



Southwest Florida Home Coalition partners are identifying organizations that support the various stages of the Housing Stability Spectrum. We are focusing on barriers that make it difficult for people to move up the spectrum and supports that help people maintain housing options and control in the system. In doing this work we can highlight gaps in the system, making a complex system visible so that we can make it work better for all the people in our region.

No Housing:

Definition: Families who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

The Vision: An immediate safe place to stay.

How We Measure It: The No Housing Success Measure metric is the number of families and length of time unsheltered as measured by a combination of those identified by the front door of the homeless system (Coordinated Entry System) to be Literally Homeless, as well as families identified by School Districts as unsheltered.

Temporarily Housed:

Definition: Families who are forced into double occupancy, or living in motels/hotels, campsites, and other shelters.

The Vision: Interim housing and support services

How We Measure It: The Temporarily Housed Success Measure metric is the number of families and length of time in temporary housing as measured by the Housing Management Information System (HMIS) data on the number of unique families in shelter and transitional housing in a given year plus the doubled up/motel population in School District homeless student data.

Soon to lose housing:

Definition: Families who will lose their housing in the next 14 days.

The Vision: Preserve existing housing or obtain new housing

How We Measure It: The Soon to Lose Housing Success Measure metric is the number of families facing imminent homelessness as measured by HMIS data of those determined to be Category 2 (Imminent Risk of Homeless).

At risk of losing housing:

Definition: Families who have identified risks, such as late bills, rent, and family illness and are therefore at risk of losing housing in the next six months.

The Vision: Stabilize at-risk households

How We Measure It: The At-Risk of Losing Housing Success Measure metric is a proxy measure that utilizes electric bill late payments as a leading metric that determines that a household is at-risk of losing housing due to their inability to afford the electric payments. Most households pay their own electric bill regardless of if they rent or own. This would be measured by data from LCEC and FPL.

Insecurely housed:

Definition: Families whose housing costs exceed 30% of their household income and/or are one crisis away from not being able to pay for housing.

The Vision: Address health, safety, & finances of occupants to further stabilize housing

How We Measure It: The Insecurely Housed Success Measure metric is the number of families who are paying more than 30% of their monthly household income towards housing costs, including both renters and owners and is subtracted by the number of households to the left on the spectrum. It utilizes American Community Survey data from the U.S. Census.

Stably Housed: Our minimum goal

Definition: Families whose housing costs do not exceed 30% of household income and are not living paycheck to paycheck but would move if they could.

The Vision: Ensure residents can live in quality housing they can afford. Minimum goal

How We Measure It: The Stably Housed Success Measure metric is the number of families who are paying less than 30% of their monthly expenses towards rent as measured by the American Community Survey from the U.S. Census.

Housed by choice: Our aspirational goal

Definition: Families or individuals who have affordable, safe, and long-term housing of their choosing.

The Vision: Facilitate the ability of residents to live where they want to live. Aspirational goal

How We Measure It: The Housed by Choice Success Measure metric is the number of families who are paying less than 30% of their monthly expenses towards homeownership as measured by the American Community Survey from the U.S. Census.