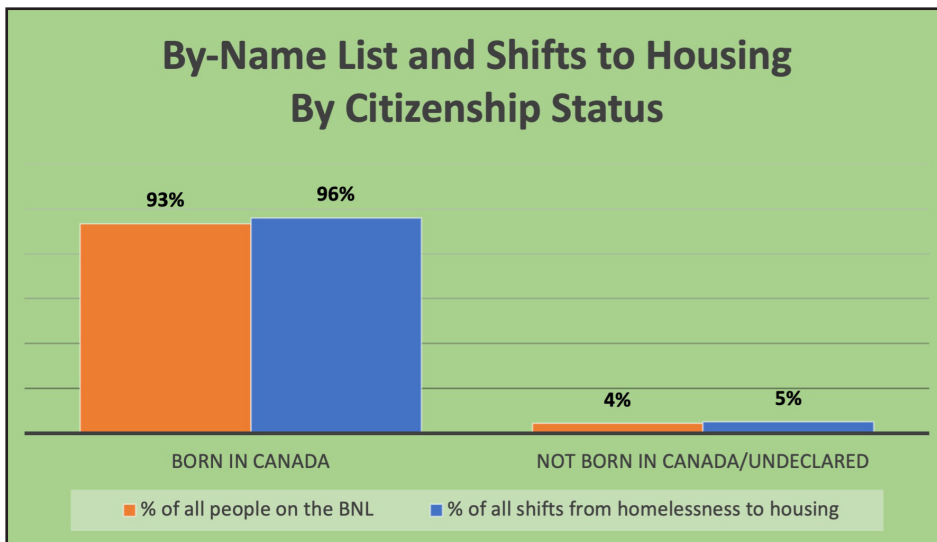


Note: "Other" includes Gender Queer, Non-binary, Transgender, and Two Spirit.

Gender	# of people on BNL in 2022	% of all people on BNL in 2022	# of shifts to housing in 2022	% of all shifts to housing in 2022
Male	613	61%	189	54%
Female	359	36%	146	42%
Other	23	2%	10	3%
Unknown	13	1%	4	1%
Total	1,008	100%	349	100%

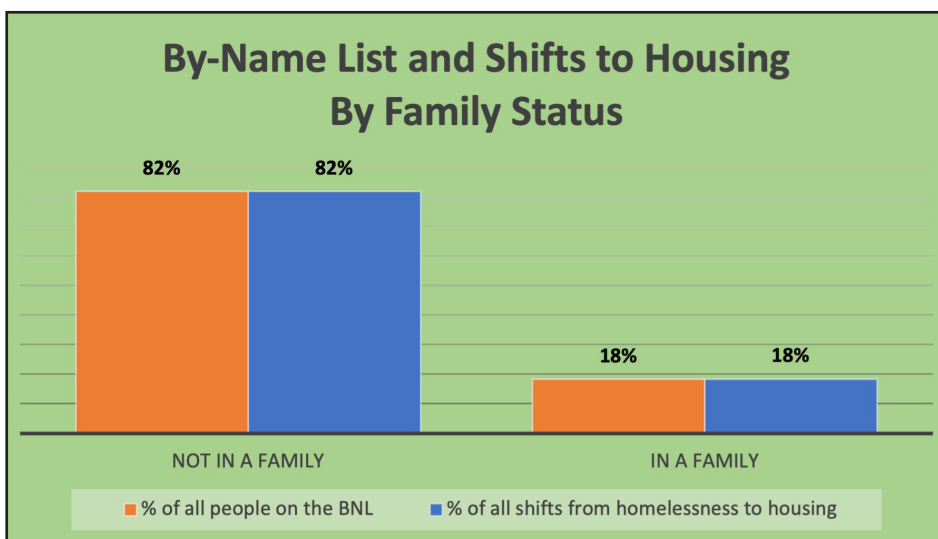


Indigeneity	# of people on BNL in 2022	% of all people on BNL in 2022	# of shifts to housing in 2022	% of all shifts to housing in 2022
Indigenous	194	19%	76	22%
Non-Indigenous	670	66%	236	68%
Unknown	144	14%	37	11%
Total	1,008	100%	349	100%

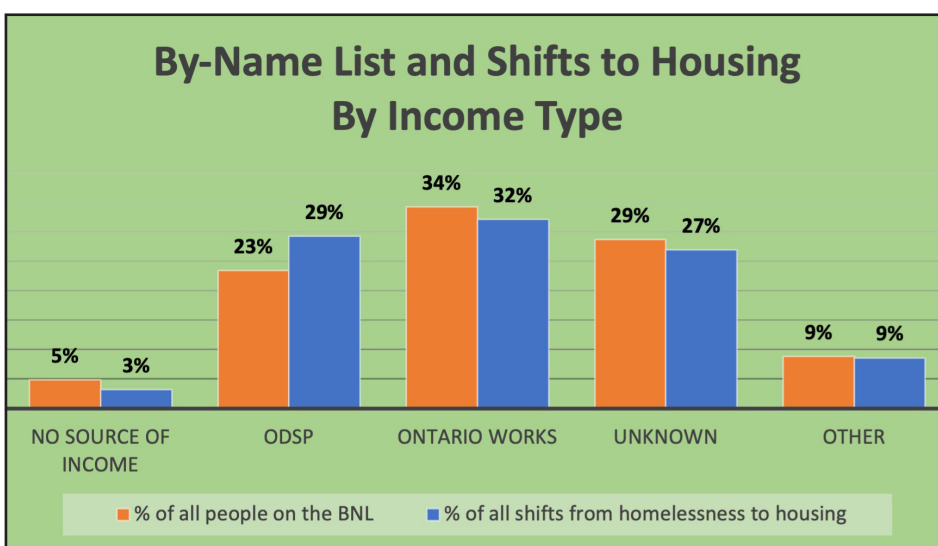


Note: "Not born in Canada/undeclared" may actually be less as it includes categories that were <10.

Country of Birth	# of people on BNL in 2022	% of all people on BNL in 2022	# of shifts to housing in 2022	% of all shifts to housing in 2022
Canada	941	93%	335	96%
Other	45	4%	18	5%
Total	1,008	100%	349	100%

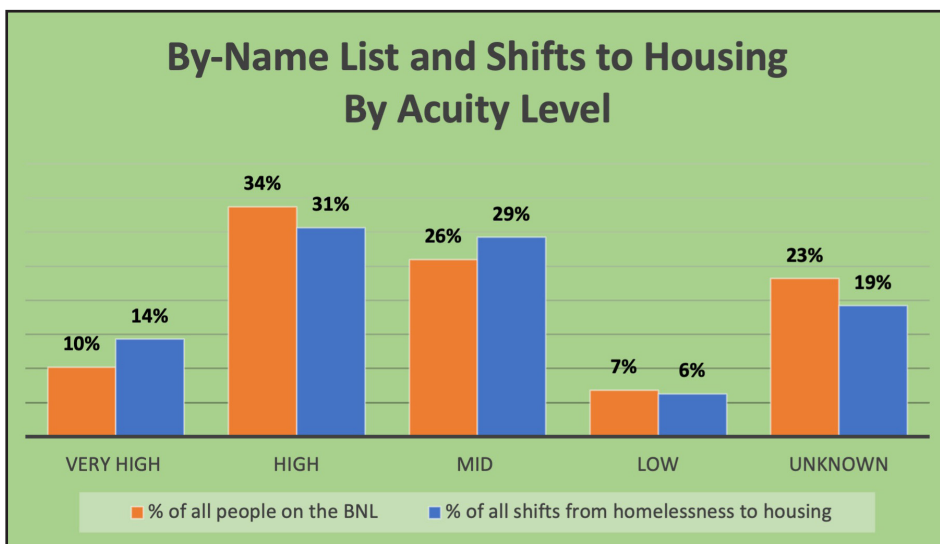


Family Status	# of people on BNL in 2022	% of all people on BNL in 2022	# of shifts to housing in 2022	% of all shifts to housing in 2022
In a family	824	82%	285	82%
Not in a family	184	18%	64	18%
Total	1,008	100%	349	100%



Note: "Other" includes a variety of government benefits and employment. These were grouped together to prevent possible identification of individuals.

Income Source	# of people on BNL in 2022	% of all people on BNL in 2022	# of shifts to housing in 2022	% of all shifts to housing in 2022
No income	49	5%	11	3%
ODSP	236	23%	102	29%
Ontario Works	345	34%	112	32%
Unknown	289	29%	94	27%
Other	89	9%	30	9%
Total	1,008	100%	349	100%



Assessed Acuity	# of people on BNL in 2022	% of all people on BNL in 2022	# of shifts to housing in 2022	% of all shifts to housing in 2022
Very High	103	10%	50	14%
High	340	34%	107	31%
Mid	262	26%	102	29%
Low	69	7%	22	6%
Unknown	234	23%	67	19%
Total	1,008	100%	348	100%

Deaths of people on the By-Name List

Year	# of people on the BNL who died
2019	<10
2020	20
2021	15
2022	10

Note: Because the City does not have a formal structure in place for tracking the deaths of people on the BNPL, the number of deaths reported here may be an under-representation.