

Homeless Definition Cross-walk

Category	Title	Description See Interim CoC Rule / 24CFR Part 578 for complete wording.	Housing Status Question	“Is Client Homeless?” Question (Michigan Def.)	Program Qualifications & Funding Rules
1	Literally Homeless	<p>(1) An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) An individual or family 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; (ii) An individual or family 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 (iii) An individual 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; 	<p>“1- Literally Homeless”</p>	<p>“Yes” For All</p> <p>Includes persons in existing TH (shelter) under grandfather clause.</p> <p>(New TH is only considered “shelter” if its primary purpose is sheltering and it does not require signed leases or occupancy agreements.)</p>	<p>ESG Rapid Rehousing Homeless</p>
2	Imminent Risk	<p>An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The primary nighttime <u>residence will be lost within 14 days</u> 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, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, needed to obtain other permanent housing; 	<p>“2- Imminent Risk”</p>	<p>“Yes” only if meets i, ii, and iii.</p>	<p>Qualifies for ES, TH & SSO</p> <p>ESG Homeless Prevention</p>

3	Homeless under other statutes	<p>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:</p> <p>(i) Are defined as homeless under section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a), section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832), section 41403 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2), section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)), section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012), section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)), or section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a);</p> <p>(ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance;</p> <p>(iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance; and</p> <p>(iv) Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect), the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment.</p>	<p>“2-At Imminent Risk”</p> <p>Or</p> <p>3-At Risk”</p>	<p>“Yes” only if meets i thru iv otherwise “No”.</p>	<p>ESG Homeless Prevention</p> <p><u>Qualifies</u> for ES, *TH, *SSO</p> <p>*HUD approval see 578.89 (aligned with plan with 10% limit unless homeless PIT < .01% of population).</p>
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4	Fleeing / Attempting to Flee DV	<p>Any individual or family who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence; (ii) Has no other residence; and (iii) Lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, and faith-based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing. 	<p>“1-Literally Homeless if shelter or street”</p> <p>“2-Imminent Risk if doubled-up”</p>	<p>“Yes” for All if meets i, ii, and iii.</p>	<p>ESG Rapid Rehousing if also Category 1 (street/vehicle or shelter),</p> <p>otherwise</p> <p>Homeless Prevention</p>
	Chronically Homeless	<p>1. An individual who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Is homeless and lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and (ii) Has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter continuously <u>for at least one year or on at least four separate occasions in the last three years.</u> (iii) Can be diagnosed with one or more of the following conditions; substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmentally disability, PTSD, cognitive impairments resulting from brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability. <p>2. An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility, including a jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital, or other similar facility for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria in paragraph 1 of this definition, before entering that facility; or</p> <p>3. A family with an adult HoH (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor HoH) who meets all of the criteria in paragraph 1 of this definition, including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the HoH has been homeless.</p>	<p>“1-Literally Homeless”</p>	<p>“Yes”</p> <p>For Families the HoH must meet iii (disability).</p>	

	<p>At Risk of Homelessness</p>	<p>An individual or family who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Has an annual income below 30% of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD; (ii) does not have sufficient resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in category paragraph 1 of the homeless definition. (iii) Meets one of the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Has moved because of economic reasons 2 or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance; b. Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship; c. Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation <u>will be terminated within 21 days</u> of the date of application for assistance; d. Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals; e. Lives in a 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 1.5 people/room, as defined by the US Census bureau; f. Is exiting a publically funded institution or system of care (such as health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or g. Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and increased risk of “homelessness”, as identified in the recipient’s approved consolidated plan; <p>2. A child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section, but qualifies as homeless under sections 387(3) see rule page 53 (Runaway and Homeless Youth, Head Start, Public Health, VAWA, Food & Nutrition, or Child Nutrition Acts); or</p>	<p>“2-Imminent Risk” if eviction is 15 to 21 days and i and ii, or or i, ii, and at least one iii.</p> <p>3-Unstably Housed (eviction > 21 days) and no other condition under iii.</p> <p>or 4-Stably Housed if does not meet i, ii, and iii.</p>	<p>“No”</p>	<p>For ESG all category 2 and 3 are Homeless Prevention</p>
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		3. A child or youth who does not qualify a homeless under this section, but qualifies a 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 her or him.	If child or youth meets definition under 2 or 3 then “2-Imminent Risk”		
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