

The Growing Homelessness Crisis: A Plan of Action

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Vision

Adams County is the most innovative and inclusive county in America for all families and businesses.

Mission

To responsibly serve the Adams County community with integrity and innovation.

Key Strategic Goals

Adams County is a place:

- *That supports all people and businesses to grow and flourish educationally and economically*
- *That is inclusive, safe, healthy, vibrant and supports all people in achieving their highest level of health and wellbeing*
- *Where all people and businesses can move efficiently, affordably, and safely throughout the county*
- *That provides an integrated service network that protects the vulnerable in our community*

Housing Continuum



Emergency Shelter – An immediate, safe alternative to sleeping on the streets. Most emergency shelters have a limit on the amount of time a client can stay.

Transitional Housing – Housing with supportive services to allow for the development of skills that will be needed once permanently housed. Transitional housing stays are typically longer than emergency shelter stays.

Permanent Housing – Affordable rental or owned housing for an individual or family who has moved out of homelessness. This may be housing that the client identified independently, or it may be subsidized through the Housing Choice Voucher program or a similar program. It may also be housing identified and supported by a rapid re-housing program.

Permanent Supportive Housing – Affordable, community-based housing that provides clients with supportive services, such as case management and treatment, in order to stay housed. Individuals and families living in PSH often have long histories of homelessness and face persistent obstacles, such as a serious mental illness, a substance abuse disorder, or a chronic medical problem.

Supportive Services – The various resources that a client may access in his or her journey to overcome homelessness. These may include education, employment, credit repair, financial literacy, substance abuse treatment, physical and mental healthcare, counseling, or case management.

Homelessness Prevention – Services that prevent someone who is at risk of homelessness from entering the homeless assistance system. These typically include rent and utilities assistance, as well as legal services, to prevent eviction or foreclosure.

Homelessness Data



Residents Living in Poverty

Pre-COVID-19

519,572

ADAMS COUNTY RESIDENTS



255,934 or apx. 50%

RESIDENTS LIVE UNDER THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY LINE



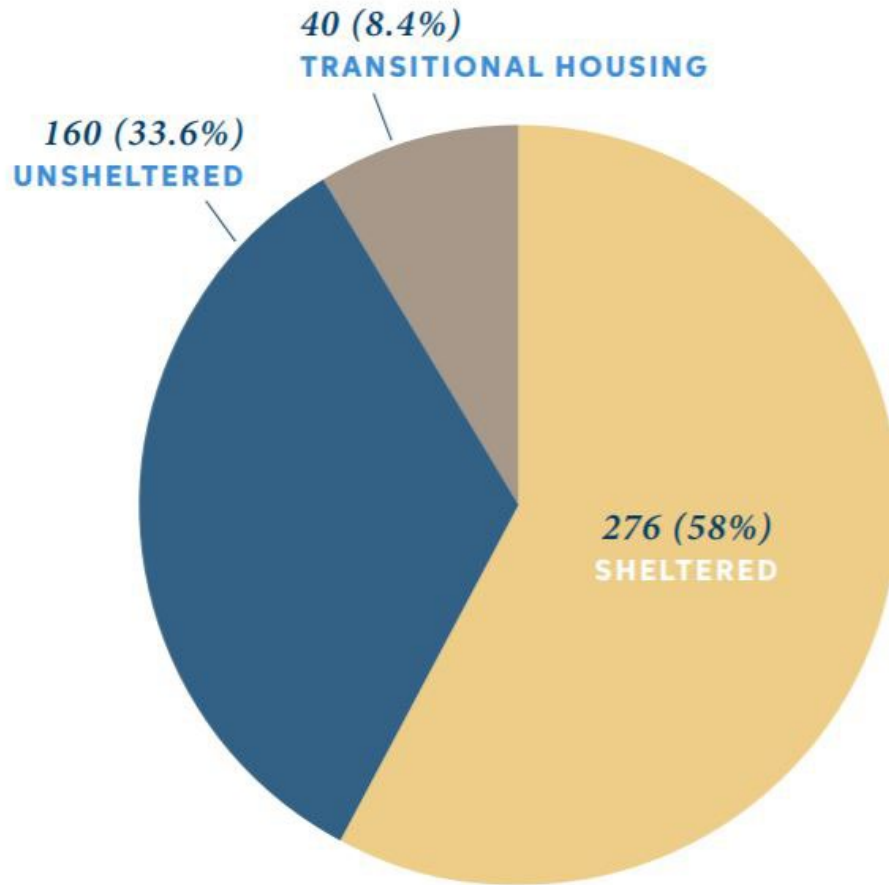
47,000 or 9.0%

RESIDENTS UNDER THE POVERTY LINE

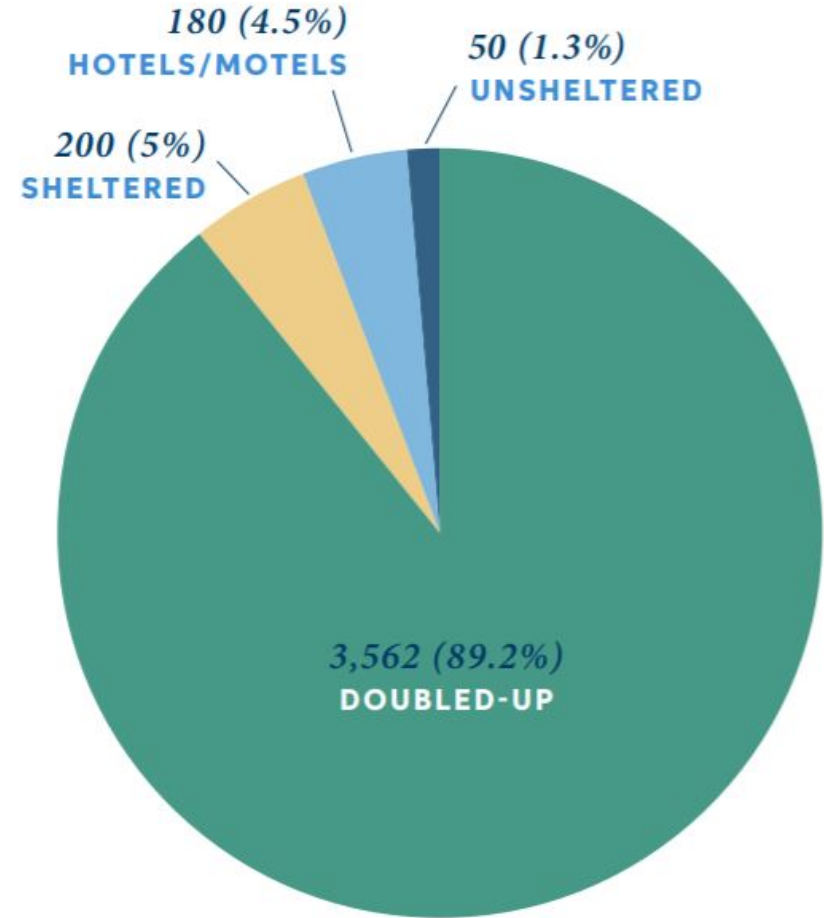


Homelessness Data

Pre-COVID-19



Point-In-Time: 476 total individuals



McKinney-Vento: 3,992 total individuals



Homelessness & COVID-19

- Homelessness has increased by 40-45%.
- Adams County has the highest eviction rate of any county in Colorado



3,816

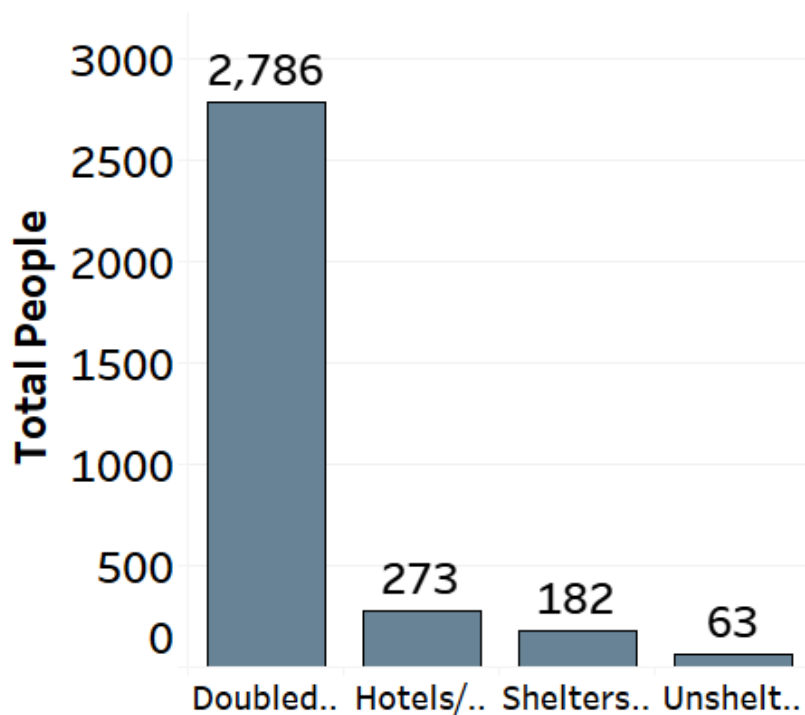
People Experiencing Homelessness

86.58%
Sheltered

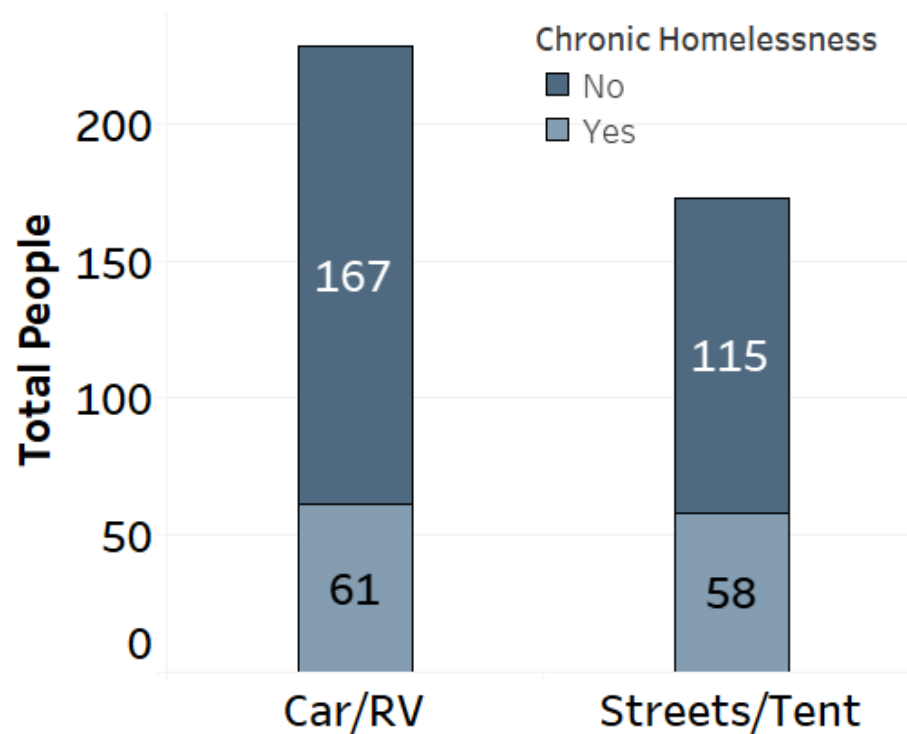
17.06%
Unsheltered



Sheltered Residents



Unsheltered Residents



Strategies to Address the Housing Continuum

Homeward Adams:

Homelessness Reduction Strategic Framework



**HOMELESSNESS
PREVENTION**



**STRENGTHEN
THE HOUSING
CONTINUUM**



**HOMELESSNESS
SERVICES**

Safe Parking

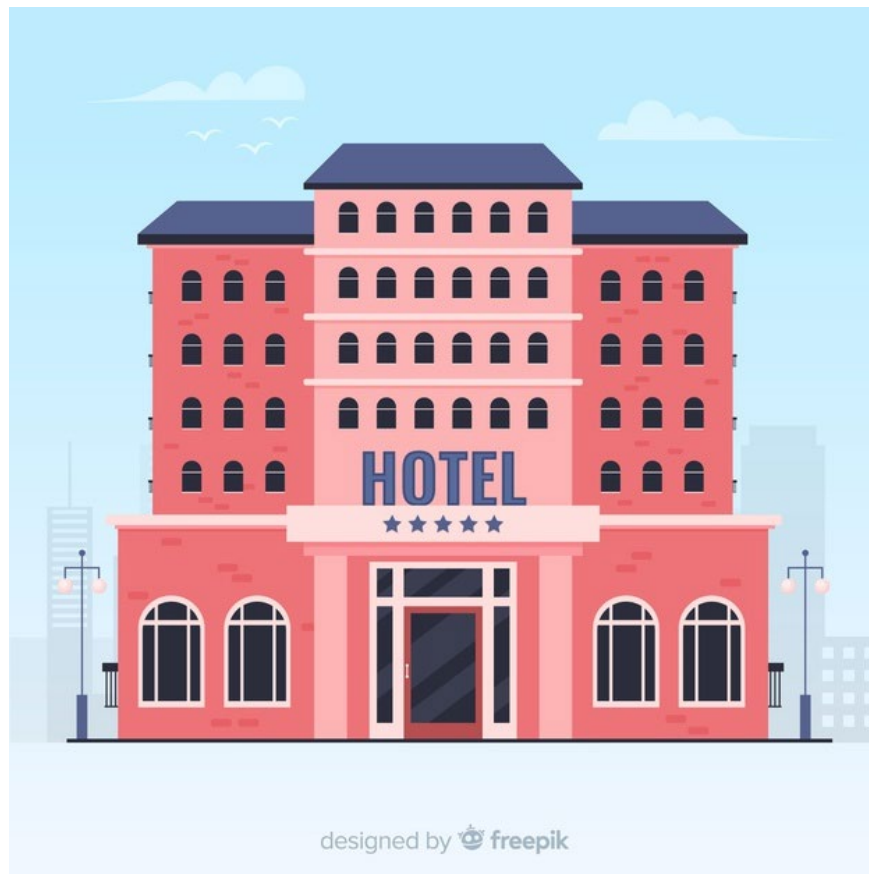
- Immediate, interim option
- Serving as convener by initiating community conversations and bringing partners together
- SWAP diversion
- Next Steps:
 - Temporary zoning designation
 - Identify parking lots



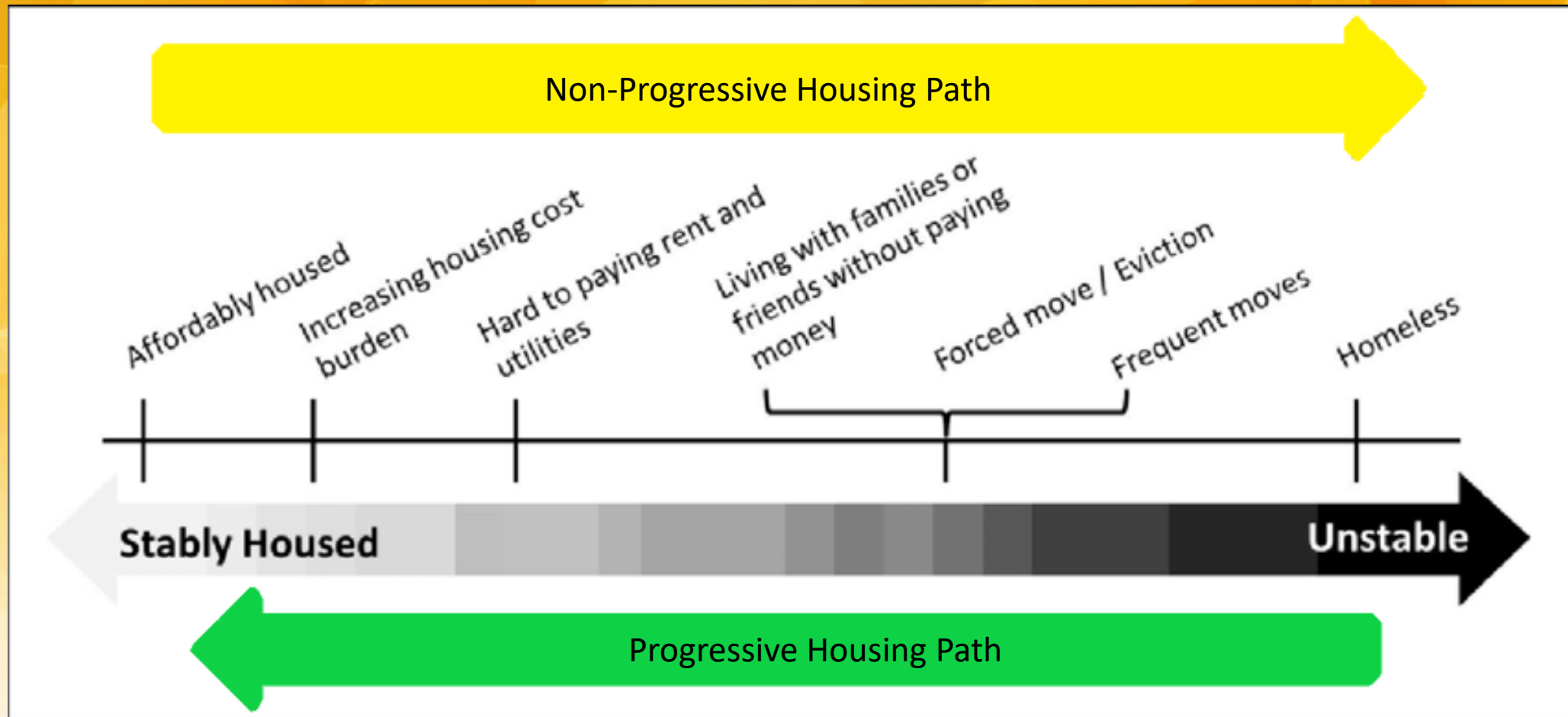
Filling Gaps in the Shelter-Housing Continuum

Exploring:

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Transitional Housing



Addressing the Issue from Both Sides



Strategies to increase the supply of transitional and permanent supportive housing:

- Property acquisition with ARPA funding
- Formation of regional partnerships to leverage resources
- Exploration of various models – pros and cons
- Identification of development partners to rehabilitate or construct facilities
- Solicitation of organizations to operate facilities and provide services

Strategies to increase the supply of affordable housing:

- Develop an Affordable Housing Strategic Plan that targets gaps in the County's housing supply and focus efforts accordingly
- Evaluate fee structures, design standards and zoning codes to address barriers to development
- Partner with cities, non-profits, and the development community to deliver units to the market and preserve long-term affordability through incentives
- Identify funding streams for greatest impact – CDBG, HOME, ARPA, etc.
- Utilize available resources to reduce displacement (ex. minor home repair program, accessibility modifications, utility billing assistance)

Adams County Resource Snapshot

Total Population = 519,572 (2020 Census); Unincorporated Population = 97,633

Annual Federal Funding

- CDBG = Approximately \$1.4M annually
- HOME = Approximately \$1M annually

COVID Federal Funding

- CDBG-CV = \$1.6M
- HOME-ARP = \$3.8M
- ERA 1 = \$14.12M; ERA 2 = \$11.17M

Planning Efforts

- Comprehensive, POST & Transportation Plans = \$275K
- Design Standards overhaul & legal review = \$150K
- Nexus fee study & feasibility study = \$200K

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