

**Together, we will make
homelessness in Fort Collins
rare, short-lived and
non-recurring.**



Homeward 2020 is a collaborative, strategic think-tank guiding implementation of Fort Collins' 10-Year Plan to Make Homelessness Rare, Short-Lived and Non-Recurring by setting priorities, developing alignment and action plans, and suggesting policy. Together, we are making progress by using best practices and building coordinated responses to end homelessness.





We can end homelessness in Fort Collins.

An end to homelessness means

that every community will have

a comprehensive response in place

that ensures homelessness is prevented whenever possible,

or if it can't be prevented,

it is a rare, short-lived, and non-recurring experience.



Making homelessness rare, short-lived and non-recurring in Fort Collins.

- Rare: **Homelessness is mitigated** by access to affordable housing and responsive services in the community.

- Short-lived: System response and re-housing interventions make experiences with homelessness **as least traumatizing and short as possible.**

- Non-recurring: Supportive services **monitor housing retention and stabilization** among those transitioning from homelessness or housing crisis.

Definitions



Together, we will end homelessness.

Ending homelessness takes

political will, leadership, collaboration and coordination

among multiple state and local programs

to align resources for housing and supportive services.



We know how to end homelessness.

Coordinated System Response includes...

- Best Practice: Housing First approach
- Best Practice: Data-informed solutions
- Best Practice: Coordinated Entry into Services



Housing First

Housing First is an approach

that offers permanent, **affordable housing as quickly as possible**

for individuals and families experiencing homelessness

and provides the supportive services and connections to the community-based

supports people need to keep their housing

and avoid returning to homelessness.



Emergency Shelter in the System

Key Shelter Practices enhance the System:
Low barriers to access
Coordinated intake and assessment
Rapid exit, housing-focused services
Trauma informed care
Outreach to those not using services

The solution to homelessness is a housing focus across the system



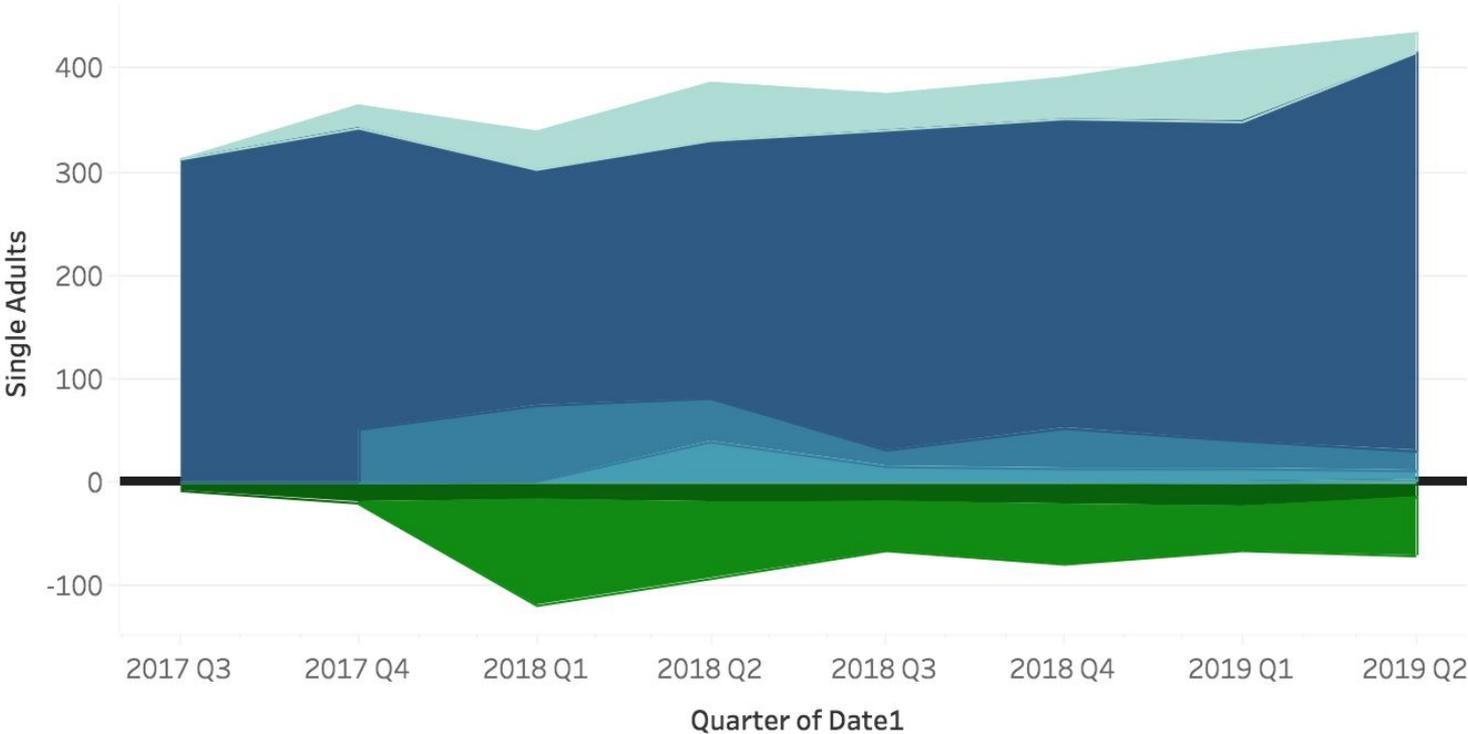
Data-driven

<http://www.homeward2020.org/data-dashboard/>



Housing First Initiative: Long-term Homelessness in Fort Collins

System Cumulatives



Today's Program Totals

Current #	Exit/Housed over 2 years
434	140

Community Target 1:

Exits are always more than new entries.

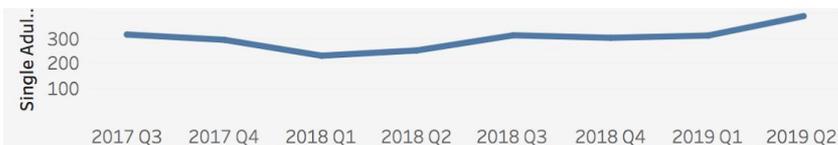
New Entries and Exits/Housed by Quarter



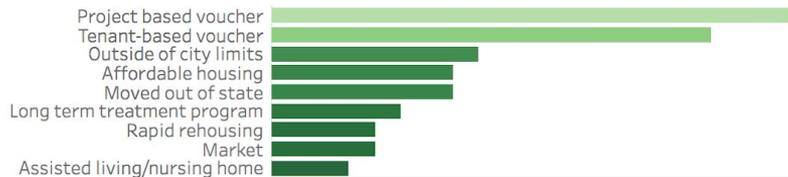
Community Target 2:

The number of people experiencing long-term homelessness goes down.

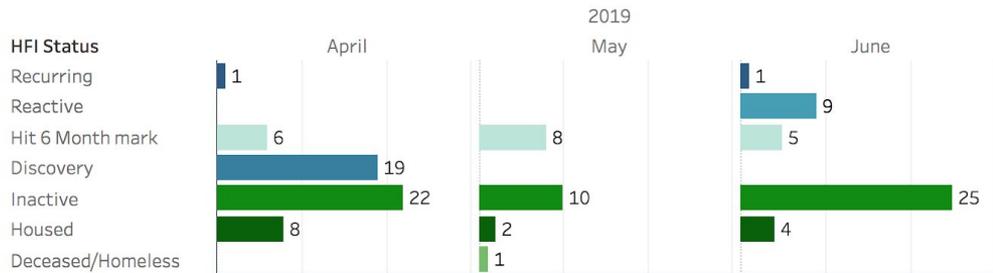
The opposite is happening. The number of people experiencing long-term homelessness, with no status change over multiple quarters, is growing. (The dark blue accumulation you see to the right.)



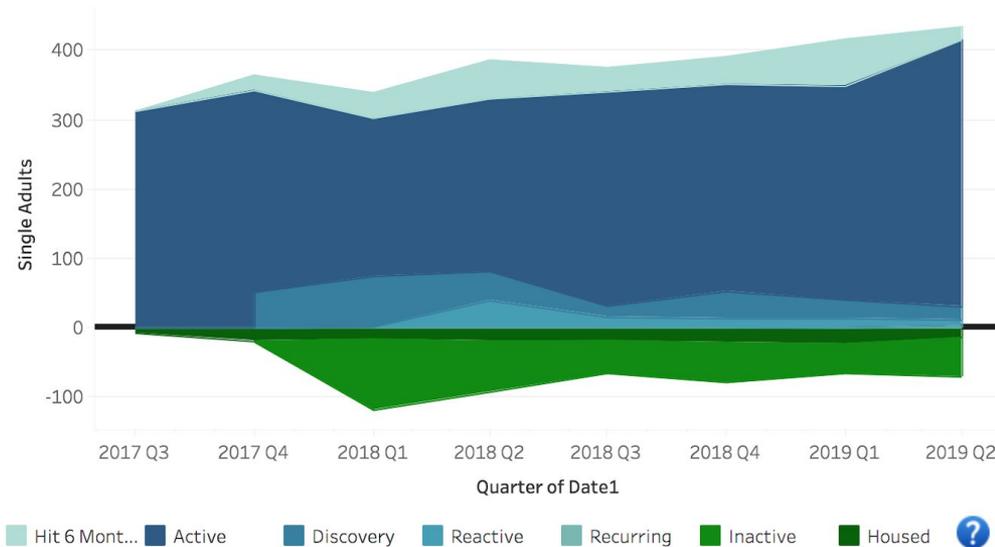
Known Program Housing Exits by Type



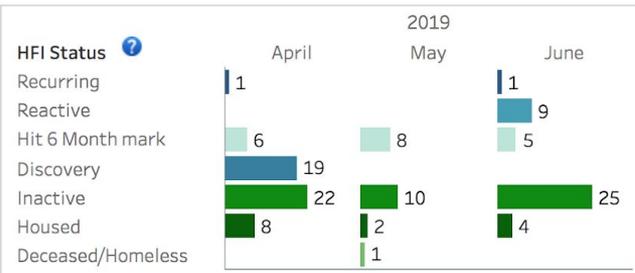
System Flow: Recent Monthly Entries and Exits



System Cumulatives

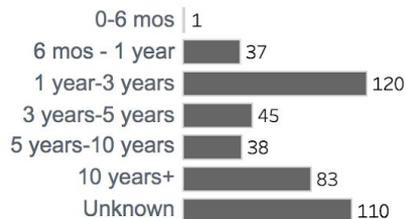


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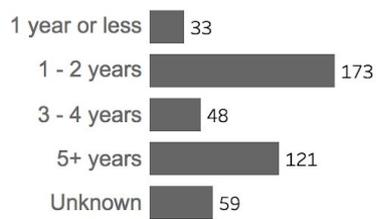


Current Population Demographics

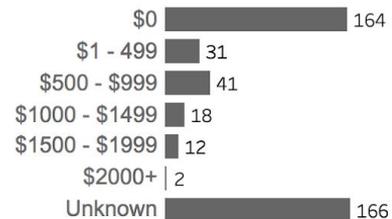
Length of Time Homeless



Length of Time in Fort Collins

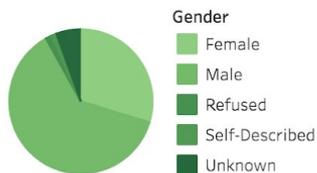


Income Levels at Entry

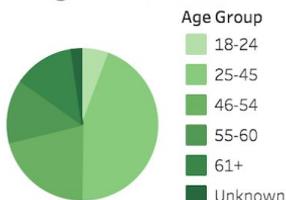


Participant Demographics (Self-Reported)

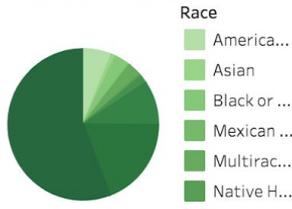
Gender Distribution



Age Distribution



Race Distribution



Medicaid Distribution



Dual Mental Health + Substance Use Concerns Reported



Disability Distribution



Veteran Distribution

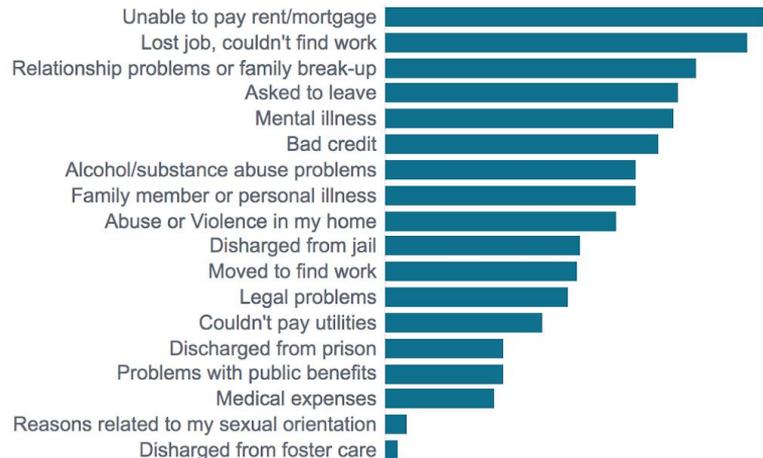


Has Experienced Homelessness Before:

HFI Status (All)

Yes	No	Unknown
170	72	192

Contributing Factors Snapshot (Self-Reported)





**Housing First Initiative:
Long-term
Homelessness in
Fort Collins (June 2019)**

- Current total: **434**
- Total housed (over 2 Years): **140**
- Net change (over 2 years): **+122**

Seniors 61+: **56**

Young Adult 18-24: **25**

- Veterans: **27**
- Women: **129**
- Persons reporting a disability: **184**
- Housing barriers: **164 entering with \$0 income**

Frequent Utilizers: **122**

- **People known to HFI who have died: 10**



Best-practice: Coordinated Entry = Client-centered resources, services and approaches



GAP: Case Management



GAP: Affordable Housing



**Best-practice:
'Niches' =
Specialized resources
and services through
partnerships**

- Veterans
- Families
- Youth and young adults
- Seniors
- Person w/ disabilities
- Mental Health Supports
- Substance Use Disorder treatment
- Women
- Re-Entry
- Frequent Utilizers
- Unsheltered; Outreach to the isolated
- Domestic Violence
- Medical Treatment/Recuperative Care



The Economic Case for Supportive Housing: Over 85+ Cost-Benefit Analysis Studies*

Cost of Random Ricocheting in emergency room, shelter, jail, etc.

\$35,000 - \$150,000

Cost of Housing and Services

\$13,000 - \$25,000

*Chronic homelessness and 'frequent-utilizers'

Results look like...





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