

Addressing Homelessness

WORKING TO MAKE HOMELESSNESS RARE, BRIEF,
AND NON-RECURRING IN OUR COMMUNITY



Homelessness is a growing community challenge that does not have a one-size-fits-all solution. According to the 2023 Point in Time (PIT) count, the total number of people experiencing homelessness in Northern Colorado increased 11.4% from 2022. While addressing this challenge requires the engagement of a broad spectrum of community partners, Housing Catalyst offers several evidence-based solutions to support individuals and families in moving out of homelessness. The success of these efforts can be seen in PIT data like high utilization of homeless resources and decreases in veteran and chronic homelessness.

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is an innovative program that combines affordable housing with supportive services to address the needs of people experiencing chronic homelessness. PSH targets people who are experiencing homelessness, have one or more disabilities, and experience multiple barriers to housing. When PSH residents know they have a safe, long-term home, they can begin to address their mental and physical health, build independent living skills, and connect with their community.

Housing Catalyst manages two Permanent Supportive Housing communities in Fort Collins – Redtail Ponds and Mason Place.

RESIDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



248

residents since 2015



82

veterans



58

women

31.2% age 62 or older

69.0% report a physical disability

64.5% report a chronic health condition

71.4% report a mental health condition

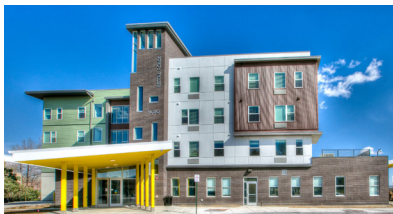
29.4% report a substance use disorder

18.1% report a developmental disability

83.5% report two or more disabilities

27.0% report history with domestic violence

64.1% experienced chronic homelessness



60

apartments at Redtail Ponds



60

apartments at Mason Place



100%

of residents engaged
in a service plan



83.9%

of residents remain
stably housed

RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

As the Public Housing Authority (PHA) serving Fort Collins, Wellington, and Larimer County, Housing Catalyst administers hundreds of federal housing vouchers each year. Voucher assistance expands housing opportunities for residents, stabilizing and improving the lives of individuals and families in our community.

1,700

total vouchers administered by Housing Catalyst

273

**Mainstream
Vouchers**

for people under age 62
who have a disability

174

**VASH
Vouchers**

for veterans
experiencing or
at risk of homelessness

25

**Emergency Housing
Vouchers**

for families experiencing
homelessness or at high
risk of housing instability



93

people moved out of homelessness with
voucher assistance in 2023

AFFORDABLE RENTAL COMMUNITIES



Housing Catalyst manages 20 apartment communities in Fort Collins and Wellington, plus a handful of duplexes and single family homes. Income restrictions vary by community, but on average residents earn 25.8% of the area median income and many previously experienced homelessness.



1,100+

homes in Housing Catalyst's
affordable housing portfolio



2,203

residents lived at
Housing Catalyst
properties in 2023



30.5%

of residents are
under the age of 18

SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY



29

homes provided
through SRO

Housing Catalyst manages 29 units through the Single Room Occupancy (SRO) program. The SRO program uses federal funding and rent assistance to provide rooms for people experiencing homelessness in Northern Colorado. Like Permanent Supportive Housing residents, Single Room Occupancy residents are referred to Housing Catalyst through agency partners.