



Built For Zero Report Card

JANUARY 2022

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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

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

In January, there were 5 fewer people experiencing chronic homelessness than in December 2021.

At least

285

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

Of those,

139

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

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.

4

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

10

People moved into housing.

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

24

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:

11
people got back in touch.

There are many reasons why we may lose touch with people. In January a high number of people returned to our system - this is an opportunity for us to see why we lost touch in the first place and prevent it from happening in the future.

14
people became chronically homeless.

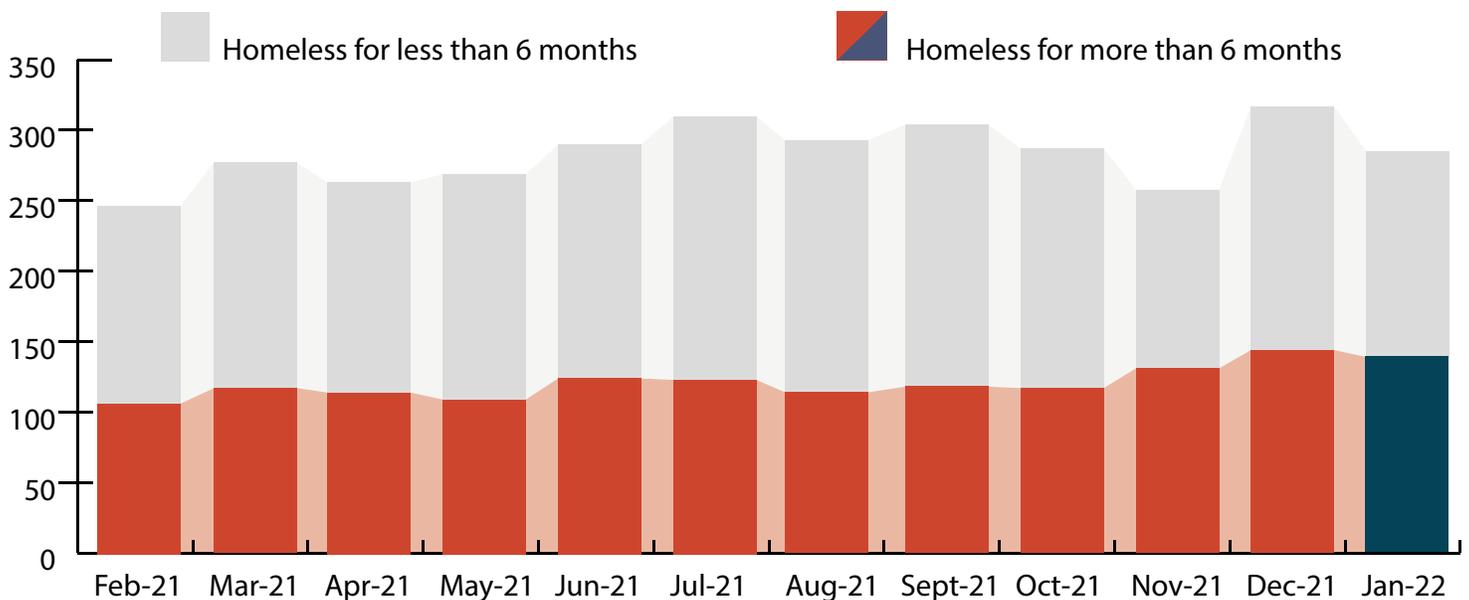
Many people who became chronically homeless in January were already known to our system. This identifies a need to think upstream when designing solutions to chronic homelessness.

NOTES ABOUT HOMELESSNESS IN 2021

The year 2021 challenged us, with COVID-19 shelter restrictions, and precarious housing market. We will continue to work towards our goal of ending chronic homelessness, whatever that takes.

In 2021 there were 262 shifts from homelessness to housing.
34% 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? We published 6 fact sheets discussing key topics related to housing and homelessness.

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