



Homeless Services Consortium of Dane County

www.danecountyhomeless.org

Homeless Services Consortium(HSC) of Dane County is a partnership of agencies, funders, advocates and people with lived experience committed to preventing and ending homelessness.

Vision Statement: All households in Dane County should have the opportunity to secure and maintain safe, stable affordable housing.

The HSC is the Continuum of Care (CoC) for Madison/Dane County. CoC's were formed to provide a community-wide response to homelessness. This includes strategic planning, identifying gaps, addressing service needs and searching for funding sources other than the Department of Housing & Urban Development. The CoC leads collaborative efforts and a community driven response to homelessness in the application for annual CoC funding. The CoC is governed by a Board of Directors.

HSC Board of Directors: 19 members:

Chair of the HSC Membership

3 reps from non-profits providing housing & services for homeless persons

8 reps "at large: may include-business reps, advocates, local government, funders, medical providers, developers, faith communities, public safety and veterans

3 reps that have lived experience of homelessness

2 reps from the Youth Action Board

1 rep from the Voices of Dane County Committee

1 rep from Institute for Community Alliances (HMIS Provider)-non-voting

HSC Committees

Committees of the HSC ensure that the CoC is meeting it's obligations to the federal government and local community. Anyone interested in preventing and ending homelessness in Dane County is eligible to serve on a committee.

- Board Executive Committee
- Committee to End Youth Homelessness
- Community Plan Committee
- Core Committee
- Doubled-Up Committee
- Education & Advocacy Committee
- Funders Committee
- Lived Experience Council
- Nominating & Governance Committee
- Outreach Committee
- Point in Time Committee
- Shelter Provider's Committee
- Voices of Dane County
- Youth Action Board



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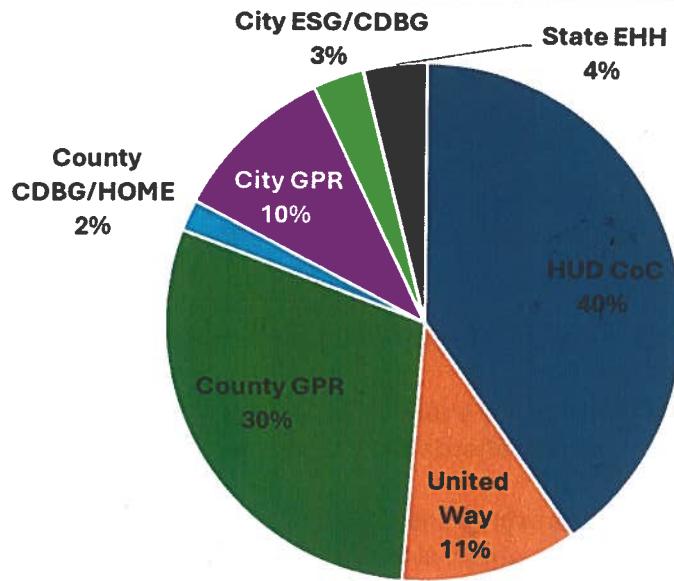
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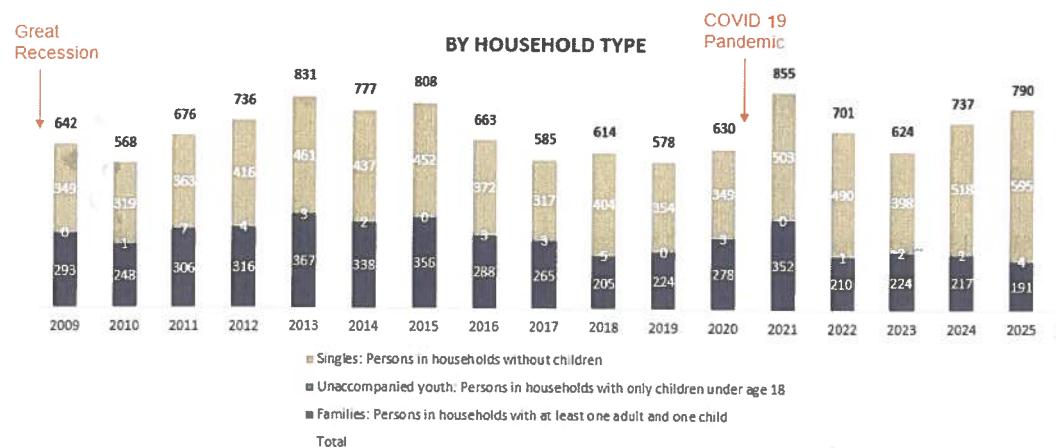
2025 Homeless Services Funding in Madison/Dane County
APPROXIMATELY \$16.6 MILLION INVESTED



Point in Time

An unduplicated count on a single night of the people in a community who are experiencing homelessness that includes both sheltered and unsheltered populations.

PIT 2009–2025: By Household Type



Important Note: Family homelessness is likely under-reported. The numbers have remained low or flat, but this reflects limited family shelter capacity (max 59 rooms across the Salvation Army, YWCA, Healing House and DAIS in 2025) along with a long waitlist.



Accessing Homeless Services in Dane County

Eviction Prevention

- Eviction Prevention Coordinated Entry is operated by the Tenant Resource Center
- 608-257-0006 ext. 7
- Services may include financial assistance, information about tenants' rights, mediation, referrals to a lawyer through Legal Action of Wisconsin, and short-term housing case management.

Housing Navigation Services

- Urban Triage
 - Provides in-person services at various times and locations
 - Available to people experiencing homelessness who are using shelter or living outside and not enrolled in another program who provides navigation services
- 1915i State Medicaid Benefit
 - May be eligible to someone who:
 - Has a substance use OR mental health issue, AND
 - Is 18 years of age or older, AND
 - Is experiencing homelessness as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development AND
 - Requires assistance with at least two instrumental activities of daily living as a result of homelessness or their healthcare need (managing finances, maintaining housing stability, managing behavioral health symptoms, managing medication, managing substance use related needs, making decisions, coordinating healthcare needs or services, coordinating transportation)
 - Services that may be provided include: housing consultation, transition supports, sustaining supports and relocation supports
- Housing Lists
 - The homeless services consortium has a variety of housing lists on their website.
<https://www.danecountyhomeless.org/housingresourcevacancylists>

Doubled Up Homelessness

- Family Housing Stability (FHS)
 - Collaboration between YWCA Madison and United Way of Dane County
 - Serves homeless families who have not yet entered the shelter system
 - Offers families short-term supportive case management services and a limited amount of rental assistance
 - Contact the Family Housing Stability Coordinator at 608-257-1436, option 2
- Connections
 - Operated by WayForward Resources
 - Serves families who are doubled-up
 - Provides help with housing search, financial assistance and up to 12 months of goal setting and support
 - May be a wait list for services
 - Serve families in the Middleton Cross Plains School District and part of the west side of Madison (west of Midvale Blvd, and inside the beltline loop)
 - Contact 608-836-7338

Overnight Shelter

- Adults with Minor Children
 - Families call the shelter intake line at 608-250-2298 and leave a message with their name, family size and contact info
 - Will get a call back from a Diversion Specialist
 - Will be added to waitlist, if no safe alternatives
 - Must call in once a week to remain active on waitlist
 - When space becomes available, the family will be notified and an intake appointment scheduled.
 - Could be placed at:
 - The Salvation Army Family Shelter
 - YWCA Madison
 - Families can stay 24 hours/day
- Adult Women
 - Women in need of shelter can arrive at The Salvation Army during intake hours
 - 630 E. Washington Ave.
 - Intake is everyday 5 PM – 8:30 PM
 - If unable to arrive during intake hours, call the shelter to reserve a bed at 608-250-2226
 - Shelter is open 5 PM to 7:30 AM

- Adult Men
 - Men in need of shelter can arrive at the Porchlight Men's Shelter during intake hours
 - 2002 Zeier Rd.
 - Intake is everyday 5PM to 8:30 PM
 - If unable to arrive during intake hours, call the shelter at 608-416-1446
 - Shelter is open 5 PM to 8 AM
- Youth, ages 12-17
 - Operated by Briarpatch Youth Services
 - Admissions are accepted 24 hours a day 365 days a year
 - In-person intake must be completed, should call ahead
 - 608-251-1126 or 800-798-1126
 - Text 608-285-2276, Monday-Friday 9 AM – 8 PM
- Adults Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence
 - Operated by Domestic Abuse Intervention Services and serves single adults and households with children.
 - Call/text the help line to inquire about shelter
 - Shelter typically has a waitlist.
 - Guests can stay 24 hours/day
 - Help Line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
 - 608-251-4445 or 800-747-4045
 - Text 608-420-4638

Day Shelter

- The Beacon – 615 E. Washington Ave.
 - Operated by Catholic Charities
 - 8 AM – 5 PM every day
 - Households experiencing literal homelessness- shelters or place not meant for human habitation
- Safe Haven -4006 Nakoosa Trail
 - Operated by Porchlight
 - 8:30 AM – 6 PM every day
 - Adults experiencing homelessness who have a mental illness
- Off the Square Club – 116 W. Washington Ave
 - Operated by Lutheran Social Services
 - 9 AM – 4 PM, Monday - Friday
 - At least 18 years old, a Dane County resident, have a primary diagnosis of mental illness
- Bethel Homeless Support Services– 312 Wisconsin Ave.
 - 8:30AM-1:30PM, Mondays
 - Households experiencing homelessness

Drop-In Centers for Young Adults, ages 18-24

- EverStrong Drop-In Center – 2701 International Lane
 - Operated by OutReach LGBTQ+ Community Center
 - 10 AM – 4 PM, Tuesday – Friday
- Youth Drop-In Center – 306 E. Wilson St. 2nd floor
 - Operated by Urban Triage
 - 12 PM – 4:15 PM, Tuesdays & Thursdays

Street Outreach

- Offer support to those living in vehicles, tents, streets or other places not meant for human habitation in Dane County
- Dane SOS – coordinator to connect with appropriate services
 - 1-888-817-4155
 - coordinator@danesos.org
 - www.danesos.org
 - In-person, Monday-Friday 9AM – 3 PM 1202 Williamson St. #101

Coordinated Entry, Housing Services

- A system designed to create a more equitable and streamlined process for connecting and allocating our community's all too limited homeless related resources. Households in need of assistance are identified, assessed for, referred and connected to housing and assistance based on their strengths and needs.
- All households enrolled in emergency shelter and street outreach are enrolled in Tier 1 of Coordinated Entry
- Households in Tier 1 are prioritized based on history of service use and questions asked during enrollment
- Those invited to Tier 2 will complete a full assessment to be prioritized for housing programs
- Referrals are made for Rapid Rehousing (RRH), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Other Permanent (OPH) Housing programs.

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