

Schedule 2: Glossary of Key Terms

Term	Explanation
At-risk of homelessness	Refers to people who are not homeless, but whose current economic and / or housing situation is precarious and does not meet public health or safety standards. It should be noted that for many, homelessness is not a static state, but a fluid experience, where one's shelter circumstances and options may shift and change often and quite dramatically.
Chronic Homelessness	People, often with disabling conditions (e.g., chronic physical or mental illness, substance abuse problems), who are currently homeless and have been homeless for six months or more in the past year (i.e., have spent more than 180 cumulative nights in a shelter or place not fit for human habitation).
Emergency Shelter	Short-term accommodation intended for 30 days or less for individuals experiencing homelessness. Emergency shelters provide sleeping arrangements with varying levels of support to individuals.
Fiscal Year	Provincial fiscal year that spans from April 1st of one year to March 31st of the following year.
Homelessness	The situation of a person or family without stable, permanent, appropriate housing, or the immediate prospect, means, and ability of acquiring it.
Household	Applies to a person or group of persons who occupy the same dwelling and do not have a usual place of residence elsewhere in Canada or abroad. The dwelling may be either a collective dwelling or a private dwelling. The household may consist of a family group such as a census family, of two or more families sharing a dwelling or of a person living alone.
Indigenous Peoples	People who self-identify as First Nations, Inuit, and Métis.

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Long-term housing	Housing that is available in the longer term; e.g., houses, apartments, boarding and lodging, housing with supports. Does not include transitional housing.
Program Administrator	Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services
Service Provider	An Indigenous non-profit that is incorporated (or in the process of) in Ontario or incorporated under the Canada Business Corporations Act with a head office, corporate office, and operations that are primarily in Ontario and all may not be on a reserve.
Street Homelessness	People living in public or private spaces without consent or contract and places not intended for habitation.
Transitional Housing	Housing that is provided on a short-term (non-permanent) basis, and includes the provision of on- or off-site support services to help individuals move towards independence and self-sufficiency.