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### Introduction:

Council for the Homeless (CFTH) is the lead agency in the Homeless Crisis Response System (HCRS) in Clark County and the convener of community partners, resources, and services. We are committed to advancing best practices.

This annual report provides data intended to inform policymakers, service providers, and community members about the current state of homelessness in Clark County. The 2025 data indicates that some of our community strategies to help people prevent and end their homelessness are showing some success.

Multiple data points remain unchanged or indicate a negligible difference from 2024. However, we anticipate the continued high cost of housing and federal policies in effect for 2026, have the potential to create more pressure for our unhoused neighbors.

The primary driver of homelessness remains the rising costs of housing. There is a lack of affordable housing available for all income levels, especially households earning less than 50% of the area's median income (AMI).

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### How Is System-Wide Data Collected?

In 2025, 47 local providers input their homeless services data into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). CFTH administers the database and supports the providers in their use of the system with training, reporting, and technical assistance. Data is used to evaluate the HCRS, analyzing metrics, including individual program outcomes and population-based outcomes.

Partners consider which interventions are meeting the needs of the community; they analyze which populations are being success-

fully served and which populations are not. Information is used to adjust programming and promote cross-sector and cross-cultural collaboration. These system-level data are available to policymakers to inform budget allocations and drive the goals and outcomes in the five-year Clark County Local Homeless Housing Plan, adopted in November 2025: <https://clark.wa.gov/community-services/local-homeless-housing-plan>.

A public dashboard displaying program data is available at [www.councilforthehomeless.org/system-dashboard](http://www.councilforthehomeless.org/system-dashboard).

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### Commitment to Equity

CFTH continues to remain committed to intentionally gathering data on Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) communities' experience with the HCRS to better understand and serve specific community needs throughout our county. In 2025, there was a slight increase of BIPOC

individuals and families experiencing homelessness. There was also a 9% decrease of households. This data tells us there are larger BIPOC families experiencing homelessness. In this report, we compare different outcomes within BIPOC communities, including the rates of homelessness and the likelihood of experiencing poverty.

# Homeless System Numbers | 2025

## STATE OF HOMELESSNESS IN CLARK COUNTY

The data below illustrates the state of homelessness in Clark County, Wash., in 2025. The whole numbers (e.g., 3,830) represent households, not individuals. Percentages do not add up to 100% as households often fit in more than one demographic category. **2025 percentage data is listed above and 2024 is italicized and listed below for comparison.**

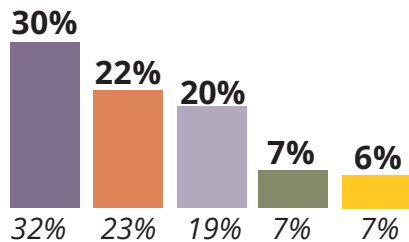
**DEMOGRAPHIC CATEGORIES**

- Families
- Seniors
- BIPOC
- Youth (12-24)
- Veterans

BIPOC=Black, Indigenous and People of Color

### EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS AT ANY POINT IN 2025

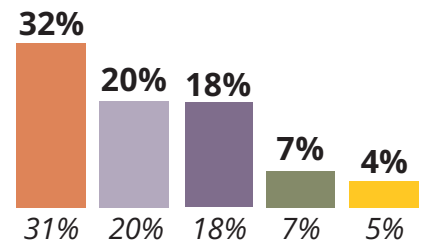
2025=3,830 / 2024=3,804



### CALLED CFTH HOUSING HOTLINE FOR ASSISTANCE

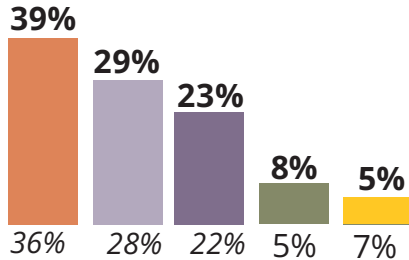
(Includes those calling for rent assistance)

2025=4,909 / 2024=4,997



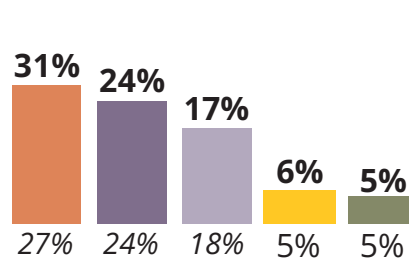
### ASKED FOR SHELTER

2025=2,549 / 2024=2,733



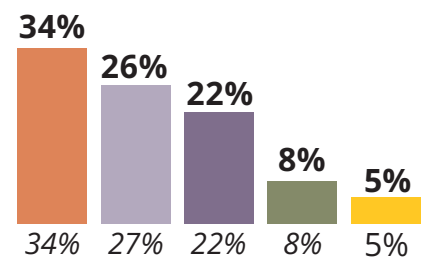
### ACCESSED SHELTER

2025=1,292 / 2024=1,526



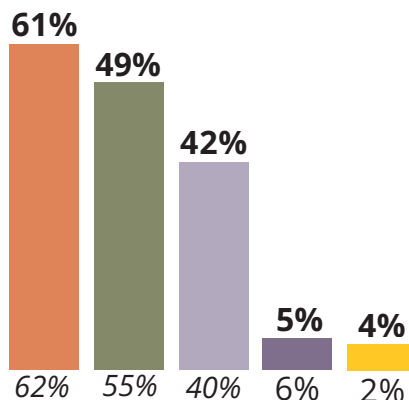
### ASSESSED FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS

2025=3,255 / 2024=3,648



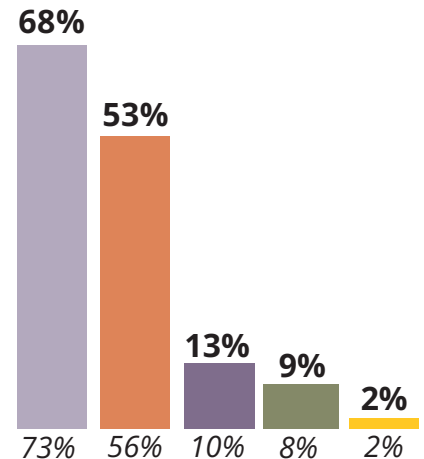
### HOUSED THROUGH COACHING AND ONE-TIME FINANCIAL SUPPORT

2025=203 / 2024=212



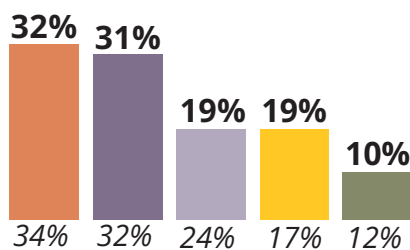
### STABILIZED THROUGH RENTAL ASSISTANCE

2025=495 / 2024=432



### ENTERED ONE OF 46 HOUSING PROGRAMS

2025=430 / 2024=568



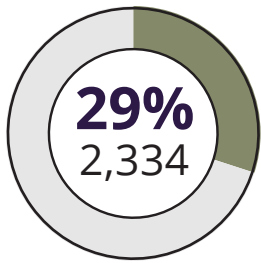
# Homeless System Numbers | 2025



## 2025 DEMOGRAPHICS SUMMARY

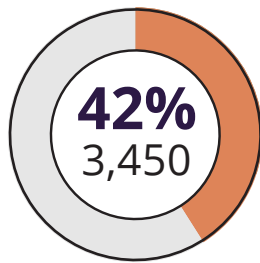
**8,202** people from **3,830** households were homeless in Clark County at any given time during 2025. Of those 8,202:

**IDENTIFIED AS CHILDREN UNDER 18**



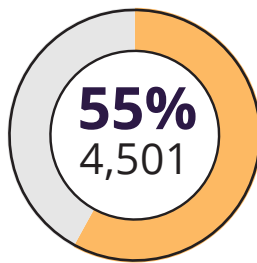
2024: 29%  
2,583 TOTAL

**IDENTIFIED AS BIPOC**



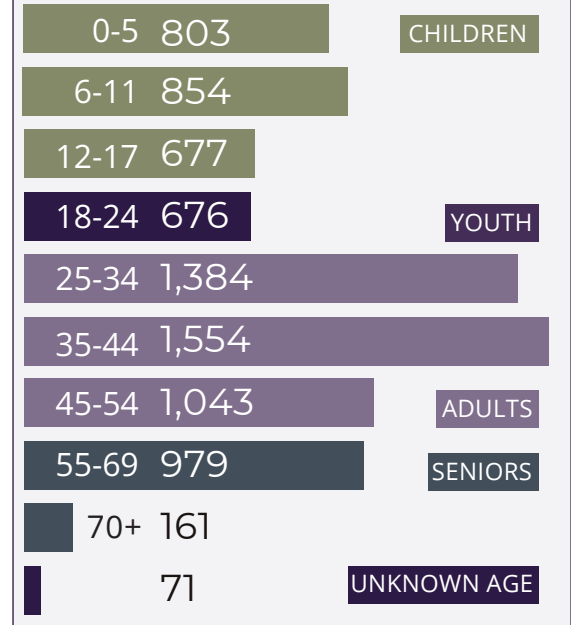
2024: 43%  
3,868 TOTAL

**IDENTIFIED AS NEWLY HOMELESS**



2024: 58%  
5,156 TOTAL

## AGES



## RACIAL DISPARITIES

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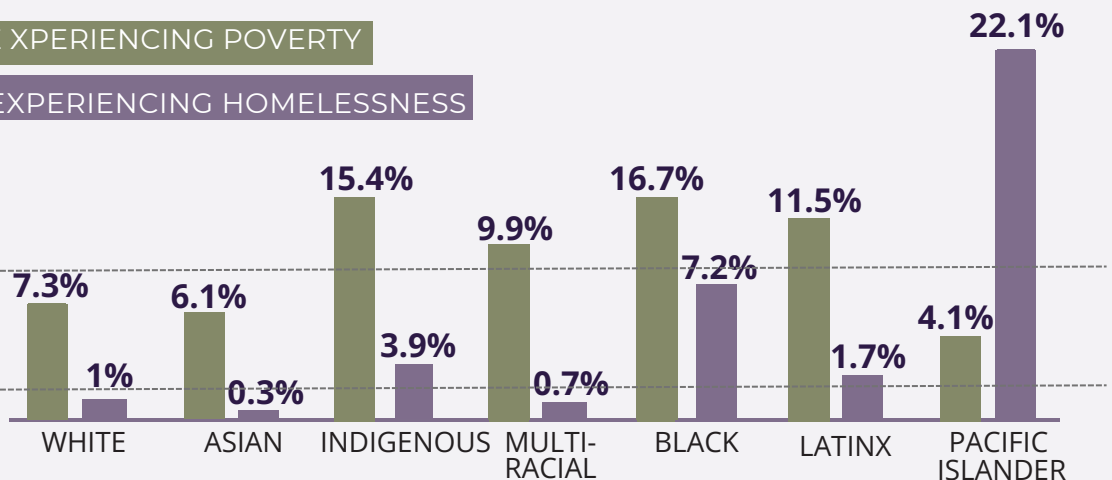
LIKELIHOOD OF EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

POVERTY AVERAGE

**8.3%**

**1.3%**

HOMELESSNESS AVERAGE



People of color are significantly more likely to experience poverty and homelessness in Clark County, Washington. Numbers above the lines indicate greater likelihood.

Source: Clark County Population and Poverty Count numbers are from the most-recent 2024 American Community Survey 5-year estimates "Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months" table.

# Key Takeaways by Service Type in 2025

- ▶ **Coordinated Outreach**
- ▶ **Emergency Shelter**
- ▶ **Coaching & One-Time Financial Assistance**
- ▶ **Housing Programs**
- ▶ **Rental Assistance**

In 2025, the Housing Hotline received over 50,000 calls for help. 8,202 people from our community experienced homelessness with more than 4,500 reporting they were newly homeless. The demand for services remains high and the need for housing solutions in our community persists.

Of the 8,202 people who experienced homelessness at any point in 2025, 2,334 were children under the age of 18 years old. While these and other numbers are slightly lower in 2025 than what we saw in 2024, the picture is one of fragile reductions. The affordable housing landscape in Clark County and the ability of the Homeless Response System to help people experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless remains difficult.

## Coordinated Outreach

- 174 households were housed by the efforts of 8 outreach teams in 2025.
- CFTH coordinated outreach efforts to convene the teams for resource & information sharing, planning, and training. Teams included, CFTH, H.A.R.T. (City of Vancouver), HOST Lifeline Connections, Live Love Outreach, Outsiders Inn, Recovery Cafe, SeaMar/CSNW, Share, & XChange Recovery.

## Emergency Shelter

- 2,549 households requested emergency shelter, a decrease of 184 from 2024.
- 1,292 households accessed emergency shelter,

a decrease of 234 from 2024.

- There were 443 year-round shelter beds, an increase of 22 shelter beds from 2024.
- The average length of stay in year-round/non-seasonal shelter was 91 days; a 20-day decrease from 2024, which was an average of 111 days.

## Coaching + One-Time Financial Assistance (Diversion)

- 203 households were housed through coaching and one-time financial assistance, a decrease of 9 households from 2024.
- 61% of households housed through Diversion identified as BIPOC, down 1% from 2024.
- 49% of the households were headed by people aged 12-24 (youth/young adult), a 6% decrease from 2024.
- Diversion continues to be an effective model to move people quickly into housing. It is strengthened by having a centralized funding model. Diversion is especially successful for BIPOC and youth/young adult households.

## Housing Programs

- **Assessments & Placements**
  - 3,255 households were **assessed** for housing program eligibility by the Coordinated Entry system, an 11% decrease.
  - The number of households placed into a housing program dropped by 25% compared to 2024.
    - This decline reverses the 25% growth in program placements seen from 2023 to 2024.
    - The decline also reflects the loss of Covid-related funding no longer available.
- **Rapid ReHousing (RRH)**
  - 59% of the households entering a RRH program in 2025 had a Permanent Exit from the program.
  - The percentage of households returning to homelessness from a RRH program in 2025 was 24%.

# 2025 Service Takeaways cont.

## Housing Programs cont.

- **Transitional Housing (TH)**
  - 51% of the households entering a TH program in 2025 had a Permanent Exit from the program.
  - The percentage of TH households returning to homelessness was 6%.
- **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)**
  - 92% of the households entering a PSH program in 2025 remained stably housed in the program or had a Permanent Exit from the program.
  - The percentage of PSH households returning to homelessness was 20%.

## Rental Assistance

- 495 households received rent assistance to prevent eviction, an increase from the 432 households in 2024.
  - Although a 15% increase from 2024, this remains a significant decrease from 2023 when Covid-related funding supported 1,506 households with rent assistance.
- Families with children aged 18 and under were the largest percentage of households receiving rent assistance in 2025
  - Partnerships with school district staff are an effective referral source for families needing assistance.

## Key Takeaways by Population in 2025

- ▶ **BIPOC**
- ▶ **Families**
- ▶ **Seniors**
- ▶ **Veterans**
- ▶ **Youth & Young Adults (12-24)**

In 2025, 8,202 people from 3,830 households experienced homelessness in Clark County at any given time.

### Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC)

- 42% of the people who experienced homelessness identified as BIPOC.
- The number of BIPOC households who **requested** shelter increased from 36% to 39% and who **accessed** shelter increased from 27% to 31%.
- All other BIPOC data points remained unchanged or shifted by 1-2% from 2024.

### Families

- As rent assistance resources became increasingly limited, the percentage of family households stabilized through rent assistance dropped by 5%.
- All other family data points remained unchanged or shifted by 1-2% in 2024.

### Seniors

- 1,140 people who experienced homelessness at any given time in Clark County were ages 55 and older, a decrease of 79 people.
- The number of senior households stabilized through rent assistance increased by 5%.

### Veterans

- All Veteran 2025 data remained virtually stable or unchanged from 2024.

### Youth & Young Adults (YYA)

- All YYA 2025 data remained virtually stable or unchanged from 2024.

# Clark County, Washington Homeless System Clients by Zip Code of Last Permanent Address

The numbers below show the reported permanent residence prior to homelessness for all unduplicated individuals who were identified as homeless in our Clark County Homeless Management Information System during 2025 and reported a valid "Zip Code of Permanent Address" to service providers.

City	Zip Code	# of People	% of Clark County Total	% of Overall Total
Amboy	98601	4	0.1%	0.1%
Battle Ground	98604	140	2.6%	2.1%
Brush Prairie	98606	8	0.1%	0.1%
Camas	98607	78	1.5%	1.2%
La Center	98629	23	0.4%	0.4%
Ridgefield	98642	61	1.1%	0.9%
Vancouver	98660	370	6.9%	5.6%
Vancouver	98661	1462	27.4%	22.3%
Vancouver	98663	274	5.1%	4.2%
Vancouver	98664	278	5.2%	4.2%
Vancouver	98683	290	5.4%	4.4%
Vancouver	98684	397	7.4%	6.1%
Five Corners (uninc.)	98662	493	9.2%	7.5%
Hazeldell (uninc.)	98665	400	7.5%	6.1%
Orchards (uninc.)	98682	640	12.0%	9.8%
Felida (uninc.)	98685	140	2.6%	2.1%
Salmon Creek (uninc.)	98686	126	2.4%	1.9%
Washougal	98671	108	2.0%	1.6%
Woodland	98674	29	0.5%	0.4%
Yacolt	98675	16	0.3%	0.2%

Reason	# of People	%
Cannot Afford Housing	1330	20%
Domestic Violence	1259	19%
Eviction	565	9%
Household Crisis	461	7%
Substance/Alcohol Dependency	214	3%

Note: These numbers do not represent all people experiencing homelessness from Jan. 1, 2025 through Dec. 31, 2025 as 30% of adults did not have a valid "Zip Code of Last Permanent Residence" recorded in HMIS. These numbers are based on the 70% of clients where the data was available and represented a valid US zip code

Zip codes are not intended for geographical mapping use, so some zip codes are both inside and outside of a given geography. In these cases, they are assigned to whichever geography covers the majority of the zip code

Clients are asked to provide the primary reason for their homelessness when they access some services. Answering this question is entirely optional. The top five responses for clients experiencing homelessness in 2025 are shown above.

State	# of	% of Total
Washington	5,748	87.6%
Clark County	5,337	81.4%
Vancouver	3,071	46.8%
Oregon	398	6.1%
Tri-County*	194	3.0%
California	90	1.4%
Arizona	36	0.5%
Idaho	26	0.4%
Texas	23	0.4%
Utah	17	0.3%
Nevada	17	0.3%
New Mexico	17	0.3%
North Carolina	17	0.3%
Alaska	17	0.3%
Montana	14	0.2%
Hawaii	12	0.2%
Minnesota	9	0.1%
Pennsylvania	7	0.1%
Oklahoma	7	0.1%
Missouri	7	0.1%
Iowa	7	0.1%
Colorado	7	0.1%
Kentucky	6	0.1%
Florida	6	0.1%
Arkansas	6	0.1%
Ohio	5	0.1%
Other States	52	0.9%
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>6558</b>	

All local data from Clark County HMIS

\*Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties



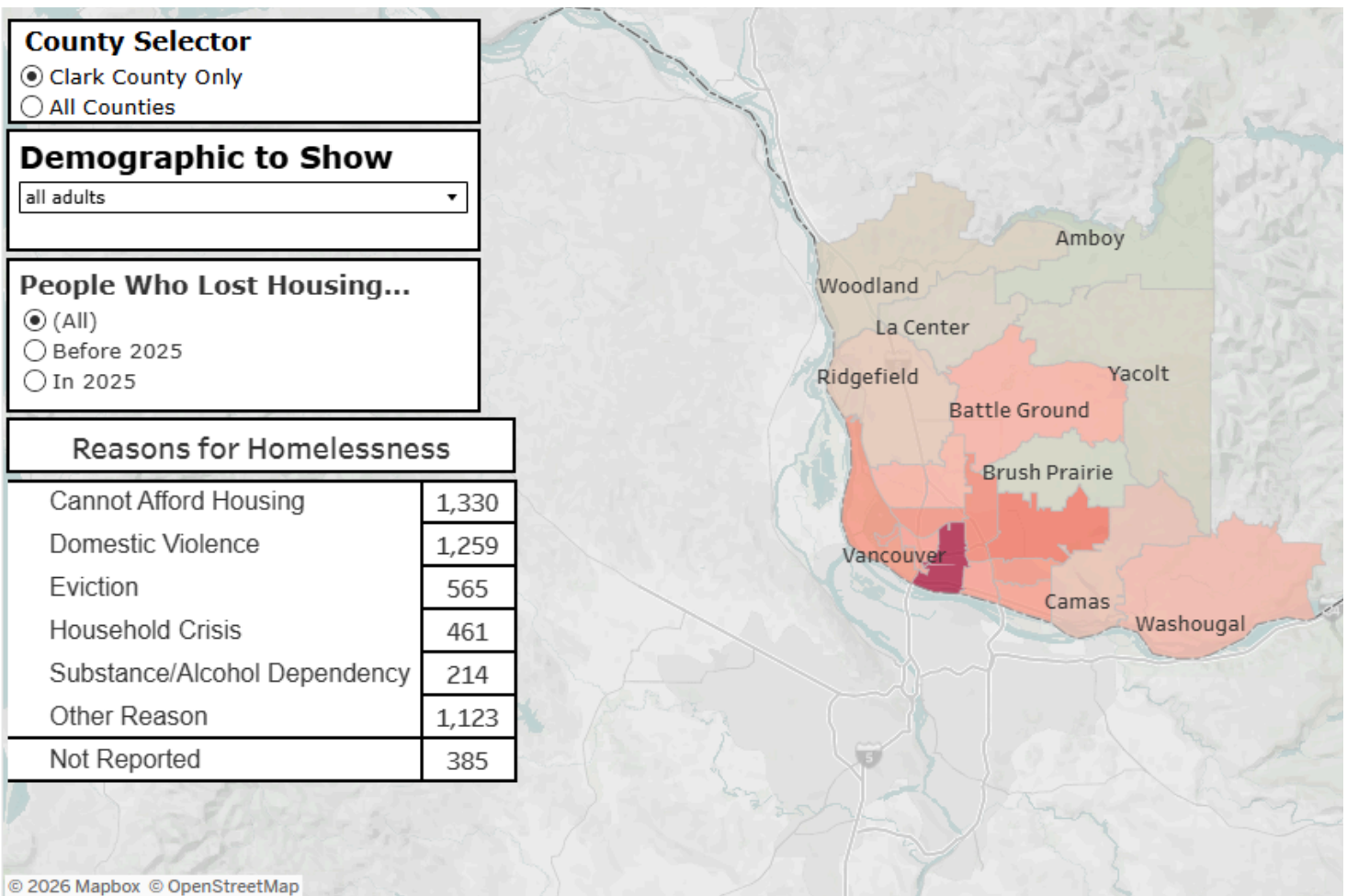
# Map of Clark County, Washington Homeless System Clients by Zip Code of Last Permanent Address

## 2025 Zip Code Report

People who access services through the Homelessness Crisis Response System (HCRS) in Clark County are given the option to provide their last permanent zip code and the primary reason they lost their housing. This information is entered in HMIS, a secure database, and can be used to identify regional patterns.

This map is shaded from red to green, representing areas covered by a single zip code. Areas shown in red saw more people losing their housing than expected, while zip codes shown in green saw fewer.

For an interactive zip code map please visit:  
[https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/council.for.the.homeless/viz/2025ZipCodesv1\\_1/2025ZipCodes?publish=yes](https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/council.for.the.homeless/viz/2025ZipCodesv1_1/2025ZipCodes?publish=yes)



All local data from Clark County, Wash , HMIS

# Homeless System Numbers | 2025

## CLARK COUNTY PARTNERS WORKING TOWARD COMMON GOALS

Collaboration among agencies and organizations serving people experiencing homelessness or risk of homelessness in Clark County is essential to helping individuals and families secure the resources and housing they need. The 47 agencies listed below all entered records of their homelessness-related services and programs into the Homeless Management Information System in 2025. **The agencies in bold-face type provide the Transitional Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing programs accessed by 430 households in 2025.**

4D Recovery	Immanuel Lutheran Church	The Giving Closet
AKIN	<b>Impact NW</b>	<b>The Salvation Army</b>
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church	<b>Janus Youth</b>	Thrive2Survive
Boys and Girls Club	<b>Lifeline Connections</b>	Unity Center
<b>Carelon Behavior Health</b>	Living Hope Church	<b>Vancouver Housing Authority</b>
Cascade AIDS Project	Lutheran Community Services	Xchange Recovery
Catholic Community Services of Western Washington	Northwest	<b>YWCA</b>
City of Vancouver	NAYA (Native American Youth and Family Center)	<b>COORDINATED OUTREACH &amp; CHRONIC BY-NAME LIST PARTNERS:</b>
Clark County Veterans Assistance Center	<b>New Life Friends Church</b>	City of Vancouver HART Team
Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program	Odyssey Wolrd International	Columbia River Mental Health
Columbia River Mental Health	Education Services	Lifeline Connections
Couve Collective	<b>Open House Ministries</b>	Outsiders Inn
Do Good Multnomah	Outsiders Inn	Recovery Café
Family Promise of Clark County	PICA-WA (Pacific Islander Community Association of WA)	SeaMar CSNW
Family Solutions	Pier 360	Share
Fosterful	Recovery Café	Xchange Recovery
Friends of the Children	Sakura 39ers	<b>VETERAN BY-NAME LIST PARTNERS:</b>
Girls Inc.	<b>SeaMar - CSNW</b>	Clark County Veterans Assistance
Great Life Mentoring	<b>Second Step Housing</b>	Transition Projects
Helping Professionals Wellness Center	<b>Share</b>	Partners in Careers
	<b>St. Andrew Lutheran Church</b>	<b>YOUTH BY-NAME LIST PARTNER:</b>
	<b>St. Paul Lutheran Church</b>	Janus Youth

# Glossary

## HCRS Key Definitions

### By-Name Lists

In Clark County, CFTH convenes the following by-name-list workgroups: 1. Chronically Homeless; 2. Veterans; and 3. Youth & Young Adult. By-Name lists are real-time, comprehensive rosters of every person experiencing homelessness. Each list includes names, housing history, health, and needs to ensure housing partners know every person by name in order to match them with housing programs and cross-sector providers.

### Continuum of Care (CoC) for Homelessness

The CoC Program created by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development is designed to assist individuals (including unaccompanied youth) and families experiencing homelessness and provide the services needed to help such individuals move into transitional and permanent housing, with the goal of long-term stability. The CoC Program was codified in 2009 through the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act.

The CoC Program is designed to promote community-wide planning and strategic use of resources to address homelessness; improve coordination and integration with mainstream resources and other programs targeted to people experiencing homelessness; improve data collection and performance measurement; and allow each community to tailor its programs to the strengths and challenges in assisting homeless individuals and families within that community. In Clark County, Council for the Homeless is the lead agency charged with convening a CoC Steering Committee and supporting partners toward collaborative efforts and outcomes.

### Coordinated Entry

As part of the 2009 Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act, HUD required communities to create a person-centered pathway for people to access and receive assistance. This is known as Coordinated Entry. In a Coordinated Entry system, people in need access assistance through a process representing the breath of services offered in the community.

Council for the Homeless is the Coordinated Entry provider for **47 service providers** in Clark County. Learn more about Coordinated Entry at <https://www.councilforthehomeless.org/partner-resources/coordinated-entry/>.

### Homeless Crisis Response System (HCRS)

Usually only referred to as HCRS in written form, otherwise referred to as the Homeless Crisis Response System, or also can be referred to as the Homeless Response System. The goals of an effective crisis response system are to identify those experiencing homelessness, prevent

# Glossary cont.

homelessness when possible, connect people with housing quickly, and provide services when needed. The HCRS depends on collaboration between a lead agency, service providers, adjacent systems of care, policy makers, and community members.

## **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)**

The countywide database utilized by all service providers within the Continuum of Care (CoC). In Clark County, Council for the Homeless is the HMIS administrator.

## **Homelessness**

Living in a car, tent, trailer without running water, emergency shelter, or place not meant for human habitation (literal definition). Note: People staying in a shelter are still considered homeless until they move to a permanent living situation; emergency shelter by itself is not an answer to homelessness. Some funding sources incorporate “couch surfing” or being “doubled up” in the definition of homelessness.

## **Housing Assessment**

A comprehensive survey and conversation with a head or heads of household. Data from the assessment determine the type of housing assistance program that will give the household the best chance of meeting their goals and securing housing.

## **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)**

Combines affordable housing with intensive staff supports, behavioral and physical healthcare, caregivers, and other essential services. This approach is typically a good fit for people who experience chronic homelessness. In addition to the human benefit, PSH is shown to reduce costs associated with hospital visits and interactions with the criminal justice system.

## **Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)**

Includes assistance in identifying permanent housing with move-in costs, rent support, and case management. The amount of assistance and length of time received is tailored to individual needs.

## **Transitional Housing (TH)**

Provides households with temporary housing and supportive services with the goal of their moving to permanent housing within 24 months.

## References & Resources

**2025 Out of Reach Report** by the National Low Income Housing Coalition states renters in Clark County must earn \$38.40 per hour to afford a two-bedroom home at Fair market Rate (\$1,997): [https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/oor/2025\\_OOR\\_FullReport.pdf](https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/oor/2025_OOR_FullReport.pdf)

**The Columbian** reports that half of Southwest Washington can't afford basic necessities: <https://www.columbian.com/news/2025/nov/15/report-finds-half-of-southwest-washington-residents-cant-afford-housing-food-other-necessities/>

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the One Big Beautiful Bill are causing harm to individuals and families**, according to the non-partisan Center for Budget and Policy Priorities regarding federal changes.

### **Five Year Local Homeless Housing Plan:**

<https://clark.wa.gov/community-services/local-homeless-housing-plan>

### **Demographic Breakdown and Racial Disparities:**

<https://clark.wa.gov/community-services/community-needs-assessment-overview>

**"There Is No Place for Us: Working and Homeless in America"** by Brian Goldstone:

<https://www.briangoldstone.net/>

### **Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) study:**

<https://www.unitedforalice.org/introducing-ALICE/washington>

### **Council for the Homeless Resources:**

<https://www.councilforthehomeless.org/impact/built-for-zero/>

<https://www.councilforthehomeless.org/community-events/>

<https://www.councilforthehomeless.org/impact/>

<https://www.councilforthehomeless.org/partner-resources/coordinated-entry/>