

Huron Housing and Homelessness Monthly Share-Out

October 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** people were experiencing homelessness in Huron County in October.

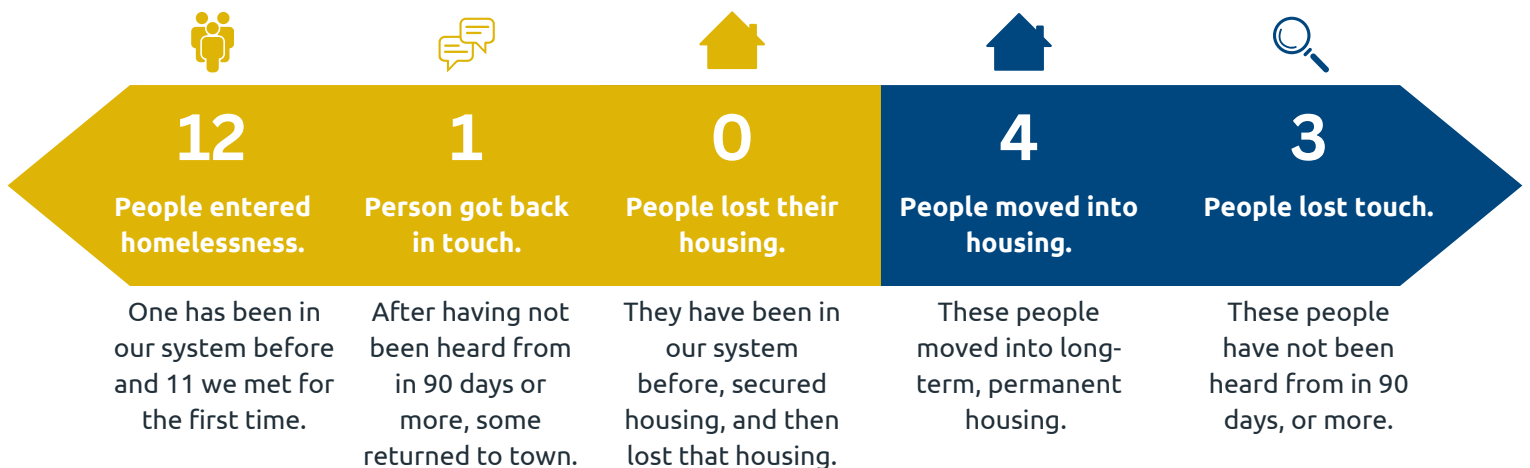
In September 2024: 135 People
In August 2024: 131 People

Of those, **123** people had been chronically homeless for six months or more in the last year.

In October, the number of people experiencing chronic homelessness increased by **2.5%** when compared with September.

Inflow: People entering homelessness.

Outflow: People exiting homelessness.



Population Specific Data

8

Youth (16-25) experiencing homelessness.

26

Families experiencing homelessness.

29

People with Indigenous identity experiencing homelessness.

Monthly Myth Buster



Myth: People experiencing homelessness are usually men.

Women make up about **36%** of the homeless population, not including those who experience hidden homelessness. We know that gender-based violence is a major factor that contributes to women's homelessness. According to the Canadian Women's Foundation, on any given night in Canada, **3,491** women and their **2,724** children sleep in shelters because it isn't safe at home. One study found that almost **40%** of domestic abuse survivors said it was difficult for them to work, and **8.5%** said they lost their jobs.

Women Working In The Homelessness Sector

- Nearly three out of four homelessness support workers (**73.8%**) were women according to the 2021 Census. This share was larger than the share of women in all occupations (**48.2%**).
- Similarly, Social Workers (**86.1%**) and Social & Community Service Workers (**76.5%**) also had a larger share of women than men.
- The number of women working in the homelessness support sector grew **54.9%** between 2016 and 2021.

[-Source](#)

Women Experiencing Homelessness In Canada

- **45%** of those Actively Homeless on **Huron County's By-Name List** identify as Women
- **28%** of women-led households in Canada are in core housing need
- **36%** of people experiencing homelessness in Canada are women-identified
- **7%** of women in Canada have experienced hidden homelessness at some point in their lives
- **42%** of women living on reserves live in houses that need major repairs
- **90%** of families using emergency shelters are headed by single women
- **21%** of single mothers in Canada raise their children in poverty
- Approximately **699** women and **236** accompanying children are turned away from domestic violence shelters across Canada each day
- Causes & Conditions of Women's Homelessness
 - Intimate partner and/or family violence is a key pathway into homelessness
 - Women are more likely to experience 'hidden homelessness', exhausting all informal supports and resources before seeking formal services
 - Women face unique and profound forms of violence once they enter homelessness, including much higher rates of involvement in human trafficking
 - Poverty and exclusion are key drivers of homelessness for women and girls.

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Shifts from Homelessness to Housing

In October, 4 people moved from homelessness into housing.



100% of them had experienced chronic homelessness.

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!

