

Homeless Definitions

An individual or family:

- (1) With a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground.
- (2) Living in a supervised 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, or local government programs for low-income individuals) or
- (3) **Who is exiting an institution where he or she 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.**

Chronically homeless means:

- (1) "homeless individual with a disability," as defined in the Act, who: Lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven or in an emergency shelter; and Has been homeless (as described above) continuously for at least 12 months or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years where the combined occasions must total at least 12 months. Occasions separated by a break of at least seven nights
Stays in institution of fewer than 90 days do not constitute a break
- (2) An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility for fewer than 90 days and met all other criteria in paragraph (1) of this definition, before entering that facility; or
- (3) A family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria in paragraphs (1) or (2) of this definition, including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.