



Built For Zero Report Card

MARCH 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

277

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

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

In March, there were 10 more people experiencing chronic homelessness than in February.

Of those,

117

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

11

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

10

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.

3

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

3

People moved into housing.

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

11

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 MARCH:

11

people became chronically homeless. **64% of these people were not new to the system.**

This is an opportunity to ask “what are we doing that could be decreasing the length of time people are homeless?”

3

people moved into housing. **This number is lower than usual.**

It provides us the opportunity to ask “how can we maximize housing opportunities for clients in a challenging housing market?”

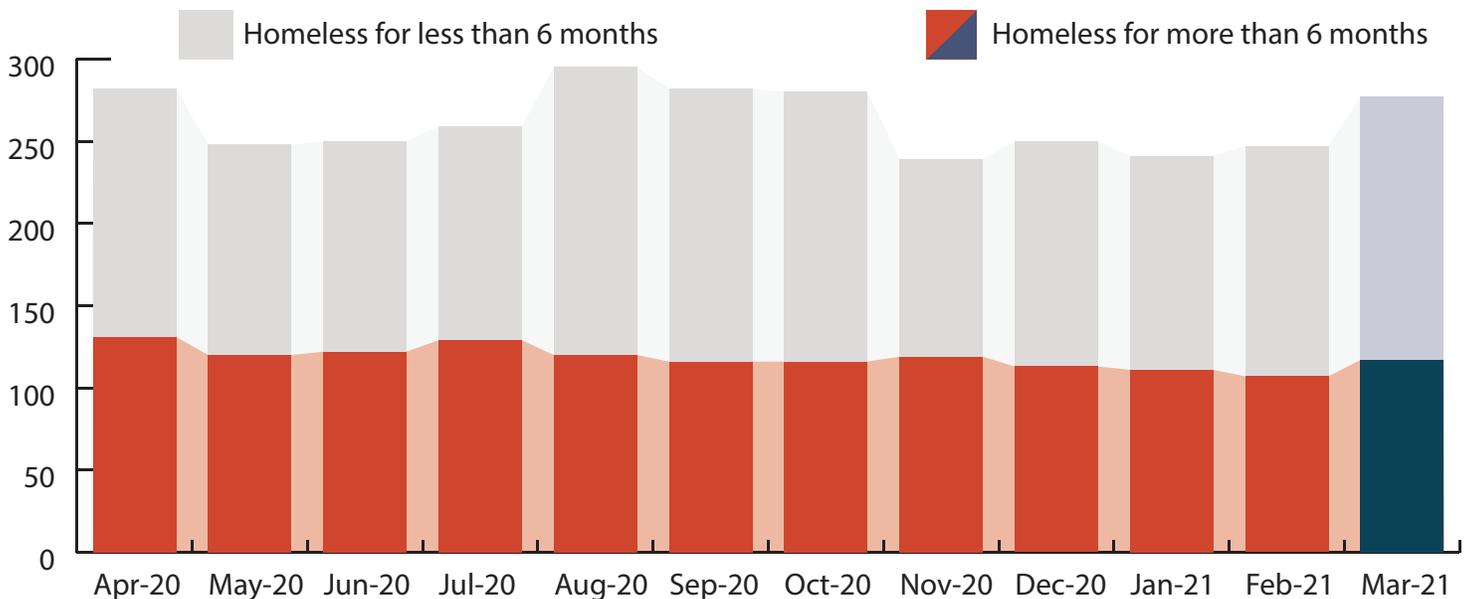
NOTES ABOUT HOMELESSNESS IN 2020

In February and November 2020, we made efforts to improve our data by conducting a review of all information. 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 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!