## Appendix 1 (as supplied by the authors): Literature review and data extraction to estimate the population size of persons using shelters in the Greater Toronto Area

Supplemental Table 1: People experiencing homelessness across GTA regions by gender\*:

Regions	Male	Female	Others/Don't know/declined
Halton (1, 2) (n=271)	119 (44%)	141 (52%)	4%
York (3) (n=389)	218 (56%)	163 (42%)	2%
Peel (4) (n=922)	562 (61%)	314 (34%)	5%
Durham (5) (n=291)	151 (52%)	137 (47%)	1%
Toronto (6) (n= 8,715)	4706 (54%)	3660 (42%)	4%

<sup>\*</sup>Demographic characteristics were obtained through the Point-in-Time Count survey as shown in the references. The number of participants was a subset of the homeless population in each respective region. The reported numbers here are under the assumption that demographic distribution obtained from the survey is representative of the entire homeless population in each respective region. Please see the reports for details on survey sampling design.

Supplemental Table 2: People experiencing homelessness across GTA regions by age\*:

Regions	Frequency (%)	
Halton		
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	Not reported	
Peel (n=922) (4)		
16-24 years	221 (24%)	
25-54 years	553 (60%)	
55+ years	148 (16%)	
York <sup>†</sup> (n=389) (3)		
16-24 years	101 (26%)	
25-54 years	268 (69%)	
55+ years	16 (4%)	
Durham (n=291) (5)		
>16 years	49 (17%)	
16-24 years	47 (16%)	
25-49 years	146 (50%)	
50-64 years	44 (15%)	
65+ years	5 (2%)	
Toronto (n=8715) (6)		
16-24 years	872 (10%)	
25-34 years	1830 (21%)	
35-44 years	2527 (29%)	
45-54 years	1743 (20%)	
55-59 years	697 (8%)	
60+ years	872 (10%)	

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<sup>† 1%</sup> declined to answer

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