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# **HOMeward ADAMS**

*homelessness reduction strategic framework*

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## *adams county* **MISSION**

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*To responsibly serve the Adams County community with integrity and innovation.*

## **VISION**

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*Adams County is the most innovative and inclusive county in America for all families and businesses.*



# COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELL-BEING (CSWB)

*mission, pillars & principles*



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# THE OVERVIEW

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Various efforts have been made over the years to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness. Over five years ago, Adams County Coalition for the Homeless (ACCH) was formed to build a network of partners and service providers. Since, ACCH has been dissolved and replaced with a variety of more focused taskforces including but not limited to the Eviction Prevention Committee, Adams County Street Outreach Network, Built for Zero Homelessness Coordination Team, and the Regional Alignment on Homelessness.

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This strategic framework provides a roadmap for how the county will support, guide, and unite efforts to improve systems, elevate people, and strengthen neighborhoods.

The implementation of this plan will be overseen by the CSWB Poverty Reduction Unit.



# **RACIAL EQUITY STATEMENT**

Racism is inexplicably tied to poverty and homelessness.

We acknowledge we are living and operating on stolen land. The land that Adams County sits on was stolen from the Očhéthi Šakówin, Núu-agma-tuvu-pu (Ute), Cheyenne, Arapaho, Ndé Kónitsaaí Gokíyaa (Lipan Apache), and other indigenous peoples. Like the Native peoples who were displaced from the land that is now Adams County, our residents continue to be displaced.

Racist policies like redlining have had a tremendous impact on people of color across America as well as Adams County. Redlining has prevented residents of color from building multigenerational wealth through property ownership. Without liquid assets, many people of color fall into homelessness when an unexpected crisis occurs. Further, historical neighborhoods of color in Denver like Five Points, Globeville, and Elyria Swansea are gentrifying, resulting in residents moving to Adams County yet not being able to keep up with the rising cost of living. The displacement pipeline has transformed Adams County into the largest majority-minority county in Colorado and has contributed to Black, Native, and Latinx residents disproportionately experiencing homelessness in our community.

CSWB commits to using a racial equity lens to end homelessness. We are dedicated to leading with intentionality and accountability to make a collective impact. We must embrace difficult conversations to strengthen our understanding of how racism impacts Adams County residents. It is our responsibility to uphold Adams County's goal of being the most innovative and inclusive county in America for all families and businesses. We will strive to provide tailored and culturally competent services for all residents, especially those who are historically underserved. As racial injustices are deeply rooted in systems and policies created by government, we must also be among the first to dismantle it.

# STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

*With basic information using data from the Point-in-time count in Adams County, the 2022 goal of this document is to provide high-level strategic areas of focus to bolster the needs of residents experiencing homelessness.*



There are three focus areas to allow for services to be rendered to support efforts along a continuum of needs:



## **HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION**

We recognize there is not enough housing. To prevent homelessness, we strive to maintain our residents in their current housing situation. We acknowledge preventing homelessness from happening is not only cost effective but also keeps families and individuals from entering the cycle of homelessness. Many families are one paycheck away from losing their homes, and our primary goal is to keep people in their homes.



## **HOMELESSNESS SERVICES**

We must meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness. We diminish barriers to services by meeting people where they are. We value the importance of identifying what the needs and data show to drive our efforts, policies, and programs.



## **STRENGTHEN THE HOUSING CONTINUUM**

We recognize it is imperative to create more affordable and attainable housing for people in the lower range of socioeconomic status. There is a drastic increase in the cost of housing, yet wages have remained stagnant. We recognize the utility in having a range of housing options throughout the housing continuum to meet the diverse needs of residents.

*To achieve our goals, it is crucial to work locally, regionally, and nationally with partners, align our efforts, and find funding necessary to support these efforts.*



# POVERTY IN ADAMS COUNTY

Having established information about those who are experiencing homelessness in Adams County, this section will provide an overview of what poverty looks like in the county.

## RESIDENT CHARACTERISTICS\*

*\*Omni needs assessment.*

**519,572**

**ADAMS COUNTY RESIDENTS** (approx.)

**9.9%**

**LIVING IN POVERTY**

(more than 47,000 residents, pre-COVID-19)

**42%**

**LATINX**

**12%**

**CHILDREN  
UNDER 18**

**29%**

**HAVE LESS THAN  
A HIGH SCHOOL  
EDUCATION**

**32%**

**UNEMPLOYED  
OR UNABLE  
TO WORK**

**28%**

**SPEAK A  
LANGUAGE OTHER  
THAN ENGLISH  
AT HOME**





## WAGE CONSIDERATIONS

As housing costs increase, the minimum wage in Adams County has not kept pace. Adams County's minimum wage at \$12.56 is more than \$8 lower than the living wage at \$20.61 (MIT 2022). A resident would need to make over \$60,000 per year to comfortably live in the average one-bedroom home. The average single parent would need to make over \$72,000 to comfortably live in the average two-bedroom apartment. Over half of Adams County's residents are housing-cost burdened or paying more than 30% of their income on housing.

**~50%**

**ADAMS COUNTY  
RESIDENTS DO NOT  
MEET THE STANDARD  
COST OF LIVING**

### **AVERAGE APARTMENT COST**

**\$1,692**

**1 BEDROOM**

**\$2,011**

**2 BEDROOM**

**\$20.61**

**SELF-SUFFICIENCY  
STANDARD**

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**\$12.56**

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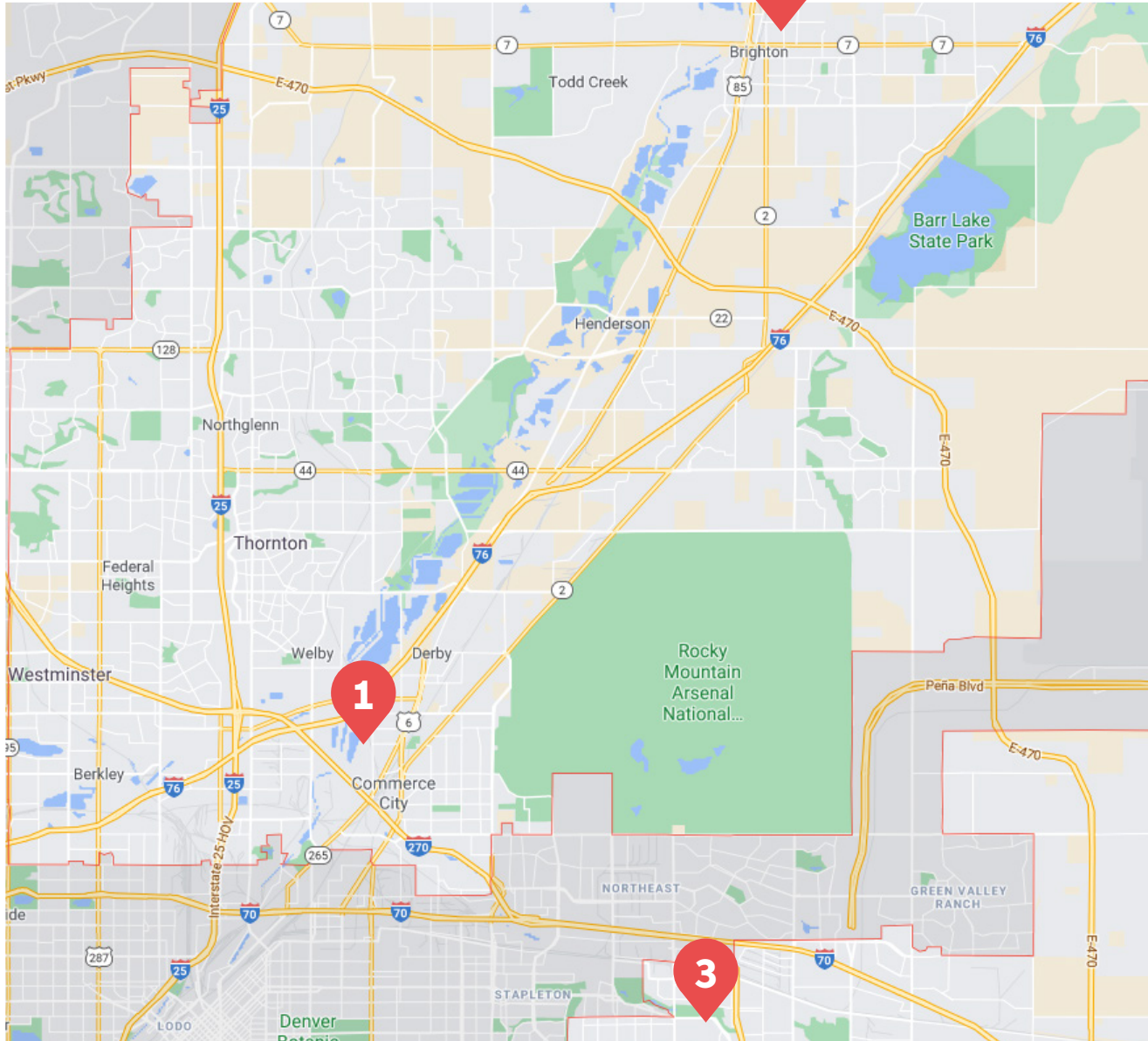
**ADAMS COUNTY  
MINIMUM WAGE**

**\$8.05**

**LOWER THAN THE  
LIVING WAGE**

Data Source: RentCafe 2022

## SHELTER AVAILABILITY



**1. ACCESS HOUSING 2. ALMOST HOME 3. COMITIS CRISIS CENTER**

The above map shows the composition of shelter and housing interventions in Adams County. The majority of services are concentrated in northern Aurora. Major gaps in shelter and housing include transitional housing and shelter beds for single adults, unaccompanied youth, adult couples without children, and people with pets. Adams County does not have permanent supportive housing for the general population, only veterans and residents in re-entry. More generalized permanent supportive housing is needed for high-needs people experiencing homelessness.

# FOCUS AREA GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

*The following provides an outline of efforts to address homelessness in the county through three focus areas:*



HOMELESSNESS  
PREVENTION



HOMELESSNESS  
SERVICES



STRENGTHEN  
THE HOUSING  
CONTINUUM

## OVERARCHING BENCHMARKS

**BENCHMARK 1:** Cut unsheltered homelessness in half from 800 to 400. (May 2025).

**BENCHMARK 2:** Functionally end unsheltered homelessness by making it rare, brief, and one time. (2030)

**BENCHMARK 3:** Functionally end **all** literal homelessness by making it rare, brief, and on time. (2033)



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## goals



### INCREASE PROTECTIONS FOR THOSE LIVING IN MOBILE HOME PARKS

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Create a mobile home park committee to improve conditions for park residents. *(April 2023)*

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Create a strategy with municipalities in Adams County to align on mobile home park. *(March 2024)*

**OBJECTIVE 3:** Prevent as least 50 mobile home park evictions or foreclosures in Adams County per year *(Dec. 2024)*



### INCREASE INVESTMENT IN SHORT-TERM FINANCIAL AND UPSTREAM SERVICES

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Keep residents housed by supporting existing entities offering one-time homelessness prevention assistance. *(June 2025)*

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Provide financial assistance to households to help them move to lower cost housing options. *(June 2015)*

**OBJECTIVE 3:** Provide financial and other support to community members to acquire an asset and build multi-generational wealth. *(Sept. 2024)*



### INCREASE EVICTION PREVENTION RESOURCE INFORMATION

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Launch eviction prevention automated text message coaching. *(May 2023)*

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Ensure all Forcible Entry and Detainer (FED) packets that are distributed through the Justice Center have an eviction resource guide as their front page. *(April 2023)*

**OBJECTIVE 3:** Increase the offering of moving expense assistance funds. *(Jan. 2024)*



# HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

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## goals



### EXPAND LEGAL AID ASSISTANCE

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Track usage of legal aid assistance in Adams County. *(On-going)*

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Maintain and intensify offerings of legal aid assistance. *(Aug. 2024)*

**OBJECTIVE 3:** Expand tenant-landlord mediation from less than ten session per year to 50. *(Jan. 2024)*



### INVOLVE HOUSING MANAGERS AND STAKEHOLDERS IN REDUCING POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Increase renting options to those with rental barriers by offering landlords sign-on incentives. *(Aug. 2023)*

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Establish housing stability program that works directly with housing managers. *(April 2023)*

**OBJECTIVE 3:** Create an opt-in landlord newsletter. *(July 2023)*



### REFINE POLICIES IMPACTING PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Identify portions of county and municipal code that disproportionately impact people experiencing homelessness. *(July 2023)*

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Align internal partners at bi-annual county-attorney-led meetings around solutions-focused homelessness response policies. *(June 2023)*

# HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

We want to meet and exceed the needs of people experiencing homelessness, provide services, and diminish barriers to those services. We value the importance of identifying the needs and data to drive our efforts, policies, and programs.



For a more detailed view of the Homelessness Services goal area, hover your phone camera over the QR code to see the Regional Street Outreach Framework published in April 2023.

## goals



### INCREASE OUTREACH EFFORTS

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Publish a Street Outreach Strategic Framework and Street Outreach Manual in alignment with Homeward Adams. *(April 2023)*

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Install three smart benches to improve internet and charging capabilities. *(Feb. 2023)*

**OBJECTIVE 3:** Expand existing co-responder programs to support park rangers. *(June 2023)*

**OBJECTIVE 4:** Fill in the programmatic gaps for low- and no-cost pet care and automotive repair *(May 2024)*

**OBJECTIVE 5:** Reduce the caseloads of Navigators to 40 households or less. *(Dec. 2024)*



### INCREASE MOBILE EFFORTS

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Launch mobile mental and other health services to meet people experiencing homelessness where they are. *(June 2023).*

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Increase access to mobile showers and laundry to three sites in Adams County if usage supports this. *(May 2023).*

**OBJECTIVE 3:** Increase Lyft ride dispatchers from 115 to 150. *(April 2023).*



### ESTABLISH LOW-TO-NO BARRIER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Establish a workforce housing program. *(Jan. 2024)*

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Connect more workforce housing program participants to homeless services host sites to provide a lived experience perspective. *(Sept. 2024)*

**OBJECTIVE 3:** Establish case conferencing for people in unincorporated Adams County who are unemployed and want to work. *(Sept. 2023)*



### ESTABLISH DAY SHELTER SERVICES

**OBJECTIVE 1:** “Expand housing navigation services to at least one additional site beyond Brighton and Westminster. *(Aug. 2025)*

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Create a structured program for the temporary storage of mail, vital records, and sentimental items. *(April 2023)*



# STRENGTHEN THE HOUSING CONTINUUM

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## goals



### BUILD MOMENTUM THROUGH DECISION MAKERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Collect data-sharing agreement from at least six municipalities and nonprofits and create a document of recommendations guided by the data. *(March 2023)*

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Hire consultant to convene a public-private partnership to align on homelessness reduction investments. *(February 2024)*

**OBJECTIVE 3:** Collaboratively create a faith-based and business community involvement plan to bring key players into the movement to end homelessness. *(June 2023)*

**OBJECTIVE 3:** Build a county where each municipalities offers at least one shelter or affordable housing program regionally. *(Jan. 2026)*



### IDENTIFY PLAN TO INCREASE ALTERNATIVE HOUSING

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Update the definition of family in Adams County code to allow for affordable housing cooperatives under certain conditions. *(June 2024)*

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Identify underutilized land and properties for alternative housing interventions. *(Nov. 202)*

**OBJECTIVE 3:** Increase safe parking lots from one to three. *(Jan. 2024)*

**OBJECTIVE 4:** Establish two tiny home villages for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. *(July 2024)*



### INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Create at least 50 permanent supportive housing beds for people experiencing chronic homelessness who are high-cost utilizers of emergency, medical, and justice systems. *(June 2025)*

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Work with Community & Economic Development to create policies and projects to develop permanently affordable housing. *(June 2024).*

**OBJECTIVE 3:** Garner funds for sign-on bonuses for landlords that accept housing voucher recipients or people experiencing homelessness. This will streamline the creation of scattered-site permanent supportive housing. *(Oct. 2023)*

**OBJECTIVE 4:** Provide pathways to exit homelessness by supporting existing entities offering rental deposit assistance. *(June 2025).*



### EXPAND AND IMPROVE SHELTER OPTIONS

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Increase supportive and wraparound services for Severe Weather Activation Program participants through launching the Resident Assistant Program. *(Nov. 2023)*

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Establish transitional housing for single adults without children. *(June 2024)*

**OBJECTIVE 3:** Increase the number of emergency shelter, transitional housing, and supportive housing beds by 100 with the 2022 Point-in-Time count as a baseline. *(May 2024)*

**OBJECTIVE 4:** Eliminate the shelter bed deficit from 570 beds to zero. *(Jan. 2030)*



# PRIORITY POPULATIONS

## goals



### VETERANS

*Residents who served our country should not be homeless.*

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Increase the number of housing vouchers and beds available to veterans experiencing homelessness who are not fully eligible for Veterans Affairs housing assistance. *(Oct. 2024)*

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Reach certifiable functional zero for veteran homelessness by reducing the Built-for-Zero by-name list of veterans experiencing homelessness from 38 to zero. *(Dec. 2023)*



### UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH

*Early intervention is crucial to reduce the lifelong consequences of trauma and incomplete education.*

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Increase the number of host homes available for youth who are experiencing housing instability while finishing their K-12 education. *(Jan. 2025)*

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Increase the availability of Family Unification Program (FUP) and Foster Youth Independence (FYI) vouchers for unaccompanied youth. *(Dec. 2023)*

**OBJECTIVE 3:** Establish youth-specific shelter and transitional housing options in Adams County. *(March 2024)*



### SENIORS & PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

*Residents who cannot work should not be destined to experience extreme poverty.*

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Increase the accessibility of Social Security Insurance (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) application assistance via partnerships with disability-specific community partners. *(Jan. 2024)*

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Host at least three no-cost mental health and disability-specific trainings for homeless services providers to improve the quality of our services for this population. *(June 2023)*

**OBJECTIVE 3:** Increase the number of housing vouchers and assisted living beds available to people who are elderly or disabled who cannot work. *(April 2023)*



### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS

*The breakdown of social support systems causes tremendous vulnerability for our residents—appropriate, safe interventions are essential.*

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Increase availability of beds for people fleeing domestic violence. *(Jan. 2024)*

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Increase our services for domestic violence survivors so the top factor contributing to homelessness per Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is no longer “Abuse and Violence in My Home”—an anomaly in the Denver Metro Area. *(June 2023)*





# HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

## *progress*



### INCREASE PROTECTIONS FOR THOSE LIVING IN MOBILE HOME PARKS AND EXTENDED STAY MOTELS

**2021 VERSION OBJECTIVE:** Create a strategy with municipalities in Adams County to align on mobile home park and extended stay motel regulations.

**ACCOMPLISHMENT:** In partnership with the Colorado Poverty Law Project (CPLP), we created a white paper details how local governments can help protect the affordability of mobile home parks. This white paper can be used as a model in other communities across the nation



### INCREASE INVESTMENT IN ONE-TIME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**2021 VERSION OBJECTIVE 1:** Keep residents housed by supporting existing entities offering one-time homelessness prevention assistance.

**ACCOMPLISHMENT:** The Community & Economic Development (CED), Housing Policy & Community Investments team in partnership with local housing authorities and the COVID-19 Eviction Defense Fund have allocated an incredible \$19,756,378.53 to 2,105 households that fell behind on rent during the pandemic.



### ADDITIONAL HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Adams County's Eviction Prevention Subcommittee collaboratively designed a Resource Guide for People Facing an Eviction that is now the front page of all Forceable Entry and Detainer packets (Eviction Notice).

CSWB was awarded an additional \$3,000 from the Emergency Solutions Grant which was stretched to help 14 residents avoid homelessness who were not eligible for other rental assistance.



# HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

## *progress*



### INCREASE OUTREACH EFFORTS

**2021 VERSION OBJECTIVE 1:** Across the county, outreach workers will track their service connection types and report on the top needs of this population.

**ACCOMPLISHMENT:** As of 2021, all municipal outreach staff are tracking interactions in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). CSWB receives monthly reports from the Metropolitan Denver Homelessness Initiative (MDHI) on the Top Factors Contributing to Homelessness.

**2021 VERSION OBJECTIVE 2:** Across Adams County, record 60 interactions per month in HMIS with people experiencing homelessness.

**ACCOMPLISHMENT:** Across Adams County, homeless services providers are logging hundreds of interactions with people experiencing homelessness in HMIS per month.



### ADDITIONAL HOMELESSNESS SERVICES ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In early 2021, CSWB launched the Lyft Concierge account and dispatched 2,396 rides to 1,185 unique people experiencing housing instability to get to services such as mental health appointments, public benefits interviews, and apartment complexes to apply for housing.

CSWB manages a “Give and Take” Central Storage Unit where all street outreach workers can share lifesaving street outreach gear.

McKinney-Vento (homelessness associated with the public school system). has significantly decreased in the last few years. There were 3,992 individuals experiencing homelessness connected to the K-12 school system in 2019-2020 and only 2,202 in 2020-2021.

In 2022, we were the first county in the seven-county metro area to achieve full geographic street outreach coverage—meaning that all people experiencing unsheltered homelessness have a designated point-of-contact in their community.



# STRENGTHEN THE HOUSING CONTINUUM

## *progress*



### EXPAND HOUSING CONTINUUM EFFORTS

**2020 VERSION OBJECTIVE 1:** Identify housing continuum gaps in Adams County.

**ACCOMPLISHMENT:** In early 2022, we combined PIT sheltered count data with programmatic data to understand the number of beds in various types of housing/shelter versus the demand for each type of housing/shelter.

**2020 VERSION OBJECTIVE 2:** Identify funding to close continuum gaps.

**ACCOMPLISHMENT:** Adams County’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV), HOME, HOME APR, Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV), Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus Funding (ESG-CV), municipal general funds, and various funding streams on the state level could potentially fund housing/shelter projects along the continuum. In 2021, CSWB convened a Municipal Homelessness and Housing Workgroup to align city managers on evidence-based interventions and appropriate funding.



### EXPAND INTERIM SHELTER OPTIONS

**2020 VERSION OBJECTIVE 1:** Increase usage of motel vouchers to 140 per month.

**ACCOMPLISHMENT:** In 2022-2023 cold weather season, we increased usage of SWAP motel vouchers to about up to 400 vouchers per day.

**2020 VERSION OBJECTIVE 1:** Present to Adams County leadership on safe parking and safe outdoor space initiatives.

**ACCOMPLISHMENT:** In 2021, CSWB and CED presented to the Board of County Commissioners who approved permitting for tiny home villages and safe parking in unincorporated Adams County. In 2022, Adams County launched its first safe parking lot in Commerce City.

**2020 VERSION OBJECTIVE 1:** Continue to support congregate shelters and their ability to transition residents to permanent housing.

**ACCOMPLISHMENT:** In early 2022, opened the Winter Housing Program in Northglenn’s former recreation center to provide shelter and case management to 73 residents. Within six months, 19 were transitioned to permanent housing.



### ADDITIONAL HOUSING CONTINUUM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2022, homeless services providers in Adams County exited 1,386 residents experiencing homelessness from HMIS programs to family reunification or independent, stable housing.

CSWB, in partnership with Maiker Housing Partners and MDHI have prioritized Emergency Housing Vouchers for people fleeing domestic violence or experiencing literal homelessness who are veterans, disabled, or in re-entry and matched 46 to a lifetime housing voucher.

The SWAP has grown into an enormous collaboration between eight hotel partners, six municipalities, and three nonprofits and has averted 10,000 nights of unsheltered homelessness from 2020-2022—undoubtedly saving lives.



## CONCLUSION

Homelessness is a solvable issue. However, it takes focus, collaboration, investment, and commitment to homelessness prevention, homelessness services, and the housing continuum to end it.

It is pivotal that efforts to address homelessness are unified, based on best practices, and informed by data. Guided by this framework, we will focus on making Adams County, and the surrounding region, the most innovative and inclusive community in America.

This framework builds on efforts previously enacted throughout the county and through the work of many partners, stakeholders, and community members. Together, we look forward to creating and living in a community that is committed to upholding wellness and safety for all—including people experiencing homelessness and housing instability.

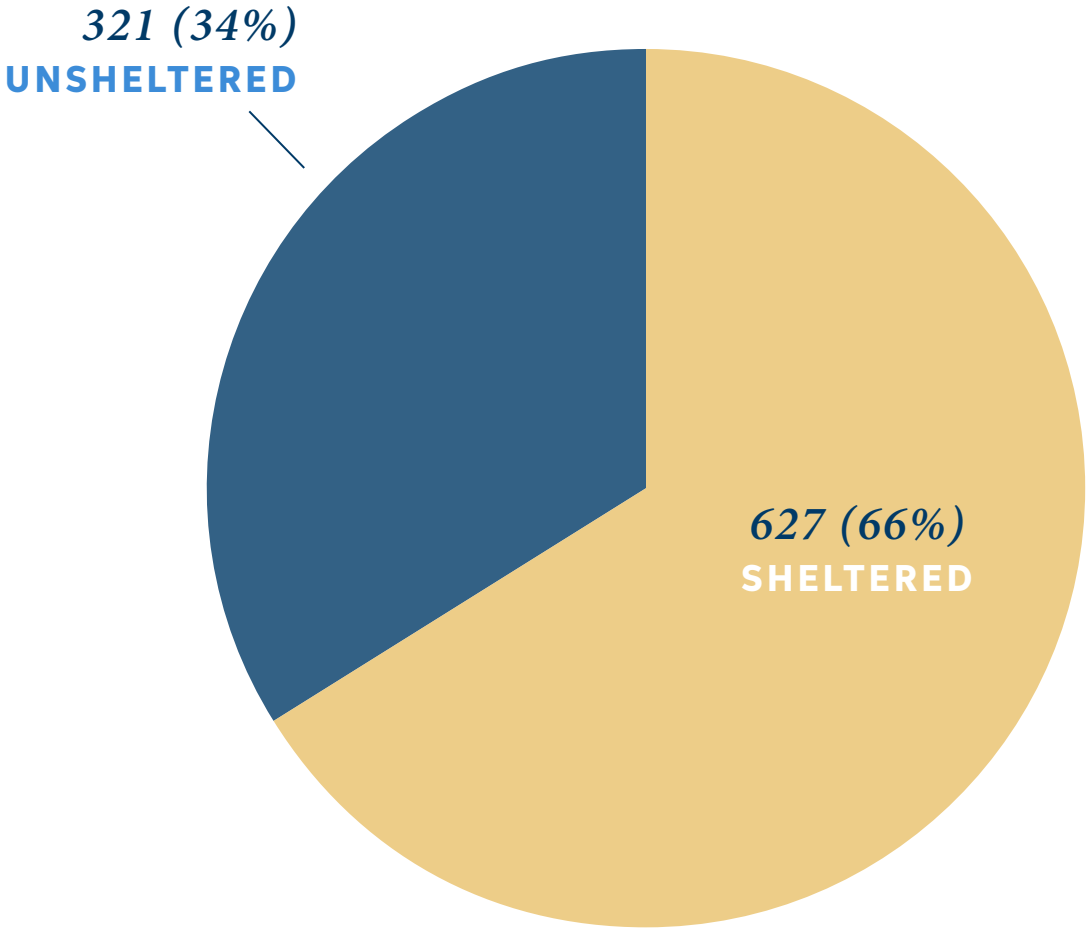


# APPENDIX

Below is a snapshot of what homelessness looks like in Adams County.

## **PIT** *by living situation*

This graphic provides insight into the number of residents who were living in either a sheltered, unsheltered, or transitional housing situation. The PIT count records the number of people experiencing homelessness in a single night each January.



**TOTAL: 948 (100%)**

*NOTE: The above data is from 2023 Point-In-Time Count which is a snapshot of homelessness and a vast undercount of the entire population.*

# **PIT POPULATIONS** *by individual characteristics*

This shows the overall number of Adams County residents based on individual characteristics. The chart below includes the 2023 PIT count.

POPULATION	SHELTERED	UNSHELTERED	TOTAL
Adults Without Children	170	645	815
Families With Children	19	87	106
Unaccompanied Youth	<5	16	27
Chronic Homelessness	171	155	326
First Time Homeless	325	178	503
Developmental Disabling Condition	57	34	91
Traumatic Brain Injury	6	33	39
Physical Disability Condition	179	110	289
Mental Health Concern	194	118	312
Chronic Health Condition	190	84	274
HIV/AIDs	<5	<5	6
Substance Use	99	123	222
Veteran	32	18	50
Fleeing Domestic Violence	107	18	125
LGBTQIA+	<5	24	24

\*Numbers may duplicate depending on circumstance (i.e. an individual may have co-occurring needs).

# PIT POPULATIONS *by race and ethnicity*

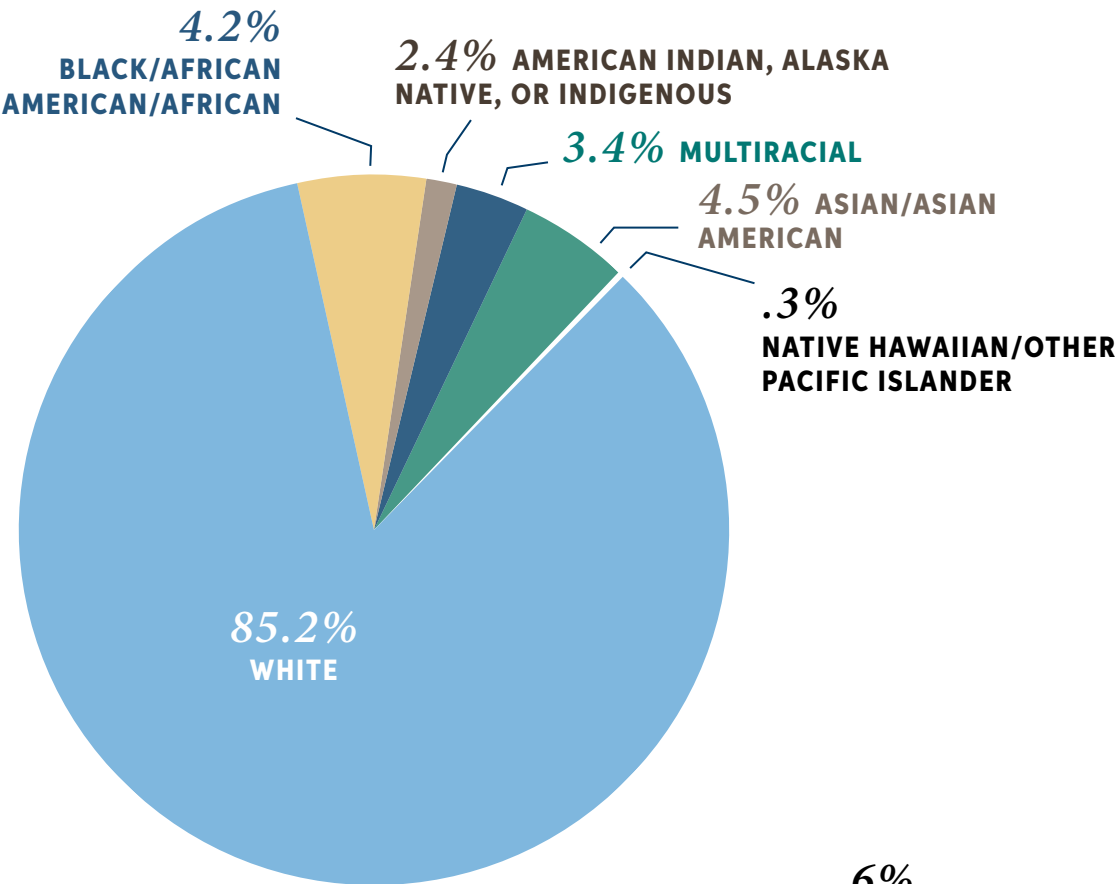
## GENERAL POPULATION NUMBERS

Information is from the U.S. Census.

**41.8%**

**HISPANIC/LATINX**

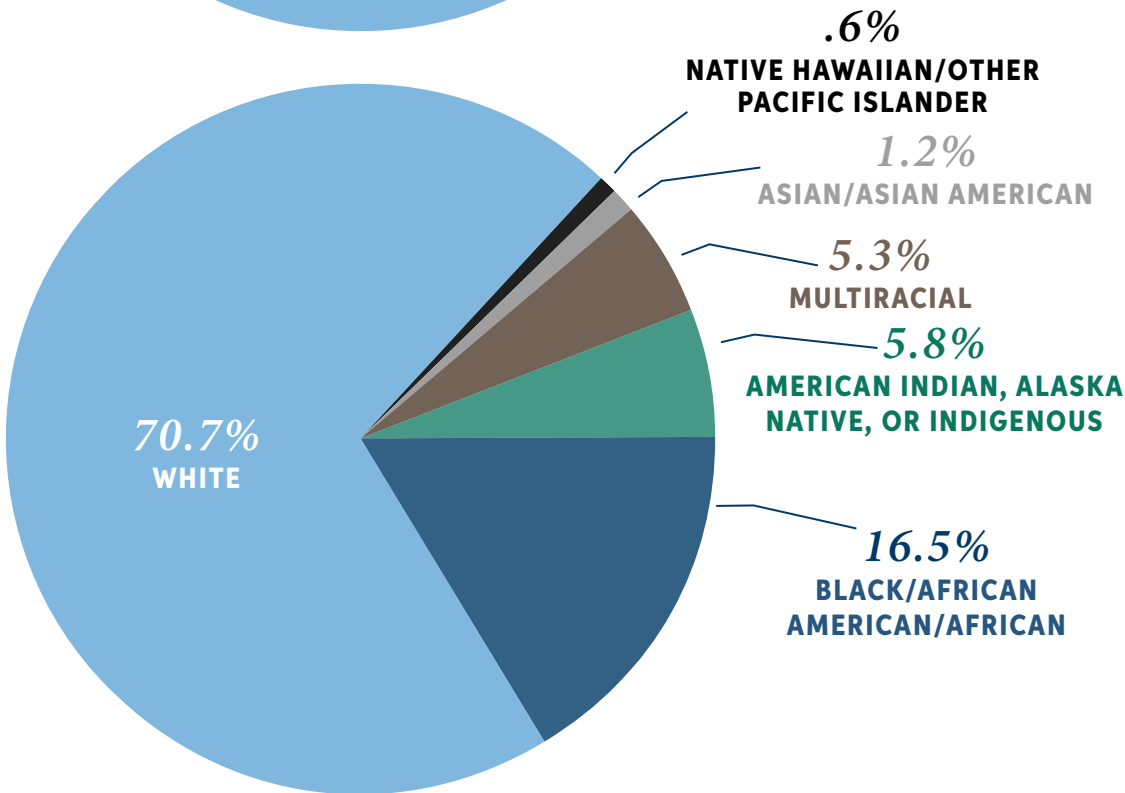
The PIT count records Hispanic/Latinx as an ethnicity, not a race, so Hispanic/Latinx is indicated separate from the pie chart.



## PERCENTAGE IN THE PIT

**27.5%**

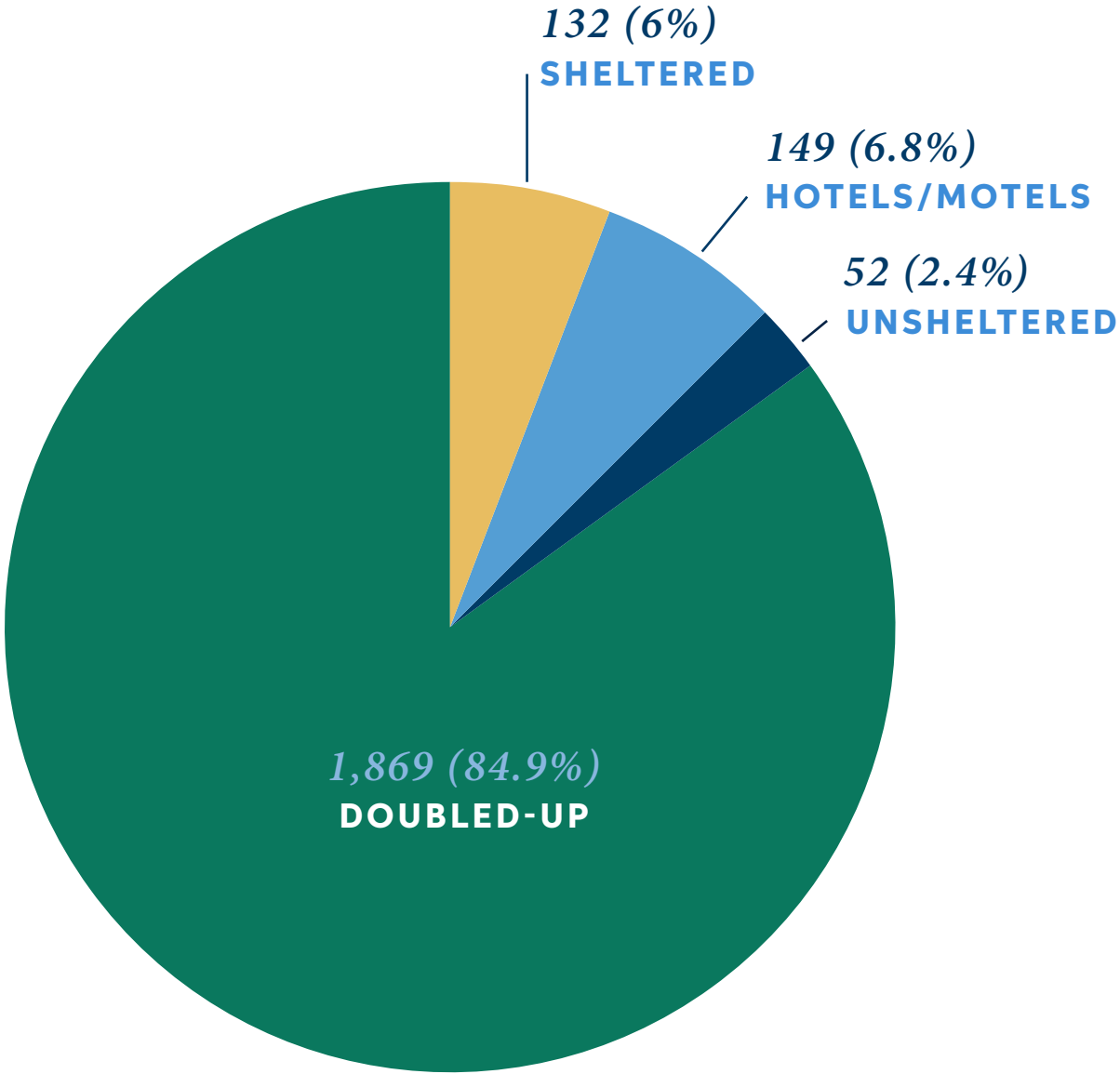
**HISPANIC/LATINX**





# **MCKINNEY-VENTO\*** *by living situation*

McKinney-Vento data is collected by school districts to identify students experiencing homelessness.



**TOTAL: 2,202 (100%)**

*\*Please see the appendix for definitions of each. All data is from the 2020-2021 school year.*

## APPENDIX

**DOUBLED-UP (1):** Doubled-up households are defined as having one or more adults in addition to the head of household and spouse or partner, such as an adult child living at home, two related or unrelated families residing together, or a parent living with an adult child. Although doubling up can help adults avoid severe housing needs, the decision to double up suggests these households are experiencing or at risk to experience vulnerability with their housing. [Click here for more details.](#)

**UNSHELTERED (2):** A person who is residing in a place not meant for human habitation such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, and on streets. [Click here for more details.](#)

**SHELTERED (3):** A person who is living in an emergency shelter, in a transitional shelter, or supportive housing for people who originally came from living on the streets or in an emergency shelter. [Click here for more details.](#)

**LITERAL HOMELESS (1):** One individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning: (i) Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; (ii) Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, and local government programs); or (iii) Is exiting an institution where (s) he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution. [Click here for more details.](#)

**MCKINNEY-VENTO:** Means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals; children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings; children, and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and migratory children. [Click here for more details.](#)

**POINT-IN-TIME COUNT (PIT) AND HOUSING INVENTORY COUNT (HIC):** PIT is a count of unsheltered and sheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. The HIC is a point-in-time inventory of provider programs with a Continuum of Care that provide beds and units dedicated to serve people experiencing homelessness. [Click here for more details.](#)

**PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING:** is defined as decent, safe, affordable, community-based housing that provides tenants with the rights of tenancy and links to intensive supportive services using the Housing First model as well as Harm Reduction and Trauma-informed approaches. [Click here for more details.](#)

## APPENDIX

*(all definitions come from HUD)*

**SAFE OUTDOOR SPACES:** are healthy, secure, staffed, resource and service-rich environments that provide an outdoor, individualized sheltering option for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Safe outdoor spaces generally have durable, extreme weather tents for participants. [Click here for more details.](#)

**TRANSITIONAL HOUSING:** typically involves a temporary residence of up to 24 months with wrap-around services to help people stabilize their lives. [Click here for more details.](#)

**SAFE PARKING:** is for people who are sheltering in vehicles because they're experiencing homelessness, safe parking provides connection to services and safe, legal overnight parking with restroom access. [Click here for more details.](#)

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