

Homeless People and Impacts of COVID-19 in Brandon, Manitoba

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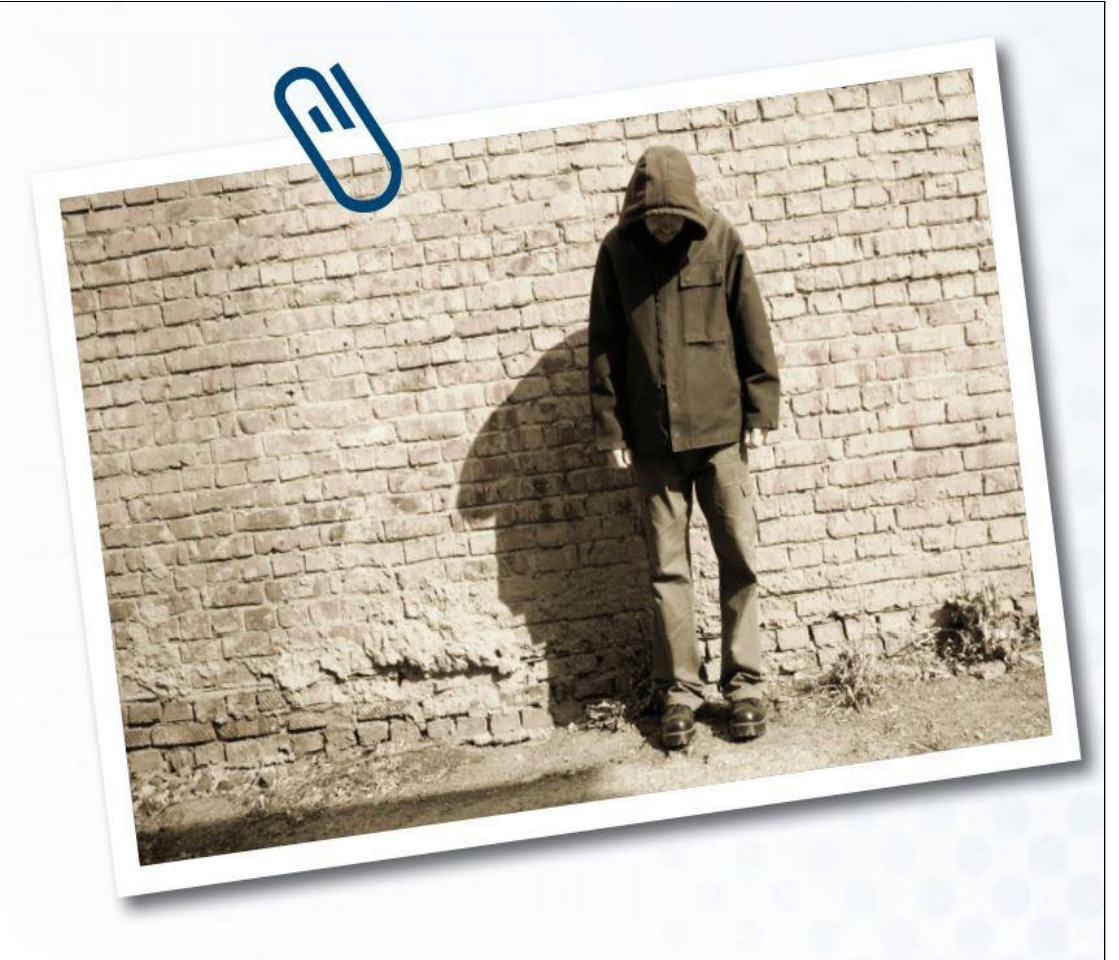
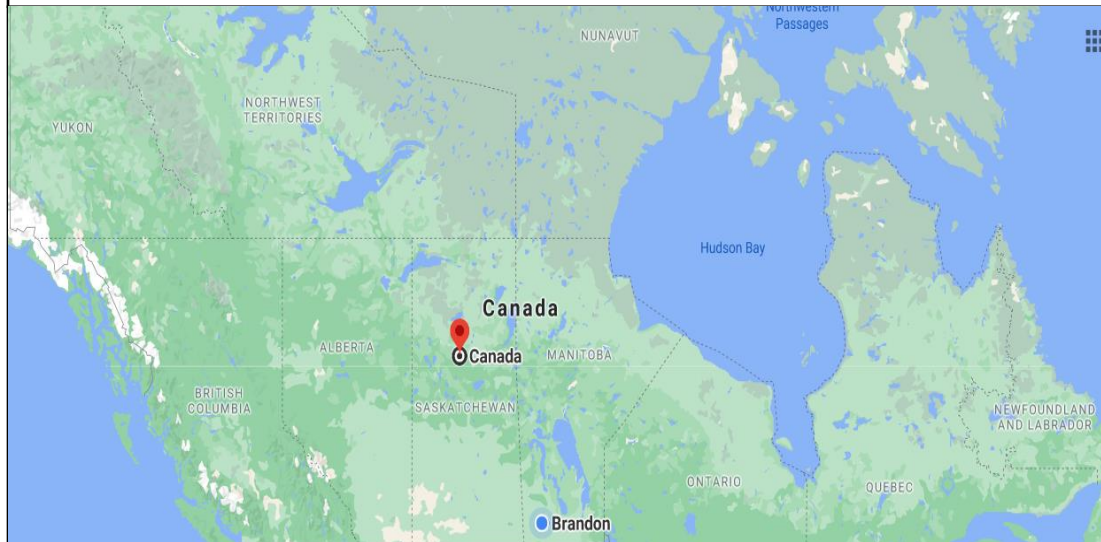


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Objective

To better understand who is homeless and impacts of COVID-19 in Brandon, MB.



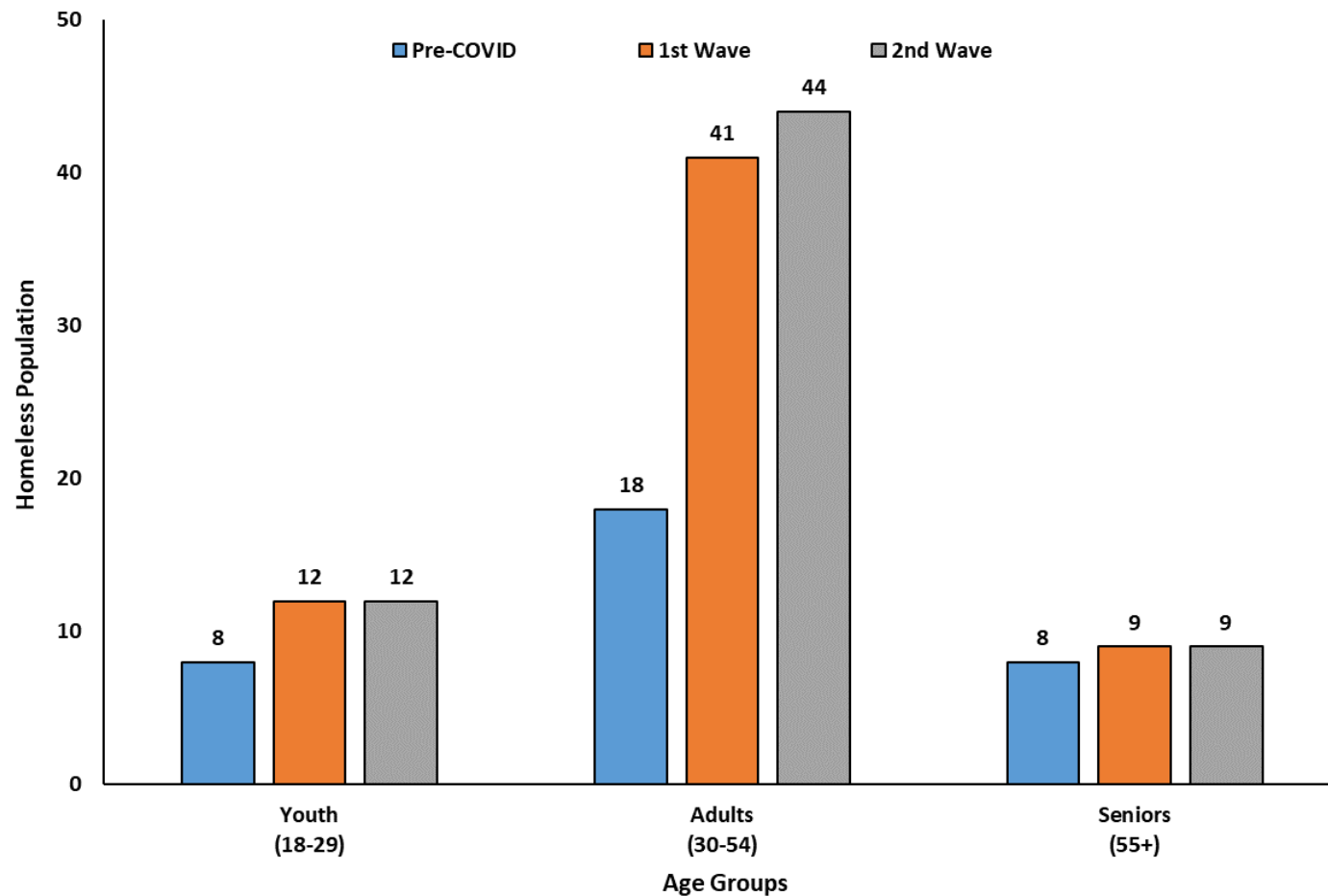
Comparative Analytical Framework

Topics	Pre-COVID Mar 8-14'20	Peak 1st wave Aug 23-29'20	Peak 2nd wave Dec 6-12'20
Demographics	One Week Data	One Week Data	One Week Data
Services	One Week Data	One Week Data	One Week Data
Vulnerability	One Week Data	One Week Data	One Week Data

Demographics



Brandon experienced an increase of 145% in homeless adults (from 18 to 44 people) by 2nd wave.

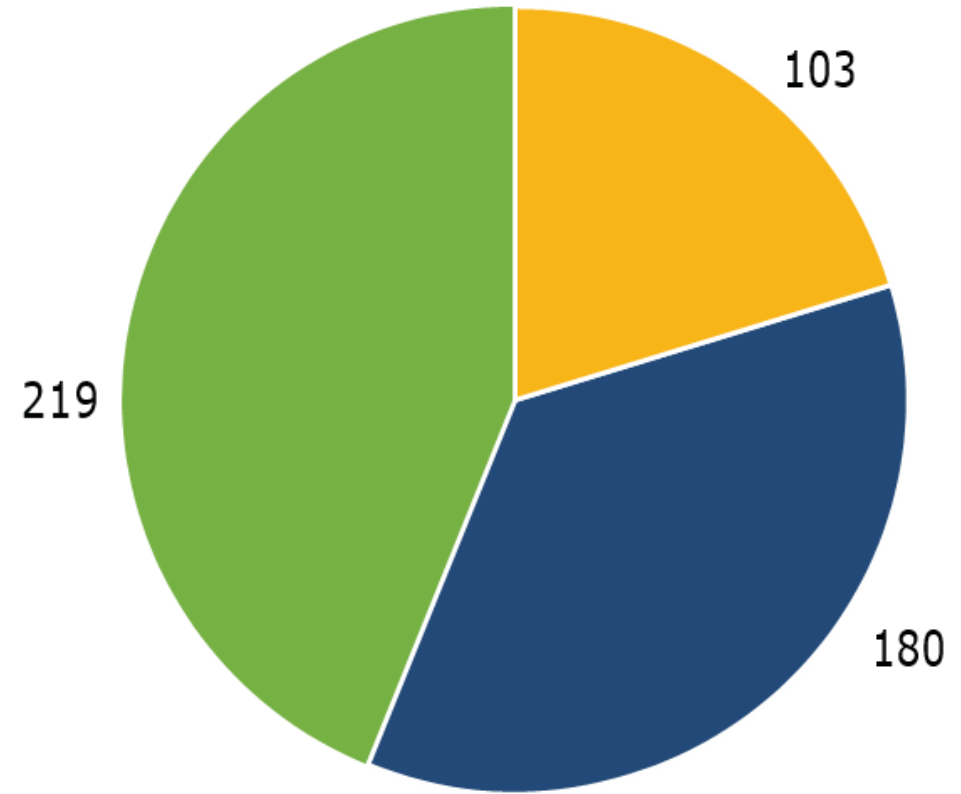


Services



Brandon saw a significant increase of 113% in service transactions (from 103 to 219) in 2nd wave.

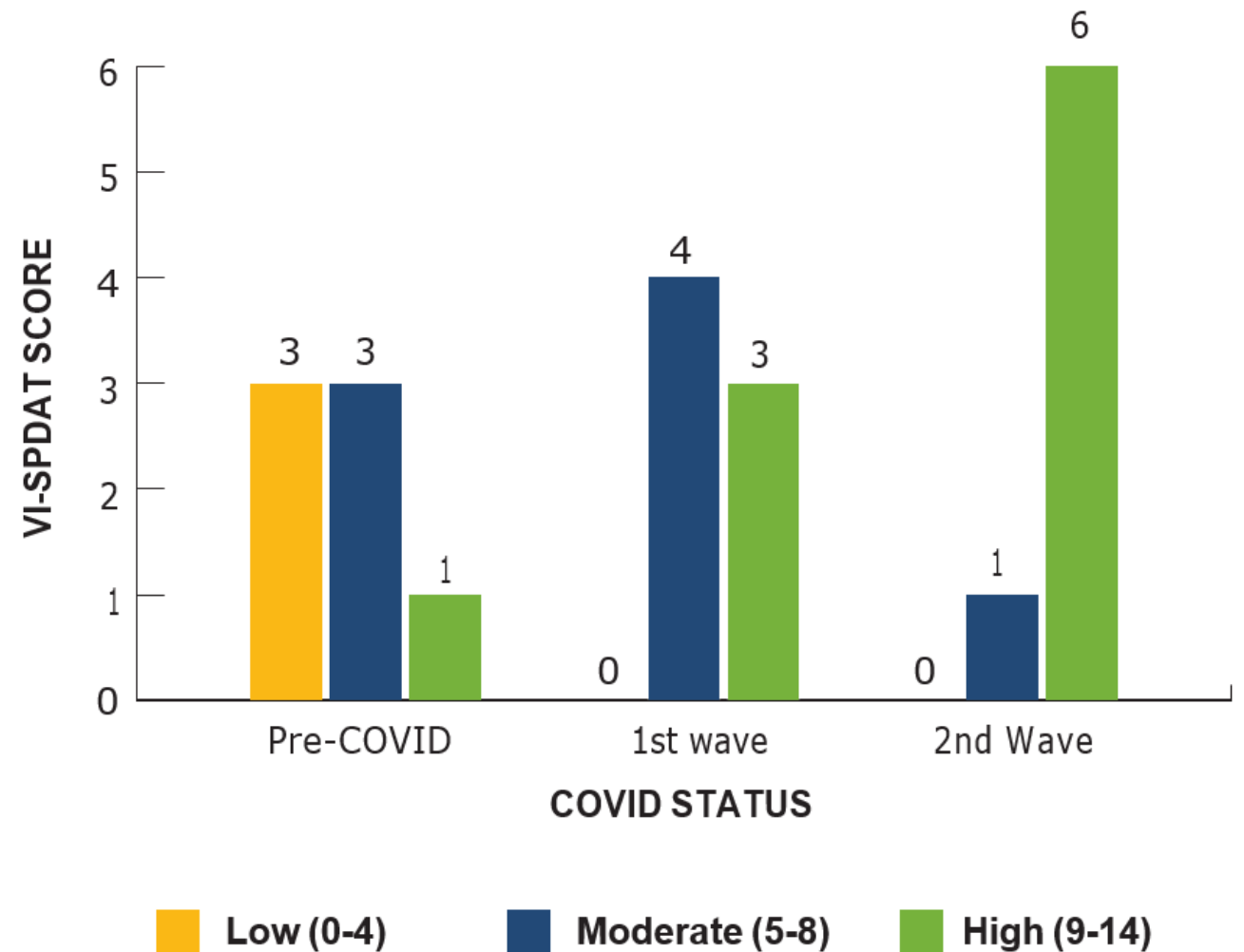
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Vulnerability Index (VI)



The number of “High” VI individuals increased in the 1st wave, then doubled in the 2nd wave. Service demand grows exponentially with high VI.



Further Research

- Examining the trend of getting vaccinated for COVID-19 in homeless population
- Examine the prevalence of “hidden homelessness” in Brandon
- Examine the trend of substance use in homeless population based on demographics
- Examine the cause of the increase in service users
- Comparison of Pre-COVID and Post-COVID VI scores

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