

NPACH Chart – Proposed HUD Definitions of Homelessness

<u>Current Law</u>	<u>S. 1518 (Community Partnership to End Homelessness Act)</u>	<u>Senate Conference Position</u>	<u>H.R. 840 (HEARTH Act)</u>
<p>(a) In general</p> <p>For purposes of this chapter, the term "homeless" or "homeless individual or homeless person" includes -</p> <p>(1) an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and</p> <p>(2) an individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is</p> <p>(A) a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill);</p> <p>(B) an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or</p> <p>(C) a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.</p>	<p>Current law,</p> <p align="center">plus</p> <p>clarification that definition includes people living in campgrounds as well as hotels and motels paid for by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals or by charitable organizations</p> <p align="center">plus</p> <p>(3) an individual or family who –</p> <p>(A) has a primary nighttime residence that is owned or leased by another person because the individual or family lacks the resources necessary to rent a decent and safe housing unit;</p> <p>(B) has been notified by the owner or renter of the residence described in subparagraph (A) that the individual or family may stay for only a short period of time;</p> <p>(C) has changed primary residences –</p> <p>(i) 3 or more times in the past year; or</p> <p>(ii) 2 or more times in the past 21 days; and</p> <p>(D) is unable to make a significant financial contribution to the housing costs of the owner or renter of the residence described in subparagraph (A); and</p> <p>(4) an individual or family who –</p> <p>(A) has a primary nighttime residence that is a room in a hotel or motel because the individual or family lacks the resources necessary to rent a decent and safe housing unit;</p> <p>(B) lacks the resources to pay for the hotel or motel room for more than a short period of time; and</p> <p>(C) has changed primary residences –</p> <p>(i) 3 or more times in the past year; or</p> <p>(ii) 2 or more times in the past 21 days.</p>	<p>Current law,</p> <p align="center">plus</p> <p>clarification that definition includes people living in campgrounds cars, parks, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations, or airports as well as hotels and motels paid for by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals or by charitable organizations</p> <p align="center">plus</p> <p>(5) an individual or family who--</p> <p>(a) has lived in a series of temporary living situations, such as sharing the housing of others and living in motels, because they lack the resources and support networks needed to obtain stable housing; and</p> <p>(b) can only stay in their current living situation for a short period of time, including where the health or safety of the individual or family are jeopardized by dangerous or unsafe conditions; and</p> <p>(6) an individual or family who</p> <p>(i) will imminently lose their housing, including shared housing, housing they rent or own or other housing situation;</p> <p>(ii) has no subsequent residence identified; and</p> <p>(ii) lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain housing.</p> <p>(c) In determining whether an individual or family meets the definition in (b), the instability of the individual's or family's living situation shall be considered, except for those who meet (b)(4).</p>	<p>(a) In general - For purposes of the Act, the terms 'homeless,' 'homeless individual,' and 'homeless person' --</p> <p>(1) mean an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and</p> <p>(2) include --</p> <p>(A) an individual who--</p> <p>(i) is sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;</p> <p>(ii) is living in a motel, hotel, or camping ground due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; or</p> <p>(iii) is living in an emergency or transitional shelter;</p> <p>(B) an individual who has 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;</p> <p>(C) an individual who is living in a car, park, public space, abandoned building, substandard housing, bus or train station, or similar setting; and</p> <p>(D) an individual living in an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized.</p>