

DALLAS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOUSING WORK GROUP

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

August 26, 2026, 1:30pm-3:30pm

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1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Reports

a. Governance – Commissioner Theresa Daniel

- Approval of June 24, 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
- Metrocare Services
- ASD -A Home For Life

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 : September 23, 2026

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ATTENDEES: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound; Wendy Hardeman, Mesquite Sharing Life; Janie Metzinger, NTBHA; Ikenna Mogbo, Metrocare; Kendall Brown, Family Gateway; Rachel Wilson, Housing Forward; Commissioner Theresa Daniel, Dallas County; Latoya Jenkins, Dallas County; Tzegabrhan Kidane, Dallas County; Kimberly Rawls, DCCJ

Dr. Daniel opened the meeting discussing the homeless news reported in the Dallas Morning News.

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner and the committee approved the minutes of the May 27th meeting.

GOVERNANCE

Federal/State Legislative Update: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

Doug Denton reported that in the new HHSC fiscal budget, they must submit a five percent reduction and there will not be an increase in funding. Organizations will have to seek funding legislatively. Doug remarked that they were there advocating for substance use services, which have only seen a one percent increase in the last eight years. Detoxification and medical services are the most expensive things offered and have seen a 20 percent increase in cost. Locally, we are feeling those effects. They have had to go to philanthropy and other sources to try to fund programs. He stated they will be talking to the other side of the aisle to obtain more funding legislatively. He reported that within the new five-year grant cycle, NTBHA has lost out on funding and will have to adjust going forward. The state recalculated the way they are distributing the funding and are now giving funding to brick and mortar organizations instead of clients needing assistance. HHSC's substance use disorder treatment grant is allocated through NTBHA and since their funding has been cut, Homeward Bound has not received funding and NTBHA has had to absorb costs. Other counties have received funding and are disbursing it to their organizations, but Collin County sent back \$1 million dollars to the state that went unused. The funding was intended to go to NTBHA, but as of yesterday, they still hadn't received it. SAMSHA announced they have new priorities, one of which is allowing faith-based treatment organizations to apply for funding. They have \$700 million dollars available for some organizations and faith-based organizations are being encouraged to apply. Faith-based organizations are required to have a 501 c (3) designation and licensed evidence-based therapeutic treatment centers are not eligible to apply for these particular grants. Ikenna Mogbo reported that administration has the HUD methodology written in the NOFU that faith-based organizations can apply directly to them for funding and not have to go through the COC. Janie Metzinger stated that both the House and the Senate have Interim charges on homelessness and that she would share them with the group. Rachel Wilson reported that she was just watching an interim charge hearing earlier and Steve Autry was testifying on behalf Dallas County specifically speaking about drop offs and the need for more deflection centers. She also mentioned someone from Meadows Mental Health Institute was also there.

RESOURCES

Shelter Discussions:

Wendy Hardeman stated that as far as shelters are concerned, she is encountering wait lists. She also stated that there are not enough services on the back end to assist clients when they are able to get them into housing. Doug Denton reported that when a person is ready for treatment, we need to make the process for them to get into treatment quicker because they are ready at that exact time for assistance. If people wait or there are no services available, there is a greater potential that those clients will be back out on the streets.

Housing Authority:

Rachel Wilson reported that the Dallas Housing Authority is still in shortfalls and are not issuing any new vouchers.

They are continuing to fund the vouchers that are currently leased up. If they have a Housing Choice Voucher, they can relocate, but they are not issuing any new vouchers. Ikenna Mogbo reported that the project-based vouchers are still with those projects, but their housing voucher allocation funding is gone halfway through the year so new vouchers aren't being issued.

Metrocare: Ikenna Mogbo,

Commissioner Daniel stated and Ikenna Mogbo reported that Metrocare is in a state of flux. He also stated that since Metrocare is the "Parkland" for county behavioral health, they won't go away. He reported that by January 2027, the organization will look dramatically different with some rightsizing and partnership alignments, but the impact on clients should be minimal.

PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES

Housing Forward: Rachel Wilson, Housing Forward

Rachel Wilson reported that there wasn't any major change from the last meeting. Their annual obligation for funding from HUD was released a couple of weeks ago. With the NOFU, they are seeing a lot of emphasis placed on faith-based care, emphasis placed on clients applying for assistance outside of the COC, and some limitations on funding for permanent supportive housing. Tier one funding has been reduced to 60% of their operational cost. This has reduced their long-term housing assistance, but this issue is currently being litigated, and they are awaiting the results. They are still working to maximize the funding they currently have. With the current NOFU, they believe they can sustain their current PSH, but they may lose funding for their rapid rehousing projects. She did state that the NOFU has new funding available for transitional housing projects, but they are confident that they will be able to accommodate their neighbors. Ikenna Mogbo reported that new funding has also been allocated to new supportive service projects only. He stated that Metrocare used to have supportive service projects only, but over time they moved away from those projects. With this NOFU, some of their homeless behavioral services are eligible for funding with those grants and he plans to apply for them due to their current financial status and to continuously provide those services to the community.

Pre-Trial Diversion and MH Screening: Kimberly Rawls, DCCJD

Kimberly Rawls reported that Laura Edmonds was unable to attend but provided her report. She reported that the CJD continues to collaborate with NTBHA on the jail releases and in June they facilitated around 30 jail releases. They also continue to engage with the Housing Forward team in identifying their complex needs clients and getting the jail clients connected to housing and support services. ADAPT continues to screen jail inmates for suspected mental health needs and in May they completed 2,495 screenings. Commissioner Daniel also spoke about the homeless report and noted the total number of book-ins are cyclical and have ebbs and flows due to the season changes.

Dallas Connector: Kimberly Rawls, DCCJD

Kimberly Rawls reported that they are transporting their jail releases and it is running smoothly on our end. Ikenna Mogbo stated that it is still running effectively transporting clients to their destinations.

Homeward Bound: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

Doug Denton stated that the report is in the packet. They had 107 admissions in May and the Dallas Police Department in the South-Central division were the highest referrals. DART continues to send around 20 people a month and after talking with Chief Hargraves, they are their primary "go to" place after hours. The private, philanthropic rapid response team is out trying to stay ahead of DPD's HOT (Housing Outreach Team) in order to mitigate a potential arrest. Homeward Bound is doing several transports a month at the convenience stores to get those individuals to the proper locations. They try to send out teams of 3 professionals to assist, and they have funding for one more year. The program is funded by the Quick Trip Foundation, and they will evaluate the program in September to see if it will be funded for the next year.

Family Housing: Kendall Brown, Family Gateway

Kendall Brown reported that Family Gateway's report is on the last page and they provided program numbers from January-May. By the HUD definition of homelessness, they have identified over 1500 families who meet those requirements. They have also tracked the services they provided for the first five months of the year and have assisted 855 families. Summertime is their busy season as kids are out of school, so they are ramping up their services.

Commissioner Daniel thanked everyone for their work and encouraged the group to keep looking for things that we can do to make an impact.

Next Meeting: TBD (HWG is recessed in July)



DALLAS EVICTION ADVOCACY CENTER (DEAC)

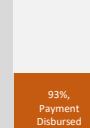
ADVANCING LEGAL SUPPORT TO INDIGENT RESIDENTS FACING WRONGFUL EVICTION

WRONGFUL EVICTION PREVENTION PROGRAM (WEPP) - DATA ANALYSIS REPORT

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUL 2026

Description	For Jul 2026	Cumulative (from Nov 2024)	% (Jul 2026)
Total Eviction Cases Filed (from Nov 2024)	4,125	70,564	5.8%
Total Represented Cases	753	13,255	5.7%
Total Eviction Prevention Completed	486	8,140	6.0%
Funds Obligated	\$2,300,000		
Payment Disbursed to DEAC		\$2,133,330	

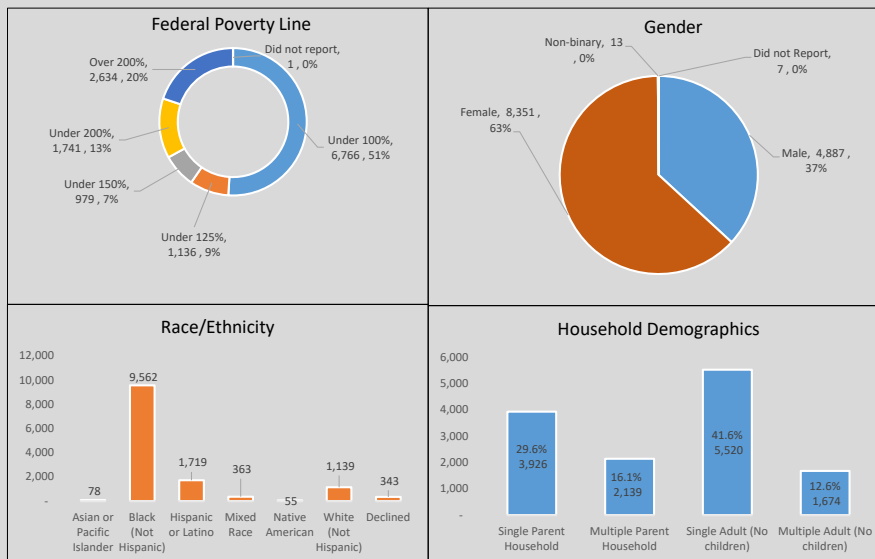
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Cases (Lost and Won)

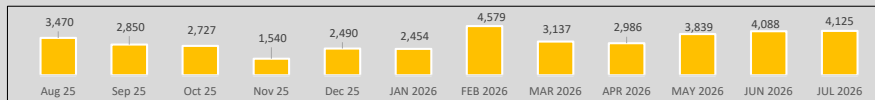
JP Court	Cases for Jul 2026					Cumulative cases (from Nov 2025)					Cumulative Cases
	Eviction Cases Filed	Represented Cases	Tenant Won	Tenant Lost	Win Rate (Rep. cases)	Eviction Cases Filed	Represented Cases	Tenant Won	Tenant Lost	Win Rate (Rep. cases)	
JP 1-1	753	152	92	60	61%	14,073	2,907	1,898	1,009	65%	Tenant Won, 8140
JP 1-2	379	77	39	38	51%	5,354	1,020	523	497	51%	
JP 2-1	377	37	12	25	32%	7,058	929	357	572	38%	
JP 2-2	312	49	27	22	55%	5,095	1,216	604	612	50%	
JP 3-1	408	76	50	26	66%	7,725	1,252	732	520	58%	
JP 3-2	485	59	48	11	81%	7,412	1,265	991	274	78%	
JP 4-1	285	56	42	14	75%	6,498	1,176	727	449	62%	
JP 4-2	349	84	70	14	83%	4,436	729	506	223	69%	
JP 5-1	569	123	90	33	73%	9,268	1,828	1,243	585	68%	
JP 5-2	208	40	16	24	40%	3,645	933	559	374	60%	
Total	4,125	753	486	267	65%	70,564	13,255	8,140	5,115	61%	Tenant Lost, 5115

Cumulative Represented Cases (from Nov 2024)



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

(Source: CPAL)

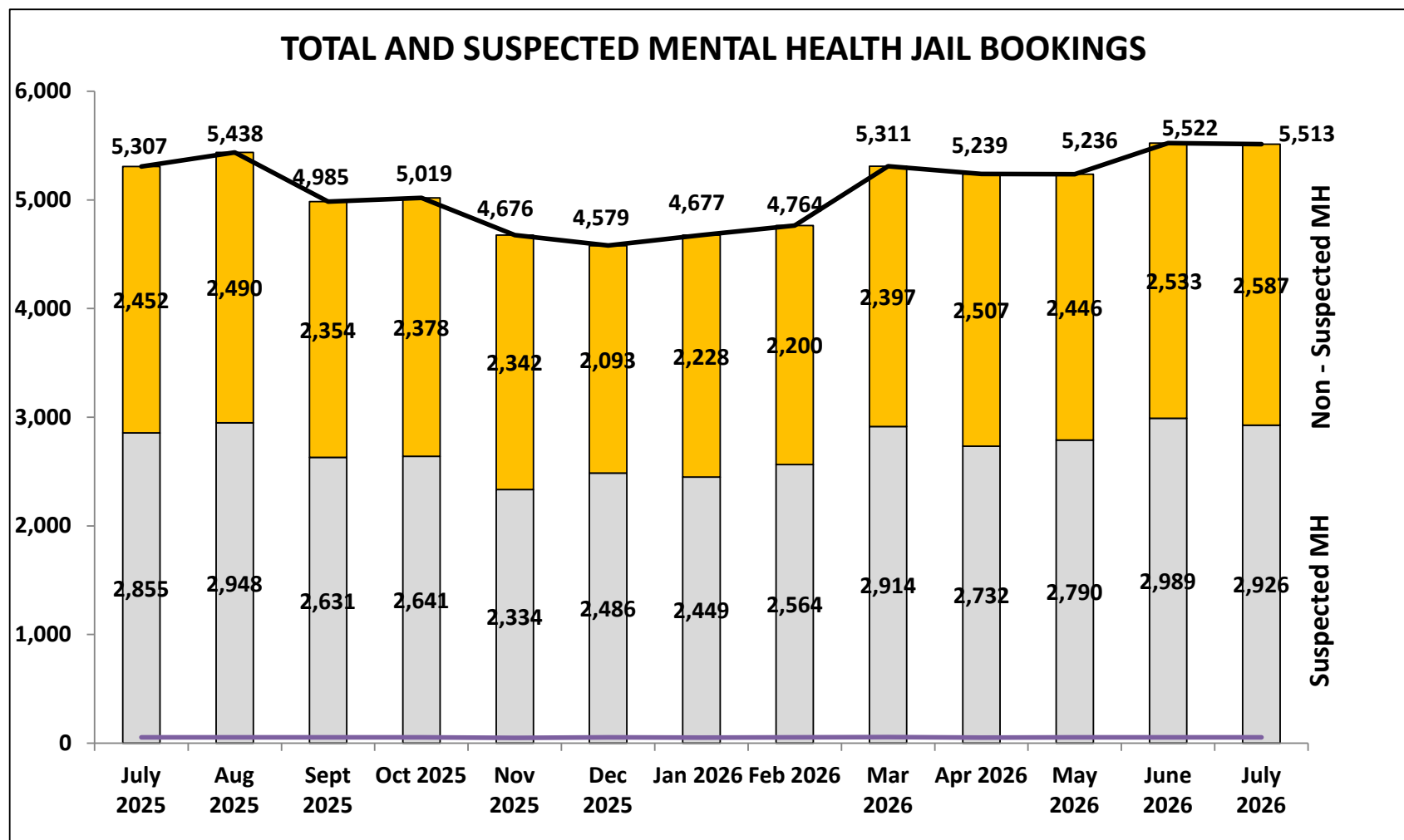


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Sources: CPAL (record level data), DEAC & DC

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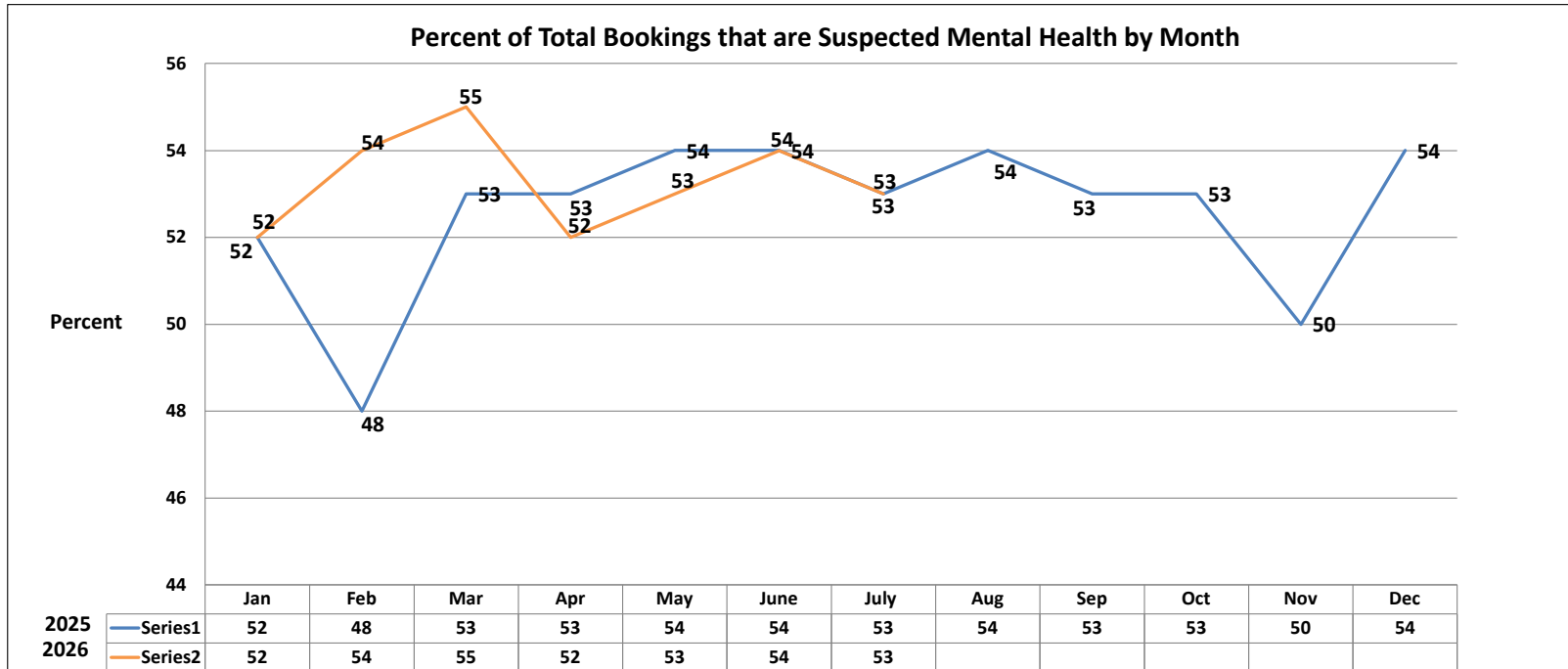
JULY 2026 Homeless Report Snapshot



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Month-to-Month Category Total Differences

Months	Total Monthly Bookins	Total Suspected MH Bookins
June 2026 to July 2026	5522 to 5513 - Decrease 9	2989 to 2926 - Decrease 63



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Homeless Breakdown and Avg LOS - June 2026 to July 2026

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent	Percent Note
June 2026	Suspected MH	2,989	54%	% of total bookings [5522]
	Homeless	877	16%	% of total bookings [5522]
	Homeless w/Suspected MH flag	634	72%	% of total homeless [877]

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent	Percent Note
July 2026	Suspected MH	2,926	53%	% of total bookings [5513]
	Homeless	852	15%	% of total bookings [5513]
	Homeless w/Suspected MH flag	606	71%	% of total homeless [852]

Month/Yr	Avg LOS Total Bookings [days]	Avg LOS Homeless Bookings [days]
June 2026	7	10
July 2026	7	10

Monthly Unsheltered Expenses

- Count of July 2026 Unsheltered Bookings = 852 (852 of 5513 = 15% of total July Bookings)
- ALOS for all July unsheltered 852 bookings as of 8/11/26 = 13 (13*\$95.58(Daily Jail Bed rate) = \$1242.54 per Individual)
- As 8/11/2026, Total number of Unsheltered Releases = 478
- Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for the 445 releases = 7 (7*\$95.58 (Daily Jail Bed rate) = \$669.06 per Individual)

Below are the top 6 offense categories and Arresting agencies for the 852 Unsheltered

Offenses	Count of BookInNo	LEA	Count of BookInNo
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	162	DALLAS POLICE	467
POSS CS PG 1/1-B <1G	125	DART Police	120
Holds	71	Irving Police	72
POSS CS PG 1/1-B >=1G<4G	29	Dallas County Sheriff	55
THEFT PROP <\$2,500 2/MORE PREV CONV	23	Garland Police	24
ASSAULT CAUSES BODILY INJ	22	Mesquite Police	13

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Homeless Primary Offense Categories - June 2026 to July 2026

Offense Categories	June 2026 total	June 2026 %	July 2026 total	July 2026 %	MTD Column
Arson	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	
Assaultive	54	6.2%	76	8.9%	22 Increased
Burglary	30	3.4%	19	2.2%	11 Decreased
Criminal Mischief	15	1.7%	18	2.1%	
Criminal Trespass	180	20.5%	178	20.9%	
Drug/Alcohol	234	26.7%	241	28.3%	
Evading	36	4.1%	27	3.2%	
False Info/Fail to Identify	39	4.4%	42	4.9%	
Fraud	14	1.6%	10	1.2%	
HOLDS	78	8.9%	71	8.3%	
Murder	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	
Other	66	7.5%	55	6.5%	11 Decreased
Prostitution	2	0.2%	2	0.2%	
Resist	11	1.3%	11	1.3%	
Robbery	12	1.4%	15	1.8%	
Sexual Offense	24	2.7%	23	2.7%	
Theft	71	8.1%	55	6.5%	16 Decreased
UUMV	9	1.0%	7	0.8%	
TOTAL	877	100.0%	852	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)



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

FUSE Data

- Will provide July 2026, FUSE data for the September 2026, BHHWG meeting.

St. Jude Project

2920 Forest Ln, Dallas, TX 75234	104 Units	Dallas County has 13 allocated beds	Housing is for Seniors +55 years old
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- Working to fill two (2) vacancies. The prospective neighbors are awaiting Dallas Housing Authority (DHA) housing approval. I will keep everyone posted once they have been approved to move-in.

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

- The program soft launched last week (August 17, 2026) and we accepted our first neighbor, who was from the Housing Forward Complex Neighbor Needs list.

Dallas Connector Project (DCP) Dallas County Client Utilization (Transport to the NTBHA LR from 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 July 2026, jail data.

