



# Governing Board June Regular Meeting

## Theory of Change

If we create a homelessness response system that centers the voices of people with lived experience of homelessness, then we can focus on responding to needs and eliminating inequities, to end homelessness for all.

## Date & Time

June 26, 2026, 10:00am - 12:00pm PT

## Location

Seattle Public Library, Level 4, Room 2, 1000 4th Ave, Seattle; [Zoom](#)

## Agenda

### A. Call to Order

Theory of Change

Land Acknowledgement

### B. Roll Call

### C. Approval of Consent Agenda

May 2026 Governing Board Meeting Minutes

### D. CEO Report - Dr. Kelly Kinnison, Chief Executive Officer

### E. Public Comment

## F. Finance Committee Update

2026-05

RESOLUTION 2026-05

*A RESOLUTION amending the primary duties of the Finance Committee*

- *Sponsor: Jorge L. Barón*

## G. Discussion and Possible Action

2026-06

RESOLUTION 2026-06

*A RESOLUTION approval of Olive Towers lease extension*

- *Jeff Simms, Chief Program Officer*

## H. Briefings

Briefing No. 2026-04

*Corrective Action Plan Update*

- *Dr. Kelly Kinnison, Chief Executive Officer*
- *William Towey, Associate Deputy for Strategy*

Briefing No. 2026-05

*2026 Point-in-Time Count Presentation*

- *William Towey, Associate Deputy for Strategy*
- *Dominique Alex, Chief Executive Officer, Mary's Place*
- *Daniel Malone, Executive Director, Downtown Emergency Services Center (DESC)*

## I. Adjournment

## Next Regular Meeting

July 24, 2026; 10:00am-12:00pm

**NOTICE:** The Governing Board can be called in to Executive Session as needed, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110.





KCRHA Governing Board

Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2026

10:00am-12:00pm PT

Chair: Katie Wilson

Clerk: Lisa Edge and Affiong Ibok

### A. Call to Order

The KCRHA Governing Board met virtually on May 22, 2026 pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement. The meeting began at 10:05am. The Theory of Change and Land Acknowledgement were read by the Chair.

### B. Roll Call

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<i>Zahilay</i>	<i>Girmay</i>	X		
<i>Barón</i>	<i>Jorge</i>	X		
<i>Fain</i>	<i>Steffanie</i>	X		
<i>Aviva</i>	<i>Yvonne-Monique</i>	X		
<i>Jiang</i>	<i>Kelly</i>	X		
<i>Prince</i>	<i>Ed</i>	X		
<i>Backus</i>	<i>Nancy</i>	X		<i>Member Robertson serving as alternate.</i>
<i>Hay</i>	<i>Kent</i>	X		
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Katie</i>	X		
<i>Foster</i>	<i>Dionne</i>	X		
<i>Rinck</i>	<i>Alexis-Mercedes</i>	X		
<i>Bracken</i>	<i>Ellyse</i>		X	

The board had a quorum of 9 at 10:05am.

### C. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Member Zahilay motioned to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded by Member Prince and passed via unanimous voice vote.

### D. CEO Updates



CEO Kinnison updated the board on KCRHA’s response to the forensic evaluation and the corrective action plan, as well as the 2026 Point-in-Time Count release.

### **E. Public Comment**

The following individuals provided comments.

*Michael Pickett*

### **F. Briefings**

Briefing No. 2026-02

*Continuum of Care 2025 Accomplishments and 2026 Priorities*

- *Dorsol Plants, Continuum of Care Board Co-Chair*
- *Ruby Romero, Continuum of Care Board Co-Chair*

Briefing No. 2026-03

*Winter Severe Weather Report*

- *Tony Machacha, Manager, Emergency Operations*

### **G. Executive Session**

**\*\*Following Briefings, Chair announced the Board would enter Executive Session at 11:42am under RCW 42.30.11(1)(f) to discuss personnel matters. The session was expected to last 30 minutes. The Board returned to open session at 12:12pm. No action was taken. \*\***

### **H. Adjournment**

## **Next Regular Meeting**

June 26, 2026; 10:00am – 12:00pm

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY AMENDING THE PRIMARY DUTIES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SPONSORS: Jorge L. Barón

WHEREAS, Article VIII (“Powers and Authority of the Governing Board”) of the amended Interlocal Agreement provides that it is a responsibility of the Governing Board to provide fiscal oversight, including through an annual review of year-end financial reports, and monitoring of year-to-date financial reports at least quarterly; and

WHEREAS, maintaining consistent and coordinated oversight of financial systems is an integral component of maintaining trust in local government; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board established a Finance Committee on April 24, 2026 to consult with the CEO and/or their delegate on matters regarding the fiscal health of the Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY:

Section 1. Approval of Amendments. Pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement, the Governing Board hereby approves the amendments to Resolution 2026-04 attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 2. Ratification. The Governing Board further ratifies and confirms the adoption of such amendments at its June 26, 2026 meeting. All actions taken pursuant to the authorization provided for in this resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and approval.

Passed by a majority vote of the Governing Board pursuant to the terms of the Interlocal Agreement at a meeting held this 26th day of June 2026.

## Exhibit A

## RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04

## A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY ESTABLISHING A FINANCE COMMITTEE

SPONSORS: Jorge L. Barón

WHEREAS, in December 2019, the City of Seattle and King County entered into an Interlocal Agreement establishing the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (“KCRHA” or “Authority”), representing a major shift in the way the region approaches strategic planning, program development, and funding for homeless services in the Seattle-King County region; and

WHEREAS, in November 2024, the City of Seattle and King County amended the Interlocal Agreement to streamline the governance structure at the Authority to improve transparency, coordination, and oversight; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Seattle and King County each hold Master Services Agreements with the Authority requiring it to safeguard allocated funds, establish a system of financial controls, and ensure funds are used in accordance with the terms of the agreements; and

WHEREAS, a forensic investigation completed in April 2026 found significant failures in the Authority’s internal controls and financial stewardship to the extent requiring immediate and comprehensive corrective action; and

WHEREAS, the investigation identified unreconcilable and unrecoverable cash including the growing interest of \$1.26 million, \$8 million that cannot be matched against KCRHA financial records, and \$4.26 million in administrative overspend; and

WHEREAS, KCRHA holds a negative \$62,806,126.05 balance in the King County Investment Pool as of March 2026; and

~~WHEREAS, Article VIII states that the Governing Board may delegate discrete powers and authorities to subcommittees; and~~

WHEREAS, maintaining consistent and coordinated oversight of financial systems is an integral component of maintaining trust in local government,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY:**

**Section 1:** Creation of Finance Committee and Primary Duties. The Governing Board hereby establishes a Finance Committee to convene and consult with the CEO and/or their delegate for the purpose of providing financial oversight, supporting fiscal health, monitoring internal controls, advising on matters of financial oversight, fiscal health, and internal controls, and making

## Exhibit A

informed recommendations to the Governing Board regarding the Authority's financial position. The committee shall:

- A) Conduct an annual review of year-end financial reports;
- B) Conduct a quarterly review of year-to-date financial reports;
- C) Monitor the progress and outcomes of any financial audits of the Authority, including those conducted by the Washington State Auditor's Office;
- D) Periodically ~~report~~ provide advisory reports to the full Governing Board on the above; and
- E) ~~Approve~~ Advise on any new agreements that increase costs or liability where there is not existing budget authority granted. Notwithstanding this provision, the CEO may execute Continuum of Care grant agreements as ~~approved~~ recommended by the Finance Committee.
- F) ~~Develop and approve~~ Advise the Governing Board in the development of a documented exception process for the hiring of positions critical for core service delivery. The CEO shall pause on the recruitment and hiring of vacant or new positions unless approved by the ~~Finance Committee~~ Governing Board.
- G) ~~Define discretionary spending. The CEO shall pause on any discretionary spending unless approved by the Finance Committee.~~ Advise the CEO on discretionary spending. The CEO shall notify the Finance Committee of all proposed discretionary spending and the Finance Committee shall advise the CEO on such matters.
- H) ~~Undertake other activities that the committee considers necessary to assist the Governing Board in carrying out its fiscal oversight responsibilities, including making additional requests of the Authority to understand and address the findings from the forensic evaluation as appropriate and necessary to uphold the standards of good governance.~~

**Section 2: Finance Committee Membership.** Each respective Appointing Body shall notify the CEO of the names for that Appointing Body's selected members by 12 pm on May 1, 2026. For purposes of this Resolution, the Appointing Bodies shall consist of: 1) the King County Executive and King County Councilmembers (King County Appointing Body); 2) the Mayor of the City of Seattle and Seattle City Councilmembers (Seattle Appointing Body); 3) Members of the Sound Cities Association (Sound Cities Appointing Body); and 4) the three members with Lived Experience as contemplated in the Interlocal Agreement.

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6. Committee member, Lived Experience Member

**Exhibit A**

**Section 3:** Finance Committee Meetings and Powers. The Finance Committee shall meet at least quarterly.

KCRHA shall assign staff to coordinate, support, and advise the KCRHA Finance Committee.

At the request of the City of Seattle or King County Finance Committee members, City or County staff with expertise in financial stewardship may be consulted.

Meetings of the Finance Committee require the participation of a quorum of Committee members listed in Section 2 of this Resolution. For purposes of this Committee, quorum will constitute four of the six appointed members.

**Section 5:** Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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**Section 5:** Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF A LEASE WITH THE SJC OLIVE LLC.

WHEREAS, under Article VIII, Section 3(A)(7) of the Interlocal Agreement, the Governing Board of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (“Authority”) must approve by a majority vote of members present to “accept or convey an interest in real estate, except for i) lien releases or ii) satisfactions of a mortgage after payment has been received, or iii) the execution of a lease for a current term less than one (1) year;” and

WHEREAS, the Authority entered into a lease agreement (“Initial Lease”) with SJC Olive LLC (“Landlord”) dated as of December 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has negotiated and entered a five-year lease extension with Landlord to lease the Olive Towers property (“Lease”) at \$111,375.00 per month to extend operation of a permanent supportive housing facility.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY:

**Section 1:** The Governing Board hereby affirms the Authority’s entrance into a lease with SJC Olive LLC as executed on January 1, 2027 for use of Olive Towers (“Lease”). The Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, in consultation with legal counsel, is hereby authorized to make such revisions to the Lease as determined to be necessary and in the best interest of the Authority. The Chief Executive Officer is further authorized to execute all extension options described in the Lease on behalf of the Authority and execute any future amendments to the Lease as determined to be necessary and in the best interest of the Authority, including extensions of the term of the lease agreement.

**Section 2:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. Passed by a simple majority of the Governing Board pursuant to the terms of the Interlocal Agreement at a normal meeting held the 26th day of June 2026.

[Results]

**Yea:**

**Nay:**

**Abstain:**

x \_\_\_\_\_

Member Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST: x \_\_\_\_\_

Affiong Ibok, Clerk



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# Olive Towers PSH Lease Extension

Governing Board

June 26, 2026

*Jeff Simms, KCRHA Chief Program Officer*

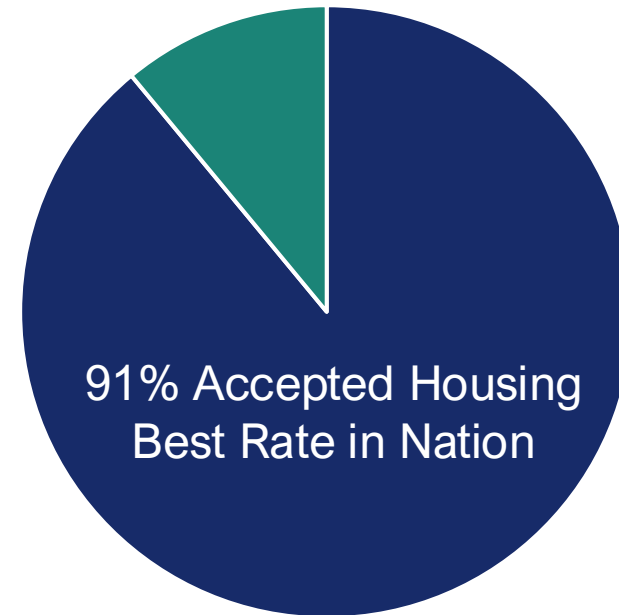
# Encampment Resolution Program

## *Our Approach:*

- Housing – offer options that meet people’s needs
- Outreach has sufficient time for needed engagement
- Housing plan in place for everyone before moving to closure

**State Fiscal Year 2026: \$16 million**

Program Outcomes  
27 Encampments, 552 People



# Apartment Details

- 60 residents
  - 54 micro units with a bathroom and kitchenette
  - 6 lofts open 1bedroom/1bath
  - 8 communal kitchens
  - 8 communal areas
  - 3 parking spaces
- Gated courtyard
- Location: Major bus routes near Capitol Hill and close to grocery stores
- Lifelong Health for All provides supportive on-site services



# Lease Terms

- Term: January 2027- December 2031
- Deadline to give notice:
- Five-Year Extension
  - \$111,375.00 per month
  - Changing the annual increase to align with increases in Fair Market Rent (FMR), not to exceed 4%
  - KCRHA receiving one-month free of rent that could be prorated out



# Action Today

- Adopt resolution 2026-06
- Meets requirements of the ILA, Article VIII, Section 3.A.7  
“The following actions of the Governing Board require an affirmative vote of a majority of Governing Board Members present...Accept or convey an interest in real estate, except for i) lien releases or ii) satisfactions of a mortgage after payment has been received, or iii) the execution of a lease for a current term less than one (1) year”





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# Corrective Action Plan Update

Governing Board

June 26, 2026

*Dr. Kelly Kinnison, Chief Executive Officer*

*William Towey, Associate Deputy for Strategy*

# Corrective Action Plan - 30-Day Report-Out

- **CAP delivered:** KCRHA submitted its Corrective Action Plan in response to the Clark Nuber forensic evaluation and has moved from response into implementation.
- **\$6.4M finding – resolved.** Identified in the June 8 letter, this was previously resolved (late 2025 / early 2026); addressed by explanatory memorandum rather than corrective action.
- **Governance items.** The three directives identified in the June 8 letter—the hiring freeze, discretionary-spending freeze, and pause on new cost or liability agreements—were previously addressed through communication with the Governing Board and Finance Committee and subsequent memoranda.



# Corrective Action Plan - 30-Day Report-Out

- **11 additional CAP deliverables underway.** The document tracks and provides status against 11 further 30-day priority items.
- **The 11 CAP items** establish the core financial stabilization work: implementation tracking, receivables and cash-flow reconciliation, advance and invoice controls, administrative budget validation, immediate internal controls, monthly close and financial reporting improvements, NetSuite assessment, external finance support, and structured City/County coordination.
- **Artifacts.** Representative examples are included. Full workbooks and the complete tracker are available for inspection on request; financial screenshots are watermarked.



# Finance Deliverable Tracking

Illustrative view of the CAP implementation dashboard. The full tracker is available on request.

## CAP Status Dashboard

Overall Status				
Ready to be Closed	In Progress	Pending	Not Started	Total
37	30	1	0	68
54.4%	44.1%	1.5%	0.0%	100.0%

Status by Section					
Section	Closed	In Progress	Pending	Not Started	Total
1. Negative Cash Position	2	7	0	0	9
2. Cash Management Process	5	3	0	0	8
3. Cash Advances	5	0	0	0	5
4. Contributed Funds	4	3	0	0	7
5. Accounting Infrastructure	9	11	0	0	20
6. Reimbursements & Cash-Equivalents	5	1	0	0	6
7. Governance & Policies	3	4	0	0	7
Cross-Cutting	0	1	1	0	2
Funder Recommendations	4	0	0	0	4

Risk Level Distribution		
Risk Level	# Observations	% of Total
High	45	66.2%
Medium	22	32.4%
Low	1	1.5%

## May 8 High-Risk Items (Funder Demand)

<b>High-Risk Observations (May 8)</b>	<b>13</b>
High-Risk Closed	6
High-Risk In Progress	7
High-Risk Pending	0
High-Risk Not Started	0



# NetSuite Advance Recording

One example, displaying a larger suite of supporting artifacts maintained for the CAP.

The screenshot displays the NetSuite interface for a payment record. At the top, the Oracle NetSuite logo and user profile (Brooks, Tiffany) are visible. The navigation bar includes tabs for Activities, Billing, Funders, Vendors, Payroll and HR, Financial, Reports, Analytics, Planning & Budgeting, Documents, Setup, NFP CRM Center, NFP Financial Center, KCRHA Reports, SuiteApps, and Support.

The main content area shows the payment record **PYMT00580** with a status of **DEPOSITED**. Below this, there are buttons for **Edit**, **Back**, **Generate Insight**, and **Actions**. A "Drop files here" box is also present.

The **Primary Information** section contains the following details:

PAYMENT #	PYMT00580	DATE	08/05/2025
FUNDER	City of Seattle	POSTING PERIOD	Aug 2025
ENTITY	General Fund	BALANCE	14,017,348.44
A/R ACCOUNT	1221000 Accounts Receivable, Net: Accounts Receivable	PENDING	0.00
ACCOUNT	1111000 Cash And Cash Equivalents: King County Investment Pool	MEMO	08/05/2025 COS 24,149,535.00 // [08/25/2025=3934892.12;INV00301] // [10/15/2025=6024040.46;INV00323] // [11/07/2025=8015815.75;INV00374] // [12/24/2025=6174786.67;INV00382]; last payment received was 6,523,883.90 but only 6174786.67 is applied to this advance; the rest will be applied to the next advance.

A **Summary** table is also shown:

APPLIED	24,149,535.00
UNAPPLIED	0.00

The **Communication** tab is active, showing a list of attached files:

ATTACHED FILES	FOLDER	SIZE (KB)	LAST MODIFIED	DOCUMENT TYPE	REMOVE	EDIT	DOWNLOAD
08.05.25 COS 24,760,442.08_ach b.pdf	Global Destination for File Drag and Drop	110	08/12/2025 9:44 am	PDF File	Remove	Edit	download
FW_RHA Q2 2025 Cash Advance Status - Ervina Hallim - Outlook.pdf	Global Destination for File Drag and Drop	314	08/12/2025 9:44 am	PDF File	Remove	Edit	download

Complete artifacts and workbooks are available for inspection on request.



# Corrective Action Plan - 30-Day Report-Out

- **Continued implementation** against funder checkpoints: July 31 / Aug 28 / Sep 30.
- **60- and 90-day** report-outs will show cumulative progress.
- **External finance support** will assist with validation and documentation.
- **Priority focus:** receivables, cash flow, admin budget, and internal controls.





# Thank You

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King County Regional Homelessness Authority

# 2026 King County Point-in-Time Count and Housing Inventory Count

## Introduction

Using Point-in-Time (PIT)<sup>1</sup> Count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC)<sup>2</sup> data collected in early 2026, this initial release provides a snapshot of homelessness in King County and the shelter and housing resources available across the region.

The PIT Count estimates the number of people experiencing homelessness on a given night. Since 2022, KCRHA has used Respondent Driven Sampling for the unsheltered count, in partnership with the University of Washington, to support a more reliable and ethical estimate.<sup>3</sup> The HIC catalogs available shelter and housing inventory on a single night.

This initial release highlights key findings from the 2026 PIT Count and HIC. A comprehensive report with additional analysis will be published later this year.

These findings should also be understood alongside broader system flow trends: the homelessness response system helps many people exit homelessness each year, but continued inflow, limited shelter capacity, and constrained affordable housing supply mean more people enter the system than exit.

The goal is to provide the community with an early view of homelessness trends, demographics, and system resources. Broader drivers of homelessness, length of homelessness, and program performance are outside the scope of this document. Program performance information is available on KCRHA's [System Performance Dashboard](#).

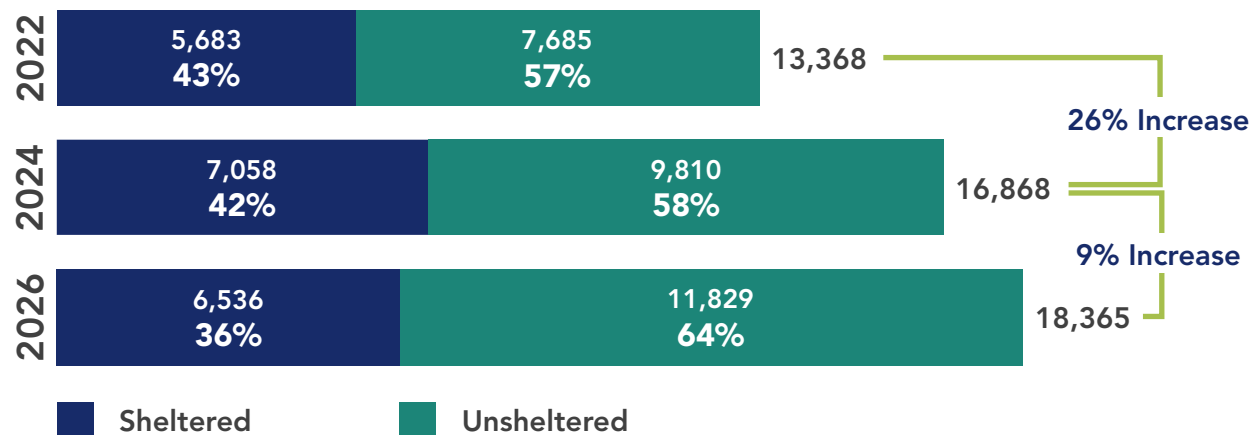
# Point-in-Time Count 2026

## What is the extent of homelessness in King County?

The 2026 Point-in-Time Count shows that homelessness in King County continued to increase, though at a slower rate than in prior years. Between 2022 and 2024, the overall number of people experiencing homelessness increased by 26%. Between 2024 and 2026, that rate of increase slowed to 9%, suggesting some stabilization in the growth trajectory even as overall need continues to rise.

The graph below shows the total number of individuals experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness (or overall homelessness). It also shows the proportion and number of people experiencing unsheltered and sheltered homelessness since 2022, when both unsheltered and sheltered PIT counts were completed.

### Comparison of Overall Homelessness by Individuals



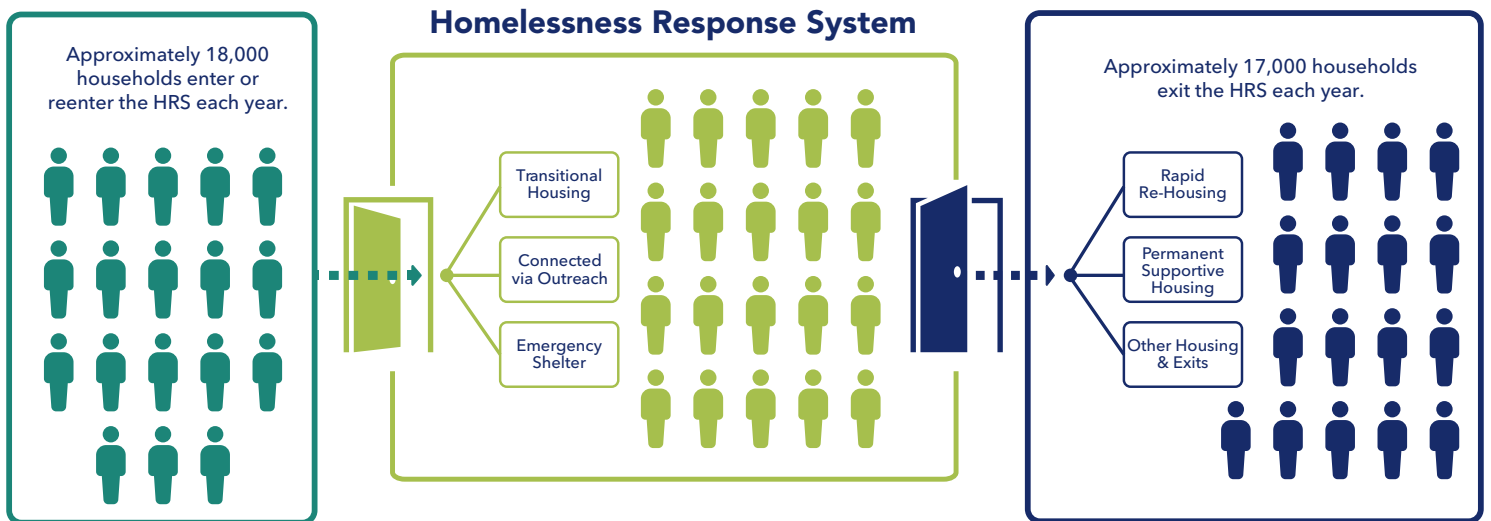
While overall shelter capacity has remained relatively stable in recent years, shelter resources declined between 2024 and 2026, driven largely by reductions in family shelter capacity (see page 5). At the same time, continued growth in homelessness and a limited supply of shelter and housing resources have contributed to an increase in the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.



## Homelessness Response System (HRS) Flow

The PIT Count also reflects a broader system flow reality. Each year, the homelessness response system helps thousands of households successfully exit homelessness through shelter, diversion, rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, and other interventions. Many programs across King County continue to produce strong housing and stabilization outcomes, demonstrating that the system is working for many people once they are connected to the right intervention. However, more households continue to be displaced into homelessness annually than the current system can provide long-term solutions for.

**Approximately 25,000 households are active in the Homelessness Response System in a given year.**



**Sustained inflow, limited affordable housing availability, and constrained shelter capacity continue to drive net growth in unsheltered homelessness across the region.**

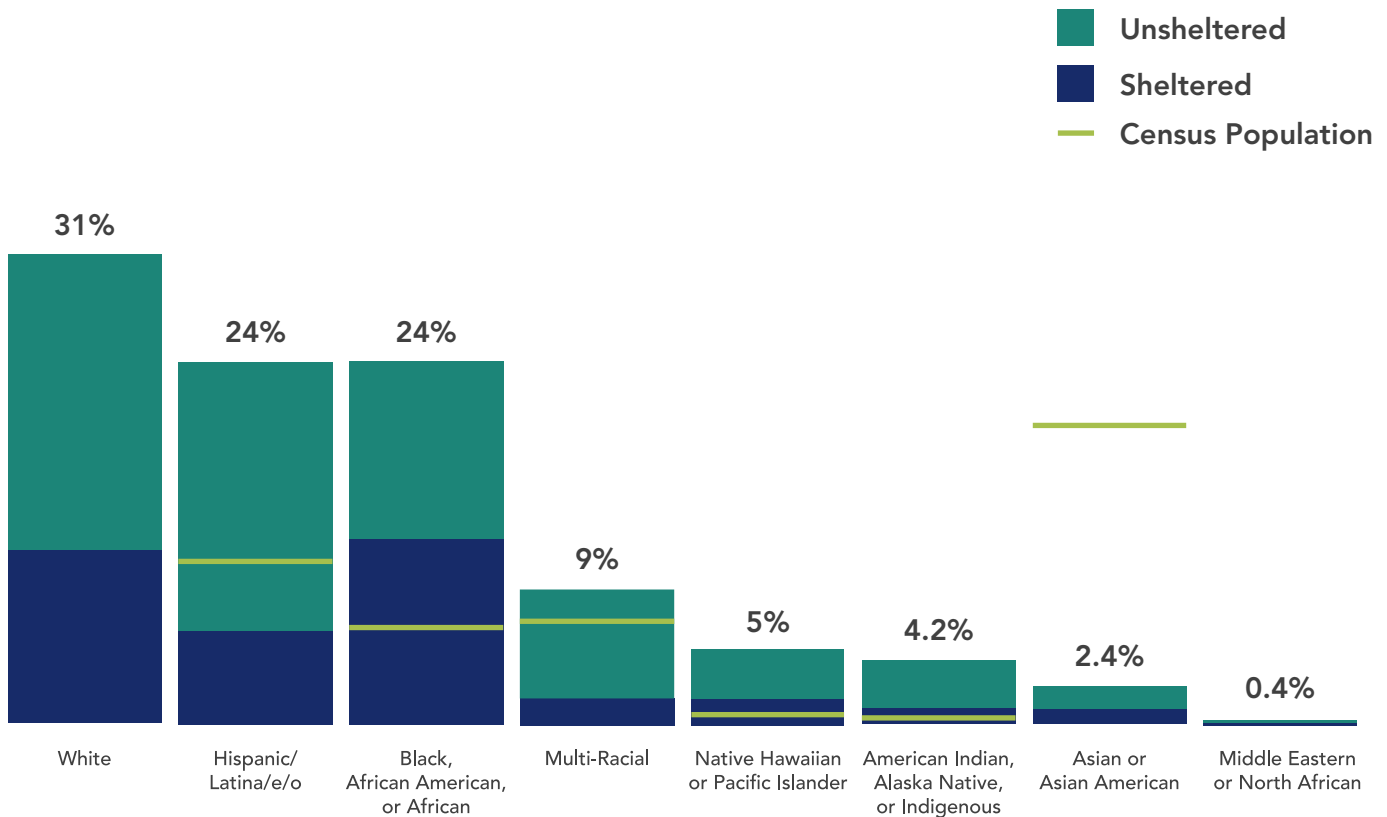


## Race & Ethnicity

Homelessness continues to disproportionately affect communities of color in King County. It is important to recognize that homelessness is an outcome of structural racism and racial inequities.

We continue to see over-representation of individuals who identify as: Hispanic/Latina/e/o, Black/African American/African, Multi-Racial, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous experiencing homelessness compared to census-based population estimates in King County.<sup>4</sup>

### Race and Ethnicity by Proportion and Shelter Status, 2026



*Note: For 2026, we have adjusted our methodology for reporting race and ethnicity, particularly with respect to those who identify as Multi-Racial and Hispanic/Latina/o; additional details will be provided in our comprehensive report.*

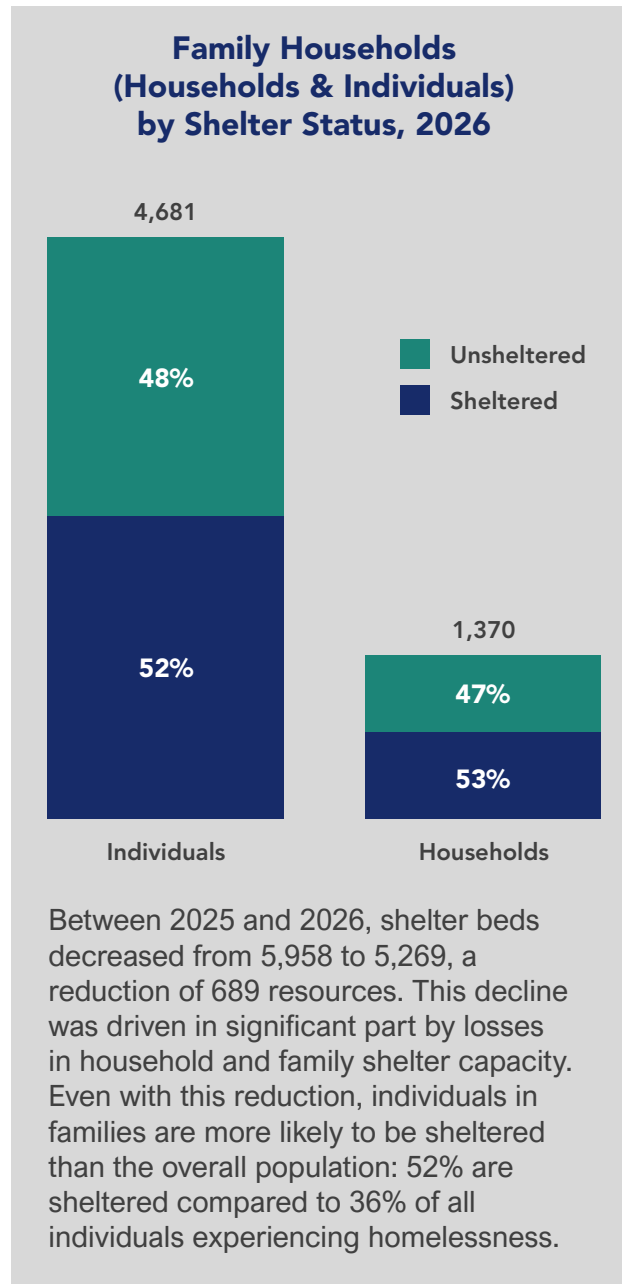
*King County Census Population share: 54.4% white, 10.8% Hispanic/Latina/e/o, 6.4% Black, African American or African, 6.9% Multi-Racial, 0.7% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, 0.4% American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous, 19.7% Asian or Asian American, American Community Survey Census Reference (2025) is not available for Middle Eastern or North African*



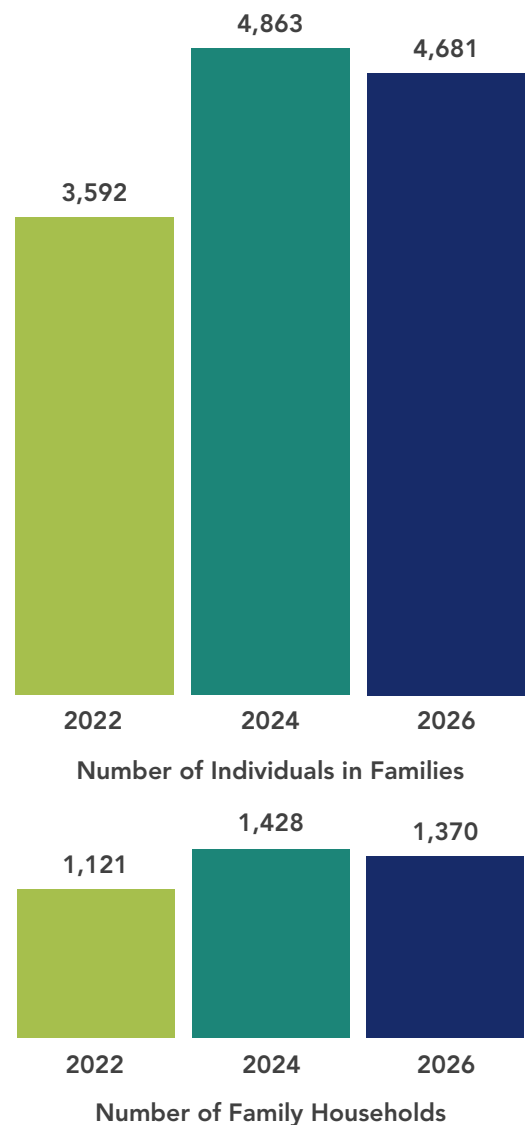
## Family Homelessness

Homelessness interventions are often organized by household type and age, including households with minor children. The charts below show both the estimated number of people in households with minor children, and the estimated number of family households that were homeless on the night of the count, either unsheltered or sheltered.

The estimated number of families experiencing homelessness remains elevated, going from 1,428 in 2024 to 1,370 in 2026.<sup>5</sup> Unsheltered family homelessness has increased since 2022—from 1,253 individuals in 415 households to 2,224 individuals in 647 households in 2026.



### Family Households (Sheltered and Unsheltered Total) 2022–2026



## Additional Vulnerabilities & Communities

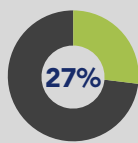
Experiencing homelessness is traumatic and can trigger, create, or exacerbate health conditions, disability, substance use disorder, and mental and behavioral health conditions. At the same time, homelessness can make it harder to access treatment and care.

Individuals self-reported their vulnerabilities, and may be represented in more than one group. This analysis includes the overall proportion of the population experiencing a particular vulnerability and the breakdown by shelter status.

The graphics below show the estimated proportions of individuals<sup>6</sup> in the 2026 PIT Count who self-reported the following vulnerabilities by unsheltered individuals (11,829), sheltered individuals (6,536), and overall individuals (18,365).

### Survivors of Domestic Violence

Of the overall population of people experiencing homelessness, 15% of them are survivors of domestic violence (DV). Among those who are unsheltered, 18% have experienced DV. Of those who are sheltered, 8% have experienced DV.

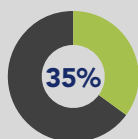


### Serious Mental Illness

27% of the overall population experiencing homelessness have a serious mental health condition. This number rises to 31% among those who are unsheltered, and drops to 21% among those who are sheltered.

### Substance Use Disorder

33% of the overall population of people experiencing homelessness self-reported having a substance use disorder (SUD). Among those who are unsheltered, this number goes up to 41%. Among those who are sheltered, it drops to 17%.



### Chronic Homelessness

Overall, 35% of those experiencing homelessness report being chronically homeless. This number goes up to 38% among those who are unsheltered, and drops to 28% among those who are sheltered.

### Veterans

Of the overall population of people experiencing homelessness, 5% are self-reported veterans. This number raises to 6% for those who are unsheltered, and drops to 3% among those who are sheltered.



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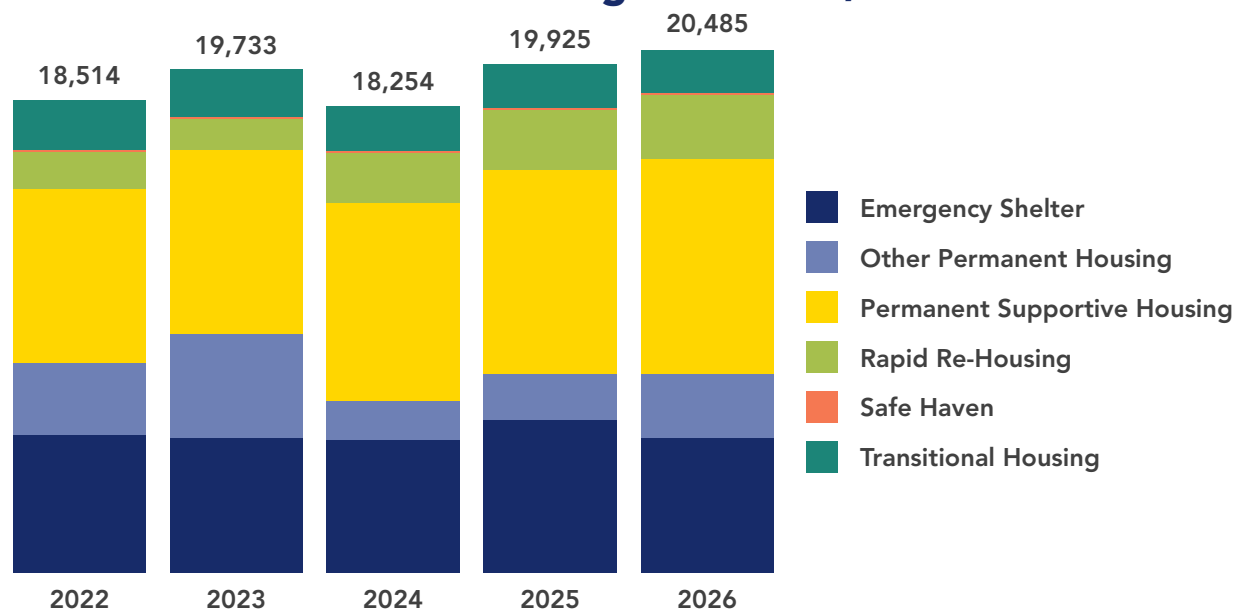
## What Resources Exist in the Homelessness Response System?

The Homelessness Response System (HRS) includes shelter and housing resources operated by community providers throughout King County. These resources are measured annually through the Housing Inventory Count (HIC), which provides a snapshot of available shelter and housing capacity across the region.

Overall, HRS inventory has grown in recent years, particularly permanent housing resources, including Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), and Other Permanent Housing (OPH). However, emergency shelter capacity has remained relatively flat while homelessness has continued to increase. Shelter and emergency resources include Transitional Housing (TH), Emergency Shelter (ES), and Safe Haven (SH).

**Even with growth in housing inventory, demand continues to outpace available resources.** Occupancy remained high at 94% on the night of the count, indicating that most shelter and housing programs were operating near capacity. While overall inventory has expanded over time, particularly in permanent housing, available resources remain insufficient to meet current levels of need.

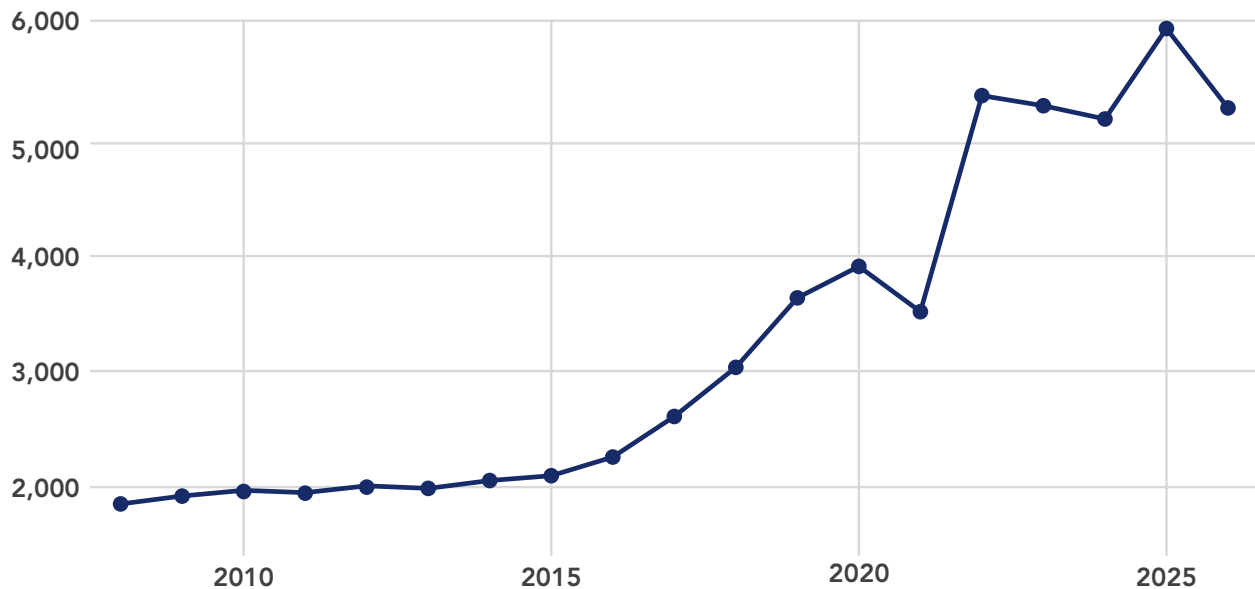
## Shelter and HRS Housing Resources, 2022–2026



## Shelter and Emergency Resources

When comparing emergency shelter resources to the number of people who may need shelter, King County currently has approximately one shelter bed for every three people experiencing homelessness. In addition, shelter utilization was over 93% on the night of the HIC, indicating that available beds were operating near capacity.

### Emergency Shelter Beds Over Time<sup>7</sup>

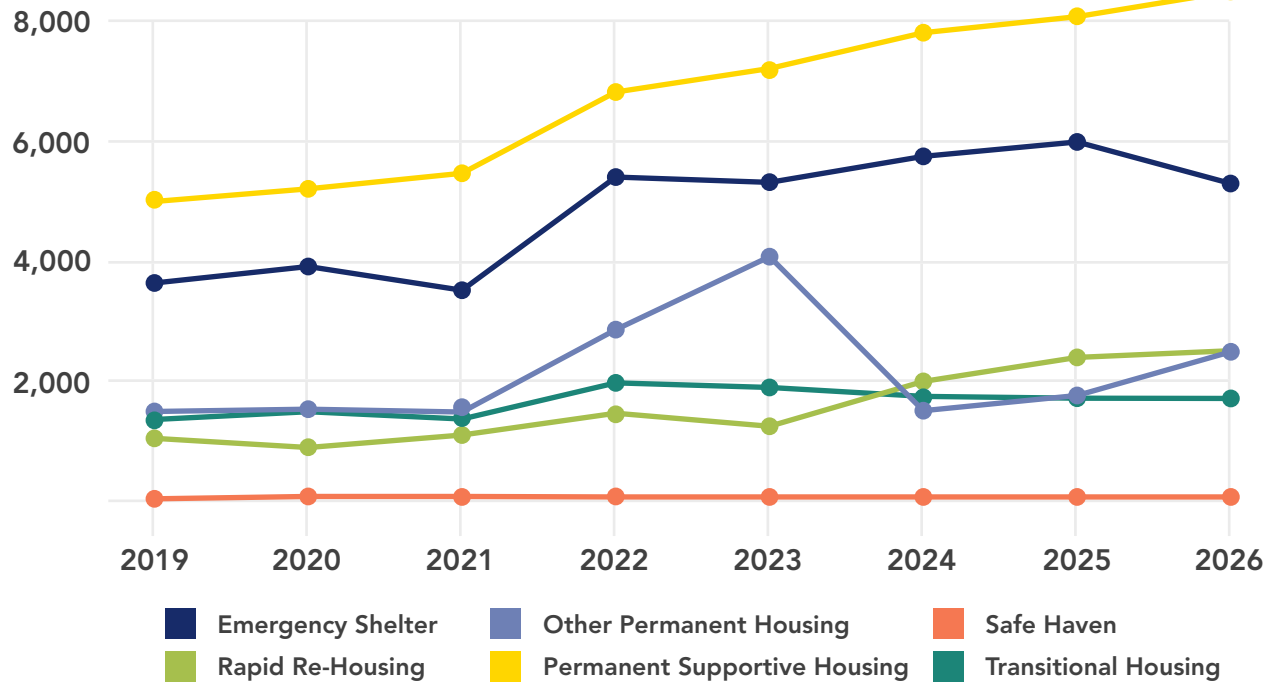


The community continues to respond to the need. In 2025, there were 1,609 privately funded emergency shelter and transitional housing beds (21% of the system) and in 2026 it was 1,413 beds or 20% of all emergency shelter and transitional beds. These privately funded beds reflect the important role of community-based and non-governmental partners, but they are not sufficient to meet the scale of need without additional public investment.

**Dedicated efforts are underway to increase the number of shelter beds available in Seattle<sup>8,9</sup> and King County.<sup>10</sup>**



## Shelter and HRS Housing Resources Over Time<sup>11</sup>



Opening housing programs for those most affected by homelessness is essential. The graph above showcases the growth of housing programs compared to shelter and other emergency resources.

In 2026, the community plans on opening 155 units of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for single adults and families. That's in addition to the 561 PSH units that opened in 2025.

## Next Steps & Acknowledgements

Stay updated by [subscribing to KCRHA emails](#), or follow us on social media on these platforms: [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), and [Threads](#). Stay tuned for the comprehensive report later this year.

We are deeply grateful to the thousands of people who participated in the 2026 Point-in-Time count survey for sharing their time, experiences, and perspectives. Their contributions help our region better understand homelessness and the supports needed to move more people toward safety, stability, and housing. We also thank the interviewers, service providers, host cities, community partners, and KCRHA staff whose work made the 2026 Point-in-Time Count possible. **We appreciate you.**

## Footnotes

1. The [Point in Time \(PIT\)](#) Count is required by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) every year for shelter data and every other year for both shelter and unsheltered data. Sheltered data is collected on January 29, 2026 from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and provider surveys.
2. The [Housing Inventory Count \(HIC\)](#) is required by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) collected using the Homeless Management Information System collected on January 29, 2026 and provider surveys.
3. For 2026, 2024, 2022 the unsheltered portion was led by the University of Washington using Respondent Driven Sampling (RDS) methodology was used for data collection and generation of the estimates. In 2026 we surveyed at nearly 30 different locations with over 150 community volunteers.
4. U.S. Census Bureau. (2024). American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table DPO5: Total Population. Retrieved from data.census.gov.
5. These figures represent the total of households with at least one adult and one child. Households are defined as cohabitating groups.
6. Totals includes individuals either in shelter or unsheltered age 18 or over who self-reported.
7. Increased number of shelter beds from 2021 to 2022 due to several factors notable the inclusion of Tiny Home Villages in the HIC report for the first time as well as increase of federal resources due to COVID-19 response.
8. Seattle Times. (May 6, 2026). Seattle City Council moves to expand homeless shelter site sizes. <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/homeless/seattle-city-council-moves-to-expand-homeless-shelter-site-sizes/>
9. Seattle Times. (April 16, 2026). Seattle council approves bills to speed up shelter construction. <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/homeless/seattle-council-approves-bills-to-speed-up-shelter-construction/>
10. Breaking the Cycle King County Executive Order No:ACO-8-34-EO. March 31, 2026. [https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WAKING/2026/03/31/file\\_attachments/3602521/Breaking%20the%20Cycle%20Executive%20Order%20Final.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WAKING/2026/03/31/file_attachments/3602521/Breaking%20the%20Cycle%20Executive%20Order%20Final.pdf)
11. Federal Permanent Housing voucher resources (included in the “Other Permanent Housing” category) increased during 2021 to 2024 due to COVID-19 response.

