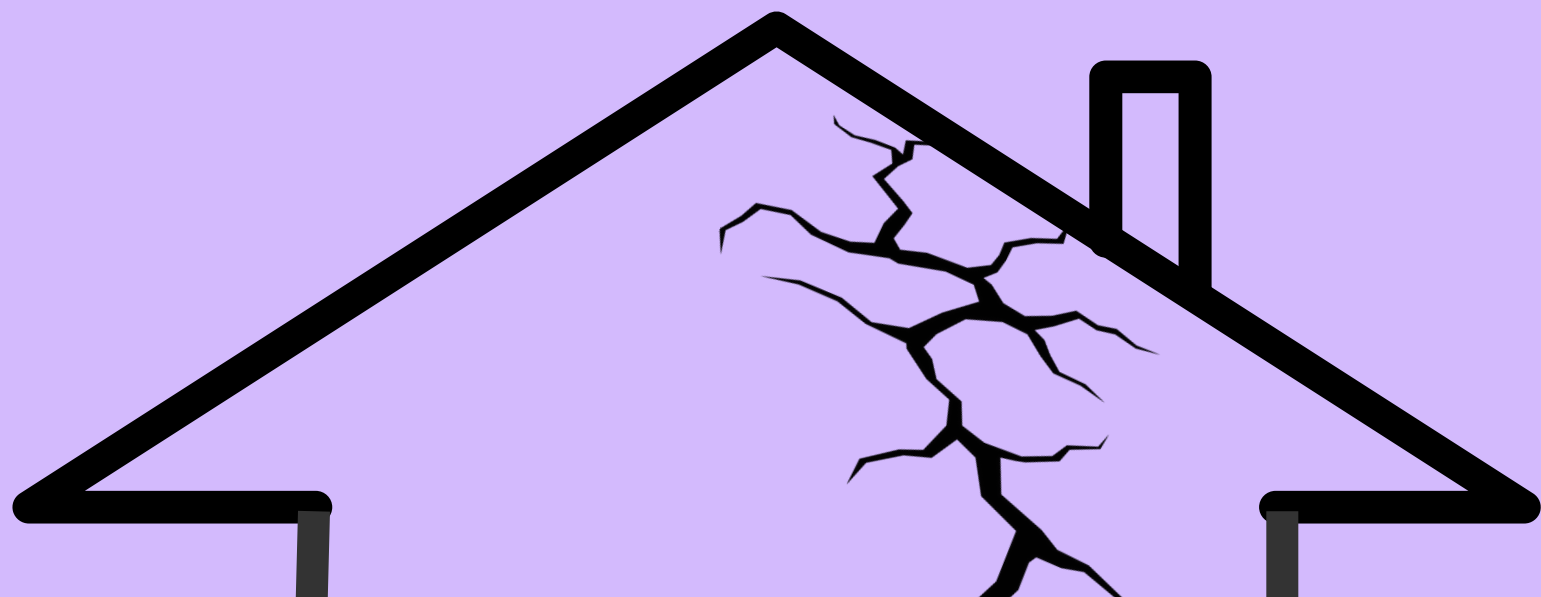


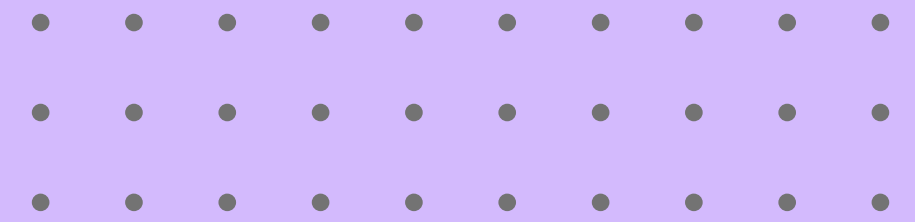
Making Homelessness Visible Through Definitions:

Strategies Towards a Remote, Rural, and Small
Town Definition of Homelessness

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01. PRESENTATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

02. HOMELESSNESS IN RURAL VS. URBAN SETTINGS

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04. SERVICE-BASED COUNT TOOL

05. POLICY – PROVINCIAL HOUSING STRATEGY

AGENDA



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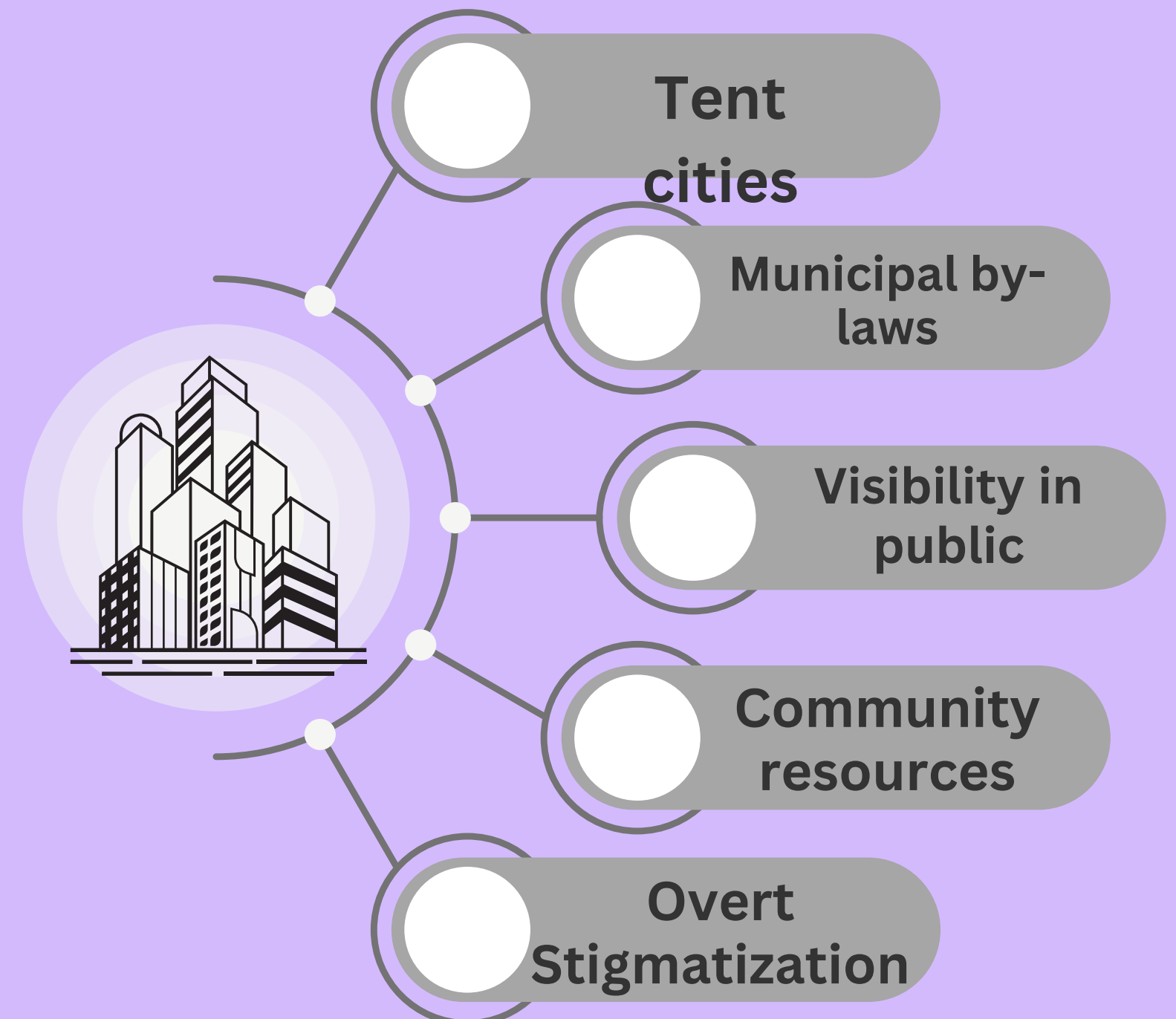
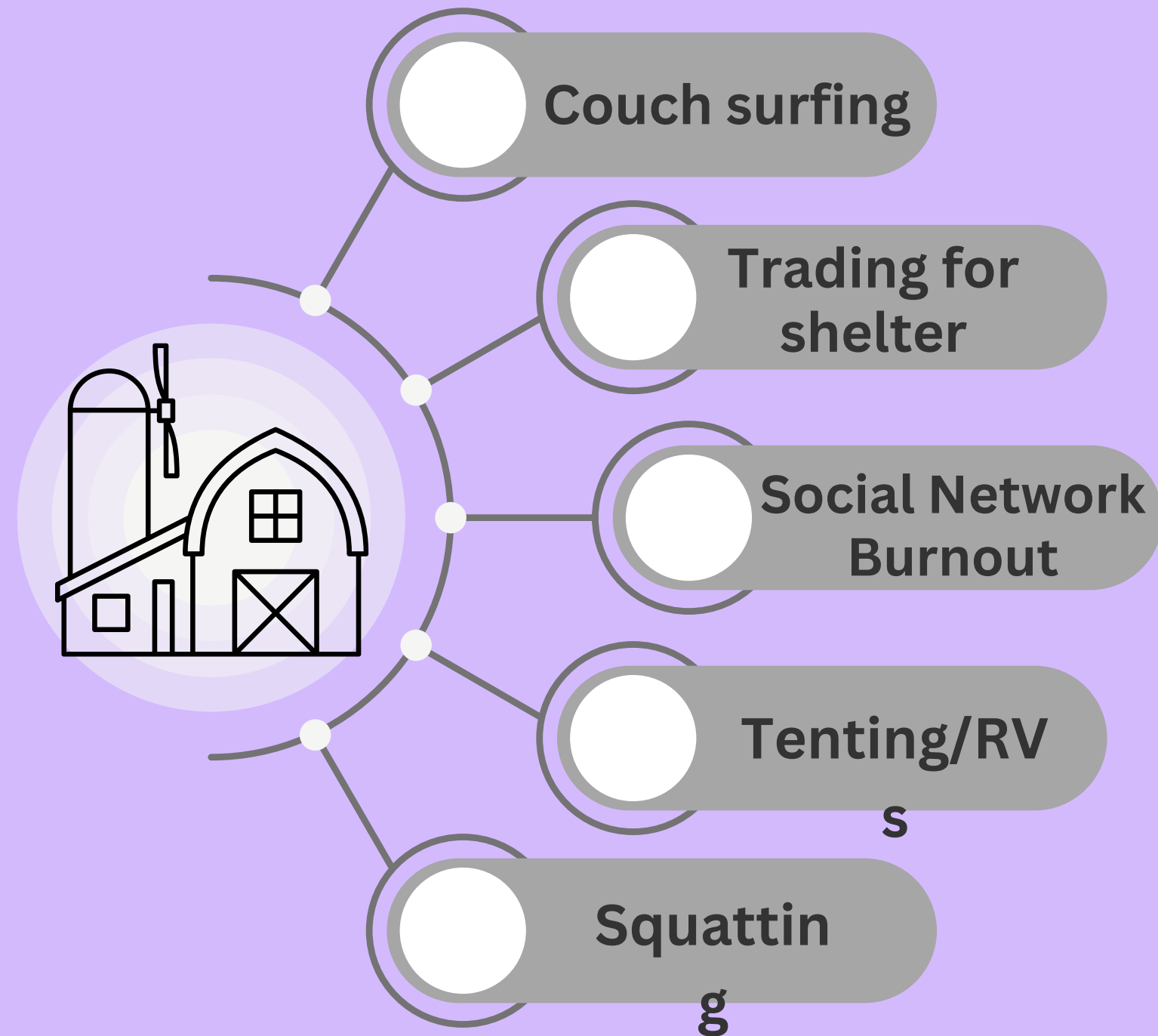
01. Define the problem: urban vs. rural homelessness

- Scope of the problem - Rural communities and small towns, dispersed populations, and lack of resources
- What's different about rural homelessness?
- How do we measure this?

02. Translation into policy

- If the problem definition does not identify all the people and related factors, policy based on that definition cannot adequately address it.

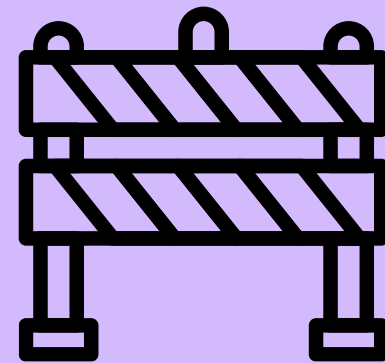
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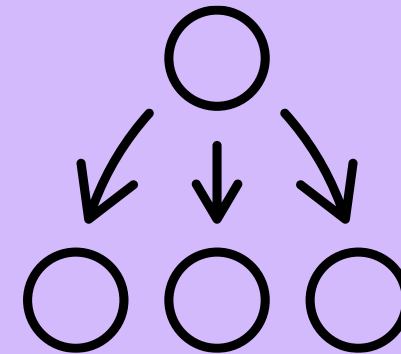
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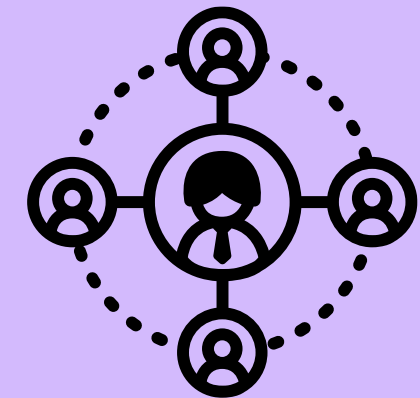
Used to capture
rural
homelessness



Recognizes
structural barriers
in services in rural
areas



Captures service
use and whether
the same person
accesses multiple
services



Closer service
provider
relationships
creates coordinated
effort to count

Making the Invisible Visible

- **Research questions conceal rural homelessness**
- **System stresses contributing to lack of accessibility**
- **Social network burnout**



Provincial Housing Strategy: Key Points

46%

Can't find a place to rent
that is available in my price
range

54%

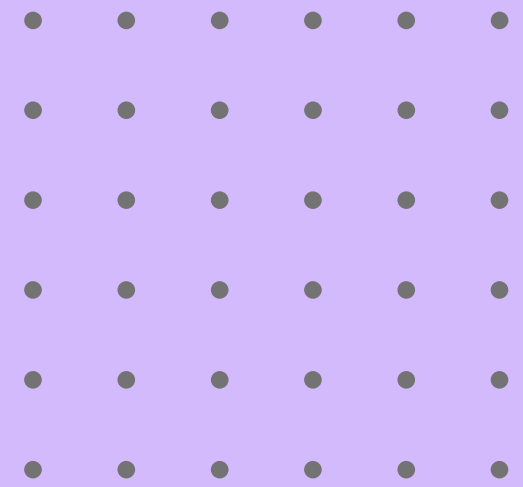
Of survey respondents
spend more than 30% of
there before-tax income on
their housing

93%

Of survey respondents said
they do not feel confident
that they could find a
suitable alternative on short
notice

Conclusion

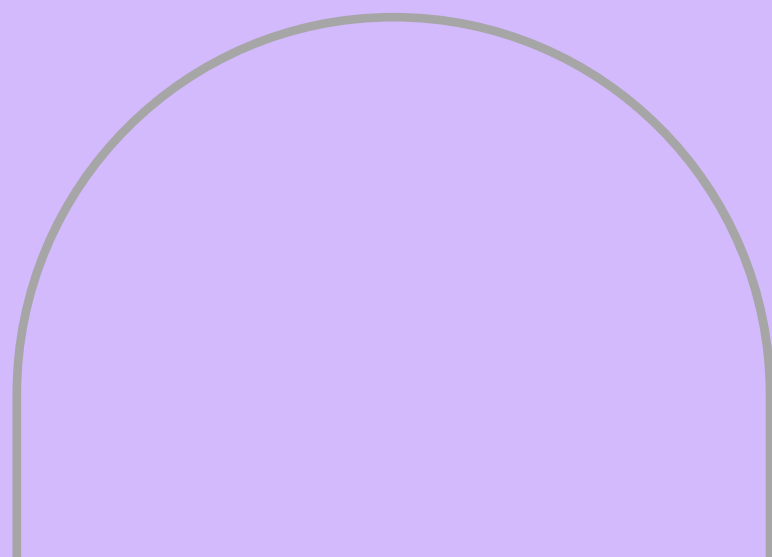
- A Service-based count tool identifies folks on “the bubble,” or at risk of losing their housing
- By capturing a larger group of people at risk or experiencing homelessness sheds light on much needed resources for communities to share
- Point-in-Time counts catch most extreme cases of homelessness, people that are already sleeping rough
- Preventing homelessness starts with making those who are invisible, visible



THANK YOU

Have any question?

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