

Huron Housing and Homelessness Monthly Share-Out

December 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.

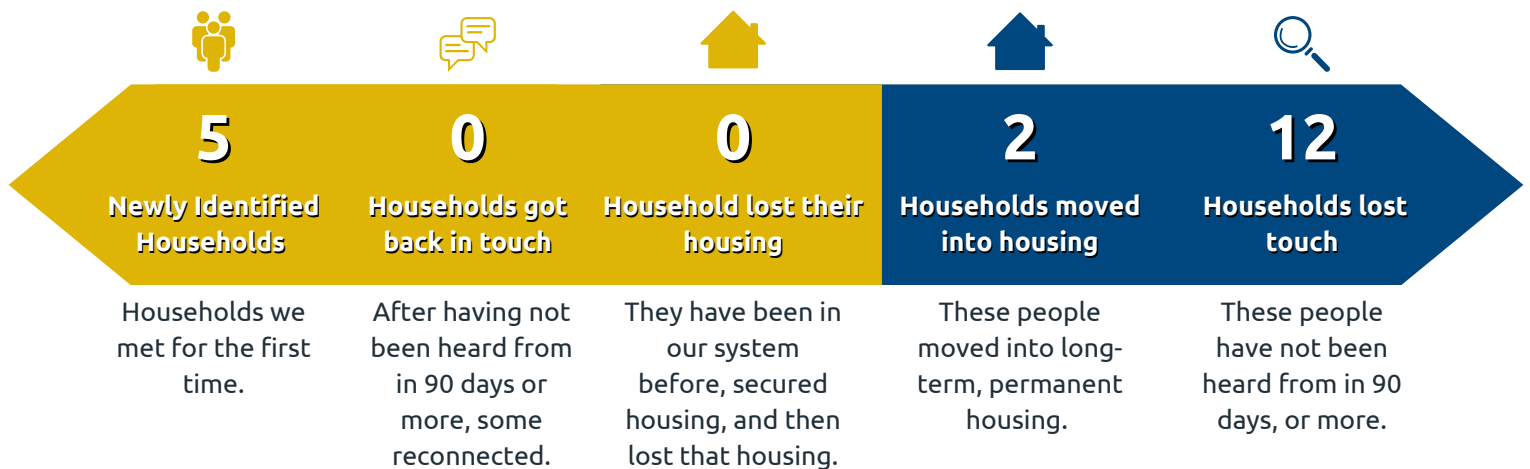
At least **150** households were experiencing homelessness in Huron County this month.

Of those, **127** households had been chronically homeless for six months or more in the last year.

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

Inflow: People entering homelessness.

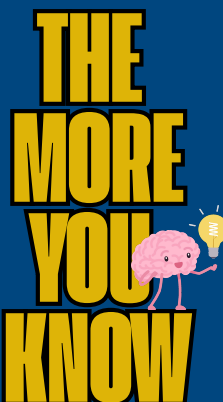
Outflow: People exiting homelessness.



Population Specific Data



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



People who are experiencing homelessness are **uniquely vulnerable to cyber scams** due to factors such as lack of stable internet connection or device theft, making them 'prime targets' for **identity theft, financial fraud, and further exploitation**. Many people who are experiencing homelessness don't have the digital literacy skills needed to deal with cybersecurity issues safely. This can be due to various reasons such as mental health or cognitive considerations, language barriers, or difficulty with accessing new technologies, to name a few. As a result, Cybercriminals **exploit people's limited resources**, stealing devices that hold vital personal data or manipulating them into transferring money, leading to **further financial stability and loss of connection to services**. Moreover, people experiencing homelessness may become desperate in their search for housing security, leading to many being manipulated by scams which promise financial security, highlighting **a hidden crisis intersecting with homelessness**.

Fraud, Scams, and Exploitation: A Hidden Crisis Intersecting with Homelessness

Why Individuals Who Are Experiencing Homelessness Are Targeted

Device Vulnerability:

- Electronic devices, often lifelines to services, are easily stolen when left unattended while sleeping rough or within the emergency shelter system.



Lack of Access:

- Unreliable internet and inability to regularly check accounts means fraud goes undetected for longer.

Information Gaps:

- Less exposure to cybersecurity awareness makes people experiencing homelessness more susceptible to scams and exploitation.

Financial Desperation:

- Scammers use “get rich quick” schemes to exploit financial hardship.



Types of Scams and Exploitation

Identity Theft:

- Stolen devices provide access to banking apps, emails, and sensitive data for identity theft.

Relationship Scams:

- Luring victims by creating a fake online persona to build a fraudulent relationship, gain trust and affection, and then manipulate the victim financially.

Sweepstakes Scams:

- Luring victims with promises of a substantial prize, with the need to pay an advance fee or provide personal information to claim it.

Money Mules:

- Coercing or manipulating victims into cashing fraudulent cheques or transferring money, resulting in them unknowingly participating in criminal activity.

How To Get Help and Report Scams

Contact your local police service to investigate the crime. Police can often support victims of cybercrimes to better understand the ‘warning signs’, as well as teach digital literacy skills to prevent fraud, scams, and exploitation.

- <https://www.opp.ca/>
- <https://sfo.opp.ca/>

Report cybercrimes and fraud to the [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre \(CAFC\)](#).



Sources - 1, 2, 3

**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!

