

# Huron Housing and Homelessness Monthly Share-Out

July 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.

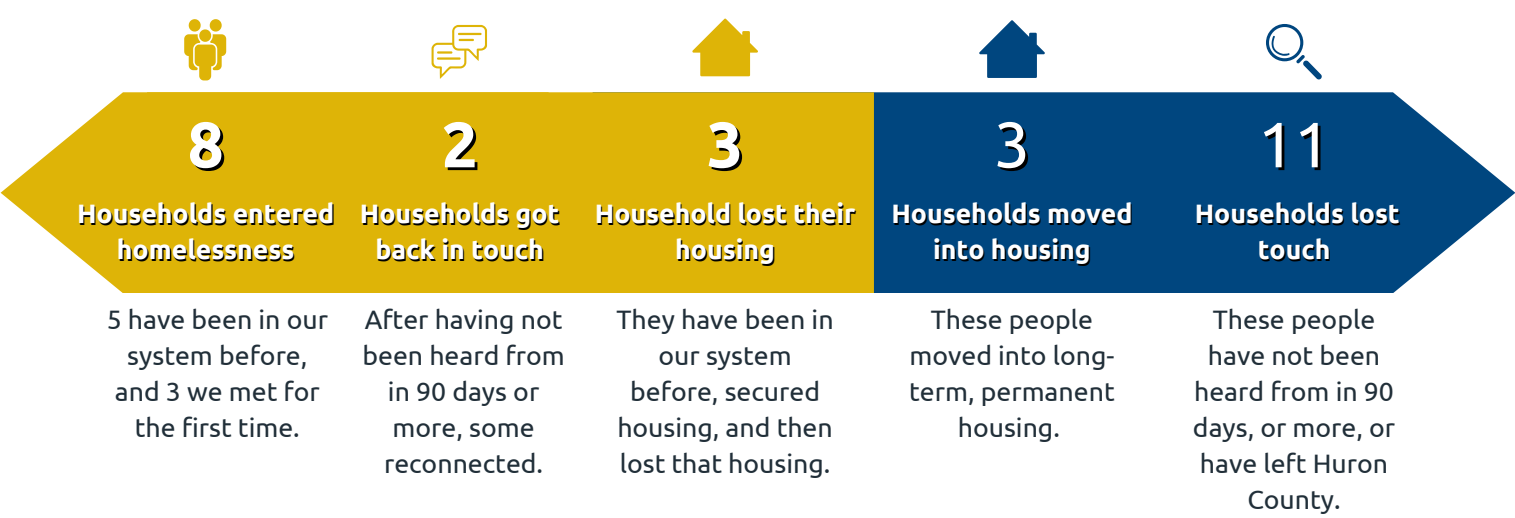
At least **148** households were experiencing homelessness in Huron County this month.

Of those, **126** households had been chronically homeless for six months or more in the last year.

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

**Inflow:** People entering homelessness.

**Outflow:** People exiting homelessness.



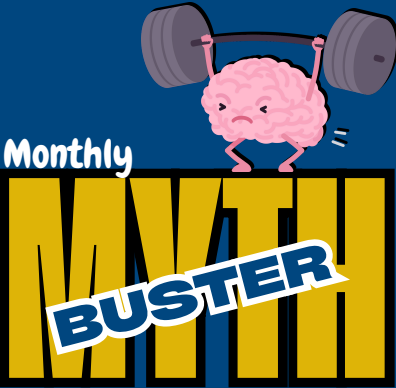
## Population Specific Data

**10**  
Youth (16-25) experiencing homelessness.

**22**  
Families experiencing homelessness.

**26**  
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*



### Myth: Those working minimum wage jobs can easily afford rent.

Looking at the average cost of a 1-Bedroom unit in Ontario, as noted in the "Current Listings" of Rentals.ca in October of 2023, and taking into account that it is recommended that only **30%** of your pre-tax income is put towards housing, it was found that an individual making minimum wage would need to work **106 hours** per week in order to afford rent, utilities, food, and other life expenses.



# Living Wage, Financial Assistance, Rent, and Cost of Living Data

## Local Living Wage, Financial Assistance, & Food Supports

- According to United Way Perth-Huron, Local Living Wage for 2024 is **\$23.05/hr**
  - That is **\$5.85/hr** more than minimum wage in Ontario (**\$17.20/hr**)
    - The calculation of Living Wage by United Way Perth-Huron is based on a 35-hour work week, using local data, and considers the living expenses of a weighted average of family types including: 1) Two working adults and two children, 2) A single parent with one child, and 3) A single individual
- Minimum Wage Income in Ontario before taxes in 2024 - **\$2,975/month**
- Ontario Works Basic Needs & Shelter Payment - **\$733/month**
  - This rate has remained the same since 2018, despite a **23%** increase in inflation
- Ontario Disability Support Program Basic Needs & Shelter Payment - **\$1368/month** (2024)
  - In 2023, the gap between ODSP income and the poverty line for a single recipient was over **\$12,000**
- Poverty Measures from 2023 (adjusted for Inflation) show Deep Poverty at **\$1,558/month**, and consider the Poverty Line to be **\$2,226/month**
- Average cost in Ontario for a bachelor apartment and food, not including other expenses like utilities, transportation, child care, and clothing, in 2018 was **\$1198/month**, jumping to **\$1612/month** in 2023
- Financial difficulties are resulting in record-high food bank usage across Ontario
  - **1,001,105** people used a food bank in Ontario between April 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024
    - This represents a **25%** increase over the previous year, and an **86%** increase since 2019/2020
    - **43%** of visitors had never accessed a foodbank before
  - **7,689,580** visits were made to food banks in 2023, a **31%** increase over the year before, and a **134%** increase since 2019/2020
  - When asked what strategies are most commonly used by food bank visitors who are having trouble making ends meet, **68%** reported skipping meals or buying less food, **55%** reported missing bill payments, **42%** pawn or sell possessions, and **18%** report missing rent/mortgage payments

## Rising Cost of Rent & Evictions

- The average cost of a bachelor apartment and food in Ontario, not including other expenses like utilities, transportation, insurance, clothing, etc., in 2018 was **\$1198/month**, jumping to **\$1612/month** in 2023
- Between October 2022 & October 2023, **12.5%** of rental units in Canada saw a change in tenants, which resulted in an average rent increase of **24%** (even higher in larger cities), increasing the worry that landlords will evict long term tenants in order to increase rental rates.
- Data from the Landlord and Tenant Board may illustrate why there is a need for concern:
  - Landlord "own-use" evictions (N12) increased by **85%** between 2020 (**3,445**) and 2023 (**6,376**)
    - Tenant disputes of these evictions also increased **4x** between 2020 (**331**) and 2023 (**1,335**)
    - Landlord fines for bad-faith evictions were **2x** higher in 2023, when compared to 2022, though there isn't a high burden of proof for these evictions, which is a concern for those with below market rent
  - There has also been close to a **300%** increase in the number of "renoviction" evictions (N13) filed between 2017 and 2022

- Sources 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

**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!**



**Come Walk with  
US**

**CMHA Huron Perth  
Addiction & Mental  
Health Services**

**recognizes**

**International Overdose  
Awareness Day August  
29<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am**



Meet at the CMHA Office (33 Kingston Street, Goderich) at 10AM, join in on the walk and flag raising at town hall.

For more information contact **Stephen Tamming**  
[Stephen.tamming@cmhahuronperth.com](mailto:Stephen.tamming@cmhahuronperth.com)



Canadian Mental  
Health Association  
Huron Perth Addiction and Mental Health Services