THE PROCESS OF THE
Situation Table

THE FOUR FILTER APPROACH

1

FILTER ONE - PRIOR TO BRINGING THE SITUATION TO THE TABLE
- Occurs at the originating service agency.
- Could my client's situation be managed more effectively through a multi-sector, collaborative approach?
- If yes? Bring it to the Table!

FILTER TWO - DE-IDENTIFIED DISCUSSION AT THE TABLE
- Occurs at the Situation Table meeting.
- The originating agency shares their client's risk factors.
- Does my client's situation meet the threshold of Acutely Elevated Risk?

2

ACUTELY ELEVATED RISK
1. Significant interest at stake (service gaps & system failings have led the client to the AER threshold).
2. Probability that harm will occur if nothing is done.
3. Severe intensity of harm.
4. Multi-disciplinary nature of risk (the risk factors cut across multiple human service disciplines).

FILTER THREE - DISCUSSION TO DETERMINE INTERVENING AGENCIES
- If AER is met, the originating agency shares the situation and the client's name.
- Table participants pause for agency recognition (agencies check their records for involvement with the client, if they don't know them directly).
- The risk factors are entered onto the database.

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FILTER FOUR - DISCUSSION AMONGST RECOGNIZED AGENCIES
- These agencies meet separately to discuss an intervention within 24/48hrs.
- What strategies can be used to connect this client with services?
- How can a wraparound approach lower this client's elevated risk?

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SITUATION TABLES

A MODEL FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING (CSWB) IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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What is a Situation Table?

- The Situation Table is a risk-based, collaborative, rapid triage model

- It focuses upstream to connect individuals/families facing situations of acutely elevated levels of risk (AER) – as seen across multiple agency lenses – to the services they need, immediately

- It is neither a new entity nor a formally structured organization. Rather, it is a carefully disciplined conversation, and a new tool for human service professionals as they perform their existing roles

- The Table is guided by the Four Filter Approach, which is a structured process designed in consultation with privacy officials in multiple jurisdictions

- The only data it records is risk-based data to track risk factors in the community, and the agencies involved

How Does it Work?

- Front-Line Human Service and Justice professionals come together once a week for 90 minutes to address situations of AER in a collaborative setting – while using the Four Filter Approach to properly and safely navigate privacy implications – in order to identify which agencies need to be involved in a supportive intervention

- The group of agencies determined to have a role will ultimately mobilize immediate (ideally within 24-48 hrs) and multi-agency supports, leading to a connection to all essential services required to mitigate the evident AER factors and ensure improved pathways to care and support

- Following the intervention, the ongoing work is carried on by the agencies involved, in a typical collaborative care manner, but away from the Table

What are the Benefits?

- Offers a new way for Human Service and Justice professionals to improve service delivery, reduce barriers, and connect individuals to the services they need

- Uses a multi-lens cross-sector approach to viewing risk factors and their cumulative impacts

- Risk-driven as opposed to incident-driven, allowing the Table to focus upstream and provide an opportunity to address situations of AER before incidents occur

- Takes collaboration to a new level, building increased trust and strengthening inter-agency relationships

- Risk-based data can help inform local decision making and policy development related to community safety and well-being

- Mobilizes the system in a new way

What Agencies are Involved in a Situation Table?

It varies for each community but **the core table participants** often include:

- Mental Health
- Addictions
- Police
- Education
- Indigenous and Culturally Specific Services
- Housing
- Income Assistance
- Health
- Community-Based Organizations
- Victim Services
- Child & Family Services

Additional Local Contributing Organizations

Some additional organizations may not be involved at the Table each week because they are not often involved in either presenting situations or interventions. For these organizations, if and when needed, they can be brought into the Filter Four intervention (away from the Table) by the designated agencies.

Understanding AER

Acutely Elevated Risk (AER) refers to situations where individuals and/or families are facing a composite level of risks factors, spanning across multiple human service and justice disciplines, and where there is a high probability of harm occurring soon.

The Four Filter Approach is essentially the triage process that the Table participants follow in order to determine if AER is present, and if so, move to the Intervention.

Situation Tables in BC: 2022 RTD Analysis

Collaborative Public Safety Programs

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Executive Summary

In the past year, we saw positive growth across all KPIs, from cross-sector collaboration to risk diversion. We funded 23 new Tables in FY22/23, raising the Provincial total to 37.

The following is an analysis of data from the 17 Situation Tables which were active in in BC in 2022. As more Tables onboard, subsequent RTDs will feature statistical insights from a broader BC perspective, representing an increasingly powerful policy tool. To further enhance the impact of Situation Tables, CPSP is responsible for data and privacy governance, providing support in analyzing data gathered from operational Situation Tables. It is a first step towards enabling timely comparative analyses between communities, identifying systemic gaps in and barriers to services, determining Provincial priorities, and informing resource and service allocation with the intention of a more just, inclusive, and resilient British Columbia.

In 2022, there were 358 discussions across all Tables. 65.4% of these discussions were closed with the overall risk lowered. 38% of the discussion subjects were female, 41% were male, and 21% 'other' or families. The most common age groups were 18 to 24 and 30 to 39, both at 18%. Of the 105 predetermined risk factors this database tracks, 2022's top five (5) were:

- Lack of appropriate housing – 55.9%;
- Unable to meet own basic needs – 45.8%;
- Financial hardship – 33.2%;
- Suspected unmanaged mental health concerns – 31.6%; and,
- Drug abuse/misuse – 25.7%

Since 2018, 90% of all discussions referred to Tables by the Police of Jurisdiction have been transferred to more appropriate agencies to provide services. This directly prevents the criminalization of individuals at risk, and prevents those individuals from experiencing negative outcomes. It moreover allows front line policing services to concentrate their efforts and resources on core policing matters.

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Our Mission

- To foster collaboration amongst public safety entities, communities, and frontline stakeholders to promote the safety, well-being, and resiliency of people and communities in the face of emerging challenges.

- To build strength, collaboration, and innovation into the social services landscape of BC communities, thereby ensuring the long term sustainability of the Situation Table model.

Our Vision

- Resilient and thriving communities across BC, where collaborative, prevention-focused responses to public safety form the bedrock of community well-being, rather than overreliance on enforcement.

- Routine, comprehensive, and timely responses to people in crisis, leading to meaningful harm reduction via the establishment and expansion of Situation Tables and Indigenous Intervention Circles.

Background

Situation Tables are an evidence-based model for improving community safety by facilitating space for a community's front-line service providers to collaborate, leading to coordinated multi-agency responses, rapidly connecting vulnerable people to all the services they need in order to proactively mitigate risks and vulnerabilities associated with harms and negative outcomes. Cases, referred to as discussions, are brought forward by a member organization if it meets the threshold of Acutely Elevated Risk (AER), and an intervention is then planned by multiple agencies. Interventions occur within 24 – 48 hours of the Situation Table meeting.

The Ministry's Role

MPSSG's Collaborative Public Safety Programs is leading efforts to create new and enhance existing Situation Tables in BC, including policy frameworks, funding, and data governance. These activities align with CPSP's mandate to seek community-based solutions that address community safety & wellbeing, including, but not limited to, crime reduction; moving away from reactive approaches and towards holistic, integrated, and evidence-based models.

Celebrating Breakthroughs, Inspiring Progress in 2022

↑ **65%**
Lowered risk

↓ **41%**
were male

↓ **18%**
Were age 30–39

↓ **88%**
Transferred from Police to a more suitable Agency

↑ **358**
Discussions

↑ **5.6**
Agencies per Intervention (average)

= **25%**
Originated from law enforcment

↑ **7.4**
Number of Risk Factors (average)

↑ **23**
Tables funded
Through the dedication and commitment of community champions

Top 5 Risk Factors in 2022

55.9%
LACK OF APPROPRIATE HOUSING

46%
UNABLE TO MEET OWN BASIC NEEDS

33%
FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

32%
SUSPECTED UNMANAGED MENTAL HEALTH CONCERN(S)

26%
DRUG ABUSE/MISUSE

In 2021, '**Financial Hardship**' was at 19%, which represents a 14% increase in a single year – the highest recorded since tracking began.

A Note on 'Risk'
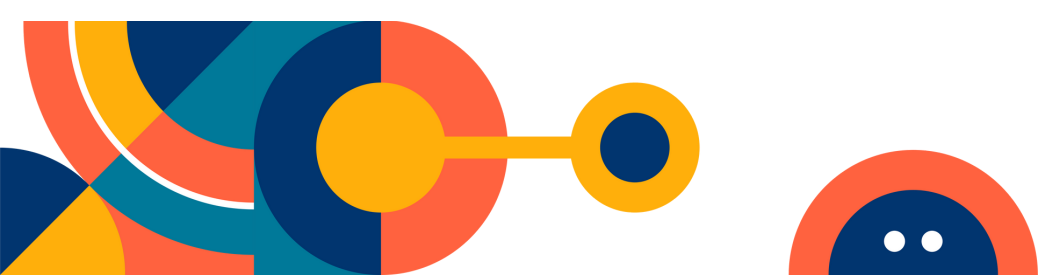
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Top Originating Agencies
in 2022

1 **Police of Jurisdiction 25.4%**

2 **Adult Probation 8.4%**

3 **MCFD 5.3%**

Top Lead Agencies
in 2022

Adult Probation 8.4% 1

MCFD 7.0% 2

Interior Health 6.4% 3

INSIGHTS: HOUSING CRISIS

A lack of appropriate housing stands out as the overwhelming top risk factor across virtually all Situation Tables.

Exacerbated by limited rental supply, a lack of affordable housing options, rapid urbanization and population growth leave individuals and families struggling to secure safe and affordable housing. Evidence–based research suggests that this reality in turn may lead to exposure to comorbid risk factors, including: crises in mental health, inability to meet basic needs, association with negative peers, substance misuse, etc.

As supported by Situation Table data, housing precarity is often correlated to other top risk factors, such as:

- Drug abuse/misuse: 62.5%;
- Suspected mental health concerns: 61.3%;
- Unable to meet own basic needs: 60.4%;
- Negative peer association: 58.0%.

Our Government recognizes that housing is a significant issue facing British Columbians, and one that is a joint responsibility across all levels of government. As a direct response, in December of 2022, the Ministry of Housing was formed to focus on the creation of affordable, accessible, and safe housing supply.

CPSP works closely with the Ministries of Housing, Health, Mental Health and Addictions, Social Development and Poverty Reduction, and Attorney General to promote Situation Tables as a key collaborative response and resource in responding to the housing crisis across the spectrum of complex care needs, accessibility, and affordability.
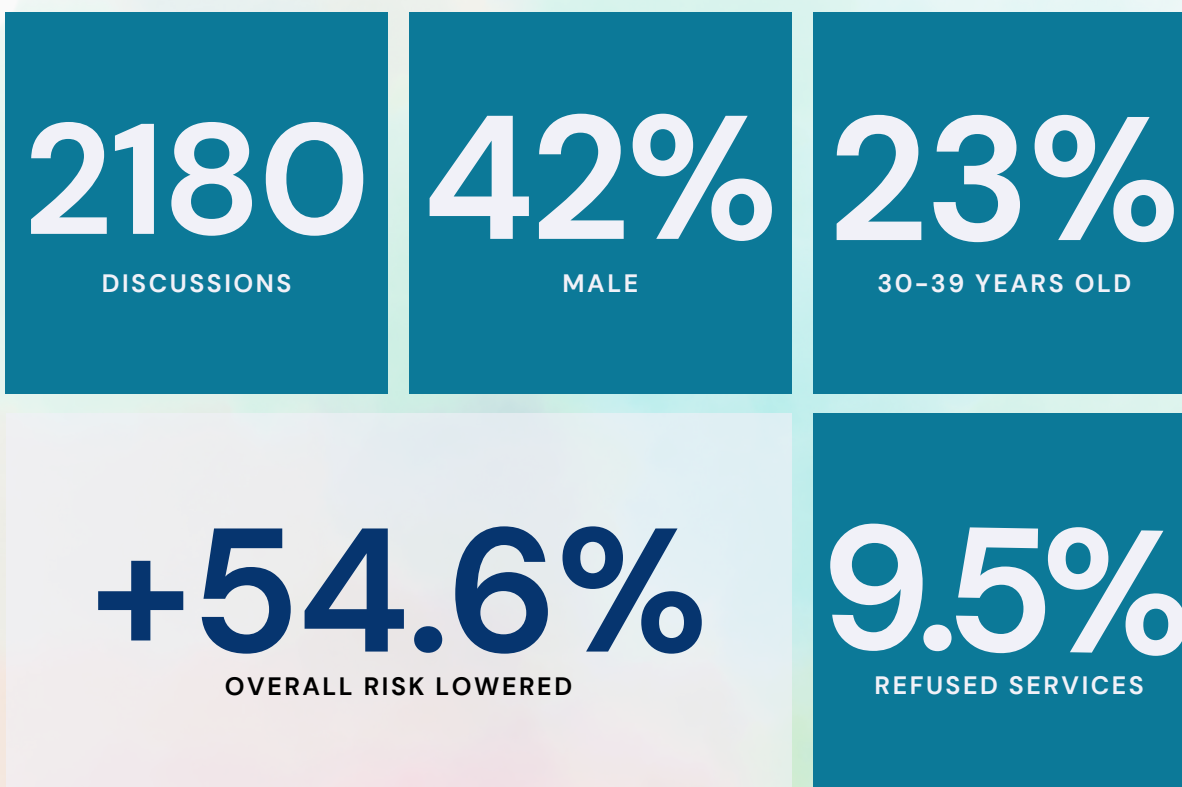
2015–2022 SNAPSHOT

The data for this report was aggregated from the 17 Situation Tables which were active in BC in 2022. In years prior, there were as few as 4 active Tables. Therefore, annual data comparions must be viewed with the caveat that recent years have more weight in aggregate trends than previous years. Likewise, larger communities have a more significant impact on total values, due to their larger annual discussion counts. Additionally, newly established Situation Tables may have different local contexts and circumstances during their implementation phase which impact their discussion and agency participation totals.

While the purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the composition of discussions at these Situation Tables, using this report to compare year–over–year trends should be done with these caveats in mind, until such a time as most BC communities have established active Tables.

Aggregated historical data compounds in efficacy and utility as new Tables and new annual data subsets are added, as it allows us to see emergent trends. For example, 2022 data is the first instance we saw "Financial Hardship" in the top 5 most common risk factors, telling us that underlying factors – perhaps inflation or the rising cost of housing, but potentially some yet unknown compounding factor – are impacting vulnerable British Columbians more acutely than in years prior.

2180	42%	23%
DISCUSSIONS	MALE	30–39 YEARS OLD

+54.6%	9.5%
OVERALL RISK LOWERED	REFUSED SERVICES

Aggregate statistics: 2015–2022

Trends in Risk

7 YEAR AGGREGATE

	2015–2022		2015–2021
• **Lack of Appropriate Housing**	**53.7%**	+3.0%	**50.7%**
• **Unable to meet own basic needs**	**44.7%**	+3.3%	**41.4%**
• **Drug Abuse/Misuse**	**34.0%**	+1.6%	**32.6%**
• **Suspected mental health concern**	**30.4%**	+3.4%	**27.0%**
• **Negative peer association**	**27.5%**	+2.0%	**25.5%**

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Acutely Elevated Risk (AER)

Refers to situations where individuals and/or families are facing a composite level of risks factors, spanning across multiple human service and justice disciplines, and where there is a high probability of harm occurring to self or others without immediate intervention, and where there is significant community interest at stake.

Trends 2015–2022

Discussions

302
270
358

−32
+88

2020   2021   2022

Lead Agency

Police of
Jurisdiction
8%

SDPR
10%

Probation
8%

2020   2021   2022
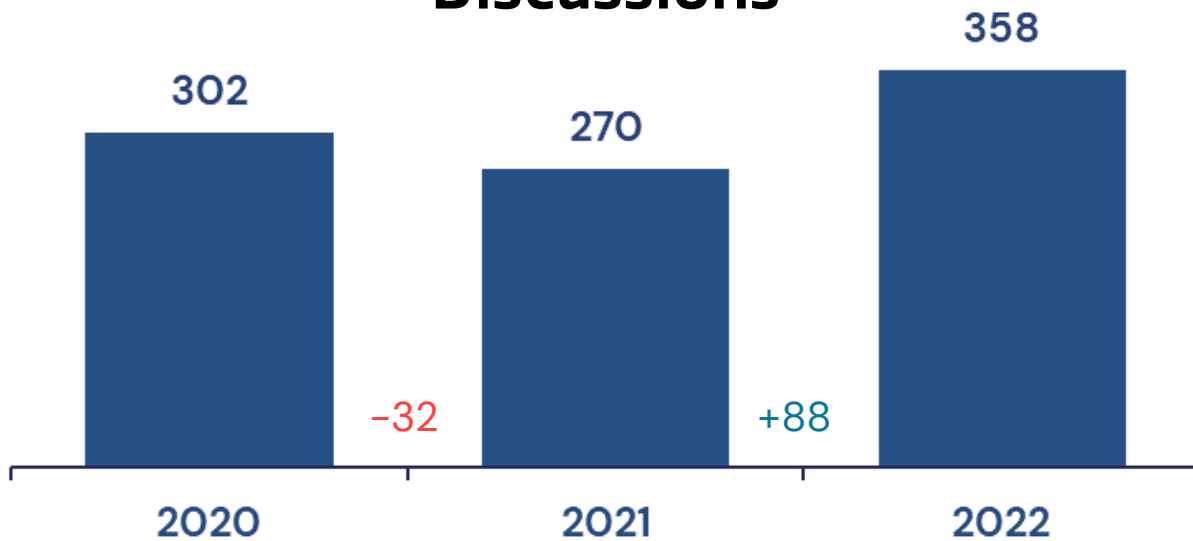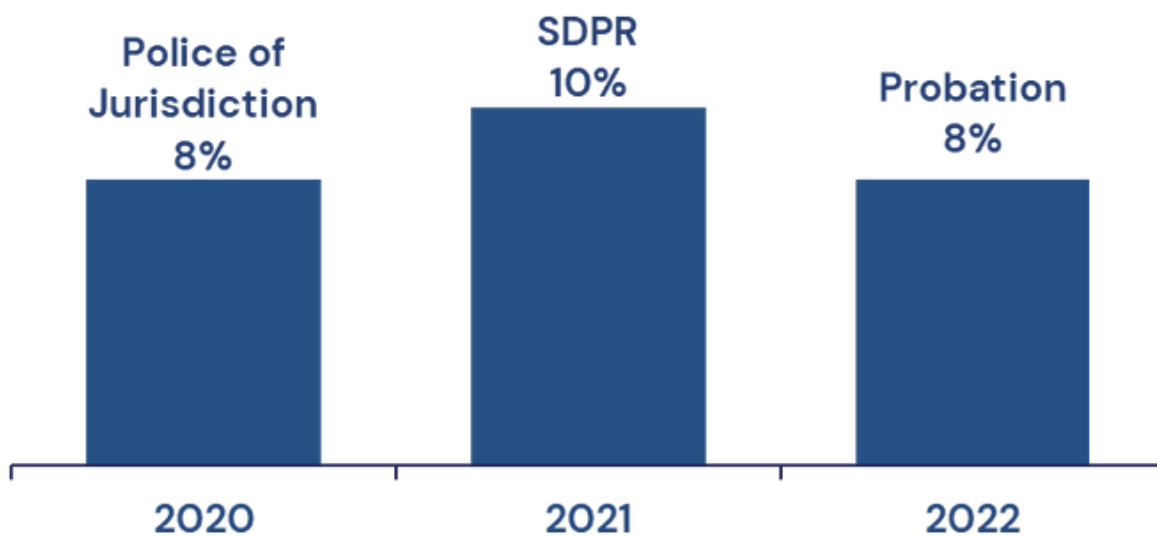
Situation Table Communities

Lower Mainland

- Abbotsford
- Agassiz
- Burnaby
- Chilliwack
- Coquitlam
- Hope
- Langley
- Maple Ridge
- Mission
- Squamish
- Surrey (SMART)
- Surrey (CHART)
- Vancouver
- Whistler

Vancouver Island

- Campbell River
- Comox Valley Region
- Duncan (Cowichan)
- Nanaimo
- Port Alberni
- Port Hardy
- Victoria

Interior

- Kelowna
- Greater Westbank
- Lytton – Lillooet
- Merritt
- Penticton
- Oliver–Osoyoos
- Columbia Valley District

North

- Houston
- Kitimat
- New Hazelton
- Prince George
- Prince Rupert
- Quesnel
- Smithers
- Terrace
- Williams Lake

BURNABY

TOP RISK FACTORS

- **Lack of Appropriate Housing**   **57.1%**
- **Suspected Mental Health Concern**   **57.1%**

TOP ORIGINATING AGENCIES

- **Police of Jurisdiction**   **42.9%**
- **Burnaby Community Services**   **28.6%**

TOP LEAD AGENCIES

- **Police of Jurisdiction**   **28.6%**
- **MCFD**   **28.6%**
- **School District**   **28.6%**

7
Discussions

100%
Interventions which led to overall lowered risk

42.9% Female
14.3% Male

42.9%
12-15 YRS
Age Group

HIGHLIGHTS

	2022	vs.	2021
Average Risk Factors Involved Per Discussion	8.0		-
Average Agencies Involved Per Discussion	4.6		-
Cases Transferred from Police to a More Suitable Agency	1		-

CAMPBELL RIVER

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TOP RISK FACTORS

- **Financial Hardship** — **65.0%**
- **Lack of Appropriate Housing** — **60.0%**
- **Substance Misuse** — **57.5%**

TOP ORIGINATING AGENCIES

- **Police of Jurisdiction** — **37.5%**
- **SDPR** — **17.5%**
- **Sasamans Society** — **12.5%**

TOP LEAD AGENCIES

- **SDPR** — **22.5%**
- **Island Health** — **20.0%**
- **Sasamans Society** — **15.0%**

40
Discussions

57.5%
Interventions which led to overall lowered risk

45% Female
45% Male

22.5%
40-49 YRS
Age Group

HIGHLIGHTS

	2022	vs.	2021
Average Risk Factors Involved Per Discussion	8.2		-
Average Agencies Involved Per Discussion	6.7		-
Cases Transferred from Police to a More Suitable Agency	15		-

CHILLIWACK

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TOP RISK FACTORS

- **Drug Abuse/Misue**   **87.0%**
- **Alcohol Abuse/Misuse**   **78.3%**
- **Lack of Appropriate Housing**   **73.9%**

TOP ORIGINATING AGENCIES

- **Pacific Community Resources Society**   **43.5%**
- **Cyrus Centre**   **17.4%**

TOP LEAD AGENCIES

- **Pacific Community Resources Society**   **39.1%**
- **Cyrus Centre**   **26.1%**
- **Ann Davis Transition Society**   **21.7%**

23
Discussions

60.9%
Interventions which led to overall lowered risk

60.9% Female
26.1% Male

43.5%
18–24 YRS
Age Group

HIGHLIGHTS

	2022	vs.	2021
Average Risk Factors Involved Per Discussion	10.6		-
Average Agencies Involved Per Discussion	6.6		-
Cases Transferred from Police to a More Suitable Agency	1		-

DUNCAN/NORTH COWICHAN

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TOP RISK FACTORS

- **Lack of Appropriate Housing**   **81.8%**
- **Suspected Mental Health Concern**   **72.7%**

TOP ORIGINATING AGENCIES

- **Police of Jurisdiction**   **36.4%**

TOP LEAD AGENCIES

- **Police of Jurisdiction**   **36.4%**
- **Cowichan Women Against violence**   **18.2%**

11
Discussions

63.6%
Interventions which led to overall lowered risk

63.6% Female
36.4% Male

36.4%
18–24 YRS
Age Group

HIGHLIGHTS

	2022	vs.	2021
Average Risk Factors Involved Per Discussion	8.1		9.4
Average Agencies Involved Per Discussion	5.5		3.8
Cases Transferred from Police to a More Suitable Agency	2		3

GREATER WESTSIDE HUB

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TOP RISK FACTORS

- **Unable to meet Own Basic Needs**   **83.3%**

6

Discussions

TOP ORIGINATING AGENCIES

- **School District**   **50.0%**
- **Police of Jurisdiction**   **33.3%**
- **ARC Programs**   **16.7%**

83.3%
Interventions which led to overall lowered risk

TOP LEAD AGENCIES

- **Youth Probation**   **16.7%**
- **SDPR**   **16.7%**
- **School District**   **16.7%**
- **Salvation Army**   **16.7%**
- **Arc Programs**   **16.7%**

50% Female
0% Male

33.3%
18-24, 30-39 YRS Age Group

HIGHLIGHTS

	2022	vs.	2021
Average Risk Factors Involved Per Discussion	7.7		10.5
Average Agencies Involved Per Discussion	6.2		3.8
Cases Transferred from Police to a More Suitable Agency	2		1

HOPE

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TOP RISK FACTORS

- **Drug Abuse/Misuse** — **100%**

2
Discussions

50%
Interventions which led to overall lowered risk

TOP ORIGINATING AGENCIES

- **School District** — **100%**

**0% Female
100% Male**

TOP LEAD AGENCIES

- **School District** — **50%**
- **Hope and Area Transition Society** — **50%**

50%
5–11, 16–17 YRS
Age Group

HIGHLIGHTS

	2022	vs.	2021
Average Risk Factors Involved Per Discussion	4.0		3.5
Average Agencies Involved Per Discussion	4.5		2.5
Cases Transferred from Police to a More Suitable Agency	0		0

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TOP RISK FACTORS

- **Lack of Appropriate Housing** **57.7%**
- **Suspected Mental Health Concern** **38.5%**
- **Unable to Meet Own Basic Needs** **38.5%**
- **Financial Hardship** **38.5%**

TOP ORIGINATING AGENCIES

- **School District** **34.6%**
- **Police of Jurisdiction** **19.2%**

TOP LEAD AGENCIES

- **MCFD** **23.1%**
- **Interior Health** **19.2%**
- **School District** **11.5%**

26
Discussions

80.8%
Interventions which led to overall lowered risk

34.6% Female
30.8% Male

19.2%
5–11 YRS
Age Group

HIGHLIGHTS

	2022	vs.	2021
Average Risk Factors Involved Per Discussion	7.8		7.7
Average Agencies Involved Per Discussion	5.2		4.9
Cases Transferred from Police to a More Suitable Agency	4		2

KITIMAT

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TOP RISK FACTORS

- **Crime Victimization – Sexual Assault** **50%**

6
Discussions

TOP ORIGINATING AGENCIES

- **Police of Jurisdiction** **33.3%**
- **MCFD** **33.3%**
- **Kitimat Community Development Centre** **33.3%**

83.3%
Interventions which led to overall lowered risk

TOP LEAD AGENCIES

- **MCFD** **50.0%**
- **Social Services** **33.3%**
- **Mental Health** **16.7%**

33.3% Female
16.7% Male

33.3%
12–15 YRS
Age Group

HIGHLIGHTS

	2022	vs.	2021
Average Risk Factors Involved Per Discussion	3.8		-
Average Agencies Involved Per Discussion	4.0		-
Cases Transferred from Police to a More Suitable Agency	2		-

MISSION

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TOP RISK FACTORS

- **Lack of Appropriate Housing**   **87.5%**
- **Suspected Mental Health Concerns**   **50.0%**
- **Drug Abuse/Misuse**   **50.0%**

TOP ORIGINATING AGENCIES

- **Community Services**   **62.5%**

TOP LEAD AGENCIES

- **Mental Health**   **25.0%**
- **Police of Jurisdiction**   **25.0%**

8
Discussions

50%
Interventions which led to overall lowered risk

62.5% Female
37.5% Male

25%
18–25, 30–39, 50–59 YRS
Age Group

HIGHLIGHTS

	2022	vs.	2021
Average Risk Factors Involved Per Discussion	3.5		4.1
Average Agencies Involved Per Discussion	4.3		4.2
Cases Transferred from Police to a More Suitable Agency	0		4

PENTICTON

TOP RISK FACTORS

- **Lack of Appropriate Housing** — **61.1%**
- **Unable to meet Own Basic Needs** — **50.0%**
- **Financial Hardship** — **33.3%**

TOP ORIGINATING AGENCIES

- **MCFD** — **33.3%**
- **Brain Injury Society** — **16.7%**

TOP LEAD AGENCIES

- **MCFD** — **33.3%**
- **Brain Injury Society** — **22.2%**
- **Foundry** — **16.7%**

18
Discussions

88.9%
Interventions which led to overall lowered risk

27.8% Female
22.2% Male

11.1%
12–15, 18–24, 60–69 YRS
Age Group

HIGHLIGHTS

	2022	vs.	2021
Average Risk Factors Involved Per Discussion	4.9		4.9
Average Agencies Involved Per Discussion	5.1		5.9
Cases Transferred from Police to a More Suitable Agency	0		0

PRINCE GEORGE

TOP RISK FACTORS

- **Financial Hardship** — **81.1%**
- **Drug Use** — **67.6%**
- **Lack of Appropriate Housing** — **64.9%**

TOP ORIGINATING AGENCIES

- **RCMP – Victim Services** — **27.0%**
- **Northern Health** — **10.8%**

TOP LEAD AGENCIES

- **RCMP – Victim Services** — **18.9%**
- **Northern Health** — **10.8%**

18
Discussions

100%
Interventions which led to overall lowered risk

35.1% Female
48.6% Male

25%
30–39, 40-49 YRS
Age Group

HIGHLIGHTS

	2022	vs.	2021
Average Risk Factors Involved Per Discussion	13.6		9.5
Average Agencies Involved Per Discussion	4.3		4.6
Cases Transferred from Police to a More Suitable Agency	4		3

QUESNEL

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TOP RISK FACTORS

- **Unable to Meet Own Basic Needs**   **83.3%**
- **Drug Use**   **66.7%**
- **Lack of Appropriate Housing**   **66.7%**

TOP ORIGINATING AGENCIES

- **Bylaw**   **33.3%**
- **Outreach Agency**   **33.3%**
- **Mental Health**   **33.3%**

TOP LEAD AGENCIES

- **Mental Health**   **66.7%**
- **Outreach Agency**   **33.3%**

6
Discussions

100%
Interventions which led to overall lowered risk

33.3% Female
66.7% Male

50%
40-49 YRS
Age Group

HIGHLIGHTS

	2022	vs.	2021
Average Risk Factors Involved Per Discussion	4.7		-
Average Agencies Involved Per Discussion	4.3		-
Cases Transferred from Police to a More Suitable Agency	0		-

SMITHERS

TOP RISK FACTORS

- **Drug Abuse/Misuse** — **47.6%**
- **Lack of Appropriate Housing** — **42.9%**
- **Alcohol Abuse/Misuse** — **38.1%**

TOP ORIGINATING AGENCIES

- **Northern Society for Domestic Peace** — **47.6%**
- **Good Acre Place** — **14.3%**

TOP LEAD AGENCIES

- **Northern Society for Domestic Peace** — **66.7%**
- **Police of Jurisdiction** — **19.1%**
- **Good Acre Place** — **14.3%**

21
Discussions

66.7%
Interventions which led to overall lowered risk

28.6% Female
52.4% Male

23.8%
18–24 YRS
Age Group

HIGHLIGHTS

	2022	vs.	2021
Average Risk Factors Involved Per Discussion	4.7		-
Average Agencies Involved Per Discussion	4.3		-
Cases Transferred from Police to a More Suitable Agency	0		-

SOUTH OKANAGAN

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TOP RISK FACTORS

- **Lack of Appropriate Housing** **50.0%**

6
Discussions

TOP ORIGINATING AGENCIES

- **Education** **50.0%**
- **Police of Jurisdiction** **33.3%**
- **Mental Health** **16.7%**

16.7%
Interventions which led to overall lowered risk

TOP LEAD AGENCIES

- **Police of Jurisdiction** **33.3%**
- **Education** **33.3%**

0% Female
83.3% Male

33.3%
12–15 YRS
Age Group

HIGHLIGHTS

	2022	vs.	2021
Average Risk Factors Involved Per Discussion	4.2		-
Average Agencies Involved Per Discussion	3.7		-
Cases Transferred from Police to a More Suitable Agency	1		-

SURREY (SMART)

TOP RISK FACTORS

- **Unable to Meet Own Basic Needs**   **71.2%**
- **Lack of Appropriate Housing**   **49.2%**
- **Criminal Involvement – Assault**   **32.2%**

TOP ORIGINATING AGENCIES

- **Adult Probation**   **44.1%**
- **School District**   **13.6%**
- **Surrey Urban Mission Society**   **10.2%**

TOP LEAD AGENCIES

- **Adult Probation**   **40.7%**
- **Surrey Urban Mission Society**   **11.9%**
- **School District**   **8.5%**

59
Discussions

42.4%
Interventions which led to overall lowered risk

23.7% Female
52.5% Male

35.6%
40-49 YRS Age Group

HIGHLIGHTS

	2022	vs.	2021
Average Risk Factors Involved Per Discussion	5.0		5.1
Average Agencies Involved Per Discussion	5.5		5.2
Cases Transferred from Police to a More Suitable Agency	0		3

TERRACE

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
BRITISH COLUMBIA

TOP RISK FACTORS

- **Lack of Appropriate Housing** — **68%**
- **Unable to Meet Own Basic Needs** — **60%**
- **Financial Hardship** — **56%**

TOP ORIGINATING AGENCIES

- **Police of Jurisdiction** — **20%**
- **ICMT** — **12%**
- **Ksan Society** — **12%**
- **Emergency Department** — **12%**

TOP LEAD AGENCIES

- **ICMT** — **24%**
- **Ksan Society** — **20%**
- **Northern Health** — **12%**

25
Discussions

60%
Interventions which led to overall lowered risk

**28% Female
40% Male**

20%
40-49 YRS
Age Group

HIGHLIGHTS

	2022	vs.	2021
Average Risk Factors Involved Per Discussion	7.0		8.9
Average Agencies Involved Per Discussion	6.2		5.8
Cases Transferred from Police to a More Suitable Agency	5		3

WILLIAMS LAKE

British Columbia | Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

TOP RISK FACTORS

- **Drug Abuse/Misuse**   **56.1%**
- **Alcohol Abuse/Misuse**   **49.1%**
- **Lack of Appropriate Housing**   **42.1%**

TOP ORIGINATING AGENCIES

- **Police of Jurisdiction**   **84.2%**
- **Canadian Mental Health Association**   **5.3%**

TOP LEAD AGENCIES

- **Interior Health**   **22.8%**
- **Canadian Mental Health Association**   **21.1%**
- **Boys & Girls Club**   **14.0%**

57
Discussions

66.7%
Interventions which led to overall lowered risk

49.1% Female
38.6% Male

22.8%
30-39 YRS
Age Group

HIGHLIGHTS

	2022	vs.	2021
Average Risk Factors Involved Per Discussion	6.0		6.6
Average Agencies Involved Per Discussion	6.9		6.2
Cases Transferred from Police to a More Suitable Agency	47		50

In Gratitude; Collaboration is Continued Success

The Ministry expresses our sincere appreciation to all Situation Table stakeholders, including fellow Ministries, municipal partners, First Nations staff, NGOs, health authorities, and law enforcement, for their unwavering support and dedication to this initiative.

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Comox Valley Situation Table

THE COMOX VALLEY SITUATION TABLE MEETS ON THE UNCEDED TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE K'ÓMOKS, THE PENTLATCH, AND THE IEEKSUN FIRST NATIONS, INCLUDING THE SATHLOOT, THE SÄSITLA, AND THE XA'XE PEOPLE.

What is a Situation Table

Table Roles

Table Structure

Table Data

Benefits

Council Considerations

What will be covered

What is a Situation Table

Practiced model

Multi-sector collaboration

Using a preventive lens

Offering support within 24 - 48 hours

Referrals must meet **Acutely Elevated Risk** criteria to be accepted at the Table

Primary Partners at the Comox Valley Table

Community Justice Centre	John Howard Society (The Foundry)	Sasamans Society
Wachiay Friendship Centre	Adult Probation - Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General	RCMP

Dawn to Dawn Action on Homelessness Society	Comox Valley Transition Society	Aids Vancouver Island (AVI)
Income Assistance - Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction	Community Cares Peer Outreach	North Island Student Union

Island Health Mental Health & Substance Use (MHSU)	Island Health Hospital Crisis Nurses	Island Health Community Health
Community Living BC (CLBC)	Courtenay Bylaw	

Situation Table Roles

Secondary Partners

- o Agencies providing support and attending as needed.
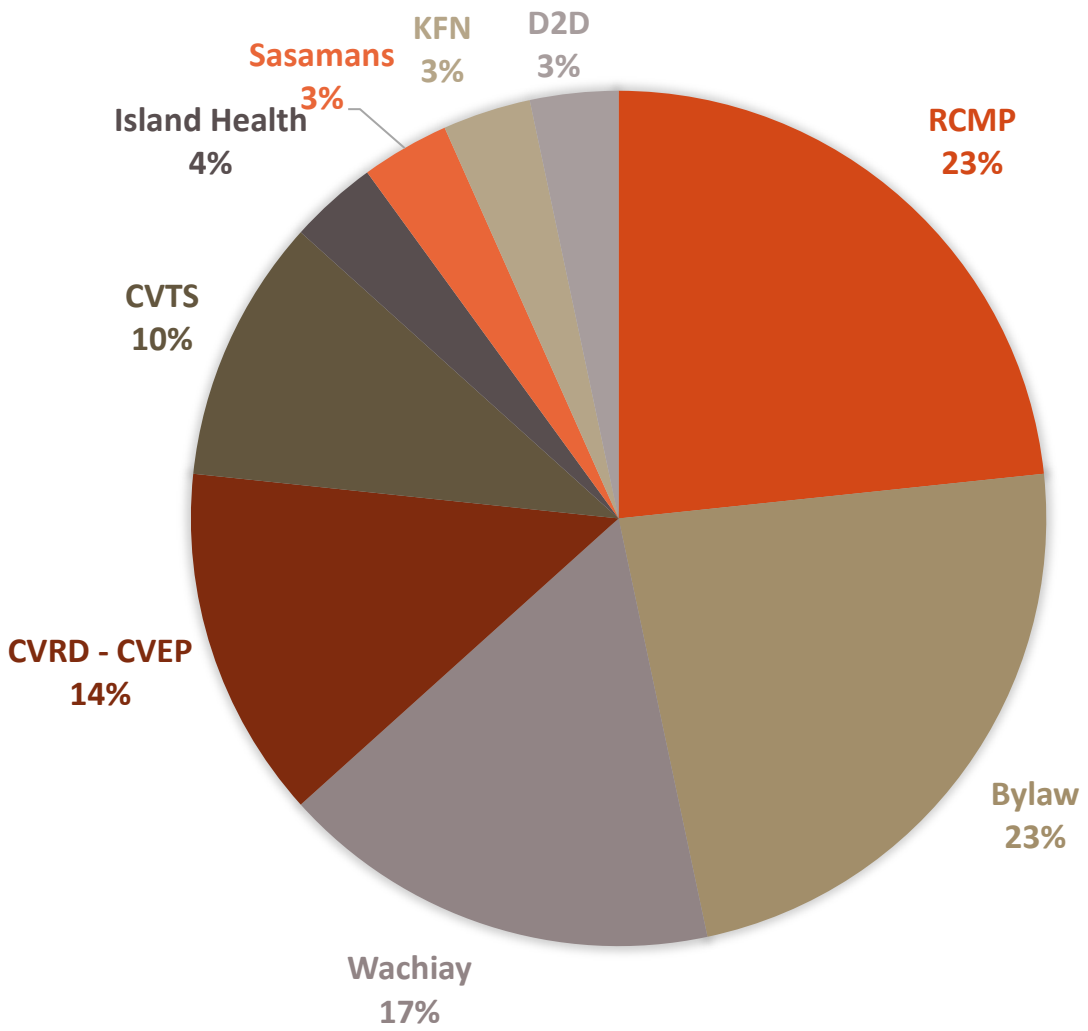- o Ex: Senior Support Society, CV Emergency Preparedness Program, and Kómoks First Nation.

System Leaders Group

- o Providing oversight, reviewing data and system issues, and determining steps to address gaps in community services.
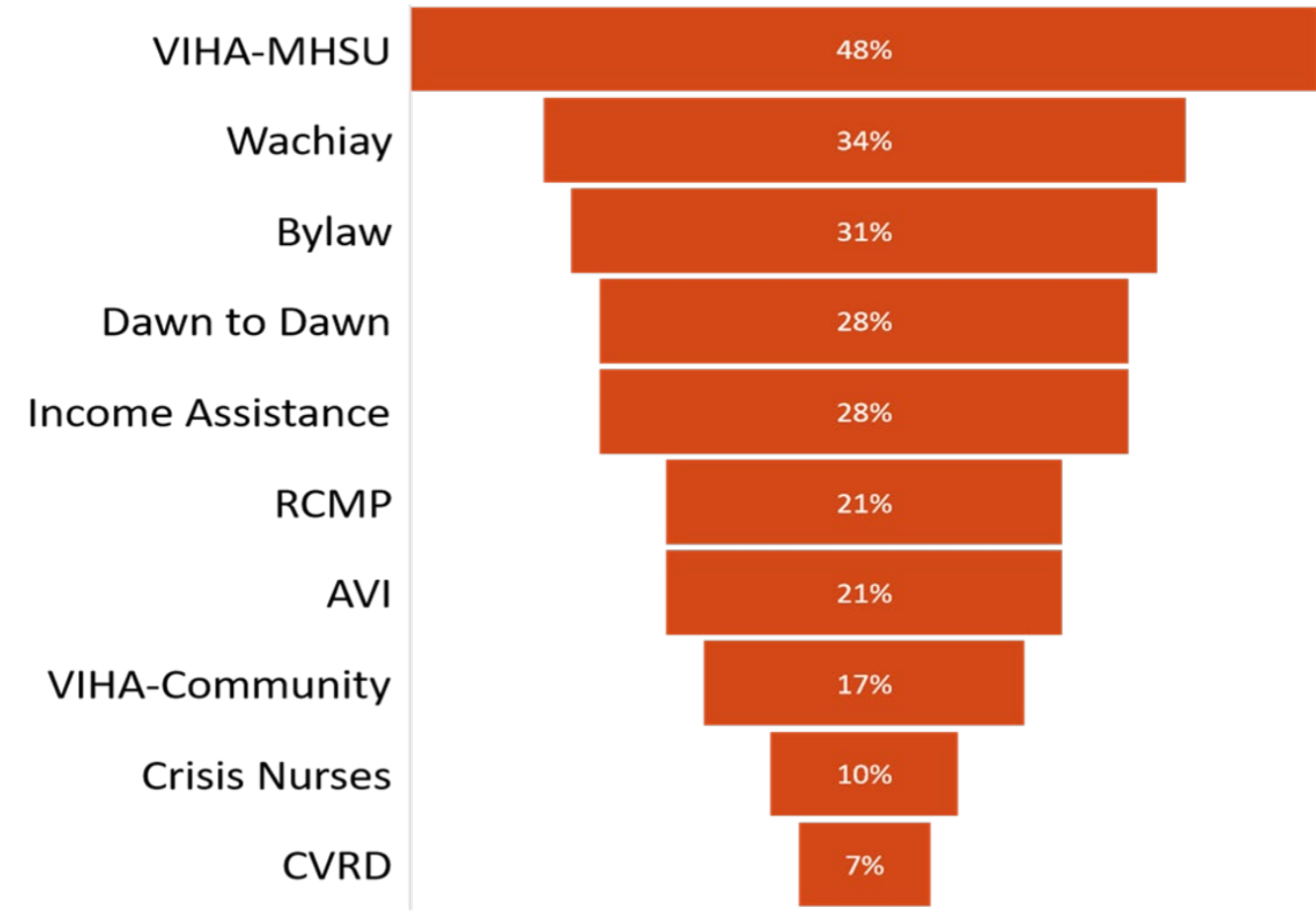
BC Tables: Chairs & Governance

City Partnership	RCMP Partnership	Non-Profit Partnership	Health Partnership
Abbotsford *(City/Non-Profit)*	Burnaby	Campbell River	Langley *(Non-Profit/Health Authority)*
Kelowna	Hope *(Non-Profit/RCMP)*	Chilliwack	Quesnel *(Health Authority/City)*
Maple Ridge	Houston *(RCMP/Non-Profit)*	Columbia Valley	Terrace *(Health Authority /Non-Profit)*
Merritt	Kent/Harrison	➡ Comox Valley *(John Howard/Justice Centre)*	
Mission	Kelowna Westside *(Indigenous Government/RCMP)*	Squamish	
Nanaimo	Kitimat	Terrace	
Port Hardy	North Cowichan Valley		
Prince George	Smithers		
Prince Rupert	Whistler *(Non-Profit/RCMP)*		
South Okanagan *(City/School District)*			
Surrey *(City/Non-Profit)*			
Victoria			
Williams Lake			

Referring Agencies

- RCMP 23%
- Bylaw 23%
- Wachiay 17%
- CVRD - CVEP 14%
- CVTS 10%
- Island Health 4%
- Sasamans 3%
- KFN 3%
- D2D 3%

Agencies involved in Collaborative Support Planning

- VIHA-MHSU 48%
- Wachiay 34%
- Bylaw 31%
- Dawn to Dawn 28%
- Income Assistance 28%
- RCMP 21%
- AVI 21%
- VIHA-Community 17%
- Crisis Nurses 10%
- CVRD 7%

Most Common Risks Presented

- Criminal Involvement: 20%
- Unemployment: 21%
- Mental Health: 24%
- Crime Victimization: 26%
- Substance Misuse: 31%
- Physical Health: 37%
- Housing: 41%
- Poverty: 48%
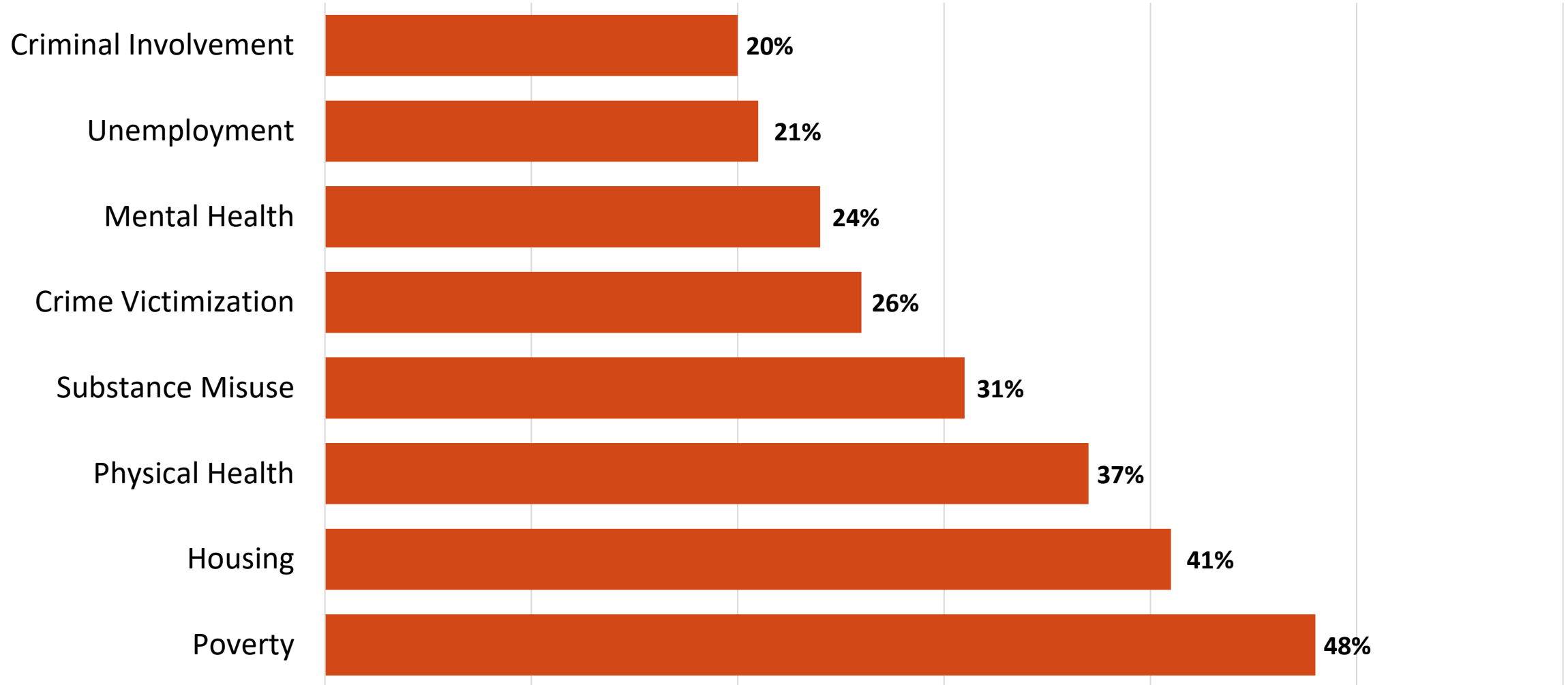
Benefits

"Opens up resources and communication with partners at the Table"

Situations are looked at from multiple viewpoints

Increases and strengthens community partnerships and engagement

Creates unique set of de-identified data

Considerations for Council

City Representative on the System Leaders Group

Meeting space for the Situation Table

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Thank you for your time!