

# Huron Housing and Homelessness Monthly Share-Out

November 2024

Huron's Housing and Homelessness Serving System is a group of agencies and programs that coordinate to provide housing and support to people experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness.

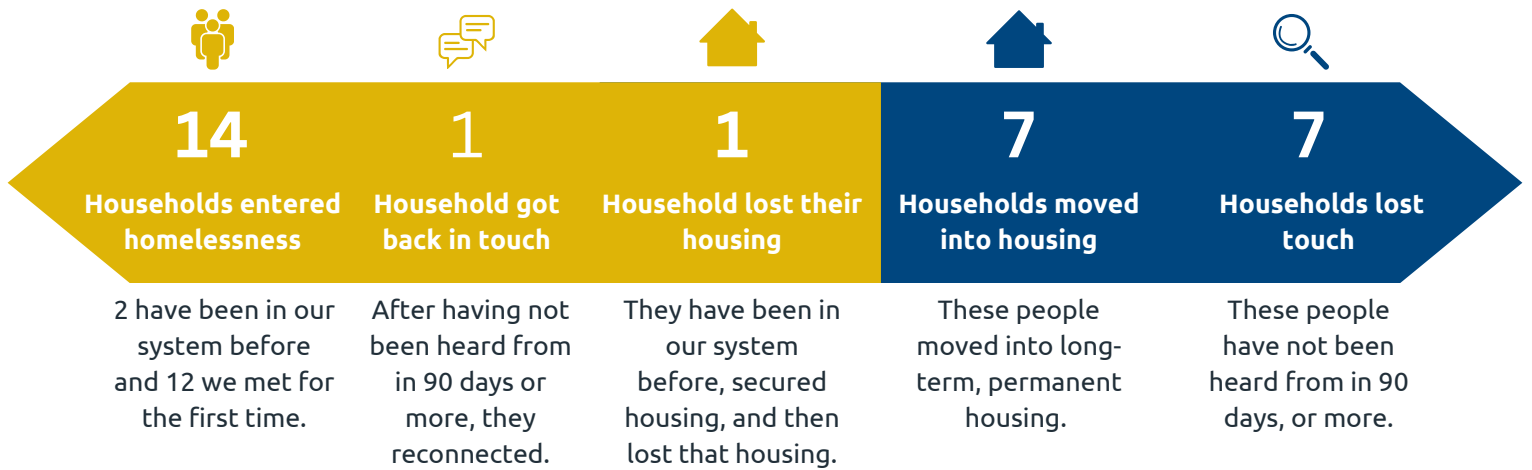
At least **140** households were experiencing homelessness in Huron County in November.

Of those, **124** households had been chronically homeless for six months or more in the last year.

**192** people, including children, are represented by the 140 households experiencing homelessness.

**Inflow:** People entering homelessness.

**Outflow:** People exiting homelessness.



## Population Specific Data

**10**

Youth (16-25) experiencing homelessness.

**26**

Families experiencing homelessness.

**30**

People with Indigenous identity experiencing homelessness.

*\*Numbers In This Report Only Represent Households That Are Active and Consenting To Being On The Huron County By-Name List*

## Monthly Myth Buster



**Myth: Providing housing for people experiencing homelessness is a waste of tax dollars.**

When you look at the average costs, keeping people safely housed is cheaper by far than supporting them through emergency services.

On average, it costs **\$87,000** per year to support a person experiencing homelessness through hospitals, jails, courts, ambulances, police, and other emergency services.

The cost of housing and supports for that person — keeping them out of emergency rooms and police station lobbies — is approximately **\$30,500** per year.

- Source

# November 22 is National Housing Day

“Housing homeless people, researchers have repeatedly found, is not only recognizing their human worth and rights, but making an excellent investment.”

## Medicine Hat, Alberta, Case Study (2019)

“It costs Medicine Hat between **\$12,000-\$34,000** annually per individual to provide housing and support, the cost of providing resources to people on the street can cost up to **\$120,000** a year, per person.”

- [Source](#)

## The Increased Cost of Hospital Stays When People Are Experiencing Homelessness

By Lawson Health Research Institute, Special to Western (University) News - May 17, 2024

- Nearly **30,000** patients identified as living without housing were hospitalized across Canada last year.
- Average length of stay for people experiencing homelessness was **15.4 days**, compared with the national **8 day** average.
- About **12%** of patients experiencing homelessness had hospital stays of more than one month.
- Average cost per stay of individuals experiencing homelessness was **\$16,800**, compared with the overall national average of **\$7,800**.

- [Source](#)

## Looking At Supportive Housing From An Economic Perspective

Canadian Mental Health Association Ontario Report - May 24, 2022

- Every **\$10** invested in supportive housing results in an average savings of **\$21.72** across the health care, social services and justice systems
- For every **\$1** invested in housing construction, there is **\$1.52** multiplier effect on the local economy
- Providing social housing (i.e. supportive housing) costs **\$613** per month
- Providing a shelter bed is **\$2,100** per month or **3x** more expensive.
- Providing a correctional bed is **\$4,300** per month, **7x** more expensive
- Providing a hospital bed is **\$13,500** per month, **22x** more expensive

- [Source](#)

When everyone has a safe and affordable place to call home, our whole community benefits.

Be Part of the Solution.

Say YES to supportive and affordable housing in your neighbourhood!





# Landlord Engagement Survey

If you're a landlord  
with rental property in  
Huron County, we want  
to hear from you!

Survey participants will be entered into a  
draw to win one of three \$25 gift cards.



Take the survey, beginning November 22:  
[www.connectedcountyofhuron.ca](http://www.connectedcountyofhuron.ca)