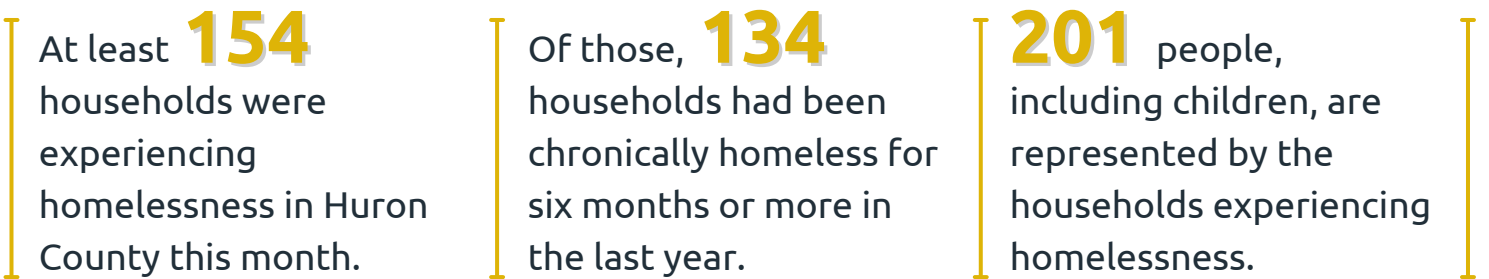


Huron Housing and Homelessness Monthly Share-Out

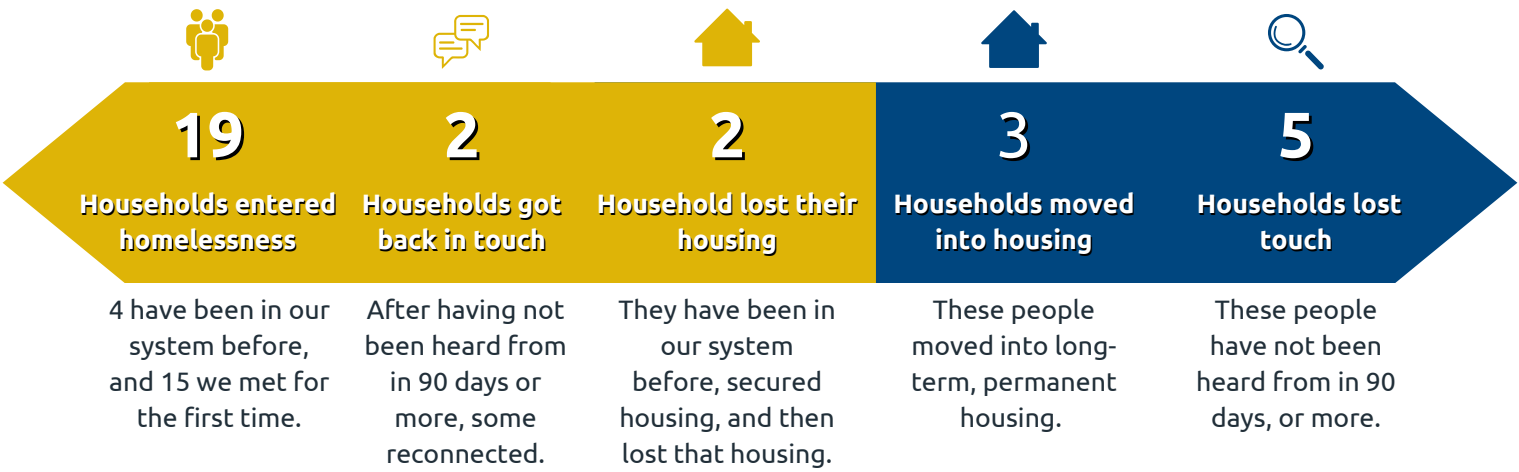
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Previous Month's Share-Outs

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.



Inflow: People entering homelessness. **Outflow:** People exiting homelessness.



Population Specific Data



**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:

People choose to be homeless.

Though we have explored this myth previously, this month we are focusing on those experiencing homelessness within the 2SLGBTQIA+ (Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and other sexual orientations and gender identities) community. Research illustrates that many members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community first experience homelessness at a younger age than those identifying as heterosexual or cisgender, and that coming out can result in alienation from family relationships, leaving the individual without options due to the lack of services geared towards those from the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

- Source

2SLGBTQIA+ Homelessness

June is Pride Month, and this month's 'Informed Information About Homelessness' section looks at the over representation of 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals, especially youth, experiencing homelessness.

2SLGBTQ+ Adult Homelessness in Toronto

- Research has shown that **12%** of those experiencing homelessness, staying in city-administered sites, self identify as 2SLGBTQ+
- Looking at the city's overall adult population, **6%** self-identify as 2SLGBTQ+
- Of the **49** emergency shelter locations available on the City of Toronto's website at the time of this research, only **2** were specific to supporting those from the 2SLGBTQ+ community
- Evidence from the 2021 Toronto Street Needs Assessment (A Point-in-Time Count)
 - **288** 2SLGBTQ+ individuals completed the survey
 - Compared to non-2SLGBTQ+ individuals experiencing homelessness, 2SLGBTQ+ respondents were younger when they first experienced homelessness, were more likely to have been in foster care or a group home, reported higher rates of conflict with and/or abuse by a parent/guardian as their main pathway into homelessness, and were more likely to experience chronic homelessness

- Sources 1, 2

2SLGBTQIA+ Youth Homelessness in Canada

- 2SLGBTQIA+ youth are overrepresented in the homeless youth population
 - It is estimated that approximately **25-40%** of homeless youth identify as 2SLGBTQIA+
 - Looking at the overall youth population, **5-10%** identify as 2SLGBTQIA+
 - When these youth experience homelessness, they have poorer overall outcomes, reporting fewer supports than straight youth, they are more than **2x** as likely to experience homelessness in shelters or on the street when compared with straight and cisgender youth, while queer women specifically were **4x** as likely
 - **77.9%** of 2SLGBTQIA+ youth experiencing homelessness report experiencing criminal victimization (e.g. theft, sexual assault)
 - US statistics report similar trends, with the Trevor Project out of California noting that **28%** of LGBTQ youth reported experiencing homelessness or housing instability at some point, resulting in **2-4x** the likelihood of reporting depression, anxiety, self-harm, suicidal thought, and suicide attempts when compared to those with stable housing
- Dr. Alex Abramovich, holder of a Canada Research Chair in 2SLGBTQ+ Youth Homelessness and Mental Health notes that, "preventing, reducing and ending LGBTQ2S+ youth homelessness requires specialized responses and targeted strategies," including the need for specialized housing programs, and capacity building with existing housing programs in order to serve LGBTQ2S youth in a safe and affirming manner. He believes that these are, "crucial components in developing a strategy to meet the needs of LGBTQ2S youth and promote social inclusion and acceptance of all young people accessing services."

- Sources 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

To learn more about supports for those in the Huron County 2SLGBTQIA+ community, or become to involved, visit:

<https://www.huroncountypride.ca>

For educational infographics related to 2SLGBTQ+ youth homelessness in Canada, visit:

<https://www.the519.org/education-training/lgbtq2s-youth-homelessness-in-canada/>

For free training on creating safe and inclusive housing solutions for 2SLGBTQ+ youth, visit:

<https://homelessnesslearninghub.ca/trainings/creating-safe-and-inclusive-housing-solutions-for-2slgbtq-youth/>

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