



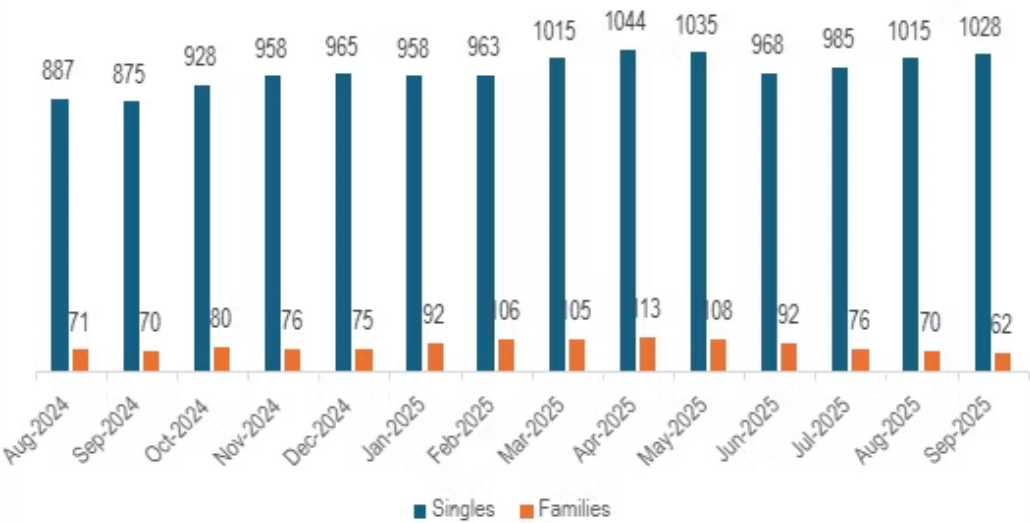
The Homeless Services Consortium (HSC) is a partnership of agencies, funders, advocates, and people with lived experience of homelessness committed to preventing and ending homelessness. The HSC shares the vision that all persons should have the opportunity to secure and maintain safe, stable and affordable housing. Members believe that housing is a human right.



Statement of Need

Emergency shelter is a necessary and important part of the homeless crisis response system. It is a space where people can be safe from the elements while working to obtain permanent housing. Without adequate **emergency shelter beds**, Dane County will see an increase in unsheltered homelessness. Below is a look at the current situation in Dane County.

Clients in Overnight Shelter and Street Outreach



Shelter Guests - Men

The year-to-date nightly average is **302** guests per night. That is **52 guests above the capacity** of the new shelter. In 2024, that number was 279 guests on average.

So far, in 2025, the lowest number of shelter guests was 247 and the **highest number was 363**. That is **113 guests above capacity** of the new shelter.

Households with Children

Today, there are **55 households with children** (approx. 193 individuals) on the waiting list for shelter. Of those, **10 households** or 35 individuals are sleeping in **unsheltered locations**.



Emergency Shelter Solutions

Operating Expenses

Emergency Night Shelter

- Funding gap for men's overnight only shelter with maximum capacity for 250 guests (\$900,000)
- Men's Overflow Shelter (include staff, catering, laundry, security, cleaners)
 - 4 months of operation (\$700,000)
 - 6 months of operation (\$1,000,000)
 - 12 months of operation (\$2,000,000)
- Family winter overflow shelter or hotels for those waiting on 24/7 family shelter

Day Shelter Resources

- 24/7 funding for men's shelter (\$675,000 for 2026)
 - 24/7 funding for women's shelter
- OR
- Additional funding for The Beacon

Capital Expenses

- Location for men's overflow shelter (\$300,000 to upgrade Zeier for single men and \$1.5 million to upgrade for men & women)
- 2nd Beacon location if no 24/7 shelter
- Purchase hotel for overflow shelter
- Purchase land for a lawful sleeping area for people who do not or cannot access other emergency shelter