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HPS has defined these populations as follows:

Chronically homeless – refers to individuals, 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).

Episodically homeless – refers to individuals, often with disabling conditions, who are currently homeless and have experienced three or more episodes of homelessness in the past year (of note, episodes are defined as periods when a person would be in a shelter or place not fit for human habitation for a certain period, and after at least 30 days, would be back in the shelter or place).

Populations at imminent risk of homelessness - are defined as individuals or families whose current housing situation ends in the near future (i.e. within one to two months) and for which no subsequent residence has been identified. They are unable to secure permanent housing because they do not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or a public or private place not meant for human habitation. The population at imminent risk of homelessness is not among the groups that are the focus of Housing First under HPS.

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