



Built For Zero Report Card

APRIL 2021

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Built for Zero Canada is an ambitious national change effort to end homelessness, one community at a time. **Built for Zero Peterborough (BFZ-Ptbo)** is a group of local organizations committed to ending chronic homelessness by December 31st, 2025.

Each month **BFZ-Ptbo** will share information about the number of people experiencing homelessness in our community. We hope that sharing this information will promote transparency and accountability in our homelessness response.

By taking a close look at the data each month, we can start to:

- Focus on the facts (what we know), rather than the narrative (what we think)
- Adjust our services based on current events
- See what needs to be done to end homelessness
- Improve the lives of people experiencing homelessness

At least

264

people were experiencing homelessness in Peterborough City and County in April.

As part of our efforts to end chronic homelessness, we study changes in our chronically homeless population each month.

In April, there were 2 fewer people experiencing chronic homelessness than in March.

Of those,

115

people had been chronically homeless for six months or more in the last year.

WHAT HAS CHANGED

Inflow – People Added to our Chronic Homelessness Number

17

People became chronically homeless. Some have been in our system before and some we met for the first time.

11

People got back in touch after having not been heard from in 90 days or more. Some returned to town, or met the definition of chronically homeless again.

5

People lost their housing. They have been in our homelessness system before, secured housing, and then lost that housing.

Outflow – People Removed from our Chronic Homelessness Number

9

People moved into housing.

These people moved into housing (rental units, living with family, long term care, etc.).

26

People lost touch.

These people have not been heard from in 90 days or more, have left town, no longer meet the definition of chronic homelessness, or have died. People who no longer meet the definition of chronic homelessness are still captured in our overall number if they are still homeless.



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WHAT THE DATA IS SAYING ABOUT CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IN APRIL:

26
people lost touch.

This high number reflects the challenging nature of staying in touch with the people we serve during the pandemic.

9
people moved into housing.

As our chronic move-in numbers continue to be low, we need to explore creative solutions and engage with landlords to maximize available housing options.

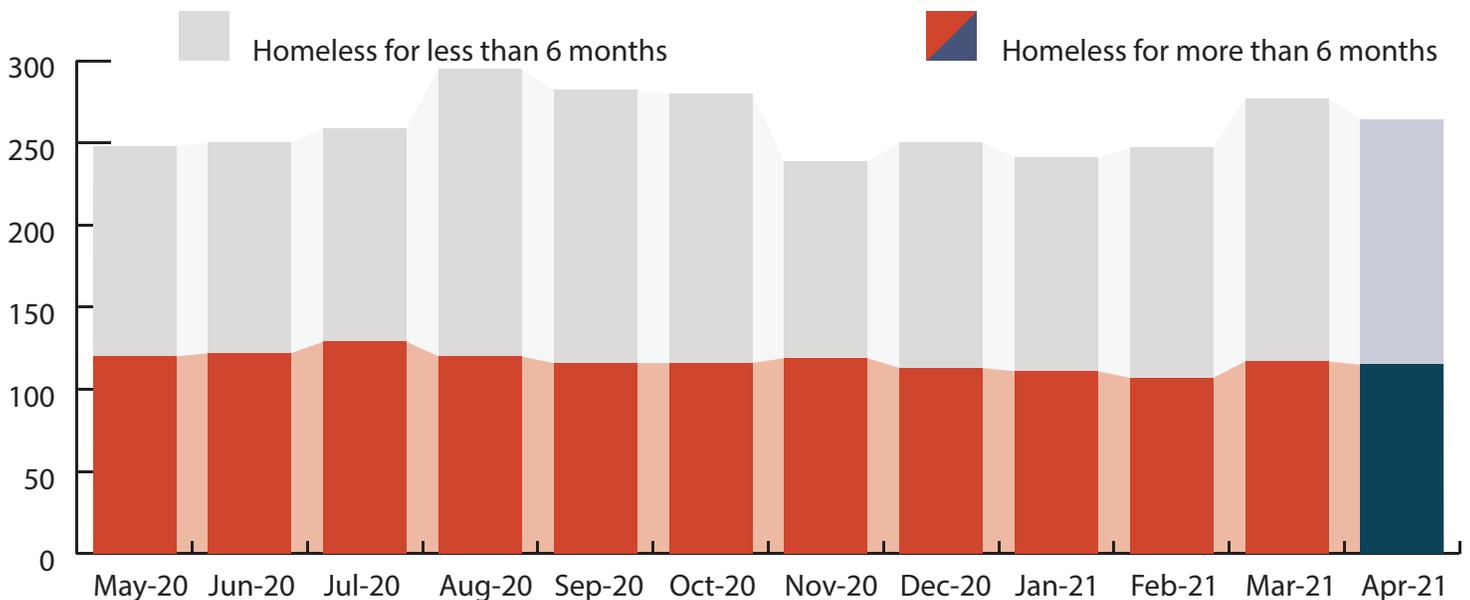
NOTES ABOUT HOMELESSNESS IN 2021

2021 will continue to be a challenging year for the homelessness system, especially with a difficult housing market and the ripple effects of COVID-19. However, we are committed to ending chronic homelessness, whatever it takes.

In the first quarter of 2021 we encountered 152 unique individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. This is 25% fewer individuals than in the first quarter of 2020.

So far in 2021, there have been 96 shifts from homelessness to housing (39% of these shifts were from chronic homelessness).

THE LAST 12 MONTHS OF HOMELESSNESS IN PETERBOROUGH CITY AND COUNTY



Did you see our social media campaign in the fall 2020? We published 6 fact sheets that discuss key topics related to housing and homelessness.

Visit www.peterborough.ca/roadtozero to learn more!