

The Housing Continuum



What is a Housing Continuum?

A Housing Continuum shows the range of housing types in a community. Those types are described below, using County of Lambton definitions.

Housing outcomes rely on shared responsibility across the full continuum.

Homelessness

- Individuals who are unsheltered (sleeping rough), staying temporarily with others (couch surfing), staying in emergency shelters, or living in other forms of unstable or temporary accommodation

Emergency Shelter

- Short-term, temporary shelter that provides basic necessities such as a place to sleep, meals, and support services

Transitional Housing

- Temporary housing with supports that help individuals and families move from homelessness or housing instability toward permanent, independent living

Supportive Housing

- Permanent or long-term housing that includes wrap-around supports such as healthcare, mental health and addiction services, life skills development, and more

Community Housing

- Also known as “Deeply Affordable” or “Rent-Geared-to-Income” (RGI) Housing
- Affordable rental housing provided at 30% of tenants monthly household income

Affordable Housing

- Affordable rental housing provided at a set rate below local market value

Market Housing

- Housing available for rent or for purchase at a price determined by the local market