




HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations (QP)

At-A-Glance

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Introduction

The HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) program requires that funds be used to primarily benefit qualifying populations (QPs). This tool is intended to increase understanding of QP criteria while providing definitions in an at-a-glance format. Some definitions have been truncated, Participating Jurisdictions (PJs) should use this product in conjunction with CPD-21-10 Section IV for full technical definitions, when needed.

	Citation	Definition
QP1: Homeless	24 CFR 91.5 (1) referred to as “Literally Homeless”	An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground; or (ii) Living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or (iii) Exiting an institution where the person resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.
	24 CFR 91.5 (2) referred to as being at “Imminent Risk of Homelessness”	Individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that all three of the following criteria are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for HOME-ARP assistance, and (ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; and (iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing.
	24 CFR 91.5 (3) referred to as “Homeless under other Federal Statutes”	Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age or families with children and youth who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who meet all four of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Are defined as homeless under other federal statutes, and (ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement during the prior 60 days, and (iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the preceding 60 days; and (iv) Can be expected to continue in this status due to health, disability, trauma history, or two or more barriers to employment



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QP2: At-Risk of Homelessness

Citation	Definition
<p>24 CFR 91.5 (1) referred to as “Individuals and Families”</p>	<p>An individual or family who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Has income below 30% of AMI, <i>and</i> (ii) Lacks sufficient resources to prevent immediate homelessness (as described in QP1above), <i>and</i> (iii) Meets <i>one</i> of the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance; (B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship; (C) Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance; (D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals; (E) Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 people per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau; (F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or (G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the PJ’s approved consolidated plan.
<p>24 CFR 91.5 (2) referred to as “Unaccompanied Children and Youth”</p>	<p>A child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section but qualifies as homeless under another Federal statute.</p>
<p>24 CFR 91.5 (3) referred to as “Families with Children and Youth”</p>	<p>An unaccompanied youth who does not qualify as homeless under the homeless definition but qualifies as homeless under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that child or youth if living with them.</p>



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Overall Definition

QP3 includes cases where an individual or family reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm due to dangerous or life-threatening conditions related to violence against them, including a child in the family, AND that violence has taken place within their primary nighttime residence OR has made them afraid to return or remain at that nighttime residence.

Citations

Definition of Each Subpopulation of QP3

[24 CFR 5.2003](#)
Domestic Violence

Domestic violence includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by one of the following:

- 1) A current or former spouse or intimate partner;
- 2) A person with whom the victim shares a child;
- 3) A person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
- 4) A person who is considered a spouse according to the laws of the participating jurisdiction where HOME-ARP services are being provided;
- 5) Any other person committing violence against a person who is protected under the domestic or family violence laws in that PJ.

[24 CFR 5.2003](#)
Dating Violence

Dating violence means violence committed by a person:

- 1) Who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, AND
- 2) The existence of such a relationship is determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
 - a. The length of the relationship;
 - b. The type of relationship; and
 - c. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved.

[24 CFR 5.2003](#)
Sexual Assault

Sexual assault means any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, Tribal, or State law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent.

[24 CFR 5.2003](#)
Stalking

Stalking means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to: (1) Fear for their safety or the safety of others; or (2) suffer emotional distress.

[22 U.S.C. 7102](#)
Human Trafficking

- *Sex trafficking* means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or to a minor under 18 years of age
- *Labor trafficking* means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

QP3: Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking



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Overall Definition

HUD defines QP4 as individuals and households who do not qualify for HOME-ARP assistance under any other QP definition but who meet one of the following criteria:

QP4: Other Populations

Citation	Definition of Each Subpopulation of QP4
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<p>CPD-21-10 IV A. 4.(1) referred to as “Other families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness”</p>	<p>Other Families Required Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness who previously met criteria “homeless” as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 and received time-limited assistance to become housed and are now in need of additional housing assistance or supportive services to avoid becoming “homeless” (as defined in 24 CFR 91.5) again.</p>
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<p>CPD-21-10 IV A. 4.(2) referred to as “Other populations with the greatest risk of housing instability”</p>	<p>i. Households annual income is below 30% AMI and they are experiencing severe cost burden (i.e., paying more than 50% of monthly household income toward housing costs), OR</p> <p>ii. Households has an annual income that is less than or equal to 50% of the area median income and they meet one of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance; (B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship; (C) Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance; (D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals; (E) Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 people per room; (F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or (G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan.
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