



THE JANUARY SNAPSHOT

From Homeless to Housed

SAN FRANCISCO'S PROGRESS IN HELPING RESIDENTS EXIT HOMELESSNESS

TOTAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXITED HOMELESSNESS IN SF



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HELPING PEOPLE EXIT HOMELESSNESS IN 2020

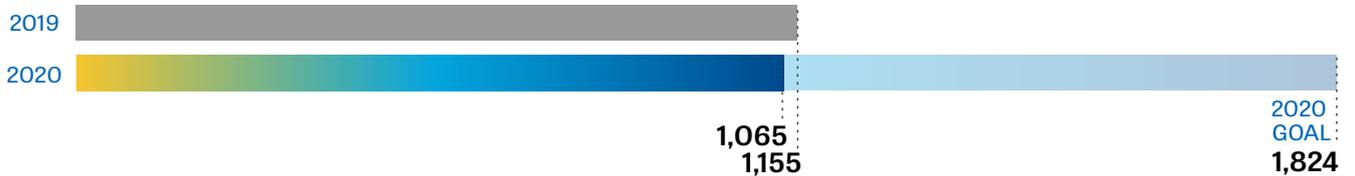
In November, 82 people exited homelessness in San Francisco, for a total of 1,065 individuals moving into housing from January-November 2020. Crossing the 1,000-person threshold is not just significant symbolically, it demonstrates that we have the capacity to permanently end the instability and suffering associated with a homeless experience. Our challenge in 2021? To end homelessness for at least twice as many people.

WHO IS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN SF?

Systemic inequities have resulted in a homeless population with glaring disparities for Black and queer San Franciscans.

Black residents make up only **6%** of total SF population but **36%** of homeless population. Queer San Franciscans are **27%** of the homeless population but only **14%** of the total population.

PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXITED CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IN SF



FROM ROOMS TO HOMES

The local Shelter in Place orders, enacted March 2020, presented a dilemma for our unhoused neighbors – how can you shelter in place without a shelter to begin with? In response, the City activated the first Shelter-in-Place (SIP) hotel in April 2020, providing a safe place for individuals at the highest risk for COVID-19.

Now, funding from the State of California and Prop C will enable the City to make good on its pledge that no one from a SIP hotel will be forced to return to sleeping on our streets. To that end, the City has embarked on a phased rehousing approach that aims to move people from temporary SIP hotels into permanent housing.

Even this phased approach will require the City to house more people than we ever have in a single year. That type of progress will, in turn, require deep cross-sector collaboration and an unprecedented focus on scaling our most effective strategies.

At the request of the Board of Supervisors, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing now provides weekly status updates on the rehousing effort. We will share this data with you so that, together, we can track progress to goals and hold our systems accountable to deliver on their promises.

“The effort to house hundreds of people in the Shelter in Place hotels is a big step in the right direction. We have to make sure that these units are created immediately and that people are housed now so we can solve the issue, transform the system and effectively meet the challenge of making homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring.”

-CHRIS BLOCK
DIRECTOR, TIPPING POINT CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE



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