

Minnesota Tribal Housing Partnership



Using Self-Governance and Self-
Determination to Prevent and End
Homelessness for Tribal Nations

Introductions



Facts and Information



Who is an American Indian?

Generally speaking – a person meeting the following qualifications:

- Someone who has American Indian blood – Ancestors must have lived in North American pre-European contact or “discovery”
- Recognized as American Indian by members of his/her tribe or community (blood quantum or lineal descent classification)

Some Truths and Misunderstandings



- ❧ Most of us in America live with enormous misunderstandings about American Indians
- ❧ Little to no education about the first or Indigenous people
- ❧ Media shapes perceptions
- ❧ People or culture either romanticized or demonized



Historical Facts: Treaties



- ❧ Indigenous, Native American, American Indian people were the first people of this nation
- ❧ Dakota and Ojibwe people were among the first people to Minnesota long before it was called Minnesota, with Dakota people residing here the longest
- ❧ Treaties are agreements between self-governing, or sovereign nations, and are still in effect today.
- ❧ American Indian-U.S. treaties still matter today.

○ “Treaties are agreements between self-governing, or sovereign nations. Native Nations existed long before the formation of the United States. European powers recognized the sovereign status of Native Nations when they made treaties with us, as did the United States. Article 1, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution recognizes Indian Tribes as distinct sovereign entities on par with foreign nations.”

Quote by Kevin Leecy, Chairman of the Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe and
Chairman of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council

More History: Assimilation Campaign



Boarding Schools

Reservations

U.S. Authority Henry Richard Pratt



œ Our goal is to kill the
Indian in order to
save the man.”



Loss of Language and Culture:

Carlisle Indian Industrial School



Carlisle Indian Industrial School 1879-1918



- ❧ It was not about GIVING an education, but TAKING AWAY tribal culture
- ❧ Carlisle military barracks were converted to a school
- ❧ School was industrial
- ❧ Boys dug ditches, performed manual labor half the day while girls sewed, cleaned and cooked half the day

Physical Make-over

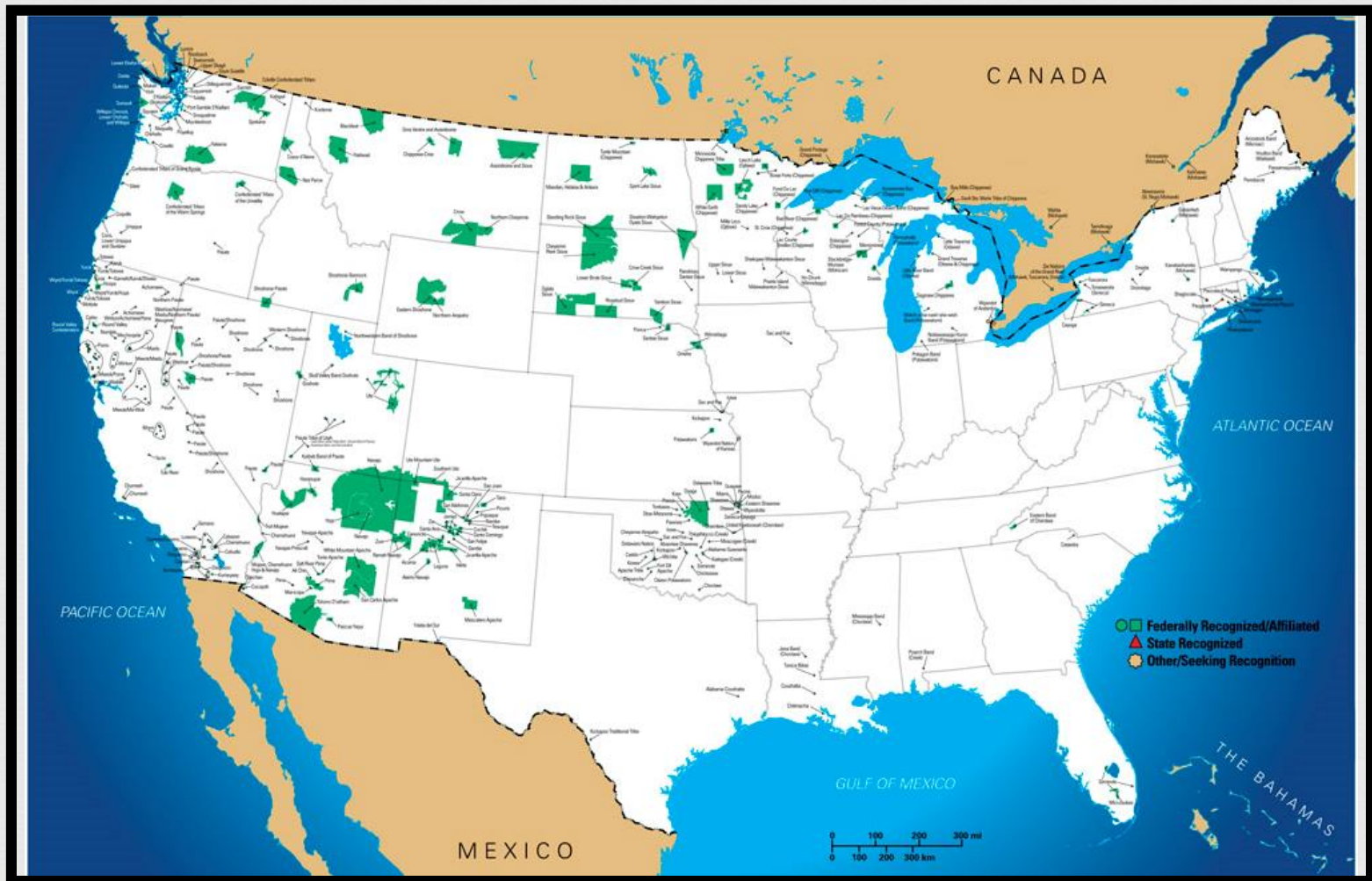
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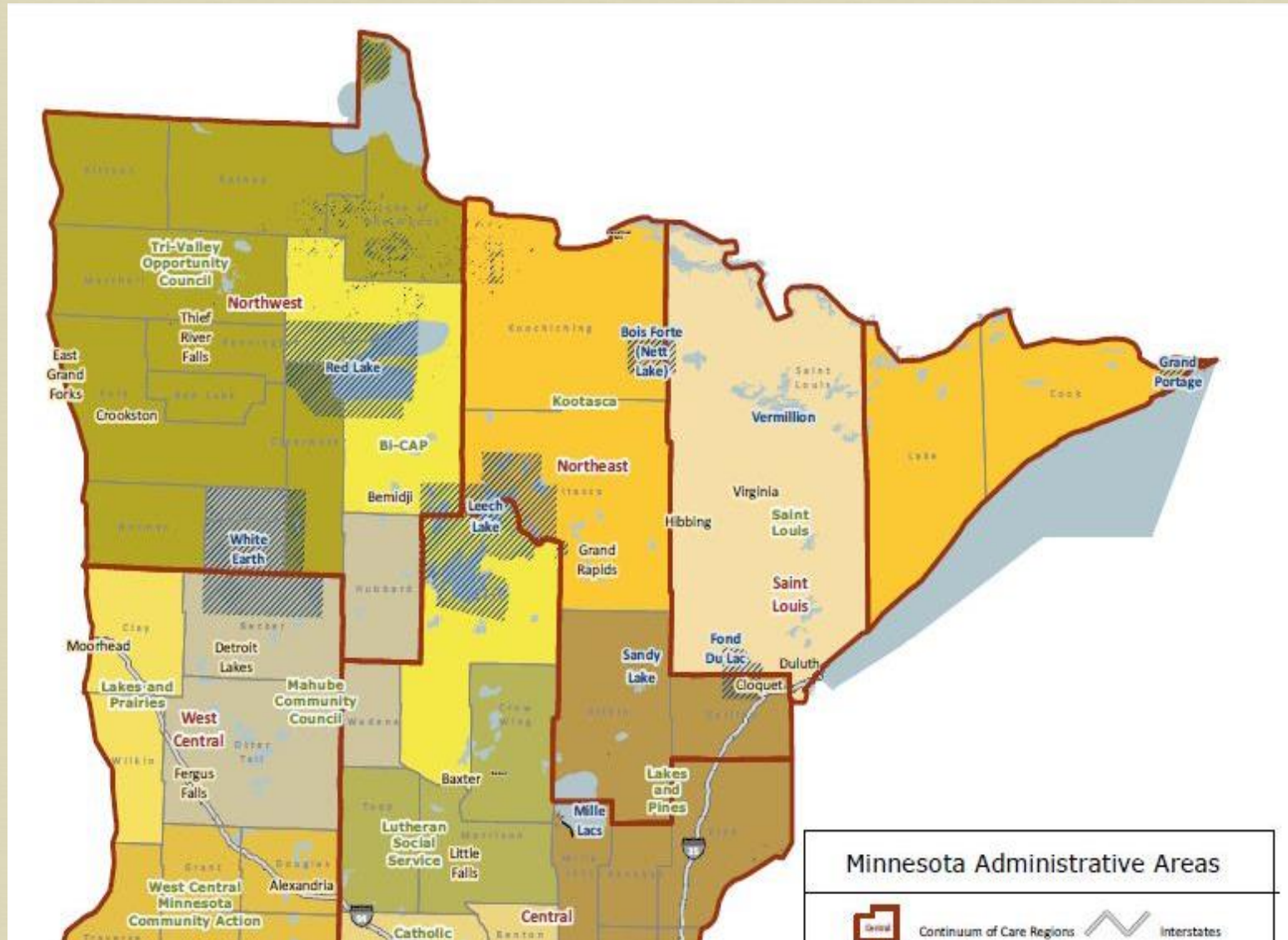
Historical Facts on Destruction and Loss Indian Land Before Colonization



Map of Tribal Lands Now



Native Nations in Minnesota



Minnesota Indian Population

☞ Where do all the Indians live?

- ☞ 22 percent on Indian Reservations
- ☞ 20 percent in Adjacent counties
- ☞ 32 percent live in Hennepin and Ramsey County
- ☞ 24 percent live elsewhere in the state



Creation of MN Tribal Housing Collaborative

∞ Reason Formed

∞ Members of Collaborative

Mission of the Collaborative

❧ The mission of the collaborative: is *While honoring tribal sovereignty, we will work together to maximize resources and obtain sustainable housing options through innovative efforts of our tribal governments and communities.*

Highlights of the Collaborative



- ❧ Meetings Rotate
- ❧ Everyone is an equal partner
- ❧ Tribal Sovereignty is recognized & Honored
- ❧ Make the invisible visible
- ❧ Ensure all voices heard
- ❧ Policies established



Solutions Focused

- ❧ Work with the Continuum of Cares
- ❧ Work on Coordinated Entry
- ❧ Wilder Reservation Survey
- ❧ Work on creating access to funding



Housing Funding Chart

	Bois Forte	Leech Lake	Fond du Lac	Grand Portage	White Earth	Red Lake	Mille Lacs	Upper Sioux	Lower Sioux	Shakopee Mdewakaton	Prairie Island
Emergency Services Program	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Emergency Solutions Grant	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Transitional Housing Program	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Homeless Youth Act	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Long-term Homeless Supportive Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Group Residential Housing	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
MN Supplemental Aid: Housing Assistance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program	No	No	No	No	Sub grantee	Sub grantee	No	No	No	No	No
Housing and Urban Development	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

State Perspective



Why attend the collaborative meetings

Wilder Reservation Survey

- ❧ Why is there a Wilder Reservation Survey
- ❧ Highlights of the 2015 Wilder Reservation Survey
- ❧ How Tribes use the survey

What % of respondents were doubled up?

Reservations - Statewide

Housing status

	Family Type							
	Youth 24 or younger		Adult 25 or older		Parent of any age with child (ren) with them		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
DUP, hsg not substandard	50	55.6%	209	55.1%	140	58.3%	399	56.3%
DUP, in substandard hsg	19	21.1%	72	19.0%	53	22.1%	144	20.3%
homeless	21	23.3%	98	25.9%	47	19.6%	166	23.4%
Total	90	100%	379	100%	240	100%	709	100%

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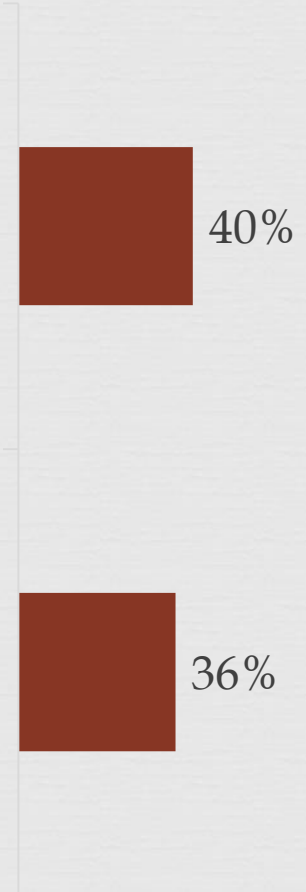
- Two-fifths have recently experienced HUD definition of homeless
- Over one-third are unstable in their doubled-up arrangement

Slept in a location unsuitable for habitation (past 6 months)

40%

Cannot/not sure if they can remain doubled up for another month

36%



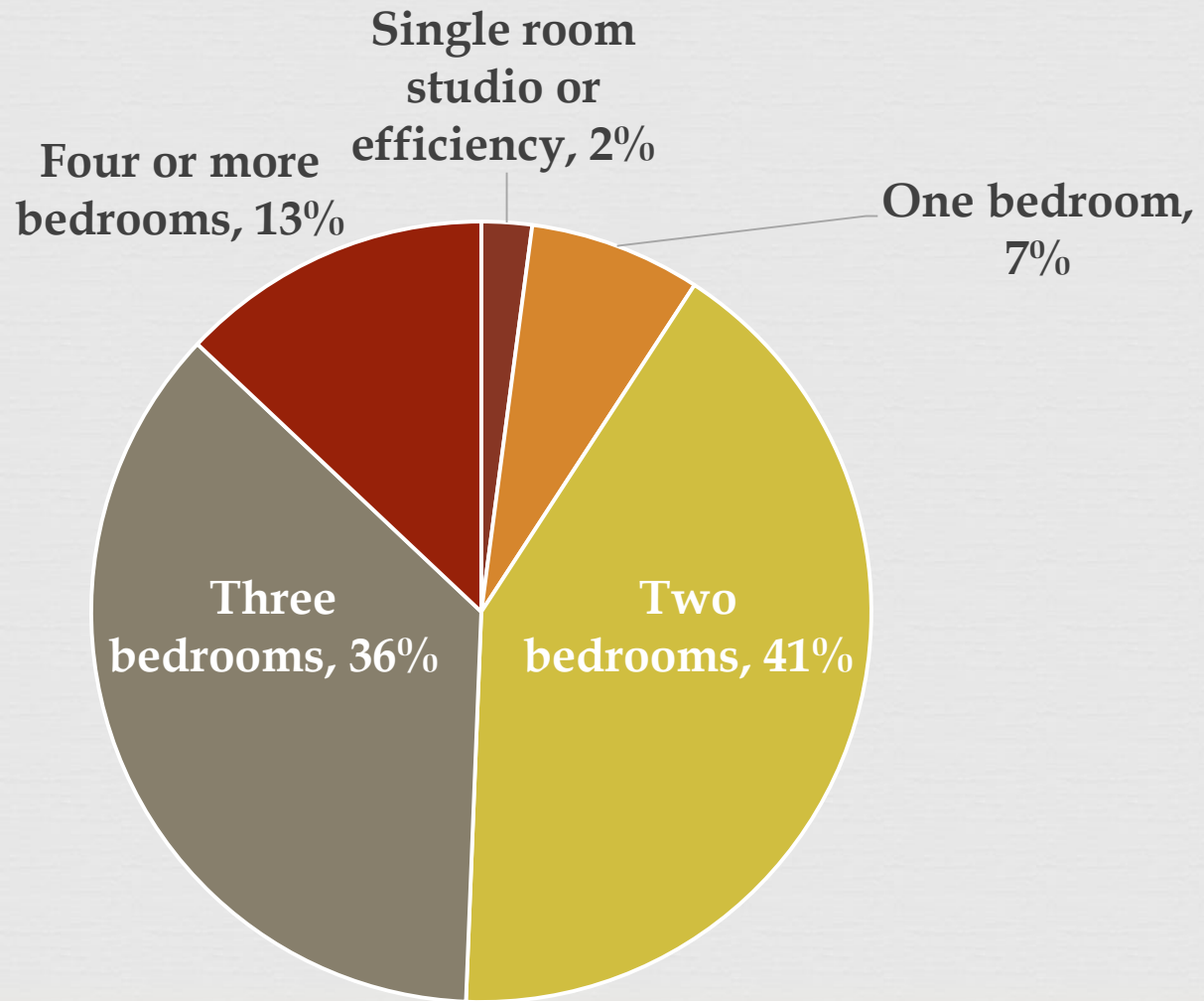
How much space do families need?

Reservations - Statewide

50. What size apartment would be big enough to meet your housing needs?

	Family Type							
	Youth 24 or younger		Adult 25 or older		Parent of any age with child (ren) with them		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Single room studio or efficiency	17	20.0%	66	17.9%	5	2.1%	88	12.7%
One bedroom	30	35.3%	123	33.3%	17	7.1%	170	24.5%
Two bedrooms	26	30.6%	117	31.7%	99	41.4%	242	34.9%
Three bedrooms	9	10.6%	41	11.1%	87	36.4%	137	19.8%
Four or more bedrooms	3	3.5%	22	6.0%	31	13.0%	56	8.1%
Total	85	100%	369	100%	239	100%	693	100%

Housing needs for families experiencing homelessness on Minnesota's reservations



Your study tables

64. Are you currently employed (including temp work and self-employment)?

	Family Type							
	Youth 24 or younger		Adult 25 or older		Parent of any age with child (ren) with them		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	19	21.6%	88	23.6%	55	23.2%	162	23.2%
No	69	78.4%	285	76.4%	182	76.8%	536	76.8%
Total	88	100%	373	100%	237	100%	698	100%

Statewide study tables (mnhomeless.org)

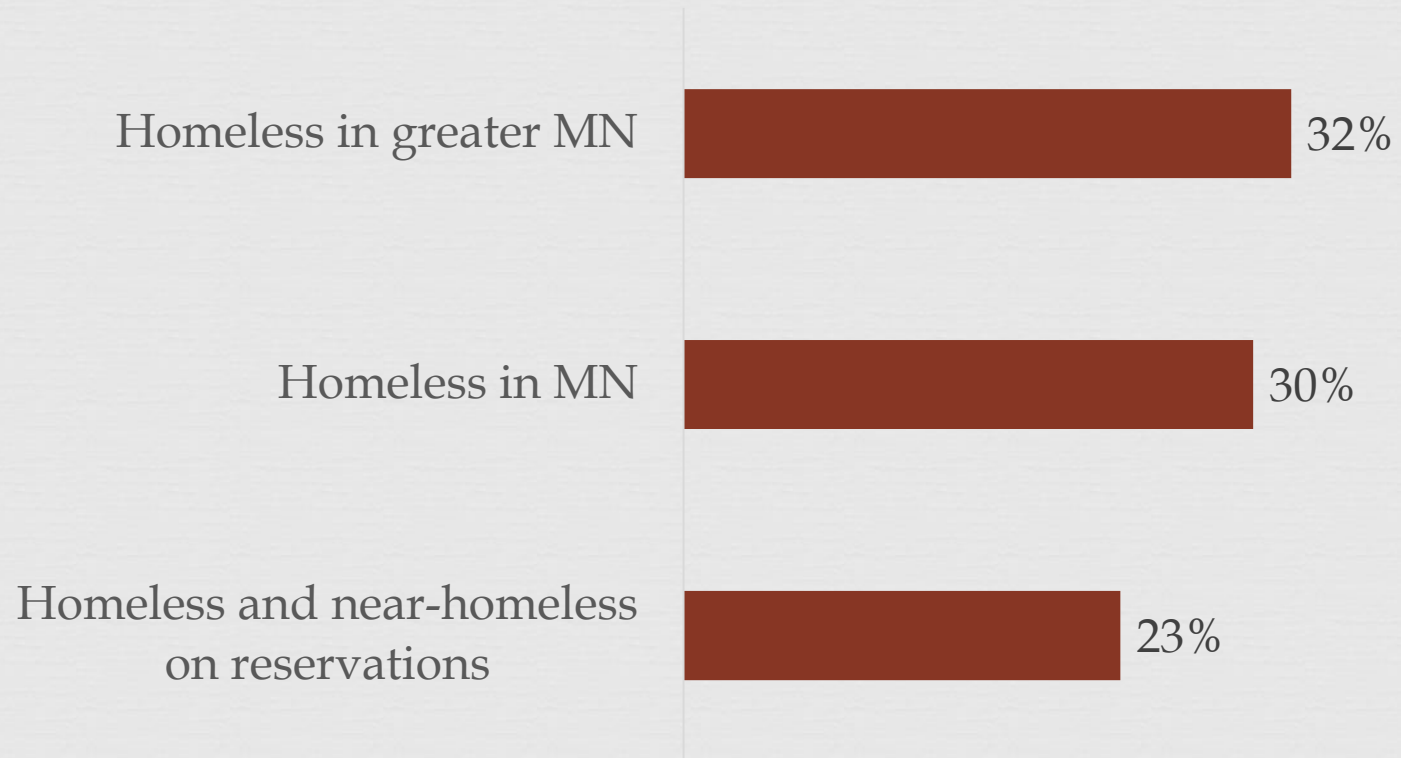
116. Are you currently employed?

By Shelter Type	Emergency shelter				Domestic violence shelter		Transitional housing				Rapid Re-housing				Non-shelter locations			
	Male		Female		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	381	28.8%	160	21.8%	80	24.9%	244	34.4%	401	40.2%	49	65.7%	94	44.9%	138	19.7%	112	28.0%
No	942	71.2%	573	78.2%	242	75.1%	465	65.6%	596	59.8%	26	34.3%	116	55.1%	562	80.3%	288	72.0%
Total	1323	100%	733	100%	322	100%	710	100%	997	100%	74	100%	210	100%	700	100%	400	100%

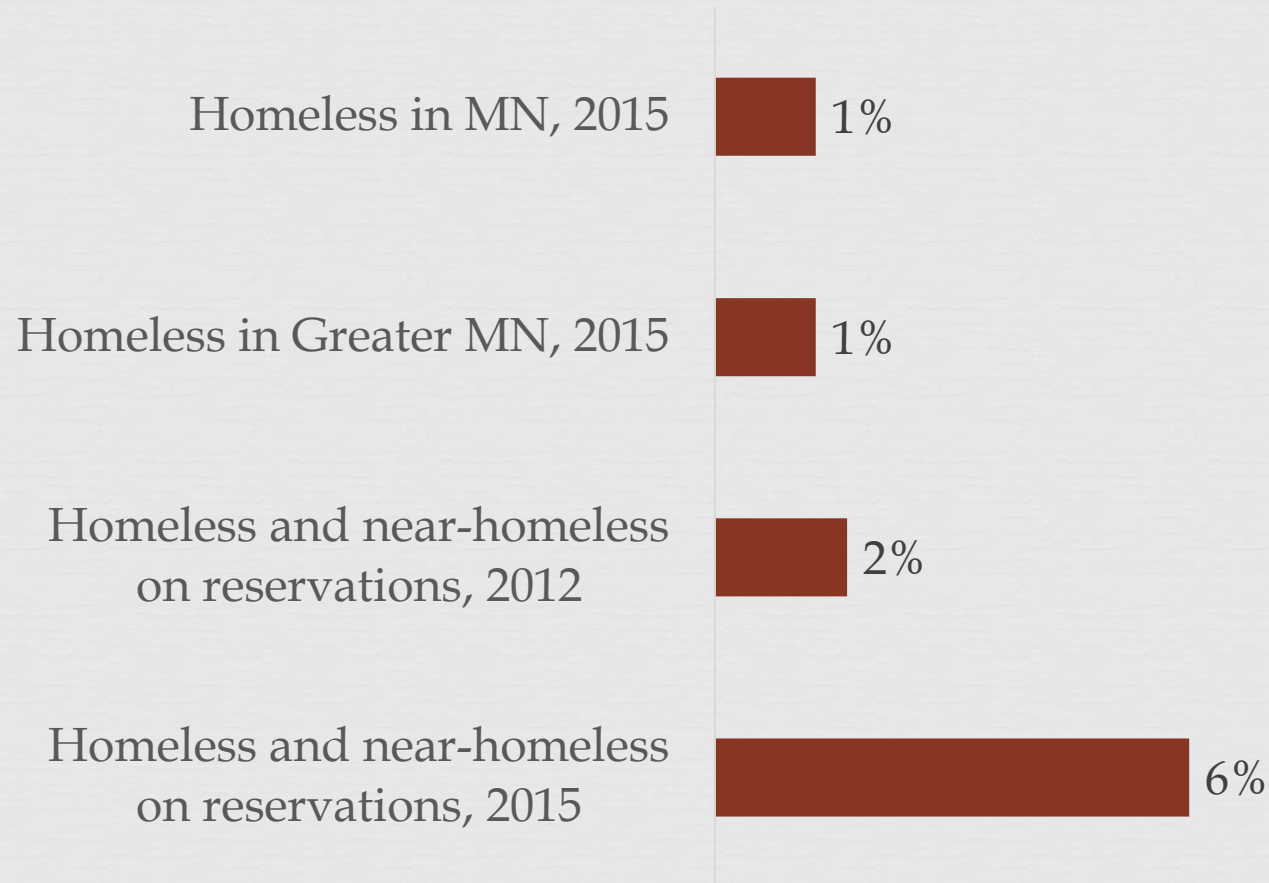
116. Are you currently employed? (continued)

By Geographic Comparisons	Greater Minnesota						Metro						Statewide					
	Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	241	29.6%	308	34.0%	549	31.9%	571	28.7%	539	30.7%	1110	29.6%	812	28.9%	847	31.8%	1660	30.4%
No	573	70.4%	599	66.0%	1171	68.1%	1422	71.3%	1216	69.3%	2638	70.4%	1995	71.1%	1814	68.2%	3809	69.6%
Total	814	100%	907	100%	1721	100.0%	1993	100%	1755	100%	3748	100.0%	2807	100%	2662	100%	5469	100.0%

Employment rates



Heroin use during the past 30 days



Myths and Facts



- ❧ Because of casinos American Indians receive money from the casinos
- ❧ Being doubled up is not considered homeless, it is a cultural value
- ❧ American Indians wear costumes to go to powwows
- ❧ Tribal nations don't require college education for those who work in social services
- ❧ AI/AN people have distinguishing physical characteristics, and you can identify them by how they look.
- ❧ MN has 11 federal recognized tribal nations
- ❧ American Indians only reside on Reservations
- ❧ American Indian and Alaskan Native people are spiritual and live in harmony with nature.
- ❧ Fry bread is not a traditional food
- ❧ Until recently, the tribes were not eligible applicants for LTH and FHPAP funding

Questions and Comments

