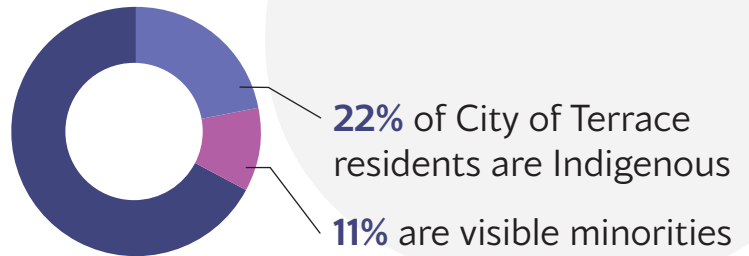


# Human rights in Terrace

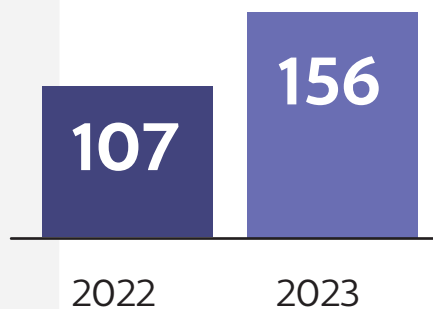
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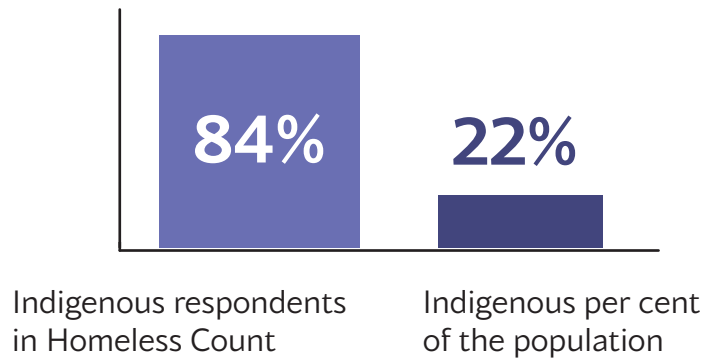
while the surrounding area has a population of about 19,000 people.

## Housing and poverty are human rights issues in Terrace

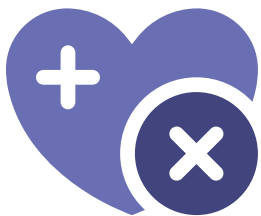
People experiencing homelessness via the 2023 Terrace Homeless Count



Homelessness is experienced more often by Indigenous people



## Access to health care is a human rights issue in Terrace



Recruitment and retention of family physicians is a challenge for the community. Terrace has a new regional hospital opening in 2025. However, there are concerns about how the new hospital will be staffed given the existing recruitment and retention challenges in the community.

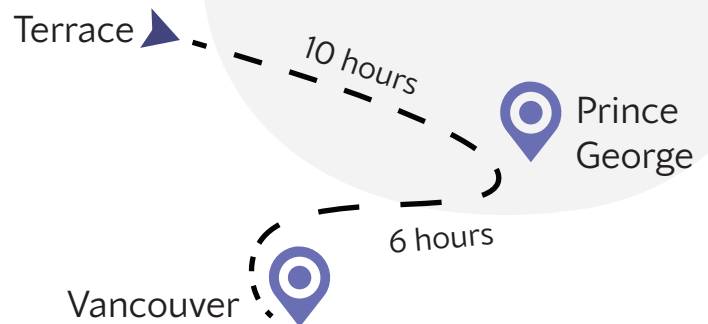
Discrimination against Indigenous people, people experiencing homelessness, people with mental health challenges and people who use substances is a barrier to the health services that are available in the community.

## The toxic drug emergency



In 2022, Terrace had the  
**2nd highest**  
unregulated drug fatality  
rate in B.C.

To access detox and addiction treatment, people often have to travel by bus to Prince George or Vancouver.



**92** people died from  
toxic drug supply  
2015 → 2023

## Gender-based violence

Gender-based violence associated with the resource sector is a human rights issue. Indigenous women face discrimination from health care providers and law enforcement when trying to get help. This is consistent with findings of the National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls that resource extraction projects have been linked to violence against Indigenous women in communities across Canada.



## Discrimination in education



Students and parents reported bullying and harassment of students, anti-Indigenous racism, unequal access to supports for those with disabilities and challenges for LGBTQ2SAI+ students. This unequal treatment is a barrier to education in Terrace.

### About BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner

Under B.C.'s *Human Rights Code*, B.C.'s Human Rights Commissioner is responsible for promoting and protecting human rights in the province. Learn more about our Office at [bchumanrights.ca](http://bchumanrights.ca)

### BCOHRC Baseline Project in Terrace

The Baseline Project is a multi-year community-based research project, through which BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner (BCOHRC) aims to understand the state of human rights in B.C. Terrace was one of four communities that we examined in detail. This work would not have been possible without Terrace's Community partners: Terrace and Community District Social Services and Terrace chapter of the Council of Canadians.

For more information about Terrace's human rights story, please consult the Terrace Community Brief at [baseline.bchumanrights.ca/terrace](http://baseline.bchumanrights.ca/terrace)