
FACTSHEET

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Ministry of Energy and Mines
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Investments to Help End Homelessness: Northern Region

Last fiscal year, approximately \$32 million was provided to support subsidized housing and rent supplements for more than 4,850 low-income individuals, seniors and families in the Northern region.

Emerging Projects

In the next few years, approximately 30 units are expected to be completed, including a new development currently under construction in Prince Rupert that will provide 23 units of transitional and supportive housing for women and their children at risk of homelessness.

Emergency Shelter Program

There are 161 beds available year-round at emergency shelters around the region. Total annual funding is \$6.5 million.

Homeless Outreach

Last year, more than 230 homeless people were provided with stable housing through the [Homeless Outreach Program](#) and [Aboriginal Homeless Outreach Program](#) that operates in Prince George, Prince Rupert, Vanderhoof, 100 Mile House, Terrace, Dawson creek and Fort St. John.

Rent Supplements

- Rental assistance under the Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) program helps more than 600 seniors' households in the region with subsidies, through \$1.1 million in annual funding.
- To help keep housing affordable, over 300 low-income working families in the region receive a combined total of over \$1.4 million in annual subsidies for rental assistance in the private market through the Rental Assistance Program.