

DALLAS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOUSING WORK GROUP

Dallas County Administration – 500 Elm Street, Customer Excellence Training Room 7.Y17, 7th Floor, Dallas Texas

April 29, 2026, 10:00-11:30am

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1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Reports

a. Governance – Commissioner Theresa Daniel

- Approval of March 25, 2026, minutes
- Homeless Advisory Committee Meeting
- Federal & State legislative environment

b. Resources – services, programs, people, funds

- Shelter Discussions
- NTBHA
- Housing Navigator / Homeless Jail Dashboard/St Jude Center
- Housing Authority Report- DHA/DCHA
- Metrocare Services
- ASD -A Home For Life (Formerly Aids Services of Dallas)

c. Projects and Industry Updates

- Housing Forward updates
- Pretrial Diversion and MH screening
- Dallas Connector
- Homeward Bound, Crisis Residential & Respite Services, Deflection Center
- Youth Housing

3. Next Meeting : May 27, 2026

Dallas County Administration, 500 Elm Street, 7th Floor, Dallas Texas 75202
March 25, 2026 Minutes

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ATTENDEES: Commissioner Theresa Daniel, Dallas County; Latoya Jenkins, Dallas County; Tzeggabhran Kidane, Dallas County; Kimberly Rawls, DCCJ; Quincy Hogan, Metrocare; Traswell Livingston, ASD: A Home for Life; Wendy Hardeman, Sharing Life; Kendal Brown, Family Gateway; Eric McCarty, NTBHA; Rachel Wilson, Housing Forward; Janie Metzinger, NTBHA; Anne Lott, Inclusive Communities Project; Valerie Palmer, Austin Street;

Dr. Daniel opened the meeting by having the members at the table to introduce themselves.

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner and the committee approved the minutes from the June 25th meeting.

GOVERNANCE

Homeless Advisory Committee: Commissioner Daniel Office

Tzeggabhran Kidane reported that the committee had a meeting on March 16th and the Dallas Eviction Advocacy Center report can be found in the meeting packet. It was noted that February 2026 saw the most eviction cases filed since 2024.

Wendy Haderman noted that she is seeing an increase in senior evictions and homelessness. Rental prices are outpacing social security benefits. Valerie Palmer noted that Austin Street has calculated the median age of seniors experiencing housing insufficiency at 55. She also said they have seen an increase of senior aged adults coming into services due to being priced out of their housing options. Rachel Wilson stated that they are seeing those trends nationwide and the PIT count is the data that is used to see these trends. This year's PIT Count info is not available yet but will be available April 2026.

Commissioner Daniel questioned what is happening that is impacting this group more frequently now. Traswell Livingston suggested that with the influx of population that we have had in the area, the stock of housing options has not kept up with that growth. Commissioner Daniel also questioned if those who qualify for Medicaid and Medicare are impacted. Most of the organizations around the table stated that they have programs that address those who receive Medicaid and Medicare and try to link those who may qualify for other resources to care. Janie Metzinger stated that the state of Texas does have a program that will help seniors who have gaps in coverage even if they have social security income.

Federal/ State Legislative Update: Janie Metzinger, NTBHA

Janie Metzinger reported that the Texas Senate committees have been announced. Lt. Gov Patrick announced the Sunset Commissioners for the Senate side of the Texas Health and Human Services Sunset Commission. They are still waiting for the House to name their commissioners. She stated that the named Senate Commissioners all have experience on the Senate Health and Human Service Committee and Sen. Lois Kolkhorst serves as the chair. The commission consists of Sen. Cesar Blanco-El Paso, Sen. Donna Campbell, an ER doctor- New Braunfels, Sen. Brian Hughes-Mineola, Sen. Kevin Sparks-Midland, and the public member is currently unassigned. The committee members have also demonstrated an interest in mental health. A series of hearings on the recommendations of the Sunset Commission should be set for this upcoming summer. She also stated there has been a leadership change at HHSC and Governor Abbott recently appointed Executive Commissioner Stephanie Muth.

RESOURCES

Shelter Discussions: Valerie Palmer, Austin Street Shelter

Valerie Palmer reported they are continuing to operate at high capacity. They are currently shifting their focus to finding more housing resources to their longest utilizers and provide them with alternative resources such as short-term rental assistance, familial reunification, or treatment. They are also working to match those in shelter with the correct intervention that is needed for their particular situation such as shared housing and correct rental needs. They are in the fifth month of their Transition Center with NTBHA in which they accept people from DART who are experiencing a mental health crisis, but do not require hospitalization and provide them with intense assistance for 10 days to get them their next level of care. They have eight beds and have served 69 people so far. DART police is the highest utilizer of the center, but they have also accepted people from other municipalities. They are expanding their services with the remodel of their old facility that will come online in 2027 or 2028.

NTBHA: Eric McCarty, NTBHA

Eric McCarty reported that they do have funding, but they are sifting through tons of paperwork that must be completed for approval. They are still working from a waitlist, but much of the applicants' information has changed. The applicants are eligible to receive funding for up to 24 months, but after that, they are in a state of influx. With the TBRA funding, applicants are potentially eligible for 2 rounds of 60 months of assistance. The first two years, there is no requirement of income verification. After that, they are required to show proof they are on a Housing Choice Voucher waitlist. They are then eligible for a maximum of 36 months to acquire assistance.

Housing Navigator/Homeless Dashboard/FUSE St. Jude: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County Criminal Justice

Kimberly Rawls stated that the report is in the packet. She stated there was a drop in referrals from January to February for the FUSE program, but she believes it was due to the holidays. She is currently working with her grants manager for the FY 2026 for the state funded grant that she was awarded. The grant is in effect from 10/1/25 to 9/30/26 and she has applied for continuation funding that will extend in FY 2027 from 10/1/26-09/30/27. She is working with the Civil DA to complete MOUs for the FUSE partners for the state funding awards. They are hoping to submit it to Commissioners Court for approval soon. She is also working to complete the vendor RFP process for the BJA funding that is coming to an end soon. The process is almost complete to start the Homeless Criminal Justice Involved Project. The complete process took two years to complete and now it is coming to an end. Valerie Palmer asked about the grant funding for the FUSE navigators to which Kimberly answered that the State Crisis Funding was awarded to the FUSE partners and some agencies are set to receive funding. Rachel Wilson also reported that Housing Forward has received funding from the county and if there is a need to talk about other funding for the FUSE program, they may be available to do so.

Pre-Trial Diversion and Mental Health Screenings: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County Criminal Justice

Kimberly Rawls reported that Laura Edmonds is out and that she will be giving the report for her today. They are continuing to schedule and facilitate releases from jail to connect them with the community and mental health services. ADAPT continues to complete mental health assessments for those who have been flagged with a suspected mental health need. In February, 2,285 total screenings were completed.

MetroCare: Quincy Hogan, Metrocare

Quincy Hogan reported that they currently have 11 vacancies at their Rawlins Chateau property in the Oak Lawn neighborhood of Dallas that they are looking to fill those vacancies. They are moving forward with the housing for single parents or guardian with minor children. They are working with the architect, they have their systematic design and fundraising is moving forward. They are on schedule to have their certificate of occupancy in 2028.

Housing Forward: Rachel Wilson, Housing Forward

Rachel Wilson reported that the PIT count data will be coming out next month along with the State of Homelessness and the new NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) from HUD will come out in June.

Dallas Connector: Valerie Palmer, Austin Street

Valerie Palmer reported that the Connector is still running smoothly and last year they set a record number of rides, but the larger bus is in need of maintenance so they are in the process of figuring out how they will manage with the bus being in service for about 6 weeks. Last year the Connector amassed over 40,000 rides.

PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES

Homeward Bound: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

Doug Denton was not available for the meeting but provided a report for the meeting packet.

Family Housing: Family Gateway, Kendall Brown

Kendall Brown stated that their report is in the packet and it highlights their program numbers from last year. More than 1,900 families were diverted from shelters. 621 families that were triaged required shelter care and 460 were served through Family Gateway services. They served 156 families with supportive housing and over 2100 families across all their programs were serviced. Their program numbers from 2024 to 2025 saw some slight increase and they were able to determine that about a third of the families they service come from living in their cars, 20 percent are living in hotels, and about 30 percent are living with other family members or friends.

ASD, A Home For Life: Traswell, Livingston

Traswell Livingston reported they recently had a name change and have extended their services to include those that are homeless and not living with HIV. They extended their services to include those who are at a higher risk of contracting HIV. The average age of their applicants is 58, but they house families and adult seniors. The majority of those unhoused are older African American males. Traswell also reported on their two low-income housing tax credit properties stating that the Wycliff Braniff project has a major funding gap and they have started a capital campaign for. In this permanent supportive housing project, the TDCHA funding did not come through, and they have a \$5 million dollar shortfall. They are working to fill that gap, but the project is moving forward, and they are looking to close on the property in the summer of this year. The Meadow project, a foreclosed nursing home that is being renovated on Meadow Lane and 75, will house 75, one-bedroom PSH units. It is a partnership between ASD, the Housing Authority, and Metrocare. It is funded and is on track, but funding is being raised for the commercial kitchen in the space. In Oak Cliff, there is another PFC partnership development with Savoy Management. It is a re-development of vacant lots in North Oak Cliff that will be turned into 183 units. It's a 60 percent private finance corporation deal with ASD being a minority owner. The property is located at Lancaster Ave and Colorado and is new construction set to be completed in late 2027. These properties are categorized as status neutral properties for those living with HIV, but they are inclusive of those that are risk for HIV and are focusing on those experiencing homelessness as a disabling condition. Mr. Livingston also stated that he went to AIDSWatch last week in Washington D.C. speaking to Congress regarding Medicare/Medicaid expansion. He stated they also educated them on best practices and using their agency as a model for those. He also expressed that as a part of the National HIV Coalition, they advocated for an increase in HOPWA funding. They advocated for the funding to be increased to \$600 million dollars, and it increased last year from \$524 million to \$529 million. ASD currently has five vacancies at 511 N. Lancaster Ave property which is a partnership with Housing Forward. Dallas County is #2 in the state with the highest rate of new HIV infections with heterosexual African American females age 13-24 leading with the newest cases.

There was discussion regarding the number of senior citizens that are becoming a part of the homelessness conversation and what is causing the increase. Strategic thoughts were shared to try to see what impact could be made on the issue. Traswell Livingston stated that he will provide a senior housing availability report to share with the group about available low-income housing tax credits that are just geared towards seniors.

Commissioner Daniel thanked everyone for their work and polled the group on the frequency of meeting. They decided to continue to meet monthly.

Next Meeting: April 22, 2026



DALLAS EVICTION ADVOCACY CENTER (DEAC)

ADVANCING LEGAL SUPPORT TO INDIGENT RESIDENTS FACING WRONGFUL EVICTION

WRONGFUL EVICTION PREVENTION PROGRAM (WEPP) - DATA ANALYSIS REPORT

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAR 2026

Description	For Mar 2026	Cumulative (from Nov 2024)	% (Mar 2026)
Total Eviction Cases Filed (from Nov 2024)	3,137	55,526	5.6%
Total Represented Cases	671	10,377	6.5%
Total Eviction Prevention Completed	482	6,226	7.7%
Funds Obligated	\$2,300,000		
Payment Disbursed to DEAC		\$1,799,998	0.0%

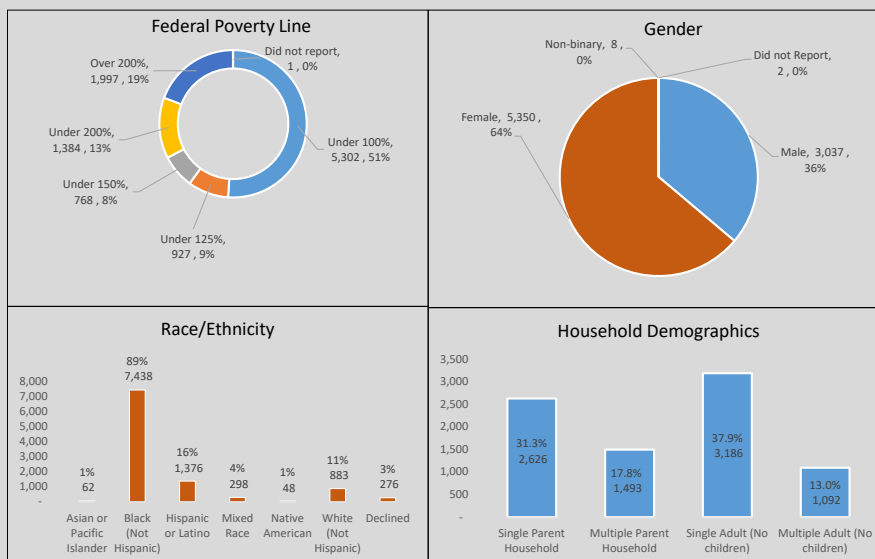
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138%,
Payment
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Cases (Lost and Won)

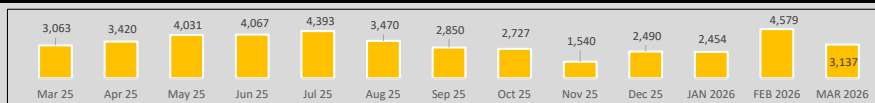
JP Court	Cases for Mar 2026					Cumulative cases (from Nov 2025)					Cumulative Cases
	Eviction Cases Filed	Represented Cases	Tenant Won	Tenant Lost	Win Rate (Rep. cases)	Eviction Cases Filed	Represented Cases	Tenant Won	Tenant Lost	Win Rate (Rep. cases)	
JP 1-1	626	135	105	30	78%	11,275	2,356	1,514	842	64%	Tenant Won, 6226
JP 1-2	173	43	25	18	58%	4,068	736	359	377	49%	
JP 2-1	306	35	10	25	29%	5,580	721	291	430	40%	
JP 2-2	189	44	29	15	66%	4,049	1,017	488	529	48%	
JP 3-1	414	53	23	30	43%	6,239	1,023	600	423	59%	
JP 3-2	358	129	118	11	91%	5,624	859	649	210	76%	Tenant Lost, 4151
JP 4-1	302	48	33	15	69%	5,398	971	603	368	62%	
JP 4-2	151	42	27	15	64%	3,293	525	345	180	66%	
JP 5-1	478	117	98	19	84%	7,094	1,354	879	475	65%	
JP 5-2	140	25	14	11	56%	2,906	815	498	317	61%	
Total	3,137	671	482	189	72%	55,526	10,377	6,226	4,151	60%	

Cumulative Represented Cases (from Nov 2024)



Eviction Cases Filed in Dallas County for the month of Mar 2026

(Source: CPAL)



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Sources: CPAL (record level data), DEAC & DC



Dallas County Criminal Justice (DCCJ) Housing Navigator March 2026 Report

FUSE Data

FUSE DATA FY 2025-2026 12 MONTH



Category Item	May 25	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan 2026	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
Total Clients Screened for FUSE	106	116	200	131	121	144	96	102	71	79			
Referral Source													
Jail FUSE Navigator Screening	2	1	30	4	1	0	30	12	13	3			
Pretrial Referral	12	27	30	18	22	40	15	12	18	19			
Defense Attorney Referral	4	3	5	4	4	12	4	1	1	1			
Shelter/Parkland Hospital Street FUSE Navigator Referral	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0			
NTBHA Living Room Referral	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Dallas Deflection Center	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0			
Probation/CSCD	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0			
Other Referral Source (Adapt, Community Partners, etc.)	80	85	135	105	94	89	46	74	38	56			
Interview Outcomes													
Client Refused to be interviewed or Participate	0	3	9	1	0	2	4	1	3	1			
Client reported not being Unsheltered	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0			
Unavailable to Interview	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Pending Interview	38	0	0	6	12	1	21	1	24	0			
Other Outcome Categories (*See Below)	56	85	173	105	101	116	59	91	37	63			
Total Released from Jail to FUSE	12	27	17	19	7	25	12	8	7	12			
Shelter Connection Rate													
Austin Street Center	6	9	6	5	2	6	4	3	3	3			
The Bridge	5	14	10	13	5	15	6	4	2	8			
Salvation Army	1	1	1	1	0	4	2	1	0	1			
Other Local Shelter, Boarding Homes, & Shelter Ref's	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	3			
No Response	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Left Before Entering Program/Did Not Connect	10	12	12	7	3	10	3	4	3	7			
Housed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Housing Priority List, Info sent to Housing Forward, or Reunited w/Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			

* Other Categories: Released to Another Program or Agency, Boarding Home Placement, Referral Banned from Shelter, Client didn't qualify for FUSE, Immigration Hold, Released (i.e. Posted Bond), Referred by Shelters/Street Outreach, FUSE bond denied, Waiting on info, Sex Offender, Not in AIS, Waiting on Bond to Post, and Pending attorney response & etc.

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St. Jude Project

2920 Forest Ln, Dallas, TX 75234 | 104 Units | Dallas County has 13 allocated beds | Housing is for Seniors +55 years old

- Working to fill two vacancies and will keep everyone posted once they have been occupied.

Housing Services for Homeless Criminal Justice-Involved Clients (HSH-CJC) Grant

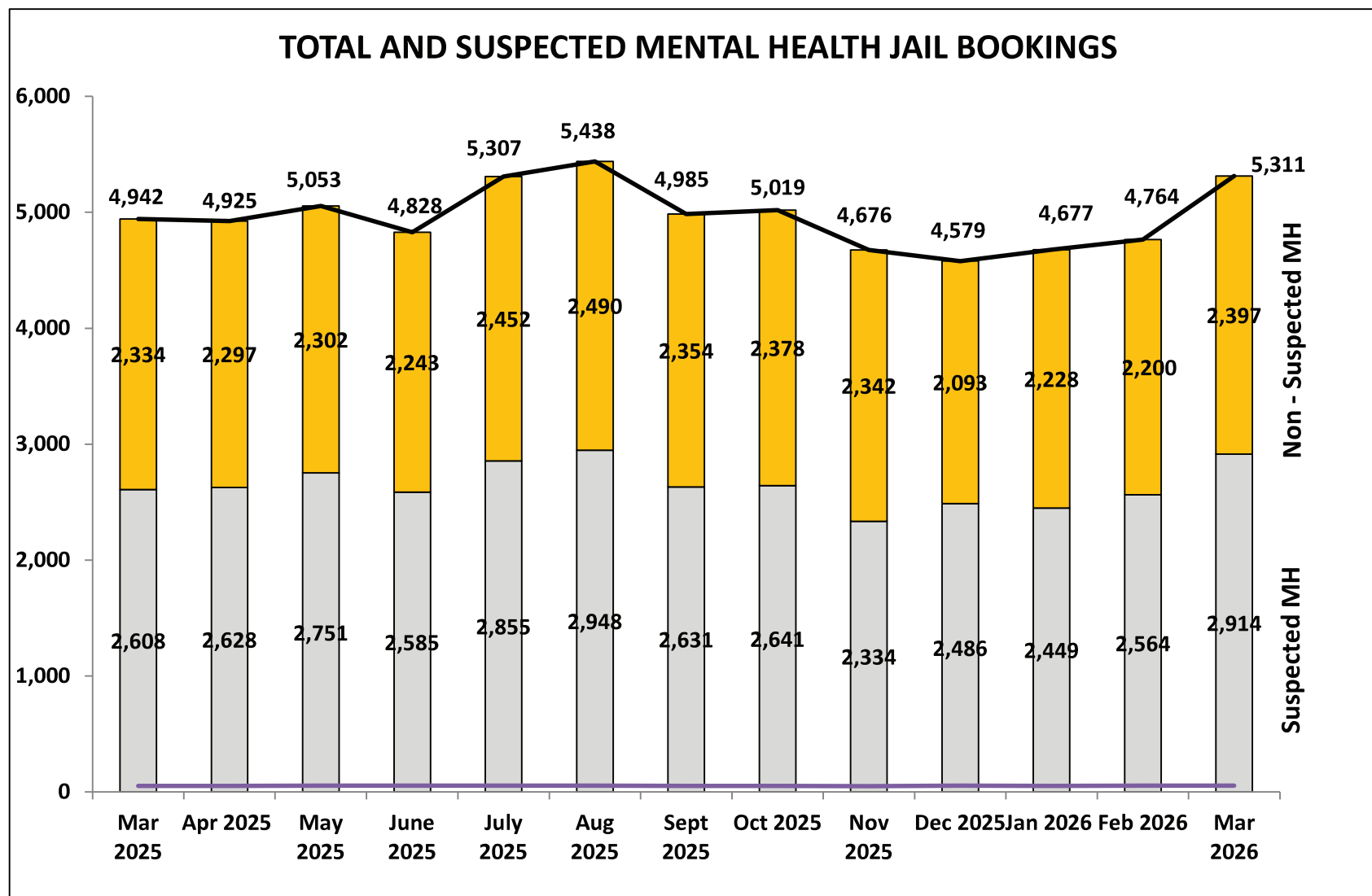
- The vendor selection process is complete and the Dallas County Procurement Office and we are working with the Civil DAs to complete vendor contracts.

Dallas Connector Project (DCP) Dallas County Client Utilization (Transport to the NTBHA LR from the Jail and or the LR to the FUSE Shelters)

The NTBHA Livingroom (LR) Staff conducted jail releases for individuals going to the Livingroom and Austin Street's report should contain the March 2026 jail data.

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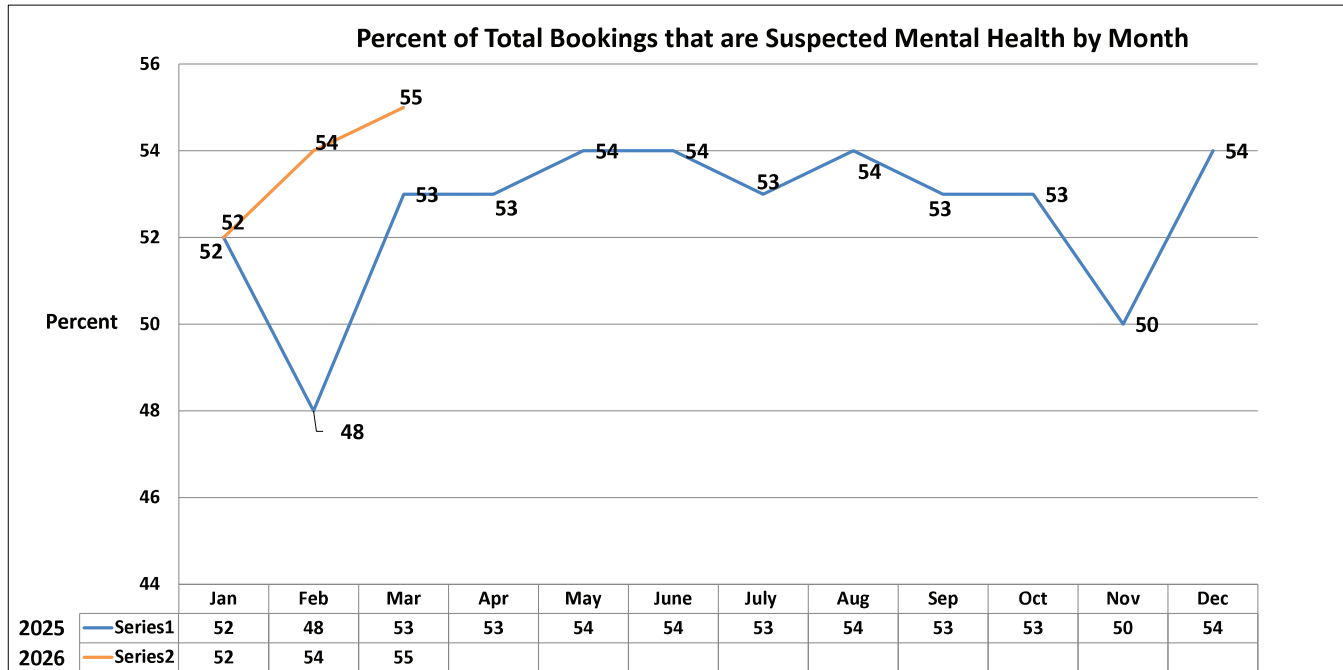
MAR 2026 Homeless Report Snapshot



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Month-to-Month Category Total Differences

Months	Total Monthly Bookins	Total Suspected MH Bookins
Feb 2026 to Mar 2026	4764 to 5311 - Increase 547	2564 to 2914 - Increase 350



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Homeless Breakdown and Avg LOS - Feb 2026 to Mar 2026

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent	Percent Note
Feb 2026	Suspected MH	2,564	54%	% of total bookings [4764]
	Homeless	724	15%	% of total bookings [4764]
	Homeless w/Suspected MH flag	541	75%	% of total homeless [724]

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent	Percent Note
Mar 2026	Suspected MH	2,914	55%	% of total bookings [5311]
	Homeless	809	15%	% of total bookings [5311]
	Homeless w/Suspected MH flag	614	76%	% of total homeless [809]

Month/Yr	Avg LOS Total Bookings [days]	Avg LOS Homeless Bookings [days]
Feb 2026	6	9
Mar 2026	7	10

Monthly Unsheltered Expense

- Count of Mar 2026 Unsheltered Bookings = 809 (809 of 5311 = 15% of total Mar Bookings)
- ALOS for all Mar unsheltered 809 bookings as of 4/6/26 = 13 (13*\$95.58(Daily Jail Bed rate) = \$1242.54 per Individual)
- As of 4/6/2026, Total number of Unsheltered Releases = 398
- Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for the 398 releases = 6 (6*\$95.58 (Daily Jail Bed rate) = \$573.48 per Individual)

Below are the top 6 offense categories and Arresting agencies for the 809 Unsheltered

Offenses	Count of BookinNo	LEA	Count of BookinNo
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	162	DALLAS POLICE	446
POSS CS PG 1/1-B <1G	112	DART Police	126
Holds	64	Irving Police	51
AGG ASSAULT W/DEADLY WEAPON	23	Dallas County Sheriff	49
FAIL TO IDENTIFY FUGITIVE INTENT GIVE FALSE INFO	23	Garland Police	27
POSS CS PG 1/1-B >=1G<4G	20	Richardson Police	20

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Homeless Primary Offense Categories - Feb 2026 to Mar 2026

Offense Categories	Feb 2026 total	Feb 2026 %	Mar 2026 total	Mar 2026 %	MTD Column
Arson	2	0.3%	1	0.1%	
Assaultive	56	7.7%	71	8.8%	15 Increased
Burglary	22	3.0%	18	2.2%	
Criminal Mischief	12	1.7%	8	1.0%	
Criminal Trespass	139	19.2%	176	21.8%	37 Increased
Drug/Alcohol	203	28.0%	220	27.2%	17 Increased
Evading	23	3.2%	21	2.6%	
False Info/Fail to Identify	33	4.6%	36	4.4%	
Fraud	7	1.0%	16	2.0%	
HOLDS	78	10.8%	79	9.8%	
Murder	0	0.0%	4	0.5%	
Other	51	7.0%	66	8.2%	15 Increased
Prostitution	3	0.4%	5	0.6%	
Resist	11	1.5%	13	1.6%	
Robbery	12	1.7%	12	1.5%	
Sexual Offense	8	1.1%	13	1.6%	
Theft	56	7.7%	42	5.2%	14 Decreased
UUMV	8	1.1%	8	1.0%	
TOTAL	724	100.0%	809	100.0%	

HOLDS: Citation/Tickets, Insufficient Bonds/Insufficient Bond Warrants, External Holds (Transfer to another county), and Parole Violations

Other: Offense categories with one or two charge occurrences of monthly bookin totals (i.e. Terrorist Threats, Child Endangerment, Stalking, etc.)

UUMV: Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle (i.e. Joyriding)

Month-to-Month Category
Total Differences

= MTD by +/- 10 bookins

DALLAS COUNTY DEFLECTION CENTER													
2025-2026	25-Sep	25-Oct	25-Nov	25-Dec	26-Jan	26-Feb	26-Mar	26-Apr	26-May	26-Jun	26-Jul	26-Aug	TOTAL
TOTAL TRIAGED	105	107	92	96	101	92	87	0	0	0	0	0	678
Referral Source													
Dallas PD													
SC Div	3	5	2	3	5	1	2						21
SW Div			1	2			1						4
SE Div		1	1	1	1	1							5
NC Div		2		1									3
NE Div		1	1			1							3
NW Div	1		3	1									5
CEN Div	3	1	1										5
Right Care	3	1	1	1	2		1						9
Dallas Marshal - CDC													0
College Campus PD													0
Great SW Coalition													0
SE Coalition													0
NTBHA MCOT/CTI		1	2	3	3	6	5						20
Garland PD						1							1
Irving PD													0
Lancaster PD			1										1
Duncanville PD			1			1	1						3
Mesquite PD													0
Grand Prairie PD		1	1										
Desoto PD						1							1
Combine PD													0
DART PD	26	31	27	33	25	31	21						194
DART Cares	7	2	1	1		1	1						13
Parkland-Baylor PD		1											1
Walk-In	27	29	21	17	35	22	27						178
Rapid Response	26	26	22	26	28	20	22						170
Crisis stepdown	2	1		2		2	3						10
Other	7	4	6	5	2	4	3						31
TRIAGE OUTCOME	121	124	107	111	117	107	100	0	0	0	0	0	
Psych Crisis Residential	1	3	1	1	2		2						10
Detox-Withdrawal Mgmt	2	2	1	1	3	1							10
Living Room-NTBHA													0
CMHP Services	2												2
ACT Team	1												1
OTHER SUD Services	10	4	9	3	12	3	1						42
Shelter													0
Austin Street	6	4	7	11	4	3	5						40
Bridge	13	11	12	14	9	18	11						88
Salvation Army	4	1	3	1	2		3						14
Union Gospel Mission	1	1	3	2	5	6	2						20
Other		4		4	1	1	2						12
Home-Family-Friends	54	64	46	43	53	51	48						359
Boarding Home/PSH	6	6	3	2	6	6	7						36
Higher Level of Care													
Behavioral Health	1	2	3	1		1							8
Physical Health	2	6	4	12	4	4	5						37
Veterans Administration	1												1
APOW/W or Arrest/Security Intervention													
LEA Maintained Custody	1					1							1
Still in Service	16	16	15	16	1								