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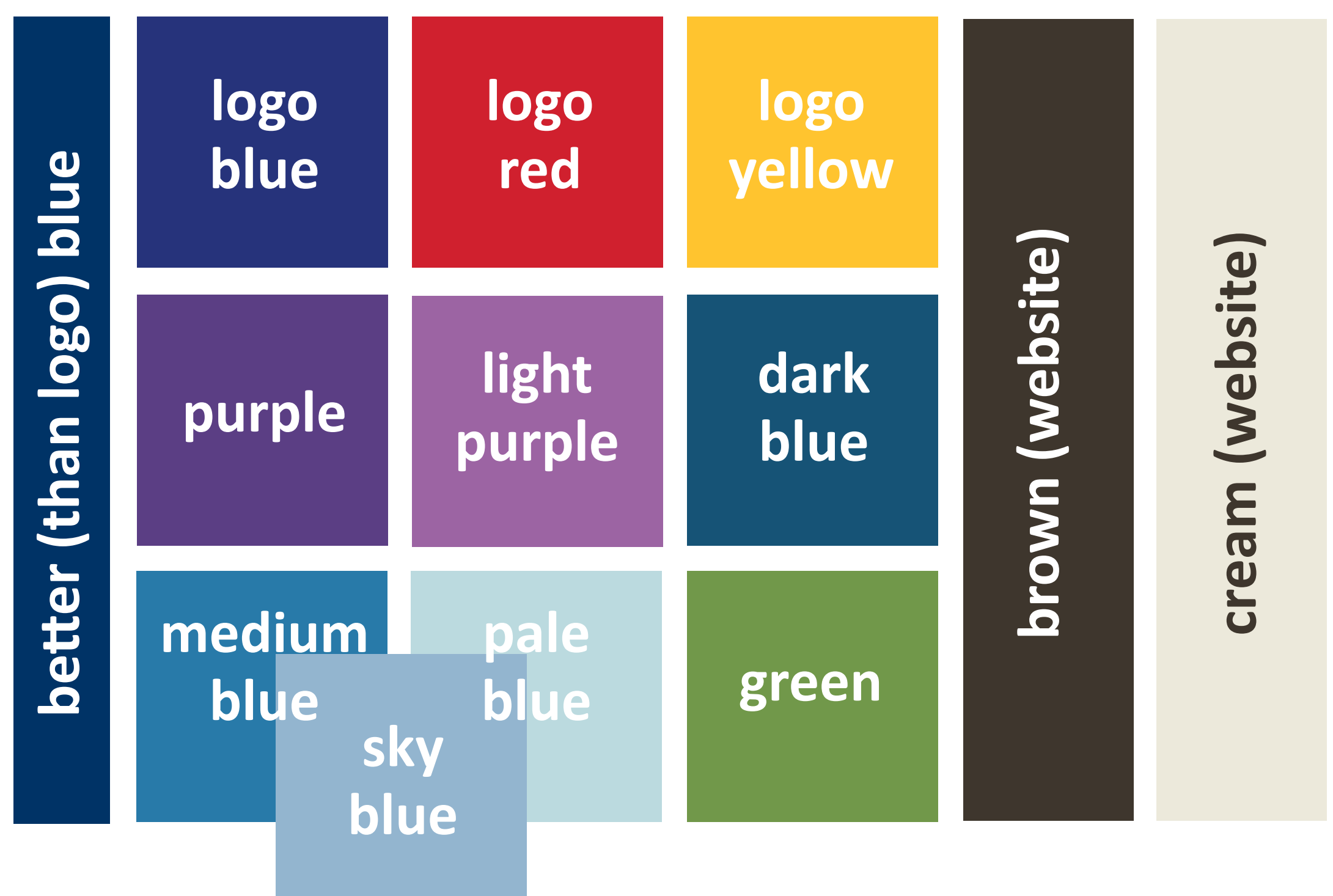
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# Child & family services



## SUPPORT SERVICES

Prevention services are available to children, youth, families, and expectant parent(s). The aim is to build on the strengths and resilience of families, and support connections to resources, community and culture that promote family unity and well-being.



**In Whatì, 43.6%** of CFS services were prevention focused agreements.

**In Behchokò, 77.1%** of CFS services were prevention focused agreements.

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## Location of services

Community Social Services Workers follow placement priorities to ensure every effort is made to maintain the connection between a child/youth and their family, community, and culture.

In cases of substantiated maltreatment, families are provided the option of a Plan of Care Agreements (POCA), a less intrusive approach than a formal court process.

**In Whatì, 56.4%** of CFS services were through POCA's.

**In Behchokò, 17.2%** of CFS services were through POCA's.



**In Whatì**

**86.4%** of children/youth receiving services continued to live **within** their family of origin home, and **2.3%** were cared for **outside** of their home community.



**In Behchokò**

**82.2%** of children/youth receiving services continued to live **within** their family of origin home, and **3.7%** were cared for **outside** of their home community.

## Court ordered service

When supports and services for parents do not adequately address safety concerns, a child may be placed in the temporary or permanent care and custody of the Statutory Director to preserve their safety and well-being ("court ordered services").



**Whatì**  
**No services**

delivered by CFS were through court ordered services.



**Behchokò**  
**5.7%**

of service delivered by CFS were through court ordered services.

While Behchokò has **6%** of the territorial child/youth population, **16%** of territorial prevention and protection services are delivered to children/youth in Behchokò.



## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

The Tłıchq Government's Department of Community Wellness programs (CWPD) supports various programs and workshops in relation to the Healthy Families/Healthy Babies, Families and Community Program.

In 2023, parenting workshops, crafting projects, and budget-friendly cooking programs facilitated by program coordinators and healthy family workers supported and empowered young parents. The parenting worksheets provided tools and resources for child brain and social development, activities for fine-motor skills and resources for parent relationship building.

In Behchokò and Whatì, the CWPD facilitated four Youth Life Skills and Visioning workshops that focused on:

- Clearing limiting belief systems and developing self-esteem and self-care,
- Discovering connection to inner stillness,
- Understanding mindfulness to empower social skills,
- Career development, career planning, and life purpose,
- Exploring culture and traditions, and
- Family values alongside community and capacity building.

## Extended Support Services Agreements (ESSA)

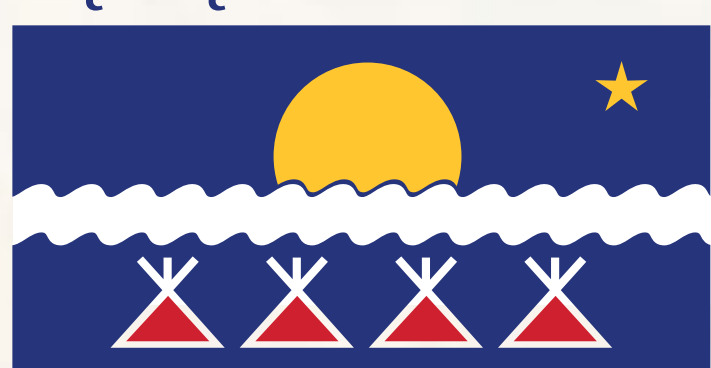
Extended Support Services Agreements (ESSAs) support young persons in their transition to adulthood between the ages of 19-23. The youth may choose to opt in or out of ESSAs at any time.



In 2022-2023, Behchokò and Whatì did not have any youth that aged out of care who were eligible for an ESSA.



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# Community safety



## FEELINGS OF SAFETY IN COMMUNITY

In 2019, a NWT community survey found that:



in **Whatì**, 51% of respondents felt very safe walking alone in the community and 29% felt reasonably safe.

in **Behchokò** 11% of respondents felt very safe walking alone in the community and 27% felt reasonably safe.



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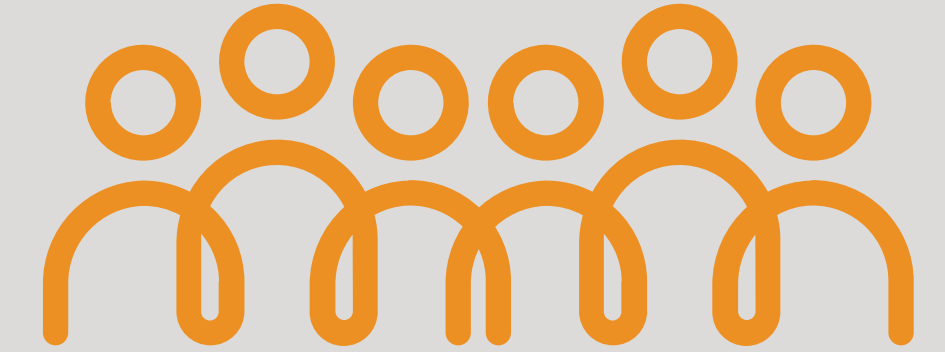
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## CRIMINAL INCIDENTS

Statistics Canada tracks the following crime related indicators by detachment: crimes of violence, property crimes, other criminal code cases, traffic and federal statutes.



In 2023, **Whatì** reported **659** criminal incidents, a **decrease** from 956 in 2022.



In 2023, **Behchokò** reported **2,506** criminal incidents, an **increase** from 2,383 in 2022.

## FEELINGS OF SAFETY IN THE HOME

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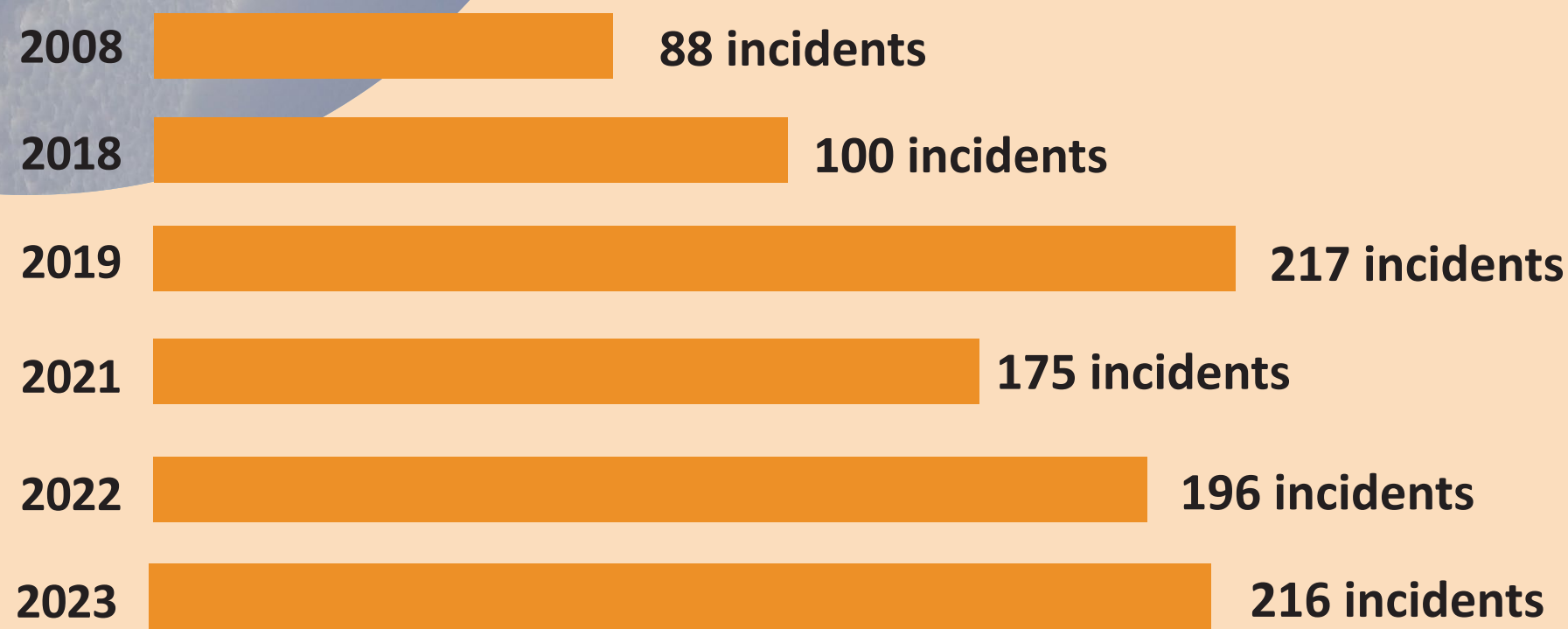
In **Whatì**, 20% felt very satisfied with being safe and secure within their home and 56% were satisfied. The other 24% reported feeling unsafe at times.

In **Behchokò** 8% of respondents felt very satisfied with being safe and secure within their home and 72% were satisfied. The other 20% reported feeling unsafe at times.

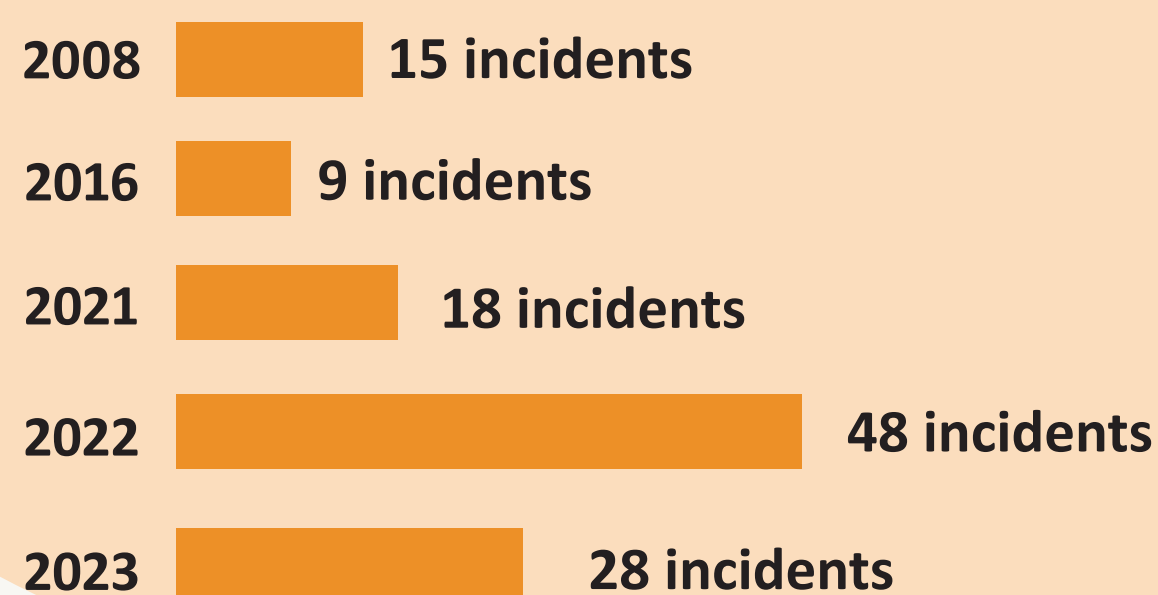
## TRAFFIC INCIDENTS

According to Statistics Canada's *Uniform Crime Reporting Survey*, the following traffic related crime numbers fluctuated from 2008 to 2023. These numbers are also displayed in conjunction with all reported crime data in the 'incidents by detachment.'

### BEHCOKÒ TRAFFIC INCIDENTS



### WHATÌ TRAFFIC INCIDENTS



## PROGRAMS & SERVICES



- In 2023, the department of Victim Services held community outreach programs. These monthly sessions educate people on various services available through TG in their communities. These sessions are valuable by displaying programs available by the TG departments throughout the year that community members may not know about it.
- In March 2023, 50 Tłıchq youths participated in a session focused on impaired driving and the importance of making responsible decisions. This program helps address and spark conversations around issues important to the community.

# Cultural well-being



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## HOUSEHOLDS CONSUMING COUNTRY FOODS

In 2018, household consumption of country foods in Behchokò decreased to 38% compared to 59% in 2013. This is a **19% decrease** in consumption of country foods in only five years.

In 2018, household consumption of country foods in Whatì, increased to 81% compared to 60% in 2013. This is a **21% increase** in consumption of country foods in only five years.

These data trends are captured prior to the opening of the highway.

## BERRY HARVESTING

In 2018, 27% of Behchokò's population that is 15 years old and over participated in berry harvesting. This is a **7% decrease** from 34% in 2013.

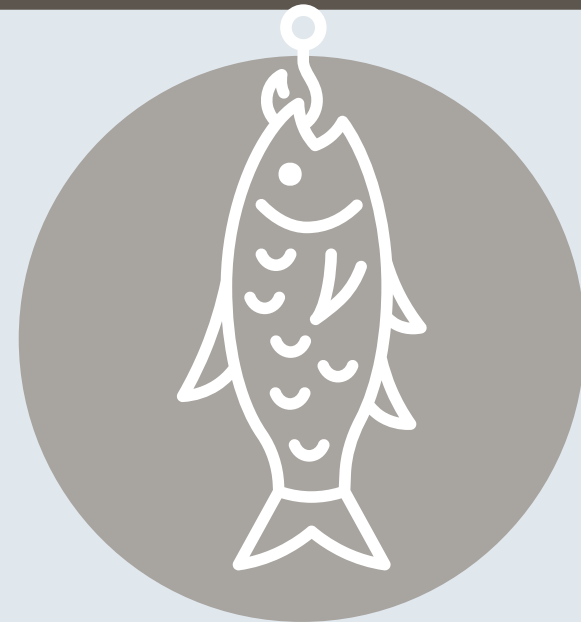
In Whatì, 48% of its population aged 15 years old and over participated in berry harvesting. This is a **13% increase** from 35% in 2013.



## HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING

In 2018, 28% of the Behchokò population participated in hunting and fishing. This is a **decrease** compared to 41% in 2013.

In 2018, 69% of the Whatì population participated in hunting and fishing. This is an **increase** compared to 55% in 2013.

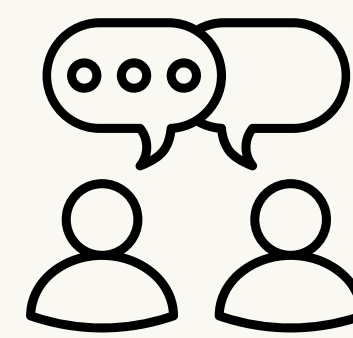


In 2018, 9% of people 15 years old and older in Behchokò reported participating in trapping. This is a **decrease** compared to 11% in 2013.

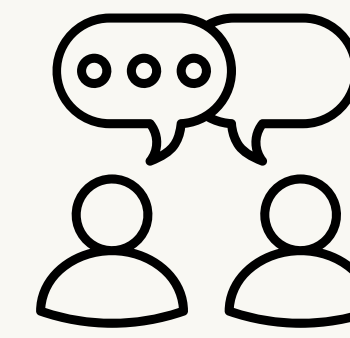
In 2018, 39% of people fifteen years old and older in Whatì reported participating in trapping. This is an **increase** compared to 16% in 2013.

## TŁIČHQ LANGUAGE

According data collected through the NWT Community Survey, in 2019,



**50%** of Indigenous peoples in Behchokò reported speaking Tłıchq.



**62%** of Indigenous peoples in Whatì reported speaking Tłıchq.

This is a **decrease** in the number of language speakers in both communities.

In 2014, **84%** of Indigenous peoples in Behchokò reported speaking Tłıchq, and **87%** did in Whatì.

In 2019, **45%** of Indigenous peoples in Behchokò could **understand** all Tłıchq conversations, while in Whatì, **64%** of the population could.

## CULTURAL WELL-BEING PROGRAMMING

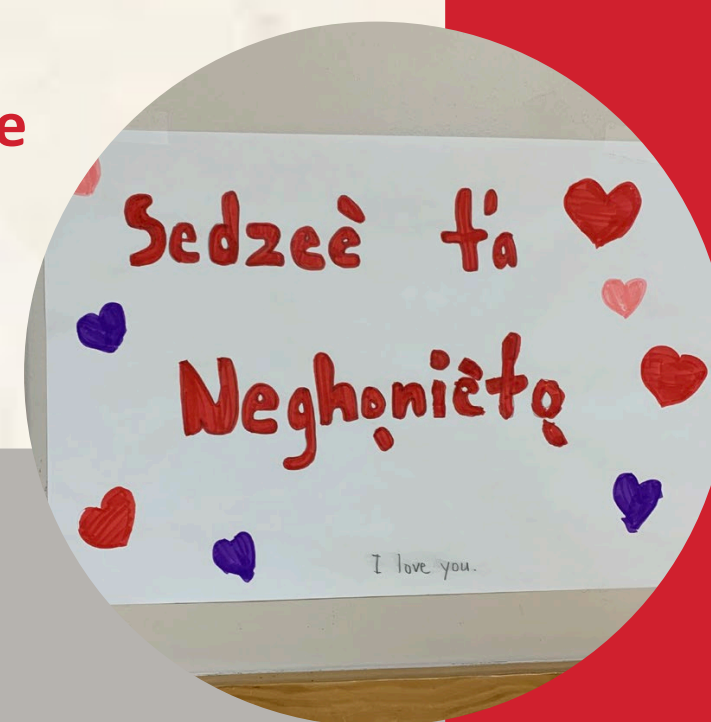


- A trail breaking program was facilitated by the Whatì Presence Office, with local people hired to break trails from Rabbit Lake to Gamètì.
- In March 2023, the Whatì Presence Office and the Mezi Community School provided K–12 students an opportunity to participate in cultural education on the land. This included harvesting fish and game and knowledge exchange on producing dry meat.
- The Tłıchq Government and GNWT funded the Mentor Apprenticeship Program (MAP).

This is an Indigenous language learning tool where fluent speaker of the language (a mentor) teaches a committed language learner (an apprentice). Through immersion, apprentices learn by “living life in the language.” There were four successful mentorship pairs in 2023 and five recorded participating in 2022.

College Nordique partnered with the Tłıchq Government to facilitate Tłıchq Yatì focused courses and linguistic studies that continue to encourage language revitalization.

Continued studies programming at the University of Victoria worked with the Tłıchq Government to create a Tłıchq focused program to obtain a Certificate in Indigenous Language Revitalization (CILR).



## RESOURCES

The Tłıchq Government has publicly available resources to promote Tłıchq Yatì. Items created include:

- Tłıchq prayer book
- Hymn book
- Online dictionary (in progress)
- Tłıchq app (in progress)
- Tłıchq typeface design
- Summer school programming through the Canadian Indigenous Languages and Literacy Development Institute
- Playing cards
- And many more...

Tłıchq Ndek'áowo



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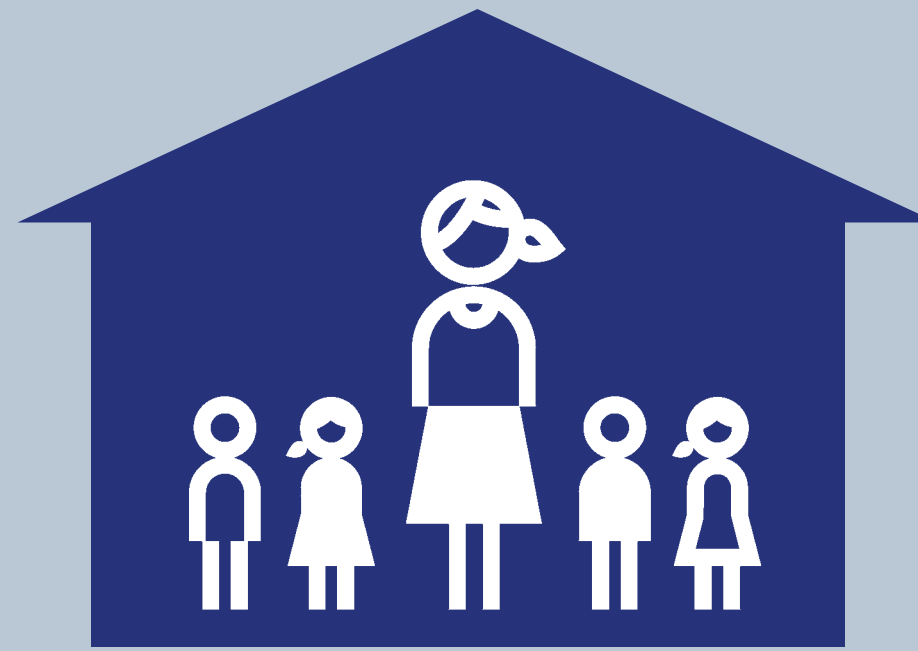
# Early childhood education & student support



Changes to early childhood education and student support have been monitored since the opening of the Tłıchq Highway, November 30, 2021.

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## ECE SPACES



As of August 2024, there were 61 early childhood education spaces in Behchokò and 30 in Whatì.

These numbers have remained the same since 2019-2020.

### Behchokò

- 61 ECE/childcare spaces

### Whatì

- 30 ECE/childcare spaces



## STUDENT ASSISTANCE

### Students approved for financial assistance

In 2023-2024, Behchokò had **46 students** approved for student financial assistance funding, while Whatì had **7 students** approved. This is an **increase** from 2022-2023, when Behchokò had 36 students approved for student financial assistance. Whatì was unchanged at seven students approved that year.

In 2020-2021, Behchoko had 35 students approved and Whatì had fewer than seven approved.



## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

The Tłıchq Government's Department of Early Childhood Programs provides various workshops and programming, including those specialized for families and children with special needs. It runs preschool programs in the two daycares in Behchokò for children ages two to three, as well as the after-school programs. The programs provide continuous year-round daycare services for families, including at-home educational materials and books.

Tłıchq Government initiatives worked on this past year include:

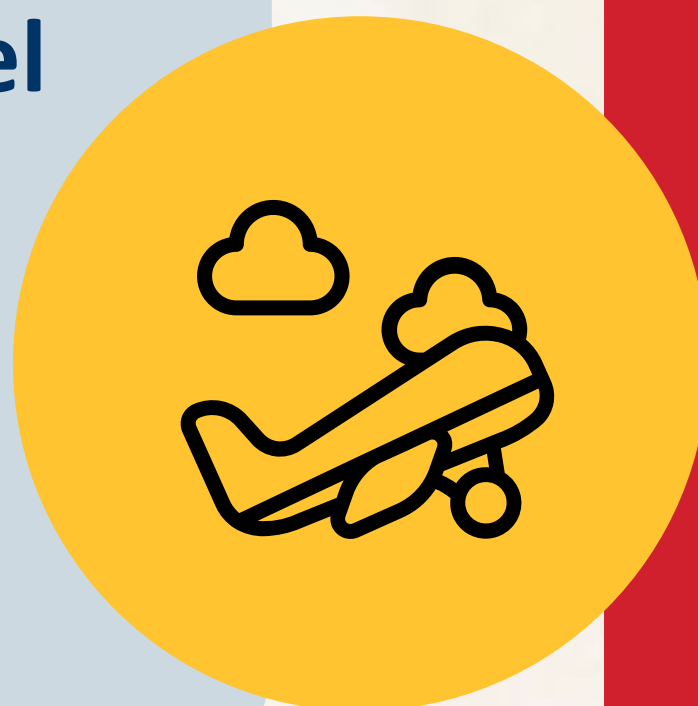
- Building an Early Childhood Family Resource Centre in Behchokò.
- Developing increased services in oral language development and occupational therapy.
- Developing a Tłıchq Early Years Law ensuring Tłıchq authority and decision-making power over all areas of early learning and childcare.
- Developing a Martin Family Initiative partnership focusing on the creation of Tłıchq culture, language, and way of life parenting resources and services.
- Providing supports for citizens and staff in successfully completing early learning and childcare courses online and through distance learning programs.
- Developing visionary goals of what a Tłıchq Early Years Education Program could be for future work and training.
- Funding for full-time Tłıchq students in post-secondary through Our Nation's Education (ONE) Student Financial Support Program. This program provides 'top-up' funding to anyone in an undergrad, master's, or doctoral degree program.
- Access to courses through the School of Continued Learning through MacEwan University, fully funded by the Tłıchq Government.



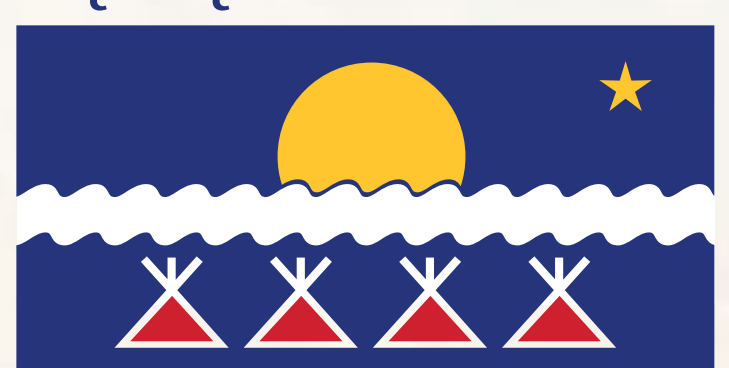
### Student financial assistance for travel

In 2022-2023, Behchokò reported having **13** applicants for student assistance travel funding.

This **decreased** in 2023-2024 with **11** applicants for SFA travel funding. Due to smaller numbers, Whatì's applicant numbers have not been publicly reported.



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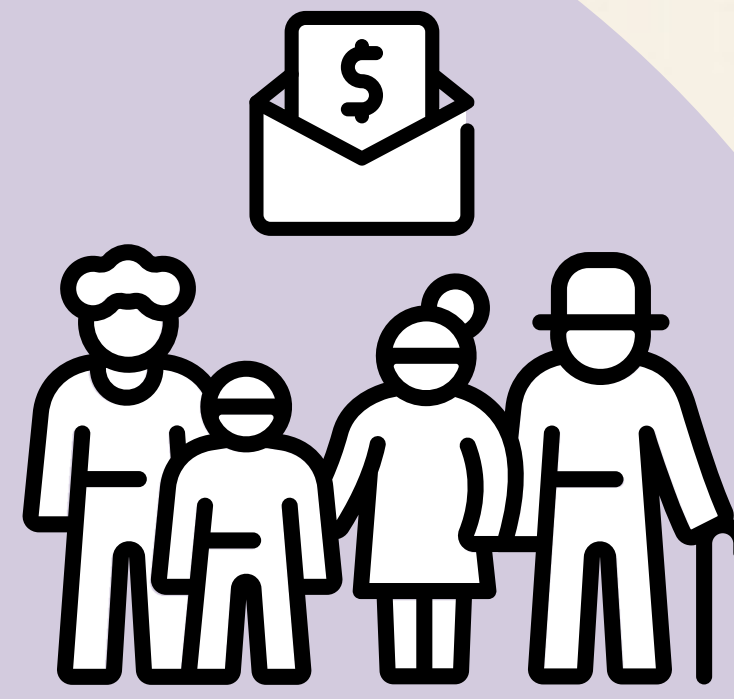
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## INCOME

Family income levels have increased in Whatı̨ and Behchok̨. In 2021, more families earned more than \$75,000 compared to 2016 income levels.



### In Whatı̨

57% of families earned \$75,000 or more in 2021, an increase from 43% in 2020

### In Behchok̨

59% of families earned \$75,000 or more in 2021, an increase from 40% in 2020



## Low income

In Whatı̨ and Behchok̨, the number of people who are considered low income **decreased** from 2019 to 2021.

### In Whatı̨

21% of the population were considered low income in 2021 **down** from 26% in 2019

### In Behchok̨

23% of the population was considered low income in 2021 **down** from 33% in 2019

However, in 2023 Behchok̨ and Whatı̨ saw an **increase in income assistance** recipients, which could be related to the search for funds as COVID-19 supports ended. In 2023, there were 393 income assistance recipients in Behchok̨ and 74 in Whatı̨.

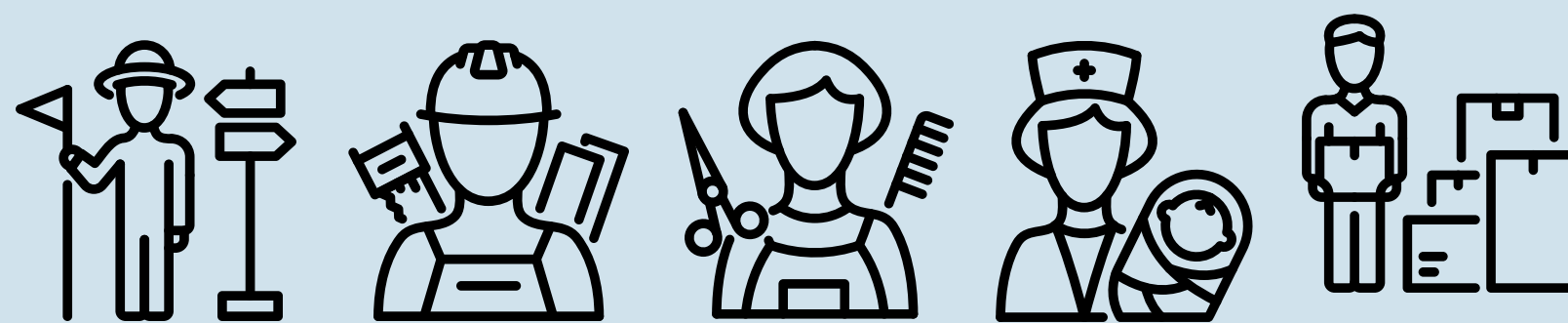
## FOOD SECURITY

In a community survey in 2018, prior to the opening of the highway, **nearly 48%** of the population in Behchok̨ and **just under 39%** in Whatı̨ reported **sometimes** having concerns about enough money for food, with 60% for Behchok̨ and 48% for Whatı̨ saying they **always** worried. It remains to be seen how the the Tłı̨chq̨ Highway has impacted food security.



## EMPLOYMENT

Between 2016 and 2021, the employment rate for the population over the age of 15 **declined** from 44% to 40% in Whatı̨ and **increased** from 36% to 41% in Behchok̨



This may be due to increased opportunity for work related to highway construction, which ended when the road opened in 2021. There could also be job loss due to COVID-19.

Programs to support the traditional economy and offset the costs of harvesting include:

- GNWT Genuine Mackenzie Valley Fur Program
- GNWT Hide and Fur Program
- GNWT Industry, Tourism, and Investment small business grants
- TG Caribou Harvest / Fur Harvest Gas Subsidy.

## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

In 2022 and 2023, Tłı̨cho Government introduced new programs and services to support economic well-being.

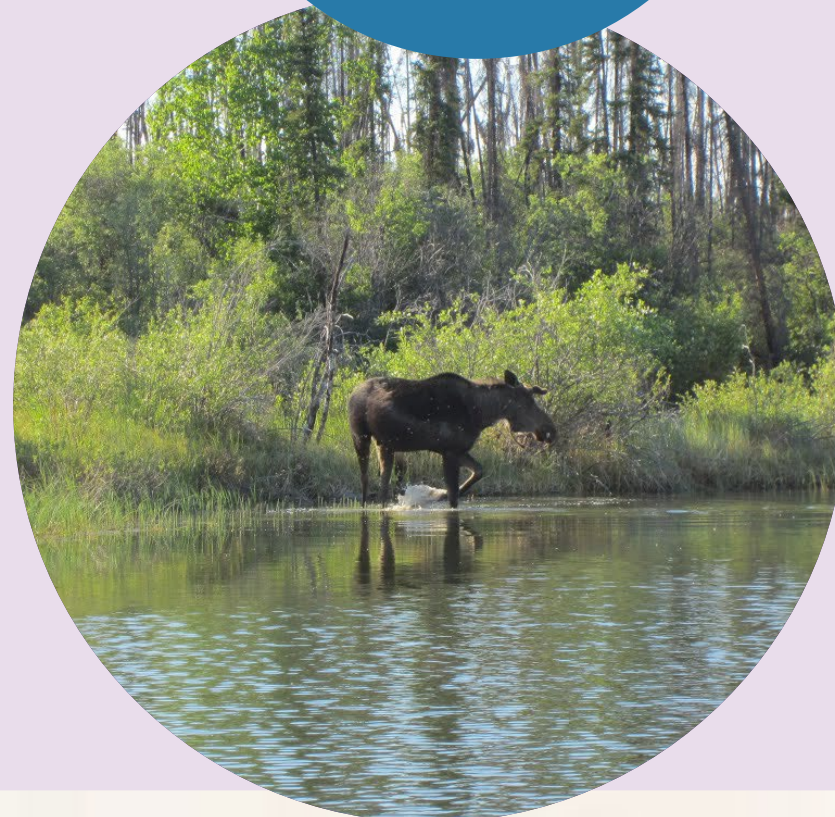
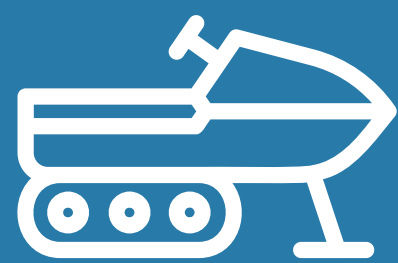
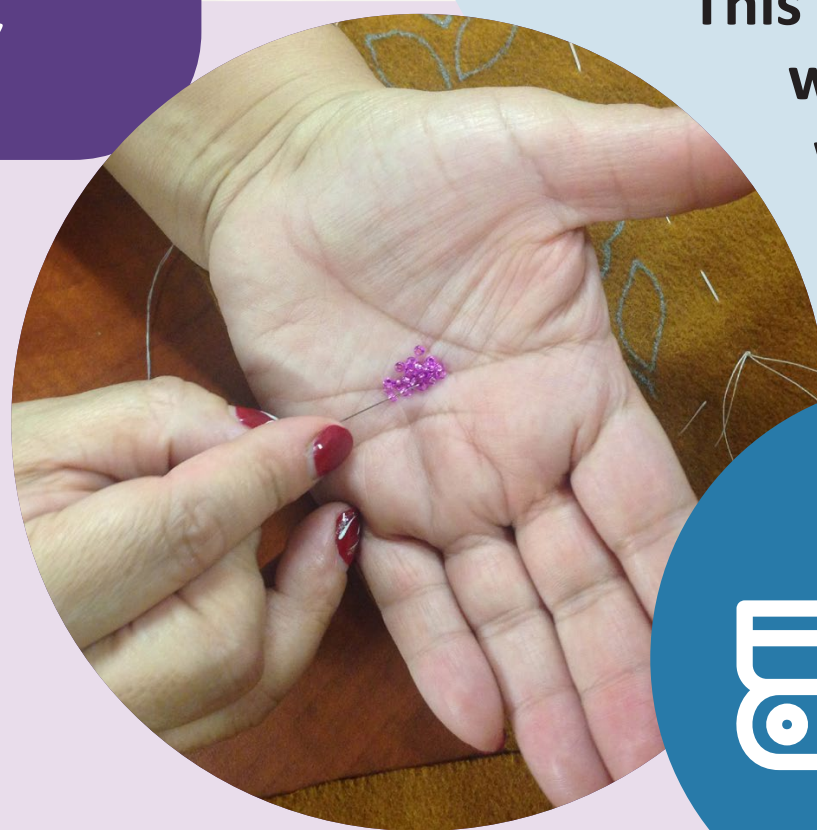
- Tłı̨chq̨ Apprenticeship Services Program
- Career open houses
- Tłı̨chq̨ Arts online store
- Tłı̨chq̨ holiday showcase and art sale
- Traditional skills sewing workshops
- Giant Mine remediation project training and internships
- Economic development supports, such as helping clients secure over \$30,000 in aid from GNWT for entrepreneurs and small business
- The Hoghàdets'heetq̨ – Ełexè Eghàlats'eeda/Learning and Working Together Gathering in Behchok̨ for youth, mine workers, and others to explore apprenticeship opportunities, build employable skills, and celebrate achievements in various northern industries.



## TRADITIONAL ECONOMY

In 2024, Tłı̨chq̨ citizens reported that:

- High (and rising) costs of equipment, maintenance, and gasoline can be barriers to hunting, fishing, and trapping.
- Low cost of furs and associated expenses of running a business can prevent people from pursuing trapping as a livelihood activity.
- The monetary value of crafts in comparison to the time, cost of materials and equipment, and hard work has led to a decline in people pursuing crafting as a business.



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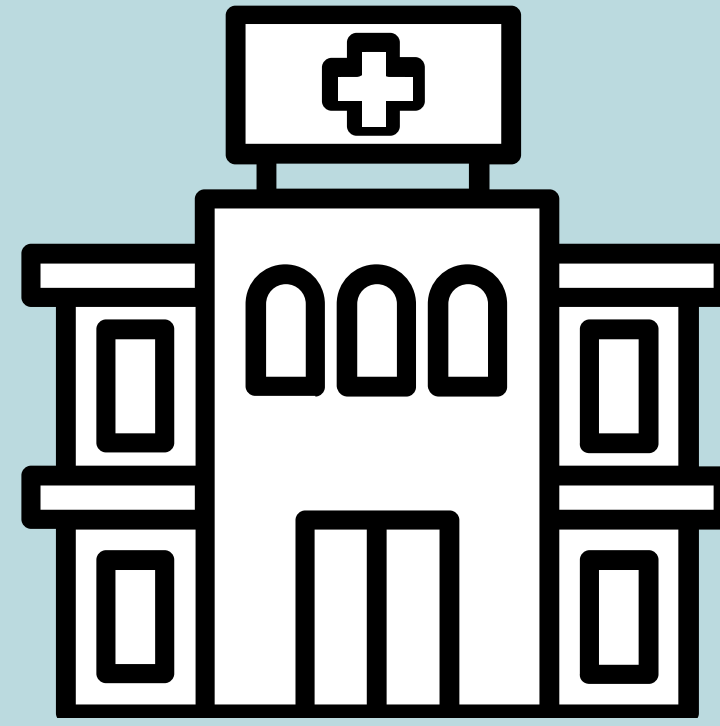
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## HOSPITALIZATIONS

Alcohol and drug use hospitalizations declined in both Whatì and Behchokò between 2020–2021 and 2021–2022.

**Whatì**  
drug & alcohol hospitalizations decreased by 27%

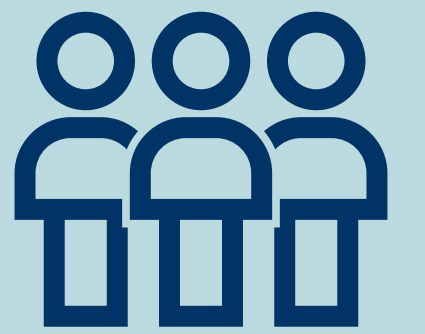
**Behchokò**  
drug & alcohol hospitalizations decreased by 30%



## Emergency department visits

In 2021–2022, Behchokò had 847 emergency room visits, about a 5% decrease from 895 the previous year.

In 2021–2022, Whatì had 196 emergency room visits, about an 8% increase from 180 visits the previous year.



Data reflects the *home community* of those visiting an ER, not the location of the ER visited.

## SUBSTANCE USE

In Behchokò in 2022–2023, the following substances were indicated as being used by individuals seeking treatment:

- 100% involving alcohol
- 44% involving cannabis
- 68% involving cocaine/crack
- 4% involving gambling.

In Whatì, 100% of individuals seeking treatment indicated the use of alcohol. For 2022–2023, data on any other substances used was not made public to protect the privacy of the small population size.



## PROGRAMS SUPPORTING HEALTH AND WELLNESS

In 2022 and 2023, the Tłıchq Government and its partners facilitated the following health and wellness programs:

- Behchokò Warming Shelter
- Behchokò Wellness Centre
- Healing and wellness workshops (Behchokò and Whatì)
- Youth Visioning Workshops (Behchokò and Whatì)
- On the Land Healing Camps (Behchokò), with focuses including addictions, mental health, self-care, etc.
- Elders support program (Behchokò)
- Family Violence and Addictions week (Behchokò and Whatì)
- Build a Stronger You Grant (\$10,000) for community-based health promotion activities
- Condom dispenser installations (Behchokò and Whatì)
- Sexual health training for community health representatives (Behchokò and Whatì)

## SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

### Gonorrhoea

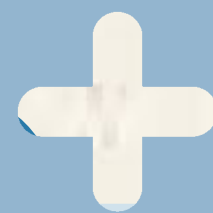
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### Chlamydia

In 2022, Behchokò reports a rate of 38 out of 1,000, and Whatì 115 out of 1,000, an increase for both communities over the previous three years.

### Syphilis

In 2022, Behchokò reports a rate of 6 out of 1,000, and Whatì 34 out of 1,000, an increase from previous years that reflects rising syphilis rates across the territory and country. Across Canada, the rate of infection for syphilis increased 410% from 2012 to 2021. In light of this, it is difficult to determine whether the rates in Tłıchq communities are directly related to the road or other factors.



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