

# Housing and Supports Spectrum – Developed by the Alberta Interagency Council on Homelessness

	Homeless				Housed				
Housing Circumstance	Un-sheltered	Emergency Sheltered	Provisionally Accommodated	At-Risk of Homelessness	Supportive Housing	Supported Housing	Social Housing	Housing Subsidization	Pure Market Housing <i>Out of Scope</i>
Description	Living on the streets or in places not intended for human habitation	Shelters for people who are homeless, and Women’s Shelters	Accommodation is temporary or lacks security of tenure; includes transitional facilities and people accessing private, temporary accommodation	Sheltered individuals whose current economic and/or housing situation is dangerously precarious or does not meet public health and safety standards	Combines accommodation with on-site supports and care. May be congregate or independent living units	Accommodations with supports arranged off-site	Units are owned and operated by government or non-profits	Accommodations with subsidies	
Access to Supports	Outreach services that connect with people where they are	On-site essential services; facilitated access to supports	Where accommodations are provided by government/agencies, on-site access to supports may be available	Typically required to be initiated by the individual	On-site staff provide or co-ordinate supports of varying intensities to residents	A range of supports services customized to client needs to increase/maintain housing stability	Supports accessed through mainstream services accessible to all Albertans	Housing-specific financial support	Supports accessed through mainstream services accessible to all Albertans
Housing Examples (not exhaustive)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public spaces</li> <li>- Squatting in private spaces</li> <li>- Vehicles, attics, garages</li> <li>- Makeshift shelters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Emergency Shelters</li> <li>- Women’s Shelters</li> <li>- Youth Shelters</li> <li>- Respite</li> <li>- Community Crisis beds (Health Services)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Penal institutions</li> <li>- Medical/mental health institutions</li> <li>- Community Residential treatment facilities</li> <li>- Foster care</li> <li>- Youth group homes;</li> <li>- Refugee/newcomer accommodation centres</li> <li>- Transitional Housing</li> <li>- Second Stage Housing</li> <li>- Staying with others/‘couch surfing’</li> <li>- Hostels, rooming houses, motels</li> <li>- First Nations comm. temp. housing</li> <li>- Disaster relief housing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Those whose employment is precarious</li> <li>- Those experiencing sudden unemployment</li> <li>- Households facing eviction</li> <li>- Housing with transitional supports about to be discontinued</li> <li>- People with severe and persistent mental illness, active addictions, substance use and/or behavioural issues</li> <li>- Breakdown in family relations</li> <li>- People facing, or living in direct fear, of violence/abuse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Residential living – group homes and harm-reduction housing</li> <li>- Seniors lodges</li> <li>- Assisted and enhanced assisted living facilities</li> <li>- Rent Supplements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Housing First (e.g. Intensive Case Management/ Assertive Community Treatment)</li> <li>- Home care for seniors and those with physical/developmental disabilities</li> <li>- Rent Supplements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seniors Self Contained Accommodations</li> <li>- Community housing managed by Housing Management Bodies</li> <li>- Co-op/Co-Housing</li> <li>- Rent Supplements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rent supplements</li> <li>- Habitat for Humanity</li> <li>- Co-op/Co-Housing</li> <li>- Employer-supported housing</li> <li>- First time home buyers programs</li> <li>- Affordable Housing</li> <li>- Private Sector housing</li> </ul>	Pure Market Housing <i>Out of Scope</i>

**HOMELESS –**  
 Individuals and families residing in these locations are considered to be homeless, in that they are “without stable, permanent, appropriate housing of the immediate prospect, means and ability of acquiring it.” Canadian Homeless Research Network (2012)  
*Canadian Definition of Homelessness*