# ESG – At-Risk Homeless Status - Defining

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| **Applicable Program** | **Category** | **Definition Title** | **Definition** |
| **ESG** | **Category 1** | **Individuals and Families** | 1. An individual or family who:
2. Has an annual income at\* or below 30% AMI; AND;
3. Does not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place defined in Category 1 of the “Homeless” definition; AND
4. Meets one of the following conditions:
5. Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for assistance; OR
6. Is living in the home of another due to economic hardship; OR
7. Has been notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated with 21 days after the date of application for assistance; OR
8. Lives in a hotel/motel and the cost is not paid for by charitable organizations or federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals; OR
9. Lives in an SRO or efficiency apartment which there resides more than 2 persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there resides more than one and a half persons per room; OR
10. Is exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care; OR
11. Otherwise lives in housing with characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness as identified in the Recipient’s Con Plan
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| **ESG** | **Category 2** | **Unaccompanied Children and Youth** | 1. A child or youth that does not qualify as homeless under the “Homeless” definition, but qualifies as homeless under other Federal Statutes
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| **ESG** | **Category 3** | **Families with Children and Youth** | 1. 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 living with him or her
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<https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/AtRiskofHomelessnessDefinition_Criteria.pdf>

Per clarification and approval from HUD.