

EO 03-16 Housing Access Reporting Tool

Glossary of Terms

Publicly funded housing: Permanent rental housing units which have received funding from, Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP), Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB), Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA).

Portfolio: The collection of all permanent rental housing units that have been supported by the funding sources identified in “Publicly Funded Housing”, excluding resident-owned cooperatives and mobile home lots.

Permanent housing unit: A rental housing unit without limits on the amount of time a tenant is permitted to occupy the unit. Excludes transitional or seasonal units, emergency shelter beds, hotel/motel rooms and any unit where a limit exists on the length of occupancy.

Homeless:

1. Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
 - (i) Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation;
 - (ii) Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); OR
 - (iii) Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution
2. Individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:
 - (i) Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;
 - (ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; AND
 - (iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing
3. Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:
 - (i) Are defined as homeless under the other listed federal statutes;
 - (ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application;
 - (iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during in the preceding 60 days; AND
 - (iv) Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers

4. Any individual or family who:
 - (i) Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence;
 - (ii) Has no other residence; AND
 - (iii) Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing

At Risk of Homelessness (HUD definition):

1. An individual or family who:
 - (i) Has an Annual income below 30% of median family income for the area; AND
 - (ii) Does not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place defined in Category 1 of the “homeless” definition; AND
 - (iii) Meets one of the following conditions:
 - a. Has moved because of economic reasons 2 or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for assistance; OR
 - b. Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship; OR
 - c. Has been notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance; OR
 - d. Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost is not paid for by charitable organizations or by the Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals; OR
 - e. Lives in an SRO or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than 2 persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than one and a half persons per room; OR
 - f. Is exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care; OR
 - g. Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient’s approved Con Plan
2. A child or youth who does not qualify as homeless under the homeless definition, but qualifies as homeless under another Federal statute
3. An unaccompanied youth who does not qualify as homeless under the homeless definition, but qualifies as homeless under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that child or youth if living with him or her