

DEFINITIONS OF HOMELESSNESS

Outside (tent, park bench, etc.) Structure not designated for habitation Vehicle/camper (not intended as permanent housing) Emergency shelter or Transitional housing unit Fleeing/Attempting to flee Domestic violence victim who lacks safe housing or the means to obtain it Hotel/motel paid by Charitable/gov program

if yes to any one or more of these criteria, **or**

exiting an institution where they lived for 90 days or less and were literally homeless before entering,

then

Literally Homeless

If true, **and**

if false, **then**

Hotel/motel **NOT** paid by Charitable/gov program With Family or friends (Couchsurfing) Place you rent/own

If yes to any one or more of these criteria, **and**

housing loss expected within 14 days, **and** No subsequent residence has been identified, **and**
The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing,

then

Imminent Risk of Homelessness

If false, **then**

Has experienced at least 12 consecutive months of continuous literal homelessness.

In the past 3 years, have been literally homeless for 12+ months in 4+ occurrences.

if literally homeless, and yes to any one or more of these criteria, **and**

Have a disability that prevents sustainable housing (physical, intellectual, serious mental illness, substance use disorder),

then

Chronically Homeless

if not literally homeless nor at imminent risk of homelessness, then

Not Homeless

Understanding how to use the diagram - Legend https://chiedconnect.net/pluginfile.php/2612/mod_resource/content/1/Definitions%20of%20Homelessness%20v3%20Legend.pdf



Guides and Resources

Homeless Eligibility Overview

<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/coc-and-esg-homeless-eligibility-overview/>



Category 1: Literally Homeless

<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/four-categories/category-1/>



Category 2: Imminent Risk of Homelessness

<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/four-categories/category-2/>

