



At Risk/Hidden Homelessness – 20,395 households

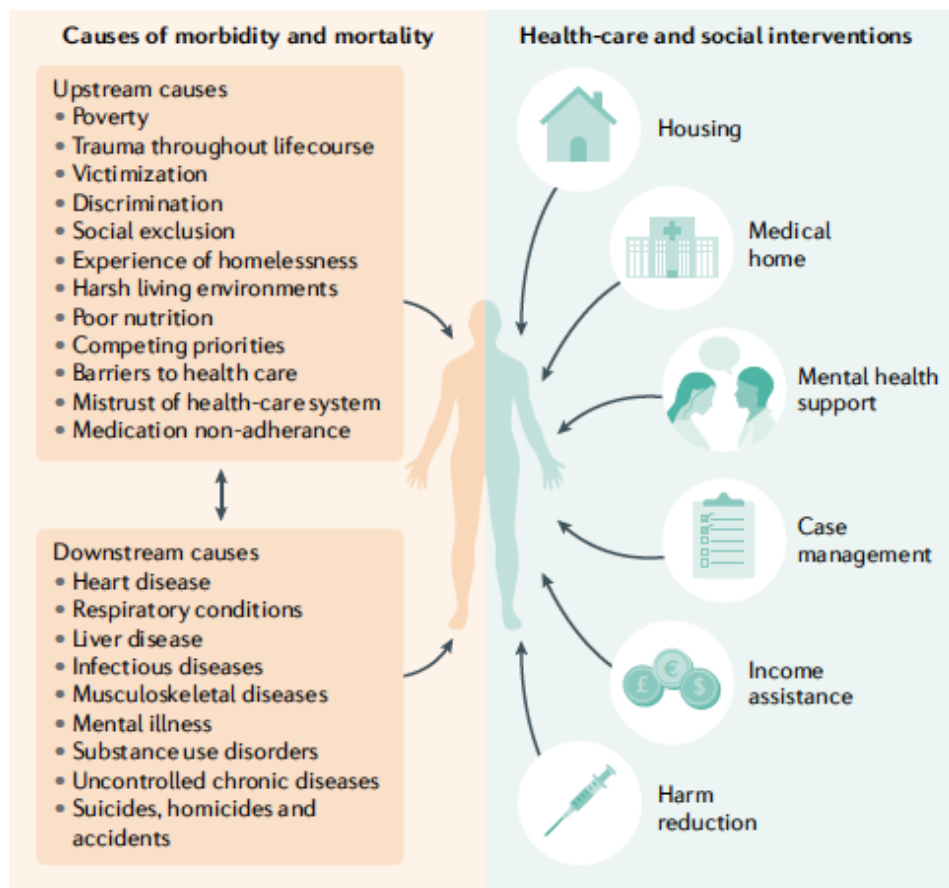
- When people live in overcrowded, unsafe housing, couch surf, or pay more than 50% of their income on shelter.

Transitional Homelessness – 8,600 individuals

- It usually occurs as a lack of income or housing affordability. Most can exit homelessness with minimal or no intervention.

Chronic and Episodic Homelessness – 2,700+ individuals

- Account for 25% of the people experiencing homelessness. **This group of people is more likely to face addiction, mental health challenges, violence, sexual assault, property theft, and amputations due to frostbite.**



<https://www.homelesshub.ca/resource/health-care-homeless-people>

Indigenous People are overrepresented in the Homeless Population: 51% of the homeless population in Edmonton identify as Indigenous as compared to 5% of the general population.

Encampments

Alberta's history of colonial policies (the pass system, residential schools, relocation strategies etc.) created limited housing for Indigenous people. Indigenous individuals disproportionately occupy encampments. Encampments exist because of a larger, systemic failure to uphold the right to affordable, accessible, and appropriate housing for all. The province created a navigation centre to triage and assist those evicted from the encampments the day after a Court of King's Bench judge dismissed a lawsuit against the city over encampment removals. As of Feb 12, 2024, at least **265** people have visited the navigation centre.

Encampment sweeps do not end homelessness; they move unhoused people out of public view.

The solution is simple – unhoused people need housing. Rather than require homeless people to deal with their addictions or mental health prior to receiving housing support, the housing-first approach provides people with housing and, in turn, provides the environment needed to address the other challenges more effectively. It's an approach that's been proven highly effective.

The Federal Housing Advocate is recommending that the federal government establish a national encampments' response Plan by August 31, 2024. There is an urgent call for all levels of government to uphold human rights and the right to housing to encampment residents. To read more click [HERE](#)

How can you get involved? [City of Edmonton website](#), [Homeward Trust Edmonton website](#), and [Contact Your MLA](#)

Resources:

[EDLC Housing Policy](#)

<http://endhomelessnessyeg.ca/current-state-homelessness-edmonton/>

<https://theconversation.com/encampment-sweeps-in-edmonton-are-yet-another-example-of-settler-colonialism-221676>

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