

# Niagara's Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2026-2036

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# What is the Housing and Homeless Action Plan?

A plan that guides:

- How the Region and community partners work together to prevent homelessness
- Improve access to housing
- Provide supports for people who need help finding or keeping a home

# What is the Housing and Homeless Action Plan? cont.

- Funding, legislation and housing programs are influenced by municipal, provincial, and federal governments
- The HHAP helps organize the local response
- Municipalities are legislated to have a ten-year plan, provide a 5-year review and annual updates to the province

# What does the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan do?

- Looks at local housing and homelessness data
- Identifies service gaps and pressure points
- Sets priorities
- Outlines actions for prevention, emergency response, housing, and supports
- Tracks progress over time

# Development Process

- System review and adaptation of the previous goals
- Engagement with people working within and affected by housing and homelessness systems
- Validation and revisions
- Submission to the province, amendments as needed
- Report to council for approval

# Plan Overview

## Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2026-2036

Increase  
Housing  
Opportunities

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Actions

Help People  
Retain  
Housing

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Actions

House People  
Who Don't  
Have a Home

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Actions

Increase  
System  
Effectiveness

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Actions

# Gender Considerations

## Homelessness

- Women's homelessness is increasingly tied to affordability
- Gender-based violence is a major driver of homelessness and unsafe housing
- Hidden homelessness remains an issue for women
- Particular sub-populations of women and those who are gender diverse are at higher risk

# Gender Considerations, cont.

## Housing Needs

- Women raising children on their own are more likely to have challenges accessing adequate, suitable and affordable housing
- Women living alone are more likely to face housing challenges than couples
- Racialized women are more likely to struggle with finding housing that is affordable, suitable, and in good condition

# Sharing Your Perspectives

- What housing challenges are women and gender diverse individuals in Niagara facing?
- What is working well in the current shelter and housing response for women and those who are gender diverse?
- What does a women-centred housing and homelessness system look like in practice?

# Thank You!

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