

# DEFINITIONS OF HOMELESSNESS

## CATEGORY 1 LITERAL HOMELESSNESS

Individuals and families who live in a place not meant for human habitation (including the streets or in their car), emergency shelter, transitional housing, and hotels paid for by a government or charitable organization.

## CATEGORY 2 IMMINENT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

Individuals or families who will lose their primary nighttime residence within 14 days and has no other resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

## CATEGORY 3 HOMELESS UNDER OTHER STATUTES

Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not meet any of the other categories but are homeless under other federal statutes, have not had a lease and have moved 2 or more times in the past 60 days and are likely to remain unstable because of special needs or barriers.

## CATEGORY 4 FLEEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Individuals or families who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and who lack resources and support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

# MAJOR INTERVENTIONS

## TEMPORARY

- Emergency Shelter
  - Most people stay one month or less; most ES exhausts at 90 days
- Transitional Housing-Also Joint RRH/TH
  - Up to 24 months or 36 months for Joint Model
- Diversion-SSO(Supportive Services Only)
  - Funds to prevent homelessness; keep persons in housing, provide deposits or utility assistance, any other funds to keep persons housed

## PERMANENT

- Rapid Re-Housing
  - Short- to medium-term rental assistance with housing identification and case management services
- Permanent Supportive Housing-PSH
  - Long term housing for individuals with disabilities who are chronically homeless.

“THOSE CLOSEST TO THE PAIN SHOULD BE THE CLOSEST TO THE POWER.”

-AYANNA PRESSLEY

## ACRONYMS

- CAFTH: Community Alliance for the Homeless
- CH: Chronic Homelessness
- CoC: Continuum of Care Program
- DCS: Department of Children’s Services
- DHS: Department of Human Services
- DV: Domestic Violence
- ES: Emergency Shelter
- HUD: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- PH: Permanent Housing
- PSH: Permanent Supportive Housing
- RRH: Rapid Re-housing
- RHY: Runaway and Homeless Youth
- TH: Transitional Housing

# YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

4.2 MILLION YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS IN THE U.S EXPERIENCE SOME FORM OF HOMELESSNESS EVERY YEAR.

Housing instability looks different for everyone and many young people experience different types of homelessness including:

- Shelter
- Street
- Couch-surfing
- Cars
- Unsafe housing

## DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT

- Youth of color are more likely to experience homelessness
- Youth with special needs or disabilities
- Youth who identify as LGBTQ+
- Pregnant and parenting youth
- Youth with experiences of foster care, juvenile detention, jail, or prison

## COMMON FACTORS

- Family dysfunction
- Child welfare involvement
- Fleeing unwelcoming or abusive foster care placements
- Criminal justice involvement
- Residential instability and economic hardship
- Disconnection from support networks

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# MEMPHIS YOUTH ACTION BOARD



The Youth Action Board is a coalition of youth committed to elevating youth voice, centering lived experience, expanding youth resources, and fighting to end youth homelessness in Memphis and Shelby County.