



## POLICY SNAPSHOT:

# Ending Homelessness in Boulder 2022

### There are about 350 people living unhoused in Boulder.

While there is no consistently accurate way to be certain, the 2020 **Point-in-Time Count (PIT)** found 689 individuals, either in families or in single households, were identified as experiencing homelessness throughout Boulder County. Based on trends and experience, we can estimate that approximately 350 single adults experience homelessness in Boulder at any given time.

### Influx and outflux are constant.

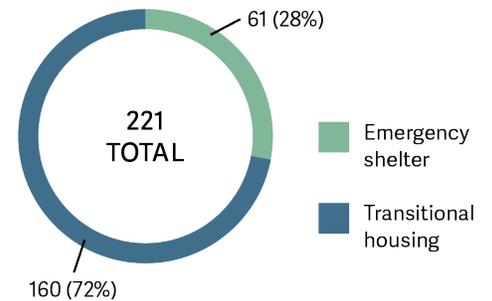
We know that approximately 5,300 people have participated in **Coordinated Entry (CE)** in Boulder since it was established in 2017. It is important to note that this is a cumulative total and 66% of people who use CE have been in Boulder for less than six months. Many people either leave town or are assisted in ending their homelessness.

### Unsheltered homelessness is a small portion of the total.

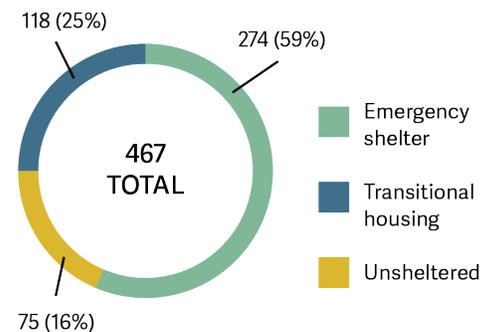
Roughly 75-80% of people experiencing homelessness in Boulder are utilizing some form of sheltering, including Boulder Shelter for the Homeless, The Lodge, Mother House, SPAN, TGTHR, EFAA's emergency housing, or other organizations.

### 2020 Point In Time Count

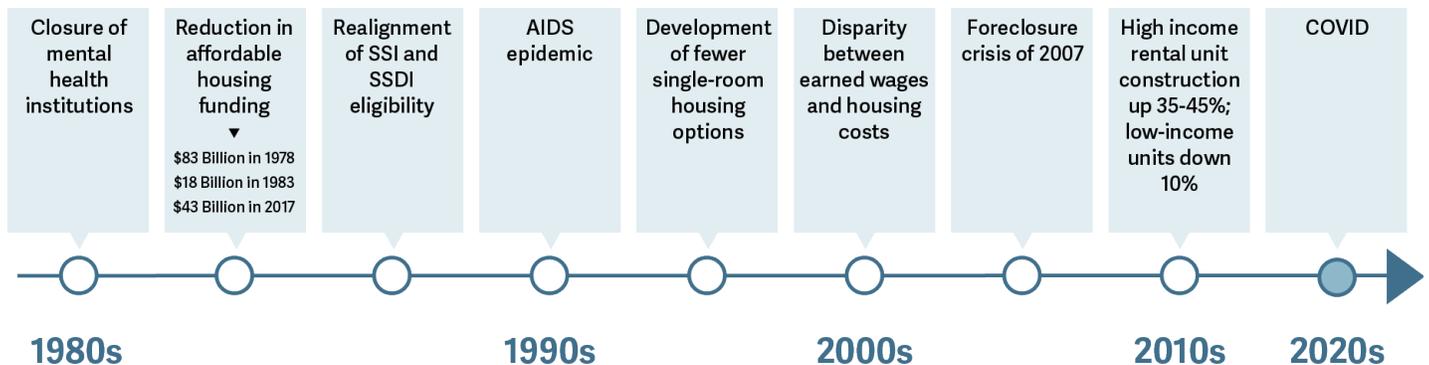
Individuals with Children (adults, children, unaccompanied youth)



Single Adult Individuals



### Origins of national homelessness crisis:



### Boulder's strategy to end homelessness:

Boulder's **Homelessness Strategy** aims to expand pathways out of homelessness. This strategy, developed through a facilitated community-wide process, resulted in the creation

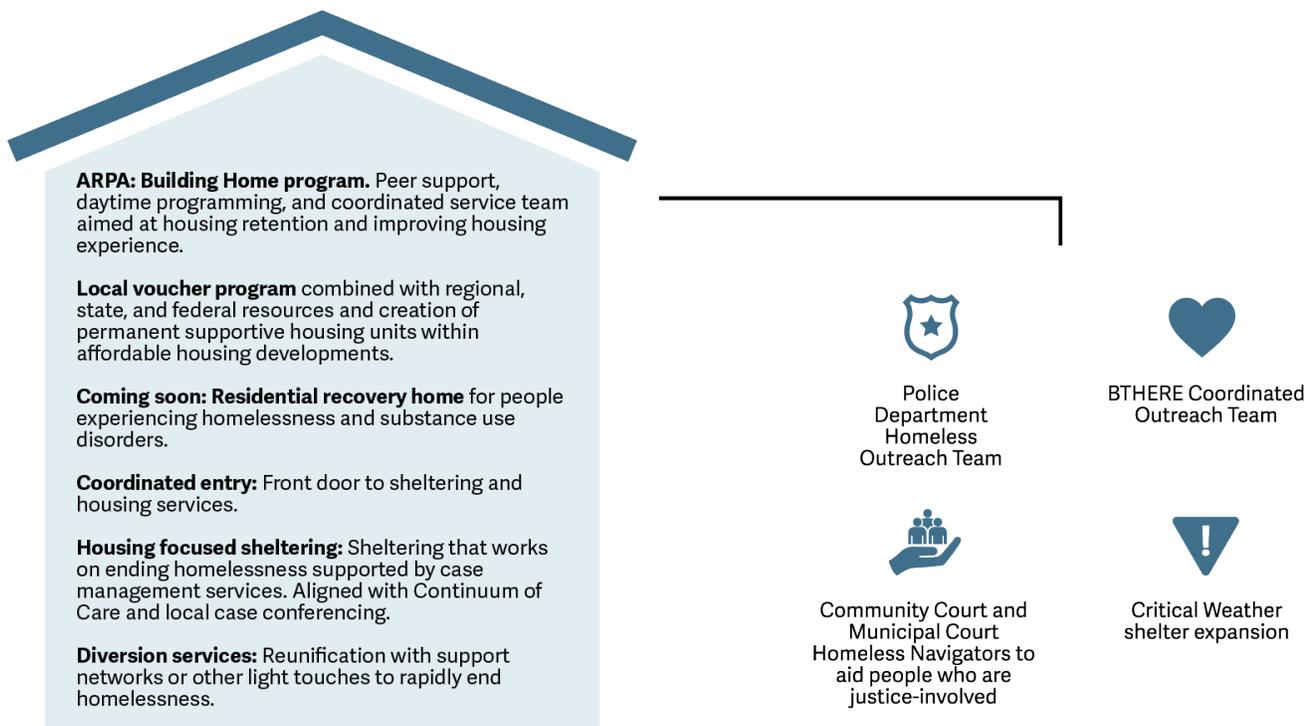
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of **Homeless Solutions for Boulder County (HSBC)**. Centralization of policy decisions at a regional level has resulted in:

- Improved data collection
- Leveraged resources to synergize the creation of housing opportunities
- Adoption of Housing First principles and deployment of the philosophy across the system
- And most importantly, **exiting an average of one person per day from homelessness in Boulder County**

HSBC partners include Boulder County; City of Boulder; City of Longmont; Boulder Housing Partners; Boulder County Housing Authority; Longmont Housing Authority; Metro Denver Homeless Initiative; local nonprofits such as Boulder Shelter for the Homeless, Bridge House, and HOPE for Longmont; and people with lived experience in homelessness.

### Housing and critical services provided through the HSBC system and partners:



### Request for policy support

- Support for the creation of **“Moving On”** strategies (a HUD best practice)
- Increased funding for supportive services
- Property acquisition for targeted populations
- Increased funding for landlord recruitment and incentives

For access to more information, including the Single Adult Homelessness Dashboard and the Shelter Bed Utilization Dashboard, visit: <https://bouldercolorado.gov/guide/homelessness-boulder>

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