

## COMMUNITY HOMELESSNESS REPORT SUMMARY

Sydney Cape Breton  
2019-2021

### COORDINATED ACCESS AND HOMELESSNESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (HMIS) SELF-ASSESSMENT

#### SUMMARY

The table below provides a summary of the work the community has done so far to implement Reaching Home's minimum requirements for Coordinated Access and an HMIS.

How many of the Reaching Home minimum requirements has the community:

Met	Started	Not yet started
12	6	0

## SUMMARY COMMENT

Are there particular efforts and/or issues that you would like to highlight for this reporting period related to your community's work to achieve the Reaching Home minimum requirements? In particular, please describe your community's efforts to set-up or improve the Coordinated Access governance structure, including processes to ensure that policies and protocols, as approved by the governance group(s), are being implemented across the system as intended to achieve desired results.

Our community has been working hard to achieve the Reaching Home minimum requirements and improve the Coordinated Access governance structure and ensure that policies and protocols are being implemented across the system. All main service providers receiving funding from the Designated Community funding stream are using Coordinated Access to refer clients to the appropriate housing resource. We still have some smaller service providers to bring online and have trained in HIFIS but this work will continue as the Coordinated Access system grows in our community. As number of access points increase, we can ensure there are no "side doors" to housing and any individuals and families experiencing housing challenges can connect with organizations in our community that provide them with the appropriate resources. Access points know where to connect people to receive housing services in a coordinated manner. The Housing First program offers help with warm referrals, rent subsidies and if necessary, case managers. As we move toward a fully implemented Coordinated Access system, we are already seeing the benefits of streamlining service delivery in our community and the positive outcomes related to preventing and reducing homelessness. While we do have a Unique Identifier List of individuals in our community waiting for housing placement, we do not consider it complete or comprehensive. Cape Breton Community Housing Association (CBCHA) operates the largest emergency shelter in our community, and being a relatively small designated community, we have 2 other shelters but CBCHA provides the largest number of emergency beds and also manages our Housing First program. Our Unique Identifier List started during one of our Point in Time Counts and has been maintained by the emergency shelter and Housing First team of CBCHA. This is a housing waiting list for clients who use the emergency shelter and the housing first program. Joining the Nova Scotia Provincial HIFIS network and the partnership formed with Affordable Housing Association of NS (AHANS) to help train more of our local service providers to use HIFIS will create a more complete and comprehensive By Names List for our community. Being located in a smaller community also provides an advantage to the C.A manager, the governance committee and the C.A working group. Most of the organizations involved with Coordinated Access program know each other and have previous working relationships. The C.A working group and governance committee can implement policies and protocols across the system to help achieve the desired result more easily and quickly than a larger community. Having the local service providers part of the C.A working group provides an avenue for feedback and input from community partners to the C.A governance committee. The COVID-19 pandemic created issues that slowed down the progress of our implementation as all of our local organizations and service providers quickly re-focused the majority of their efforts on helping the communities homeless and at risk of homelessness through the pandemic but with case numbers decreasing and vaccination numbers

increasing, we are refocussing our attention back towards Coordinated Access implementation. The Community Entity in Halifax (AHANS) has provided invaluable support not only in technical expertise but also in sharing lessons learned, examples terms of reference and policies/protocols for our community to use as guides in our own implementation process.

### COMMUNITY-LEVEL DATA for 2019-2020

**Based on the information provided in the Community Homelessness Report, the community does not have to report community-level data for 2019-2020.**

What is the date range for available data from the List for this fiscal report?

- First date in reporting period:
- Last date in reporting period:

YYYY-MM-DD

YYYY-MM-DD

Complete the Population Groups table below using the date range indicated for this fiscal report.

Number of unique individuals (or households where not available) in each Priority Population Group who:

Priority Population Groups	Were homeless <b>(Measures Cumulative Homelessness)</b>	Were new to homelessness <b>(Measures Inflow)</b>	Returned to homelessness from housing (one or more times) <b>(Measures Inflow)</b>	Returned to homelessness from transitional status (one or more times) <b>(Measures Inflow)</b>	Returned to homelessness from unknown status (one or more times) <b>(Measures Inflow)</b>	State changed from inactive to active (one or more times) <b>(Measures Inflow)</b>
Overall homeless	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chronically homeless	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indigenous peoples	0	0	0	0	0	0
Priority Population Groups			Moved from homelessness to housing (one or more times) <b>(Measures Outflow)</b>	Status changed from homelessness to transitional (one or more times) <b>(Measures Outflow)</b>	Status changed from homelessness to unknown (one or more times) <b>(Measures Outflow)</b>	State changed from active to inactive (one or more times) <b>(Measures Outflow)</b>
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Chronically homeless			0	0	0	0
Indigenous peoples			0	0	0	0

Complete the Prior Living Situations table below for all individuals (or households where not available) that were homeless for the date range indicated for this fiscal report.

	Public Institutions	Transitional Housing	Permanent Housing	Unknown	Total
New to homelessness	0	0	0	0	0
Returned to homelessness	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

## COMMUNITY-LEVEL DATA for 2020-2021

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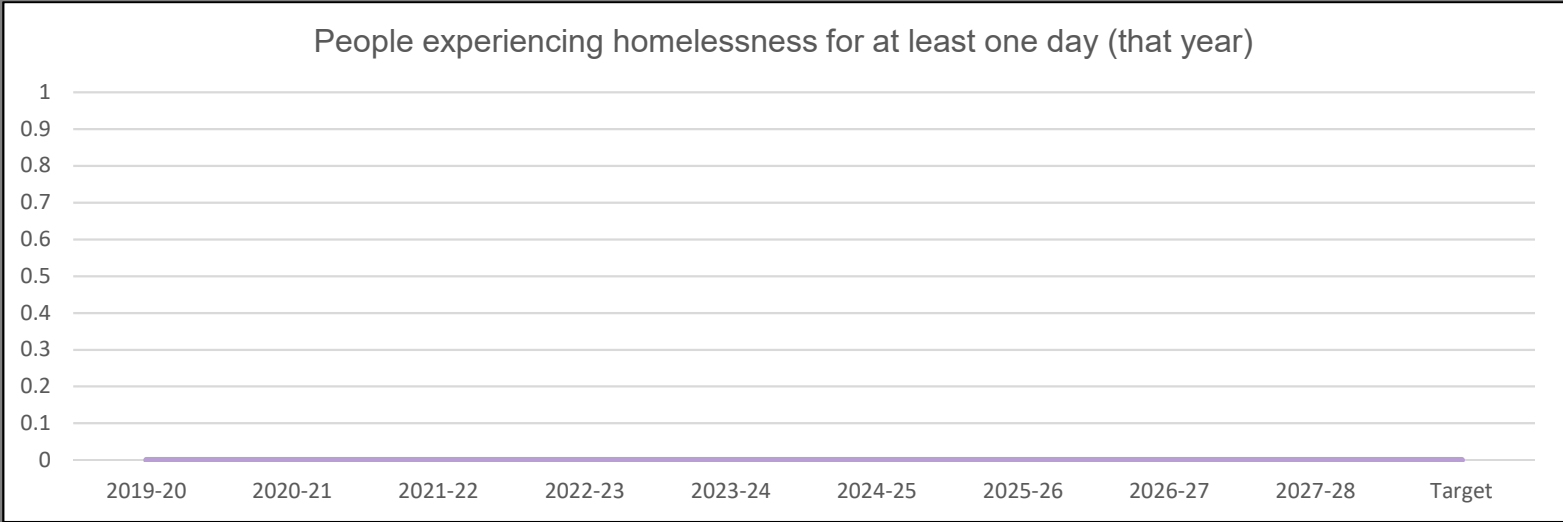
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Returned to homelessness	0	0	0	0	0
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**COMMUNITY-LEVEL RESULTS OUTCOMES - CORE OUTCOMES**

**Outcome # 1: Fewer people experience homelessness overall (homelessness is reduced overall)**

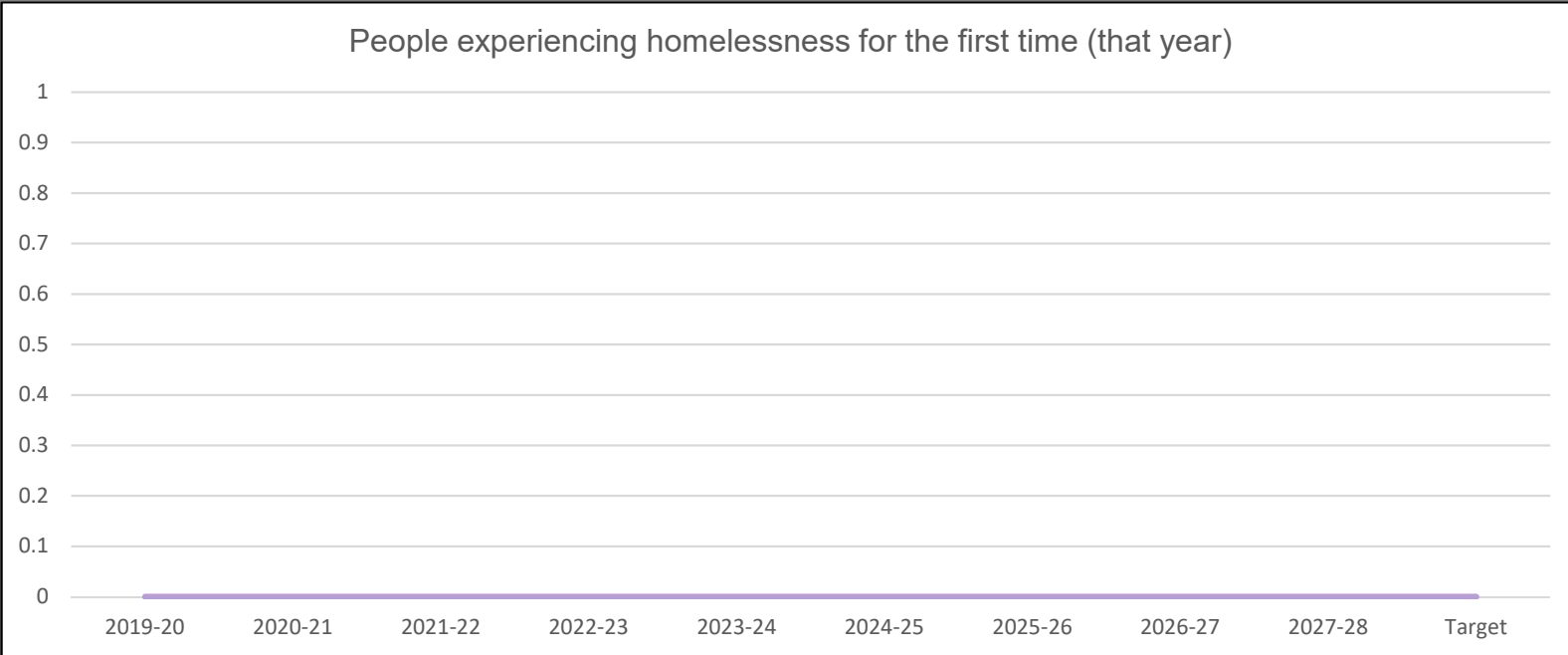
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Target
People experiencing homelessness for at least one day (that year)	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0



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**Outcome #2: Fewer people experience homelessness for the first time (new inflows into homelessness are reduced)**

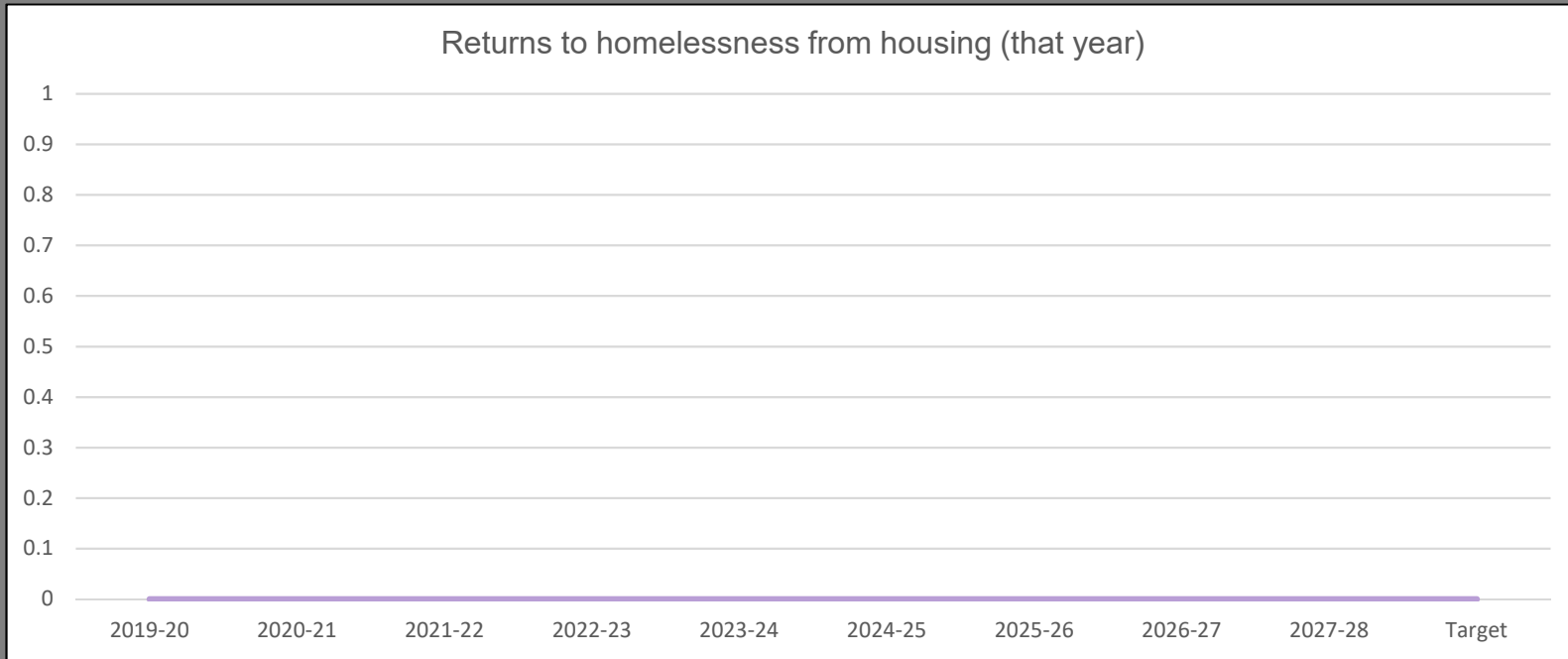
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People experiencing homelessness for the first time (that year)	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0



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**Outcome #3: Fewer people return to homelessness from housing (returns to homelessness are reduced)**

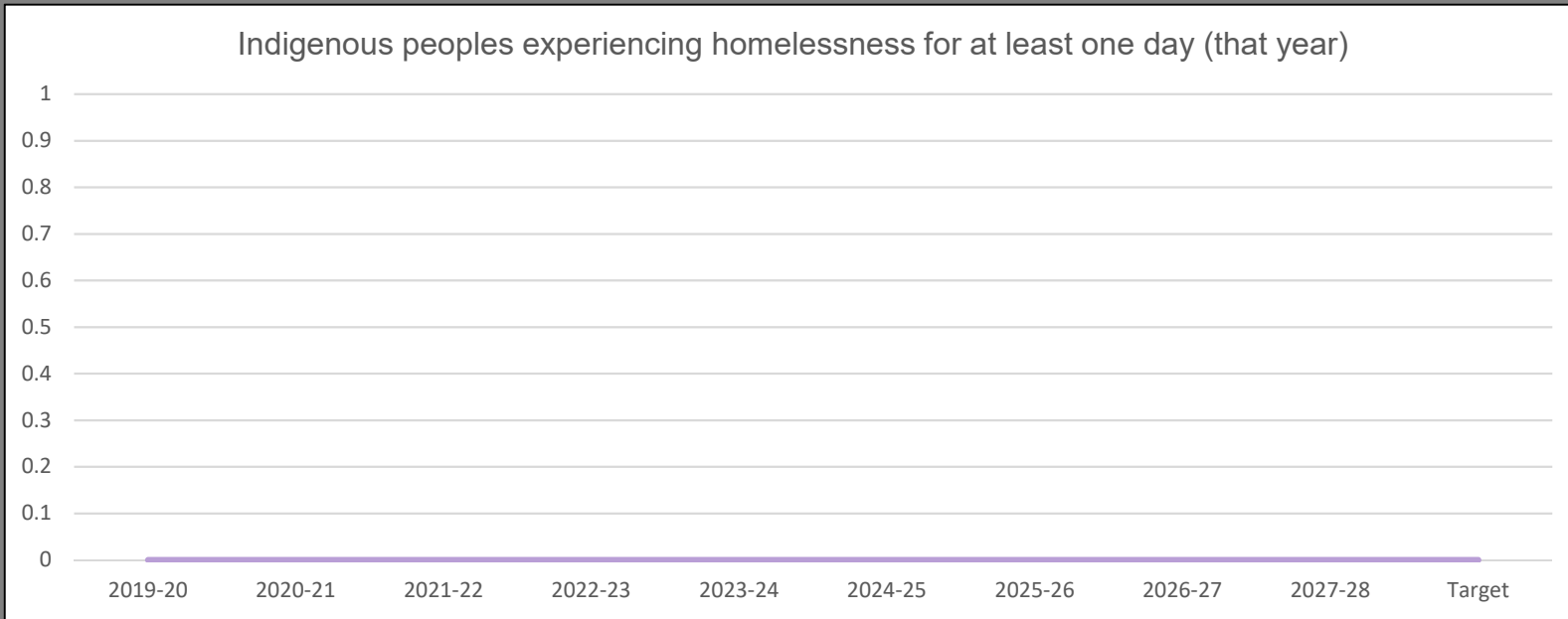
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Returns to homelessness from housing (that year)	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0



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**Outcome #4: Fewer Indigenous peoples experience homelessness (Indigenous homelessness is reduced)**

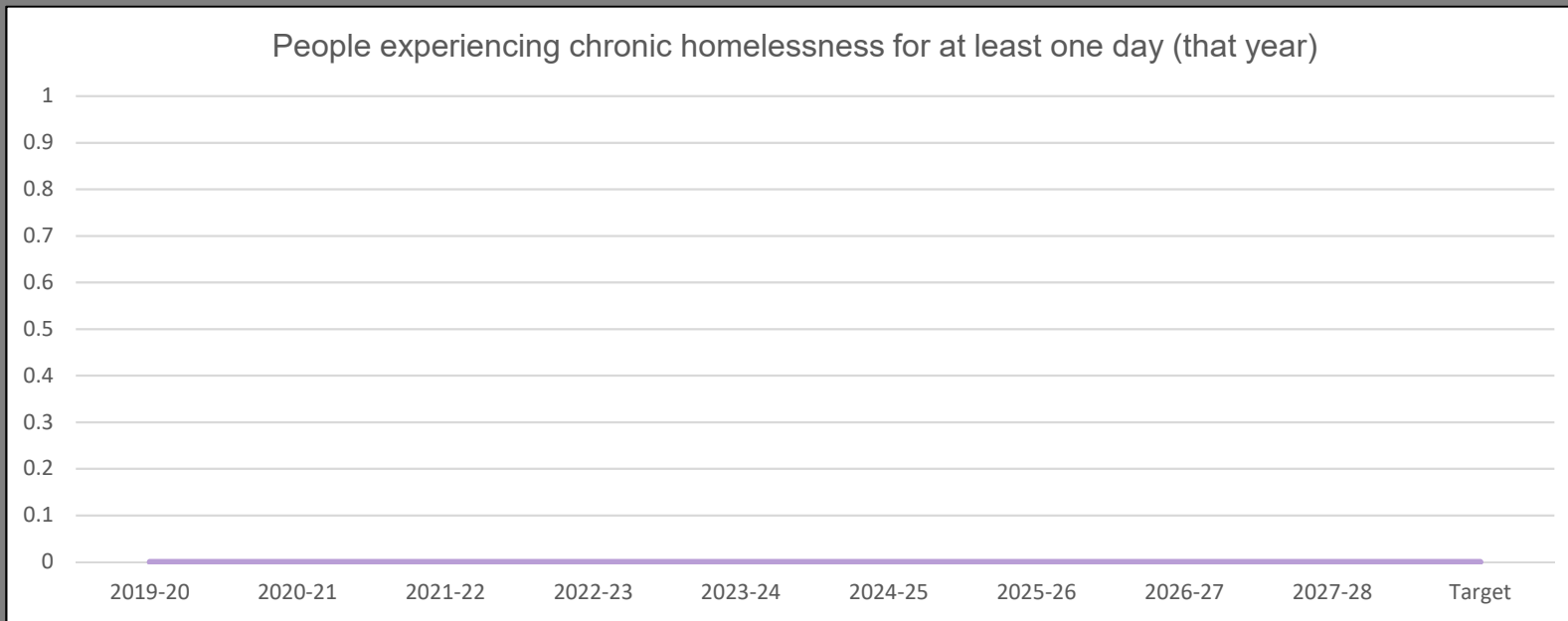
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Target
Indigenous peoples experiencing homelessness for at least one day (that year)	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0



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**Outcome #5: Fewer people experience chronic homelessness (chronic homelessness is reduced)**

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Target
People experiencing chronic homelessness for at least one day (that year)	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0



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