



Built For Zero Report Card

JANUARY 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.

This is the first of monthly updates from **BFZ-Ptbo** that 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

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

In January, there were 2 fewer people experiencing chronic homelessness than in December.

At least

241

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

Of those

111

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

WHAT HAS CHANGED

Inflow – People Added to our Chronic Homelessness Number

14

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

15

People moved into housing.

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

17

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 JANUARY:

17

people lost touch with our system.

This suggests there is an opportunity to stay better connected with people experiencing homelessness in our community.

14

people became chronically homeless.

This is an opportunity to study why they were not able to resolve their homelessness sooner.

NOTES ABOUT HOMELESSNESS THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS

In February and November we made efforts to improve our data by conducting a review of all information we had. This resulted in changes and improved data that is more up-to-date. COVID-19 restrictions were put in place in our shelter system in March 2020 that decreased shelter capacity.

The total number of people experiencing homelessness was 22% less in December 2020 than it was in January 2020.

In 2020, there were 450 shifts from homelessness to housing (38% of these shifts were from chronic homelessness).

THE LAST YEAR OF HOMELESSNESS IN PETERBOROUGH CITY AND COUNTY

