

# Built For Zero Report Card

## FEBRUARY 2022

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**Built for Zero Peterborough** (BFZ-Ptbo) is a group of local organizations committed to ending chronic homelessness by December 31st, 2025. We have been a part of the Built for Zero Canada national change movement since its launch in 2019. Each month we will share local statistics on homelessness in our community.

At least

# 300

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

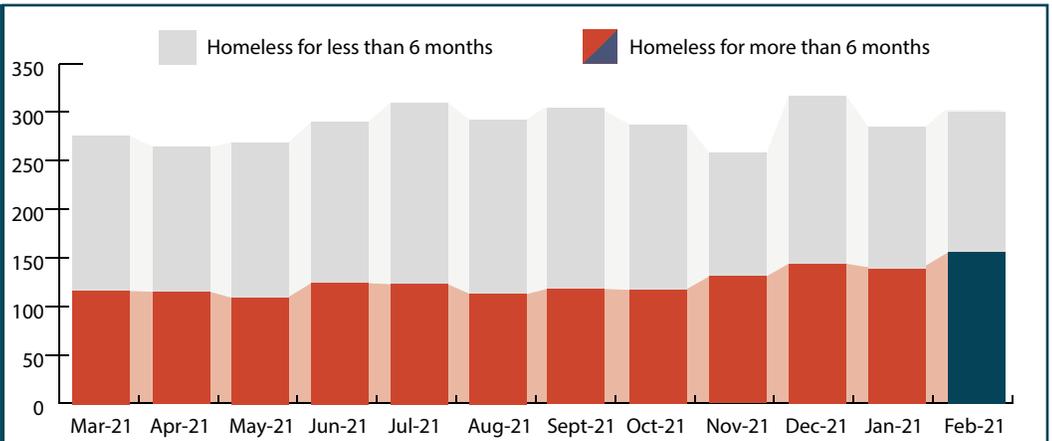
Of those,

# 156

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

**In February, there were 17 more people experiencing chronic homelessness than in January.**

## SCALE OF HOMELESSNESS OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS



## SHIFTS FROM HOMELESSNESS TO HOUSING

In February, **24** people moved from homelessness into housing.

**29%** of them had experienced chronic homelessness.

IN 2021

**251** shifts from homelessness to housing happened.

People who move into housing may have found somewhere to rent, returned to their previous housing, entered long term care, or decided to live with family or friends.

**35%** of these shifts were from chronic homelessness.

## MONTHLY MYTH BUSTER

### MYTH: People Choose to Be Homeless

Many factors contribute to people experiencing homelessness, including economic & social issues, failures in systems of care, and individual factors. This can be anything from family breakdown to affordable housing or inadequate supports when discharging from corrections.



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# EMERGENCY SHELTER STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 2022

**Average Shelter  
System Occupancy:**

**92%**

**Unique Individuals  
Sheltered this month:**

**172**

**Average People  
Sheltered per Night:**

**84**

For more information on emergency shelter options in the city visit our Emergency Shelter webpage.

## UNDERSTANDING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

Each month BFZ-Ptbo will share details about the number of people experiencing homelessness in our community. 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.

**Inflow** – People Added to our Chronic Homelessness Number

**Outflow** – People Removed from our Chronic Homelessness Number



**21**

**People became  
chronically  
homeless.**

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

**17**

**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.

**2**

**People  
lost their  
housing.**

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

**7**

**People  
moved into  
housing.**

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

**16**

**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.

Want to learn more? Visit [www.peterborough.ca/roadtozero](http://www.peterborough.ca/roadtozero) to find fact sheets about homelessness and past reports.