# Community Trends

The following data is essential to developing evidence-based approaches to ending homelessness in your community. You may have these figures already, or may want to consider collecting them in the future. Used together with your System Map, it can be used to build long term strategies to add program and housing capacity keeping up with demand.

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|  | By-Name List (if available) | Homeless Point-in-Time Count | Homeless Count –Increase vs. Decrease From Previous year(s) | Annual Shelter Users Unique Individuals | # Experiencing Chronic Homelessness (HPS def.[[1]](#footnote-1)) | # Experiencing Episodic Homelessness (HPS def.[[2]](#footnote-2)) | # Experiencing Transitional Homelessness | % of Shelter users who stay in shelter longer than 1 year | # Rough Sleepers Unique Individuals | Annual # of Transitional Housing Clients **Unique Individuals** | Shelter & Transitional Housing User Annually as % of Community Total Population | % homeless who are Aboriginal  | % home-less who are Youth | % home-less who are Women | # Households paying 50%+ income on shelter | Total Rental Stock in Community | Vacancy Rates | # Vacant Units |
| Number |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Source (note if not available) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Notes (i.e. if one subgroup is more prevalent; vacancy differences by unit type etc.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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