

# Housing Spectrum



## Unsheltered

Lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; sleeping in a public or private place not ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (e.g., tent, car).



## Emergency Shelter

A facility with the primary purpose of providing temporary or transitional shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless.



## Transitional Housing

Housing that facilitates movement of the homeless, including those with mental or physical disabilities, to permanent housing within a reasonable amount of time (usually 24 months).



## Permanent Supportive Housing

Permanent housing with indefinite rental assistance paired with supportive services to assist homeless persons with a disability or families with a member with a disability achieve housing stability.



## Subsidized Rental Housing

Economic assistance for low- and moderate-income households aimed toward alleviating housing costs; provided in conjunction with state and local housing agencies (e.g., Section 8).



## Permanent Housing

Community-based housing without a designated length of stay in which formerly homeless individuals and families that do not require supportive services live as independently as possible.



## Affordable/ Workforce Housing

Rental and home ownership in the private real estate market, for which the occupant is paying no more than 30% of his income for gross housing costs, including utilities.