

# Huron Housing and Homelessness Monthly Share-Out

**August 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 **131** people were experiencing homelessness in Huron County in August.

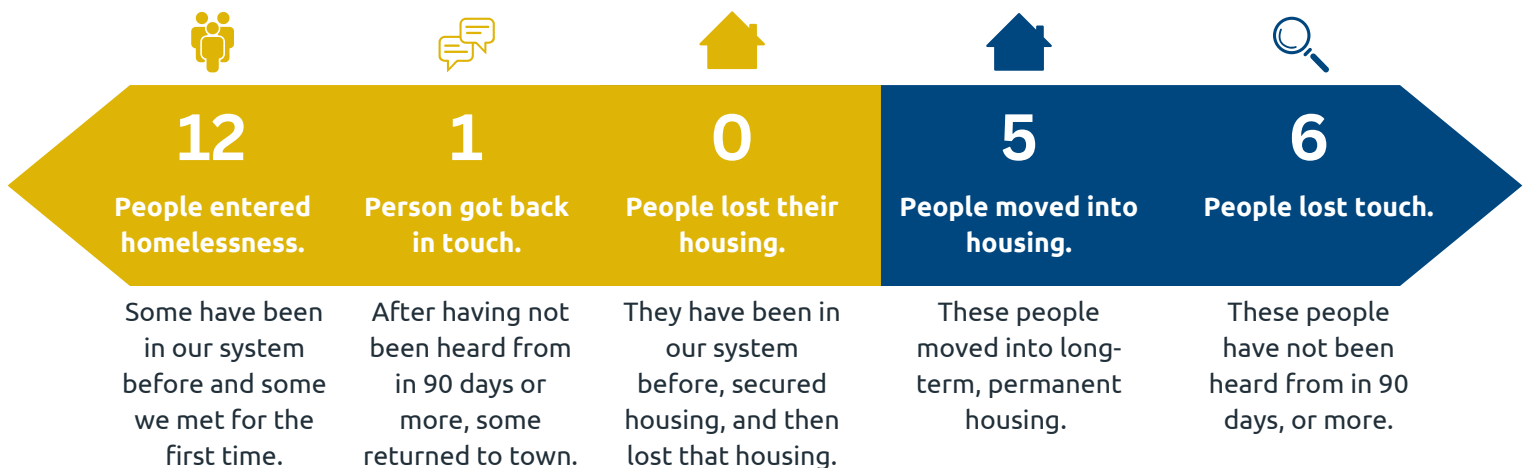
In July 2024: 129 People  
In June 2024: 118 People

Of those, **120** people had been chronically homeless for six months or more in the last year.

In August, there were **9 more people experiencing chronic homelessness than in July.**

**Inflow:** People entering homelessness.

**Outflow:** People exiting homelessness.



## Population Specific Data

**7**  
Youth (16-25) experiencing homelessness.

**20**  
Families experiencing homelessness.

**23**  
People with Indigenous identity experiencing homelessness.

## Monthly Myth Buster:



**Myth: Only people who sleep rough are experiencing homelessness.**

Fact: Sleeping rough means living in public places like parks, or in places not intended for human habitation, like cars or tents. The problem with this myth is that a person doesn't have to be sleeping on the street to be experiencing homelessness. This is especially true of youth and women. Youth and women tend to avoid the streets and shelters out of fear of violence. They are more likely to couch surf or to live temporarily with others. LGBTQ2S+ youth in particular, avoid shelters at a higher rate than the general homeless population, because of discrimination and violence.

**By Definition:**

Youth homelessness refers to young people between the ages of 13 and 25 who are living independently of parents and/or caregivers, and importantly, lack many of the social supports deemed necessary for the transition from childhood to adulthood.

**By The Numbers:**

- 20% of those experiencing homelessness in Canada are youth.
- Youth are 6 times more likely to be victimized during their experience of homelessness compared to the general population.

**Local Youth Homelessness Supports:**

Huron Safe Homes for Youth

- Supports youth and their families/caregivers in developing healthy relationships.
- Strives to prevent and end youth homelessness.
- Helps to facilitate a healthy transition into adulthood.
- Works to decrease the need for more expensive supports and services in the future.

For more information, please visit:

<https://huronsafehomes.com/>

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## Shifts from Homelessness to Housing

In August, **5** people moved from homelessness into housing.



**80%** of them had experienced chronic homelessness.

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### Bridge Housing and Stability Program

The County of Huron is proud to announce the launch of the Bridge Housing and Stability Program which will begin in November 2024. This Program is a collaborative effort with the Canadian Mental Health Association Huron Perth Addiction and Mental Health Services (CMHA-HP), to prevent and address homelessness in Huron County.

**Huron County Bridge Housing Quick Facts:**

- The Bridge Housing Program will provide a safe environment for individuals to obtain much needed rest, food, and connection to appropriate services.
- 14 Bridge Housing beds will be made available (6 beds provided by CMHA-HP and 8 beds provided by the County of Huron).
- Participants in the Program will have a maximum stay of three months to work with CMHA-HP stability staff on goal setting and housing acquisition.
- The Program will provide a home environment where staff can support clients with activities of daily living.
- Huron's Housing Stability Team will continue to support both Bridge Housing and provide individual case management of those experiencing homelessness, with up to 100 case management spaces each year.

**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!

