



Wake County CoC Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 26th

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Virtual – Microsoft Teams

AGENDA

- CoC System & Lead Agency Updates
- CoC Charter & Written Standards
- CoC Training Focus
- 2026 Point-in-Time Preliminary Results
- Strategic Initiative Updates



Lead Agency Updates

Wake County FY27 Recommended Budget

- The [full recommended budget](#) and [presentation](#) are available at wake.gov
- Next Steps:
 - Monday, June 1st at 5 p.m. – Board votes on the proposed budget during its regular meeting held at the Wake County Justice Center.

Funding Opportunity Forecast

- HUD official postings may be made on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), however all require local competition which will be conducted via Wake CoC policies and procedures.

Opportunity Name	Overview	Expected Post Date	Expected Due Date	Status
Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP)	Focus on reducing the number of youth (under 25) experiencing homelessness. Funding for project types: TH/RRH, RRH, PSH, SSO, TH, and HMIS.	05/15	07/29	<i>Not yet posted.</i>
HUD Continuum of Care (CoC)	CoC Consolidated Application + Project Applications (RRH, PSH, TH, SSO, SSO-SO, SSO-CE, and HMIS).	05/29	08/25	<i>Not yet posted. GIW not rec'd.</i>
NC Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	Funding for project types: Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Prevention, RRH. Amount available based on NC Fair Share calculation for each CoC.	06/19	08/24	<i>Fair Share issued; decrease of \$41k.</i>

HMIS: Software RFP

Background & Context: Transition of HMIS grant and contracts to Wake County as Lead Agency requires competition to remain compliant with the use of federal funds for HMIS implementation

Demos complete!

- Panel has collected follow up questions to send to vendors
- Staff is also following up with references; both listed and customers not listed

Next Steps

- CoC determining how materials can be shared
 - Demo videos will likely be made available upon request
 - Access request and feedback procedure will be shared via CoC newsletter
- CoC staff anticipate recommendation to CoC Board 06/04.

Coordinated Entry Updates

Welcome Michelle!!!!

- Welcoming our newest team member, Michelle Jackson!
- By Name List Coordinator (Street Outreach, Shelter, & Youth focus)

New CE email inbox for providers!

- Please begin using the CE@wake.gov email for Coordinated Entry related inquiries.

Case Conference Invite Change starting June 2026

- Current Case Conference series will end after May & a new series will begin with the CE@Wake.gov email address as the calendar holder. Dates will remain the same.
- Please register using the Case Conference Registration form!

Coordinated Entry Updates

Newbern Crossing match update:

- All 40 Newbern Crossing units have been matched! 30 move ins so far.

Rapid Re-Housing match update:

- 2 Families matched to Families Together Rapid Rehousing

Upcoming trainings:

- Coordinated Entry Community Orientation June 8th 3-4:30pm
- Wake County Veteran Training July 30th 3-4pm

CoC Charter and Written Standards

Overview

Purpose: Ensure compliance with local and federal CoC requirements.

- CoC Program Interim Rule [\(24 CFR 578.7\(a\)\(9\)\)](#) mandates CoCs establish centralized systems and written standards.
- Wake CoC Charter [Section III.B.]: “Wake CoC shall review and vote to approve its charter at least annually”. [24 CFR 578.7\(5\)](#)
- Lead Agency MOU [Section V.B.14.]: “Establish, maintain, and review written standards for providing homelessness assistance programs.

Background & Context:

- Written Standards are an incorporated document with the Wake CoC Charter and required the most significant revision upon annual review this year.
- CoC Lead Agency Staff took primary initiative on review.
- CoC consulted with Committees, grantees, and Board leadership on proposed edits of the Charter and CoC Written Standards.

Summary of Proposed Changes in CoC Charter



Charter Section	Proposed Edits	Justification
All	- Formatting changes - Language consistency - Add CFR References	Table of Contents will be added once content is approved by CoC Board and Membership.
V.B. and V.C.	- Define CoC Membership Eligibility - Add Membership Annual Renewal Process and Voting Expectations	Increased interest in membership
V.F. (Formerly V.E.)	- Add objective criteria for membership voting procedures - Removal of voting for “all general policies or procedures that apply to the Wake CoC”.	Increased membership impacts overall response and engagement in Membership votes. Proposed change ties voting expectations and response to annual review process and eligibility for future votes. Policies with significant nuance and/or direct service knowledge are challenging to review and engage full CoC Membership on. i.e. HMIS and Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures. Additional safeguards still present in CoC Lead Agency MOU, roles of CoC Governance Board and Committee Work Plans.
VI.B.	Board Composition and Leadership: - Add of two (2) Board seats, one for law enforcement and one for permanent housing provider - Add of ex-officio seats for elected officials	Aligned with HUD priorities detailed in CoC NOFO. Ensure representation of all service provider types.
VII (Formerly IX.)	Committees - General language updates and consistency - Consolidation of Fair Housing Advisory and Homeless Services Advisory Committees	Alignment with Executive Orders and HUD Priorities. FHAC and HSAC CMTEs shared goals: - Customer service and grievance processes - Access to services, termination standards - Improved communications and awareness
(Formerly VII.)	Removal Leadership Council	Lead Agency Staff leading coordination and supporting Committee content naturally in collaboration. - Lead Agency produces monthly at a glance of meetings. - CoC Board and Lead Agency still maintain ability to pull together Committee Chairs on an as needed basis.

Public Comments Received

- Public Comments Received:
 - Pg. 17, right before Funding Review Committee, the sentence that starts with "To limit the undue influence... " still has a reference to the Leadership Council in that sentence...should be removed since there will not be a leadership council.
- Additional notes discussed during public comment period:
 - Potential need for additional specifics on CoC Board closed session.

Summary of Proposed Changes in Written Standards



Proposed Edits/Edit Type	Details and Justification
General content, language consistency and formatting edits throughout Written Standards	Reduced length of Written Standards with consolidation of sections and incorporation of policies previously separated from the Written Standards.
Addition of section for Requirements for All Programs	Reduces duplication for standards required regardless of project types, including but not limited to emergency transfer requirements, terminations, etc.
Addition of Anti-Discrimination and Equal Access parts	Previously standalone CoC policy.
Addition of Grievance and Anti-Retaliation Policy and Procedures	Previously standalone CoC policy.
Standardization of Project Type Sections: Program Model, Timeframe, Essential Elements, Performance and Evaluation	Project type sections now include consolidated information and project details.
Addition of Supportive Service Only (SSO) and Transitional Housing (TH) Project Type Sections	Not previously included in the Written Standards. Included based on expected priorities of the FY2026 HUD NOFO.
Move and Addition of Appendices/Attachments	Includes Key Terms (previously at beginning of Written Standards) and procedure documents.

Public Comments Received

- Public Comments Received:
 - Flag to revisit benchmarks for emergency shelter exits.
- Additional notes discussed during public comment period:
 - Opportunities for alignment across non-CoC funded programs
 - Framework for updates to CE and HMIS Policies and Procedures (2026)

Next Steps

- Incorporate edits to address public comments.
- Final round of edits for consistency.

	Timeline
Posted for Public Comment	05/14 – 05/22
Board Vote to Send to Membership	06/04
Membership Motion/Mtg	06/22
Membership Voting Period	06/23 – 07/01

CoC Training Focus

Overview

- The CoC is required to conduct trainings on an annual basis.
 - For example, connection to mainstream benefits, trauma informed care
- Lead Agency will evaluate proposed plan based on the timeline for CoC review and approval of CoC Written Standards.
 - Focus on VAWA, Involuntary Family Separation, Continuing Education

Point-in-Time Results

What is the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count?

- The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires Continuum of Care (CoCs) to conduct an annual count of people experiencing homelessness on a single night within the last 10 days of January.
- The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count includes people experiencing homelessness who are **unsheltered** and **sheltered** in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Havens on a single night.
- Data reported through the PIT is used as an estimate of the scope and scale of homelessness in our community and informs planning, including response to funding opportunities.

Wake CoC 2026 PIT Count

- **Wake CoC PIT Count:** January 22, 2026.
 - A White Flag alert was active the night of PIT and subsequent days.
- Wake CoC results have been officially submitted to HUD per the April 30th deadline.
 - Still considered *preliminary* until HUD approves.
- The single-night PIT count does not reflect the impact of significant housing efforts made in the calendar year to date:
 - Bridge 2 Home households served and rapid exit from shelter
 - Matches to Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing through Coordinated Entry or other positive exits

Definitions

- **Homeless:** Defined by HUD as Category 1: Literally Homeless ([§ 578.3](#)), person staying in:
 - place not meant for human habitation [unsheltered]; or
 - publicly or privately operated shelter; or
 - returning to unsheltered or sheltered location from an institutional stay of in 90 days or less.
- **Chronic Homelessness:** Presence of a disabling condition and long or repeated episodes of homelessness consisting of at least 12 consecutive months or across 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years, for a total of at least 12 months.
- **Unsheltered:** Primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used for human habitation, including street, car, park, abandoned building, transit station, etc.
- **Sheltered:** Temporary housing dedicated to people experiencing homelessness, including congregate, emergency, low-barrier or drop-in shelter and transitional housing.
- **Unaccompanied:** Not otherwise living with or experiencing homelessness with other household members, parent or legal guardian.
- **Youth/Young Adult:** Aged 18 – 24. Also known as Transition Aged Youth (TAY).

Wake CoC 2026 PIT Methodology

Unsheltered Count

- The Wake CoC employed the Known Locations Strategy for the Unsheltered portion of the PIT Count.
- Over 145 volunteers from 36 organizations formed 7 teams to survey individuals in 81 known locations reported and checked by street outreach teams, agencies, PD/FD, and community members across two 3-hour shifts.
- Service-based (post-night) Count via day service/non-shelter centers on 01/23

Sheltered Count

- Wake CoC confirmed households residing in sheltered locations on the night of PIT from:
 - HMIS program roster reports for all shelter, transitional housing and Safe Haven programs for the night of PIT and
 - Non-HMIS participating programs, such as Domestic Violence or victim-services providers who use an HMIS comparable database.
- Reviewed potential duplicates between unsheltered and sheltered counts.

Important Context Year to Year

- Changes in program/system capacity (e.g. fire at FT shelter)
- Historical Context (White Flag status, methodology, staff capacity)
- Data quality changes
- PIT does not measure *inflow and outflow*
 - LSA reported that 5189 households moved through the system in FY2025
 - SPMs report 20.6% returns to homelessness over 2 years
 - Generally speaking, the ~1000 people we record for the PIT one year are *not* the same ~1000 people recorded the next year

Overall Homeless

Unsheltered		Sheltered (ES, TH, SH)		Total
307	+	843	=	1,150 people

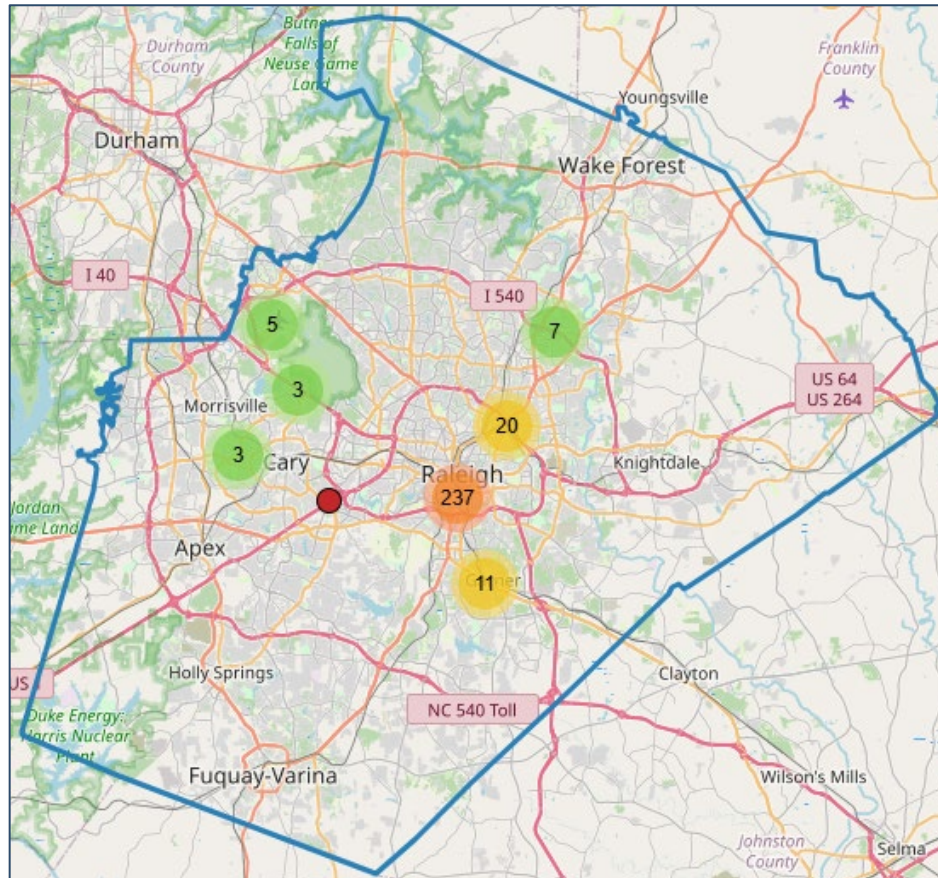
Total Persons	2026	2025	% Change from 2025	% Change from 2019
Unsheltered	307	287	+6.9%	+30%
Emergency Shelter (ES)	771	761	-11.8%	
Transitional Housing (TH)	72	71	+1.4%	+1.2%
Safe Haven	0	8	-100%	NA
Total	1,150	1127	-6.8%	+8.7%

Overall Homeless by Household Type

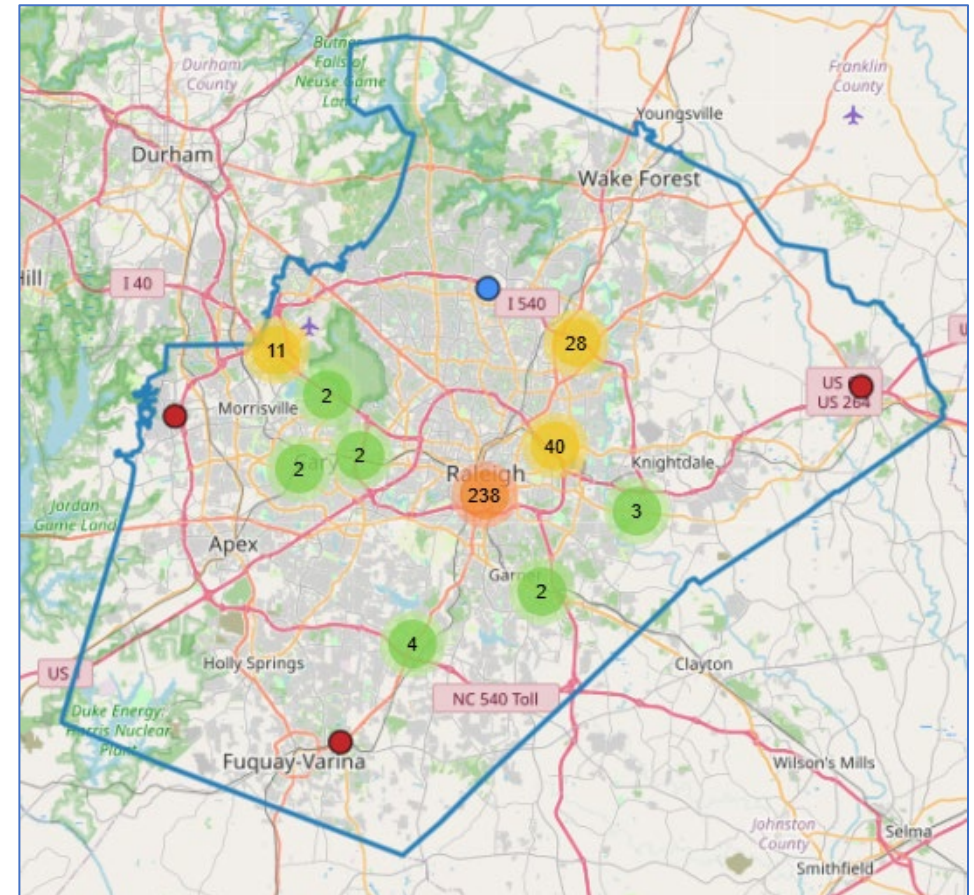
	<i>Family Households</i>	Persons in Families	Unaccompanied Individuals	Total
Unsheltered	0	0	307	307
Emergency Shelter	53	194	477	671
Transitional Housing	13	41	31	72
Safe Haven	0	0	0	0
Total Persons	66 families	235	815	1,050 persons

Unsheltered Survey Locations

2025

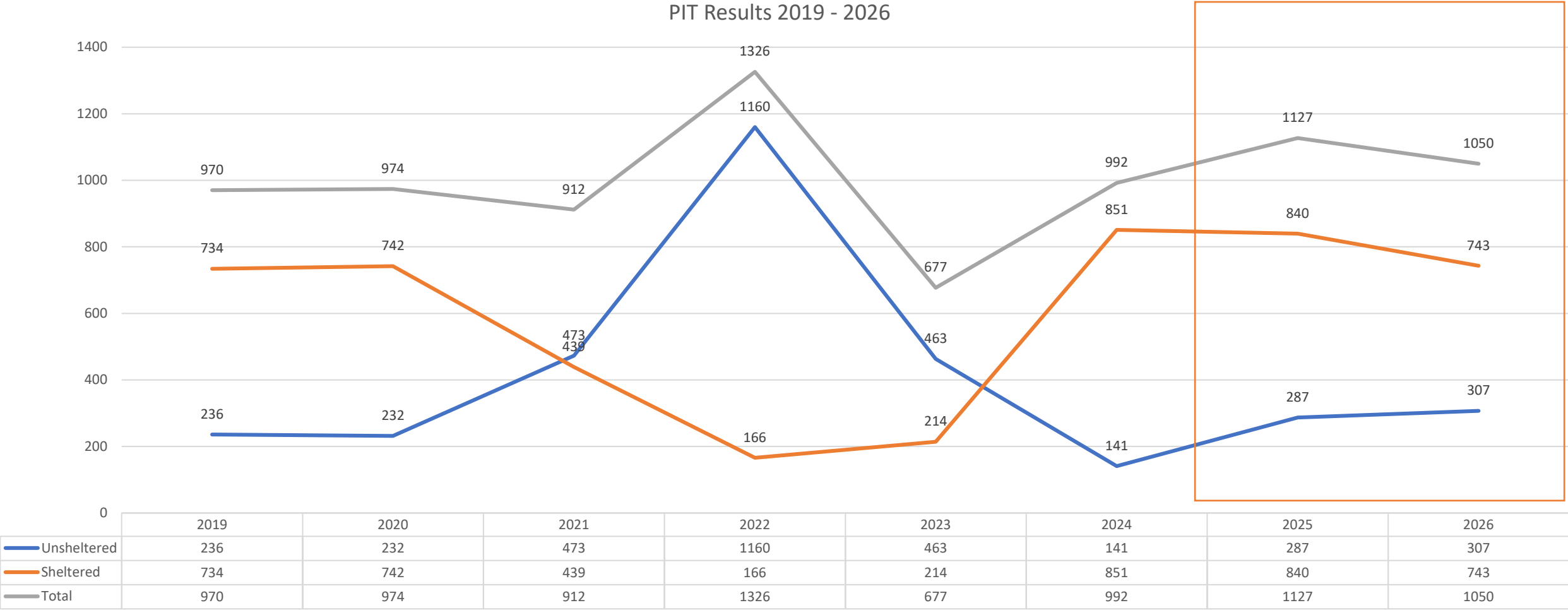


2026



Circles indicate general locations where surveys were completed. Maps not reflect final numbers following deduplication.

PIT Count Results 2019 - 2026



Chronically Homeless

- The HUD definition of Chronic Homelessness includes:
 - Presence of a disabling condition *and*
 - 12 consecutive months homeless or 4 episodes in the last 3 years, totaling at least 12 months.
- In the 2026 PIT Count, 292 people - or 28% - were chronically homeless.
 - This is likely an undercount due to level of completeness in unsheltered surveys.
 - *(195 sheltered and 95 unsheltered)*

Veterans

	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Total Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Veteran Households	19	3	22	15	37
<i>Persons</i>	21	<i>3</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>39</i>
<i>Veterans</i>	19	<i>3</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>37</i>

- There were 61 Veterans counted during the 2025 PIT Count.
- Wake CoC does not have any Grant Per Diem (GPD) beds within its jurisdiction. As such, these totals do not reflect any Veterans from Wake County who may be physically residing in other Veterans specific programs outside of Wake County.

Youth & Young Adults

- There were 41 young adults aged 18-24 years old counted as homeless during the 2026 PIT.
 - 61% or 25 young adults were residing in emergency shelter.
 - 29% or 12 young adults were identified as unsheltered.
 - 19.5% or 8 young adults were confirmed as chronically homeless.

Age Distribution

	<i>Total</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Under 18	<i>149</i>	<i>14.1%</i>
18-24	<i>55</i>	<i>5.2%</i>
25-34	<i>190</i>	<i>18.1%</i>
35-44	<i>205</i>	<i>19.5%</i>
45-54	<i>170</i>	<i>16.2%</i>
55-64	<i>187</i>	<i>17.8%</i>
65+	<i>70</i>	<i>6.7%</i>
Unknown	<i>24</i>	<i>2.3%</i>
Total Persons	<i>1,050</i>	<i>100%</i>

Special Populations

Adults	Emergency	Transitional	Unsheltered	Total	% Adults
Severe Mental Illness	170	16	70	256	28%
Substance Use Disorder	71	8	55	134	14.8%
HIV/AIDS	6	2	5	13	1.4%
Survivors of Domestic Violence	38	2	20	60	6.6%

Key Takeaways and Initial Observations

- We continue to “manage” homelessness.
 - There is no significant shift in population between 2025 and 2026 PIT Counts.
 - Need to shift to more real time data and response
- Methodology and weather matter.
 - Increased general coverage for outreach

Strategic Initiative

Fiscal Structure

- **Fiscal Agent Request for Information (RFI):** 3 Respondents.
 - Wake CoC Governance Board issued RFI open 04/21 – 05/22 to seek input on community foundations and organizations to inform the development of a centralized fiscal structure to support the strategic initiative to address homelessness in Wake County.
 - Ultimately need a partnership with financial infrastructure, accountability systems, and administrative infrastructure needed to receive, manage, and deploy pooled funding from philanthropic partners, foundations, or other private and public sources while allowing collaborative partners to guide strategy and program implementation.
- **Next Steps:** Lead Agency Staff to collate information for review by the CoC Governance Board at the June 4th meeting. CoC will seek feedback on structure for distributing funds in short and long term.

Communications & Materials

- CoC is finalizing the “public/private gap” in projected costs for the 2-year surge to house 1,400 households.
- Talking points, one pagers and other materials are in development to support fundraising efforts and engagements.
 - Expected by early/mid June.

Program and Service Components

- Unsheltered Strategy
 - Primarily underway via CoC Street Outreach Committee focused on both
 - Scaling unsheltered response (roles, responsibilities, site assessments) and
 - increased coordination of street outreach capacity and coverage
 - Working to identify training/workshop date.
- Defining Supportive Services that:
 - Align with CoC Written Standards (Rapid Rehousing)
 - Emphasize progressive engagement and identify complex/higher level needs as early as possible.

Adjourn



Next CoC Membership Meeting: *Location Change!*

- Monday, June 22, 2026 from 2 - 3:30 PM
- NCWorks Career Center

Tentative Agenda

- CoC Charter and Written Standards*

CoC Coordination or for more info: Info@wakenc507.org