

# Snapshot 2020

April 2019-March 2020

*Measuring the success & strength by the health and wellbeing of all citizens*

# LCCEWA

LONDON COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
TO END WOMAN ABUSE



DV – Domestic violence  
SV – Sexual violence  
HT – Human trafficking



## Community profile

- 392,279** Population
- 62,000** 1 in 7 Londoners are living in poverty
- 18.5%** % of Londoners who identify as visible minority (Most common languages spoken are Arabic, Spanish, Mandarin & Portuguese)  
  
London is the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest growing population in Canada after Kitchener-Waterloo



## Policing & Justice

### Total Incidents Reported:

	London Police	OPP	Strathroy Caradoc Police
<b>DV</b>	884	440	226
<b>SV</b>	436	46	3
<b>HT</b>	146	0	1
<b>430</b>	Changing Ways offender program completions (46% increase over 2018)		



## Poverty & Homelessness

Indigenous individuals make up 3% of the population but 30% of them are homeless

1 in 7 Londoners experience food insecurity – 60% of them have paid employment

### Living in poverty:

- 18.4%** General population
- 36%** Indigenous
- 55%** Newcomers (National poverty rate is 8.7%; provincial poverty rate is 9.5%)
- 250** Estimated number of people sleeping rough each night



## Crisis & Helplines

- 17,806** Mental health crisis calls
- 17,654** Mental health support calls
- 3478** Children's mental health crisis calls (18% increase over 2018)
- 11,257** DV/SV crisis calls (Anova/WRRCSA)
- 650** Indigenous DV/SV crisis calls (Atlohsa)



## Waitlists

- 7-10** Years for rent-geared-to-income housing without priority status
- 1-3** Years for women fleeing DV with priority status
- 5000+** Families on waitlist for subsidized housing (Grown by 80% since 2017)



## Children & Youth

- 16.7%** % of child protection cases opened for children who were exposed to DV
- 21.9%** % of total cases in care who identify as Indigenous
- 1268** Indigenous children & youth programming (Atlohsa Family Healing Services)
- 8000** Families using Family support services (Merrymount)
- 804** Supervised access parenting visits
- 1526** Supervised exchange transfers (Main referral is DV, Merrymount)
- 2716** Children's mental health counselling (Vanier)  
  
26% of youth seeking shelter are under 25; 76% have experienced 2 forms of abuse



## Employment, Social Assistance & Housing

- 21,952** Monthly average of beneficiaries on Ontario Works
- 23%** % of Londoners spending more than 30% of income on housing
- 14%** % of Londoners spending more than 50% of income on housing (Affordable housing is defined as no more than 30% of income)
- \$1252** Average cost of 1-bedroom apartment (increase of 23% since 2018)



## Covid-19

(Snapshot from April-September 2020)

Risk of intimate partner violence increases during pandemics. Physical distancing measures intended to contain COVID-19 exposure and illness also reduce women's access to supports and increase their daily exposure to potential abuse. The control and intimidation tactics already used by partners who cause harm, can be compounded by their use of Covid-19 controlling behaviours (Learning Network)

**Mental health supportive listening calls** (25.4% increase) & **mental health crisis calls** (55.6%, CMHA)

### DV & SV crisis calls:

- 1064 (227% increase over same time last year, Anova)
- 53% increase in DV/SV crisis calls for men, women & children & 42% increase in pediatric sexual assault cases (Regional Centre for SV & DV)
- 1064 Indigenous crisis calls (227% increase over same time last year, Atlohsa)

### DV Counselling:

- 30% increase in DV cases (FSTV)
- 37% increase in urgent support cases & 12% increase in requests for counselling & advocacy (LAWC)
- Over 200% increase in counselling hours (Reseau-Femmes) & 25% increase of time (Carrefour des Femmes) needed due to the complexity of cases

### Increase in 211 referrals:

- 276% - counselling
- 112% - mental health facilities
- 105% - mental health assessment & treatment



## Safety & Supports

- 2,400** Individuals in homeless shelters each night
- 861** Women & children in emergency shelter (Anova, Atlohsa WRRCSA)
- 22%** % of women turned away due to bed shortage (Anova)
- 71 days** Length of stay extended due to lack of housing (Anova)
- 950** Interpretation hours for newcomers (16 languages, Arabic most common)
- 15,725** Individuals served in DV/SV/HT Counselling (multiple agencies including over 1400 prostituted, trafficked & sexually exploited women & girls (LAWC)
- 3473** Men, women & children served through traditional Indigenous healing (Atlohsa)
- 556** Children & youth counselling (Vanier/VS)
- 23,859** Visits to safe consumption site (130% increase since 2018)
- 71** Opioid deaths (129% increase since 2017)

## LCCEWA

A network of organizations, groups and individuals in London & Middlesex dedicated to ending woman abuse through leadership & actions that achieve both social justice for women & an integrated response to women and their children. Membership includes cross-sector organizations including child protection, justice sector, health, adult & children's mental health, violence against women, community counselling, research, education, family supports, Indigenous & Francophone.