

# Huron Housing and Homelessness Monthly Share-Out

June 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 **118** people were experiencing homelessness in Huron County in June.

In May 2024: 111 People  
In April 2024: 109 People

Of those, **103** people had been chronically homeless for six months or more in the last year.

In June, there were **5 more people experiencing chronic homelessness than in May.**

**Inflow:** People entering homelessness.

**Outflow:** People exiting homelessness.



## Population Specific Data

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

**19**  
Families experiencing homelessness.

**25**  
People with Indigenous identity experiencing homelessness.

## Monthly Myth Buster:



**Myth: People experiencing homelessness should just find a job.**

**Fact:** There are already people experiencing homelessness who are employed; however, it is much more difficult to find a job while experiencing homelessness. A number of different challenges, such as: lacking a permanent address, not having regular access to showers, barriers to transportation, and other difficulties like mental illness, make it difficult to obtain employment. Even when individuals experiencing homelessness find jobs, they are often part-time or minimum wage positions. This work fails to adequately meet their needs, due to expensive housing costs.

# Shifts from Homelessness to Housing

In June, **3** people moved from homelessness into housing.



**100%** of them had experienced chronic homelessness.

## The Intersections of Justice Involvement and Homelessness

“Justice involvement, and jail in particular, deepens dislocation and disadvantage, setting people up for an ongoing cycle of release, homelessness, re-arrest and jail, on repeat.”

### Policy Recommendations:

#### 1 Dedicated Housing Options for Justice Involved Populations

Community-based supportive housing makes economic sense.

##### Monthly Cost of Housing:

Hospital Bed: \$13,500

Jail Bed: \$3,960

Emergency Shelter Bed: \$2,100

Supportive Housing for One Household: \$613



At least **13%** of Huron County's By-Name List has transitioned from a provincial institution to homelessness.

#### 2 Enhancing Social Assistance Rates and Processes

#### 3 Strengthening Release Planning

#### 4 Improving Access to Services in Rural & Remote Communities

#### 5 Better Data Collection for Transparency and Accountability

#### 6 Investing in Community-Based Reintegration and System Navigation Services

To learn more and read the full report, click [here](#)

**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!

