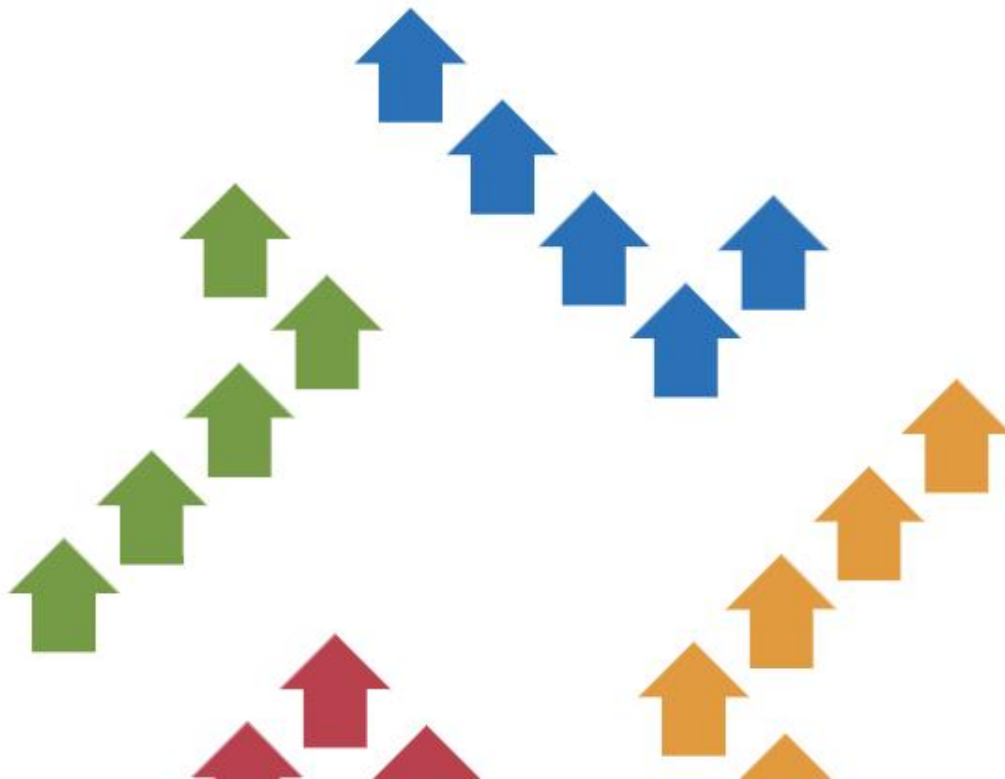


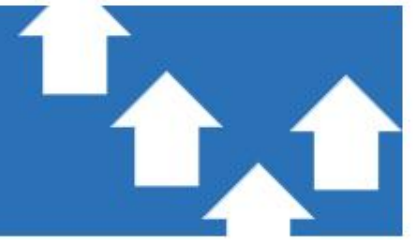
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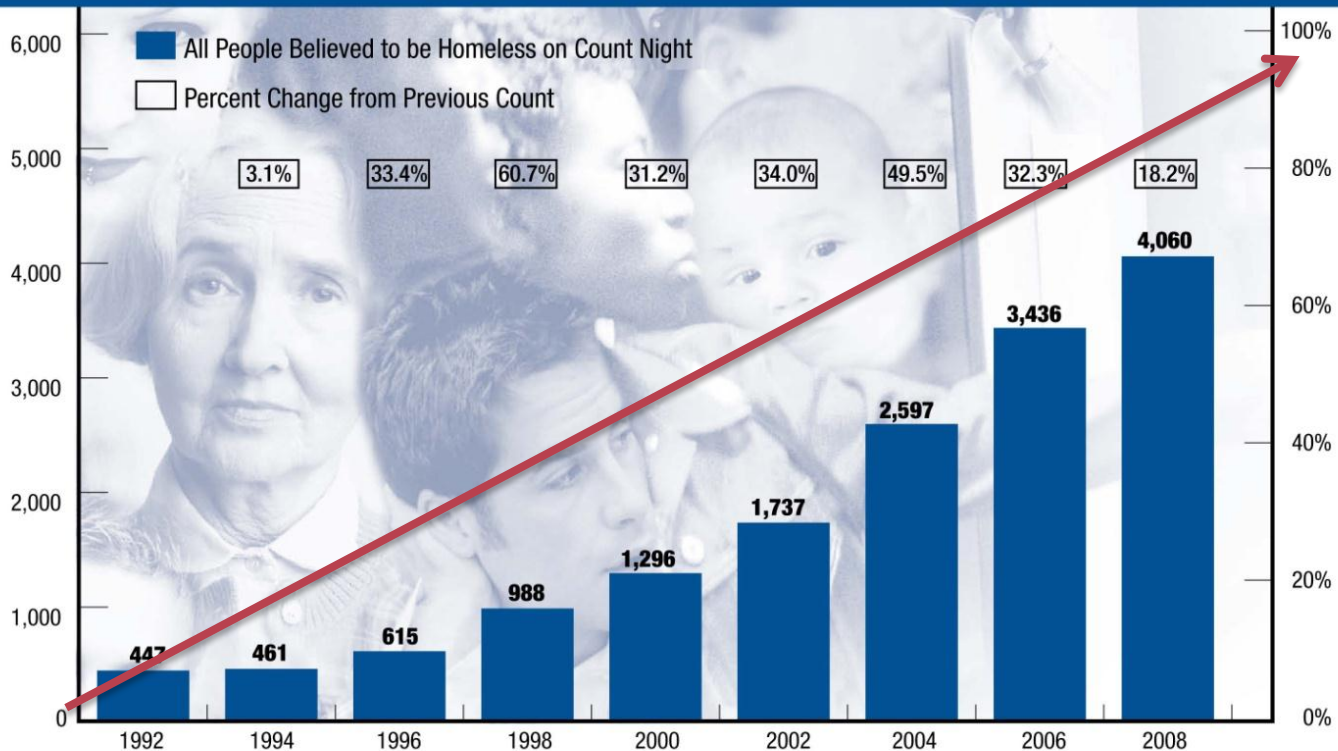


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Point-in-Time Counts of Homeless People in Calgary, and Biennial Growth Rates, 1992-2008



2008 Count of Homeless Persons



(City of Calgary, 2008: 79).

Calgary's experience



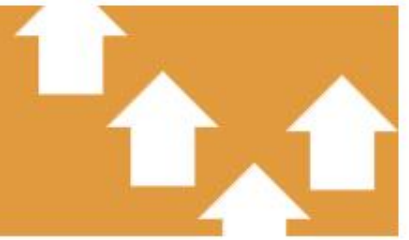
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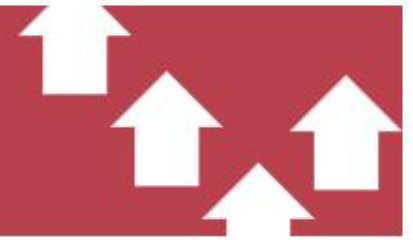
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‘What are we waiting for!?’



- Philip Mangano USICH – September 2006
- Calgary Committee to End Homelessness - January 2007
- Alberta Secretariat for Action on Homelessness - October 2007
- Calgary’s 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness released in January 2008. CCEH disbanded
- CHF selected to lead implementation of the plan

10 Year Plans in a nutshell



- Mark a shift from managing homelessness to ending it
- Close the front door; open the back door, build the infrastructure and get better data.
- “Housing First”
- Over 350 U.S. jurisdictions have or are working on plans
- 10 Year Plans taking hold in Canada: Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, Lethbridge, Victoria, Vancouver, Ottawa, St. John’s
- Alberta first & only province in Canada to have 10 Year Plan

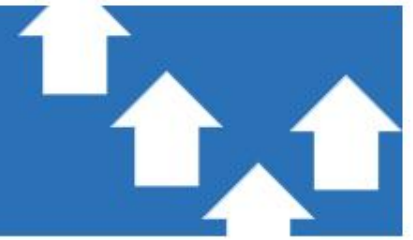
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1. **Prevention & re-housing:** Develop a homeless serving system that ensures Calgarians at risk of or experiencing homelessness have the support they need to achieve and maintain housing stability
2. Ensure adequate affordable and supportive **housing**
3. Improve **data and systems** knowledge
4. **Reinforce non-profit organizations** serving Calgarians at risk of or experiencing homelessness

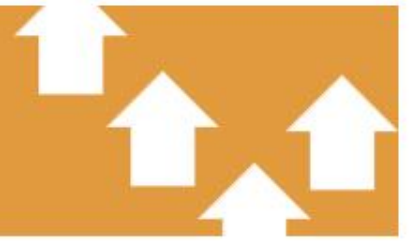
For more information: www.calgaryhomeless.com/10-year-plan

Aggressive targets



- 1,800 chronic & episodic homeless obtain & maintain housing (2014)
- No more than 10% of those in Housing First programs return to homelessness (2014)
- Rough sleepers can access housing and support (2014)
- 85% of emergency shelter beds eliminated (2018) – 600 by 2014
- The length of time families stay in emergency shelter reduced to 14 days (2014)
- **By Jan. 2018 reduce the maximum average length of stay in an emergency shelter to 7 days**

Getting results

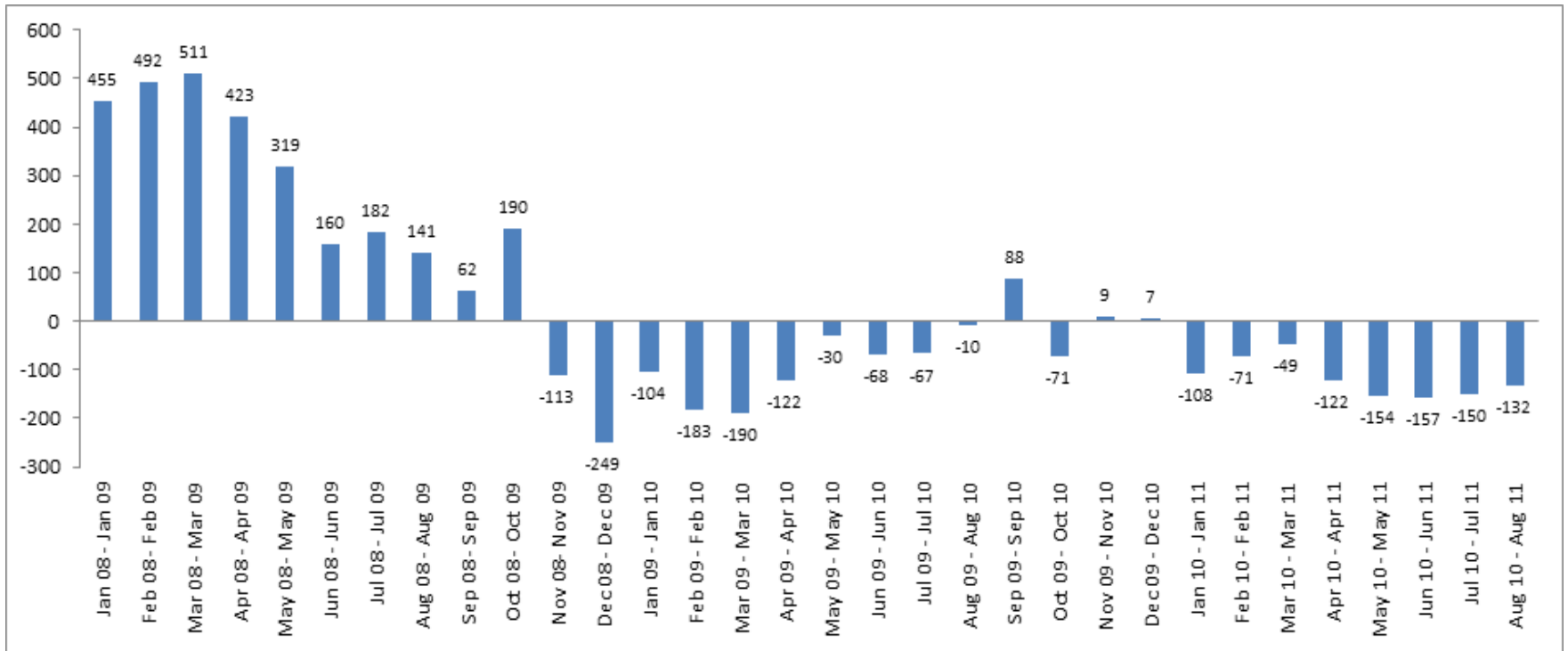


- 3,000 people housed and supported
- 85% average housing retention rate
- 3,600+ new units of affordable housing funded
- Reversed growth in homelessness: Emergency shelter use back to 2008 levels from a peak in 2009/10
- Reducing emergency shelter beds -> 130 shelter & 54 transitional beds retired, funding transferred to Housing First programs

Shelter use declining



Calgary Emergency Shelter Use
Year over year, monthly avg. change in #beds used



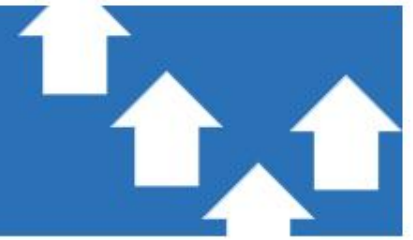
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10 Year Plans work



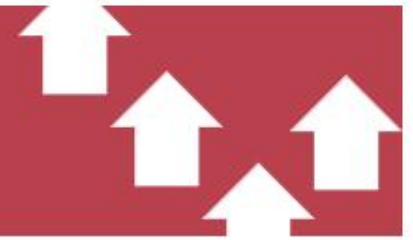
- Following the lead of communities, the Government of Alberta became the first and only province to commit to ending homelessness & a 10 Year Plan
- Homelessness across Alberta is dropping:
 - Edmonton: 21% decrease from 2008 to 2010.
 - Fort McMurray: 42% decrease 2008 to 2010.
 - Lethbridge: 53% street homeless decrease from 2008 to 2010.

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- Pomeroy: \$66,000 to \$120,000/person/year inst. response (e.g. prison, psychiatric hospitals) vs. \$13,000 to \$18,000 for supportive housing
- Simon Fraser University: \$55,000/person/year vs. housing and support costs of \$37,000
- **Calgary:** \$134,000/person/year for chronically homeless vs. housing & support \$10,000 to \$25,000/person/year
- 2007: More than \$320 million is spent every year in Calgary on homelessness. If nothing was done, the cumulative economic cost of homelessness could be more than \$9 BILLION in the next decade

Coming soon!

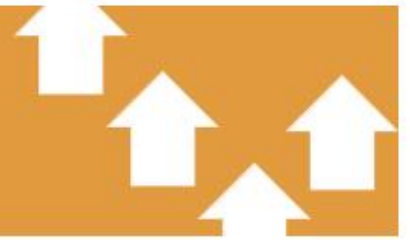


Mission to create a national movement to prevent and end homelessness in Canada through the development of 10 Year Plans to End Homelessness in communities across the country.

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With apologies to Home Depot! 😊

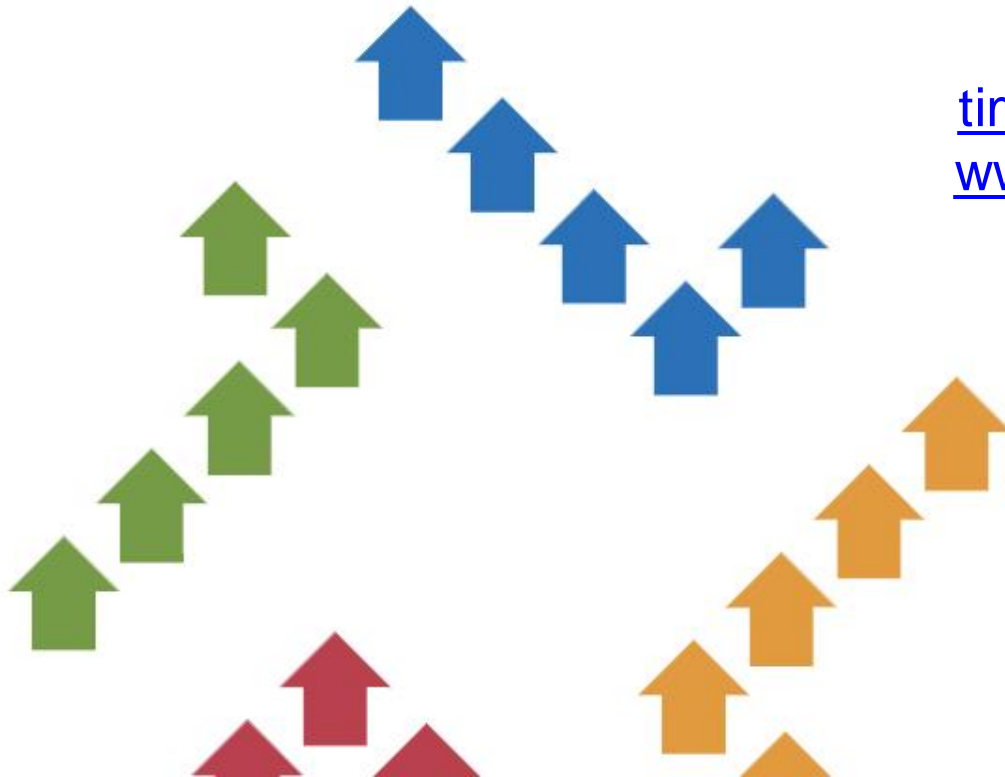
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