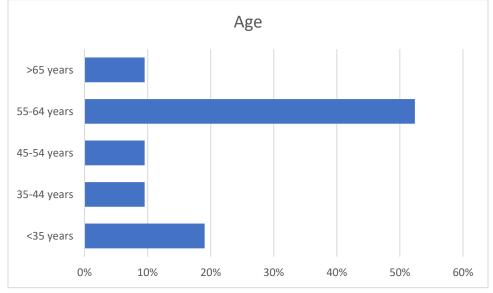


Homelessness Survey – Preliminary Data As of January 3, 2023

From October – December 2022, Health and Social Services employees surveyed the Bridgeport homeless population. Out of the survey respondents, 1/3 were female and 2/3 were male and the most prevalent race/ethnicity identified was Black (42%) followed by Hispanic (38%) and finally White (21%). Additionally, greater than 60% of the individuals surveyed were over the age of 55 years with the majority being 55-64 years old.





Individuals were asked how long they have been homeless, and we found that 46% of surveyed individuals had been homeless for less than one year. This was split approximately equally between less than 6 months and 6 months to 1 year of homelessness. The next highest response was from individuals that have been homeless for greater than 5 years. When asked if they had ever lived outside of Bridgeport, 29% of respondents had not and of those that had, 38% had lived in other towns in Connecticut and 13% had previously lived in New York. This suggests that the large majority of homeless individuals in Bridgeport are local or from nearby towns. The most prevalent reason for moving to Bridgeport, from the respondents that had lived elsewhere previously, was that they moved to be closer to family in Bridgeport.

