

# DENTON COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE DEFINITION OF HOMELESSNESS



## CATEGORY 1: Chronic/Literal

People who are living in a place not meant for human habitation, in emergency shelter, in transitional housing, or are exiting an institution where they temporarily resided.

## CATEGORY 2: At-Risk

People who are losing their primary nighttime residence, which may include a motel or hotel or a doubled-up situation, within 14 days.

- May include *Cost Burdened Families*: Families who pay more than 30 percent of their income for housing are considered cost burdened and may have difficulty affording necessities such as food, clothing, transportation and medical care. An estimated 12 million renter and homeowner households now pay more than 50 percent of their annual incomes for housing. A family with one full-time worker earning the minimum wage cannot afford the local fair-market rent for a two-bedroom apartment anywhere in the United States.

## CATEGORY 3: Youth

Families with children or unaccompanied youth who are unstably housed and likely to continue in that state.

## CATEGORY 4: Domestic Violence

People who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, have no other residence, and lack the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.