

Huron Housing and Homelessness Monthly Share-Out

April 2025

Previous Month's Share-Outs

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.

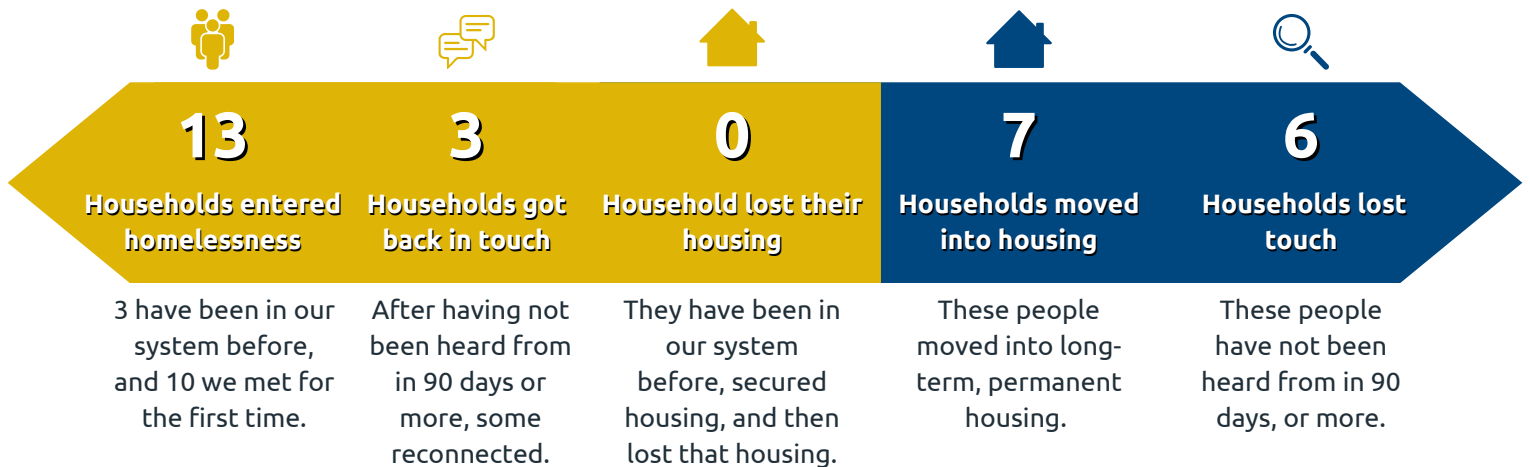
At least **139** households were experiencing homelessness in Huron County this month.

Of those, **125** households had been chronically homeless for six months or more in the last year.

186 people, including children, are represented by the households experiencing homelessness.

Inflow: People entering homelessness.

Outflow: People exiting homelessness.



Population Specific Data

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Youth (16-25) experiencing homelessness.

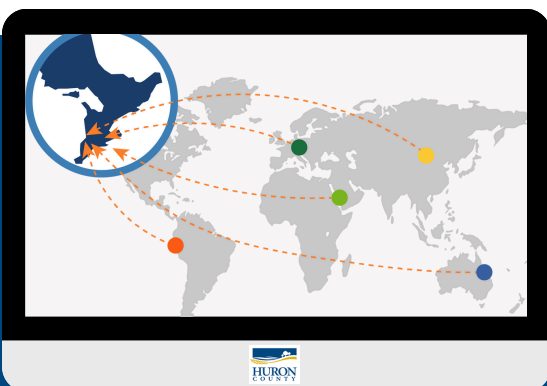
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Families experiencing homelessness.

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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*



This month's "Informed Information About Homelessness" topic is **Newcomer Homelessness**. For more information about supports for Newcomers, including the **2025 Newcomer Guide**, and soon to be released **Newcomer Experiences of Housing in Huron & Perth** report, visit the **Huron County Immigration Partnership** website, or email home@huroncounty.ca.

huroncounty.ca/Immigration-Partnership





Newcomer Homelessness

Some of the Difficulties Contributing To Newcomer Homelessness

In understanding why Newcomers experience homelessness, many reports identify similar difficulties, including:

- **Housing Affordability** - Many spend more than **30%** of their income on rent, a national standard for affordability, some even spending up to **80%** of their income on housing. Those spending under 30% often share rent with roommates.
- **Barriers to Renting** - Renting can be difficult due to a lack of Canadian employment history and credit, which are required by many landlords for rental applications.
- **Understanding of the Housing System** - To find housing information, many newcomers turn to family, friends, and social media platforms, highlighting the need for official information, particularly around tenant rights and responsibilities, including protocols and procedures. Limited knowledge can lead to potential challenges and misunderstandings in the rental market.
- **Life Challenges** - Many individuals lack social and financial supports, as well experience a lack of job opportunities due to required Canadian educational qualifications and language issues.
 - Some families even used relocation as the main way to cope with different kinds of hardships, including relationship conflicts with partners, parents, landlords and neighbours.
- Despite most newcomers reporting an upward trend in their housing quality over time, those in rental housing continue to struggle with affordability over the long term.
- According to Statistics Canada, in April 2024, a larger proportion of recent immigrants (**43%**) reported finding it difficult or very difficult to meet their financial needs over the past 12 months, compared with more established immigrants (**29%**) and non-immigrants (**29%**).
 - Refugees, whether sponsored or claimants, face affordability challenges given their lower-than-average incomes.
- The lack of housing affordability also helps explain the persistence of multi-generational households among immigrants, challenging the usual explanation of cultural preference.
- For many newcomers, securing adequate and affordable housing was their first priority upon arrival, as it influenced their ability to access employment, education, healthcare, and community resources.
- In a recent report released by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, it was noted that, "Targeted support for newcomers and refugees mitigates the risks that can lead to homelessness, ensuring alignment between housing responses and settlement services."

- Sources [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#)

Special Thank You to the Huron County Immigration Partnership for Support Information From Their Upcoming Report

Shelter Use Among Newcomers To Canada

- In 2017, **9,021** emergency shelter users reported being newcomers to Canada, out of the total emergency shelter-using population of **129,017**. In 2019, this figure increased to **10,077** newcomers out of **118,759**.
- The estimated proportion of shelter users that are newcomers to Canada increased from **7.0%** to **8.5%**.
- Approximately **70.2%** of Canadian Citizens exhibit multiple stays over the 2017-2019 period, versus **58.2%** of immigrants, **47.8%** of refugees, **27.4%** of refugee claimants, and **43.1%** of Visa holders.
- Overall, this indicates that newcomers, and particularly those in families, tend to stay in shelter longer, but are less likely to experience returns to shelter, when compared to non-newcomers.

- 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!

