

**DALLAS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOUSING WORK GROUP**  
**Dallas County Administration – 500 Elm Street, 6<sup>th</sup> floor Ceremonial Room, Dallas Texas**  
**June 24, 2026, 1:30pm-3:00pm**

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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Reports**

**a. Governance – Commissioner Theresa Daniel**

- Approval of May 27, 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
- Family Housing
- Youth Housing

**3. Next Meeting : August 26, 2026**

**Dallas County Administration, 500 Elm Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Dallas Texas 75202**  
**May 27, 2026 Minutes**

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**ATTENDEES:** Commissioner Theresa Daniel, Dallas County; Latoya Jenkins, Dallas County; Tzegabrhan Kidane, Dallas County; Kimberly Rawls, DCCJ; Doug Denton, Homeward Bound; Sabine Goodrich, EPG; Larry Gordon, Downtown Dallas Inc.; Tazora Moore, Hear my Cry Foundation; Lavida Davidson, Suicide Crisis Center; Josh Kumler, Housing Forward

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner and the committee approved the minutes of the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **GOVERNANCE**

Homeless Advisory Committee: Commissioner Daniel Office

The Homeless Advisory Committee was held on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The latest report of the Dallas Eviction Advocacy Center information is in the packet for review. There was discussion around the gender of those being evicted favoring women more than men. Sabine Goodrich commented that when she worked in HUD housing with tax credits, she saw more females being the lease holders. There was also a question about the number of unique evictions that have occurred over the past 2 years. The DEAC reported that over 7,000 people have been evicted since November 2024 and there was a question if the same people are being evicted or if those evictions are unique.

Federal/State Legislative Update: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

Doug Denton reported that he along with a group met with the new HHSC Executive Commissioner yesterday, Stephanie Muth, regarding a potential rate increase in the substance use disorder residential treatment programs. In the last seven years they have received a one percent increase in detox. In FY 2020 they received a seven percent increase in residential rates and since then, inflation has risen 28%. Unfortunately, Ms. Muth stated they would not be able to accommodate the group, and she said the governor asked them to find a five percent overall reduction. Currently, they are only advocating for the lost SNAP benefits from the federal government, and the state is working to fill that gap. Ms. Muth encouraged the group to get with their legislature and add riders to other bills.

## **MEETING DISCUSSION**

Sabine Goodrich reported that she has been in the affordable housing industry for over 25 years, and she has seen the system become less empathetic to the needs of their residents and the community focus aspect has been lost amongst the apartment communities. She also expressed that those coming from homelessness are not equipped with life skills to maintain and keep their apartments, so their company is requiring the properties they own to make community investment and life skills development within their properties. Ms. Goodrich explained that they encourage groups and organizations to partner with their properties to provide programming for the residents.

There was also discussion about development within the state of Texas and the amount of population growth the state has experienced. The growth has impacted how development occurs and if not managed or handled properly it could mean issues and problems for municipalities and counties.

A question was posed about what can be done to help the current system and Tazora Moore's answer was collaboration with other groups and organizations. She stated that by providing services and connecting with other organizations who are doing similar work, they can help with a number of client needs. She stated that at one point, her organization was the

only one around providing burial assistance to families affected by suicide and in doing so, funding ran out quickly. Since then, she's received calls for assistance with burial, but now they can't assist.

Larry Gordon suggested that we tie the homelessness argument to public safety funding. He stated that since many municipalities' larger portions of their budgets are for public safety, the issues of behavioral health and homelessness issues should be tied to them because of public safety's involvement in these issues. He stated that there is data to support the connection between these issues. He also reports that with FIFA coming, the public safety teams are on high alert. Some people from Croatia have obtained a permit to stage a 4000-person march downtown and there may be potential arrests that could lead to people being transported to the jail which is close to capacity. He also reported that other countries are hosting events in the downtown area as well.

Doug Denton reported that the Miami Model Initiative will be convening next week here in Dallas County. He stated that the initiative is a mental health approach that includes law enforcement, the judiciary, and behavioral health specialists providing wrap around services to those experiencing mental health and substance use disorder. Josh Kumler reported that some feel apprehensive towards the model because Florida has fewer legal barriers than we currently have in Texas. He also stated that Florida has a local dedicated tax that helps fund their initiative as well. Doug Denton reported that Florida has the Baker Act that allows you to hold an individual and here, we have the APOWW. Larry Gordon expressed law enforcement wants to be right when they obtain a mental illness warrant. He reported that a while back he, current officers, and some retired police officers went to some Justices of the Peace with written search warrants saying they were the affiants on the mental illness warrant to show the degradation of the person they wanted to obtain. They then asked if they could obtain the mental illness warrant and they were told no. He also stated they have another meeting scheduled to revisit the issue. Doug Denton questioned if we get the Baker Act or if we extend the APOWW, where can we hold the individuals. He reported that NTBHA is maxed out on their payments for hospital beds. Miami Dade has remodeled a facility, but they are balking at the funding of it. Commissioner Daniel stated that it seems as if Dallas County has many of the foundational pieces that Miami has, to which Doug replied we have all of them, but we send our clients to the hospitals on NTBHA funding, and the hospitals don't want our clients. Larry Gordon questioned how the state hospital construction is going because he hasn't heard much about it and he questioned if it would help those needing care. Doug replied that it will be a 175-bed facility with a section for children, but certain criteria must be met to be admitted into the state hospital. Doug Denton stated that although we are getting people off the streets, there are more people falling into homelessness. Josh Kumler added they know two things are true, they are getting more people off the streets than ever before, but there are more people ending up on the streets than ever before too. Things have improved over the past couple of years, but they are not keeping up with the number of people falling into the homelessness system. He ended by stating that is why they are consistently having conversations and thinking of ways they can impact positively.

***Commissioner Daniel thanked everyone for their work and encouraged the group that we are on the right track and to keep on thinking of ways to impact the system until we meet again.***

***Next Meeting: June 24, 2026***



# DALLAS EVICTION ADVOCACY CENTER (DEAC)

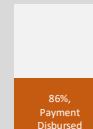
## ADVANCING LEGAL SUPPORT TO INDIGENT RESIDENTS FACING WRONGFUL EVICTION

### WRONGFUL EVICTION PREVENTION PROGRAM (WEPP) - DATA ANALYSIS REPORT

#### REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2026

| Description                                | For May 2026 | Cumulative (from Nov 2024) | % (May 2026) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Total Eviction Cases Filed (from Nov 2024) | 3,839        | 62,351                     | 6.2%         |
| Total Represented Cases                    | 650          | 11,749                     | 5.5%         |
| Total Eviction Prevention Completed        | 434          | 7,170                      | 6.1%         |
| Funds Obligated                            | \$2,300,000  |                            |              |
| Payment Disbursed to DEAC                  |              | \$1,966,664                |              |

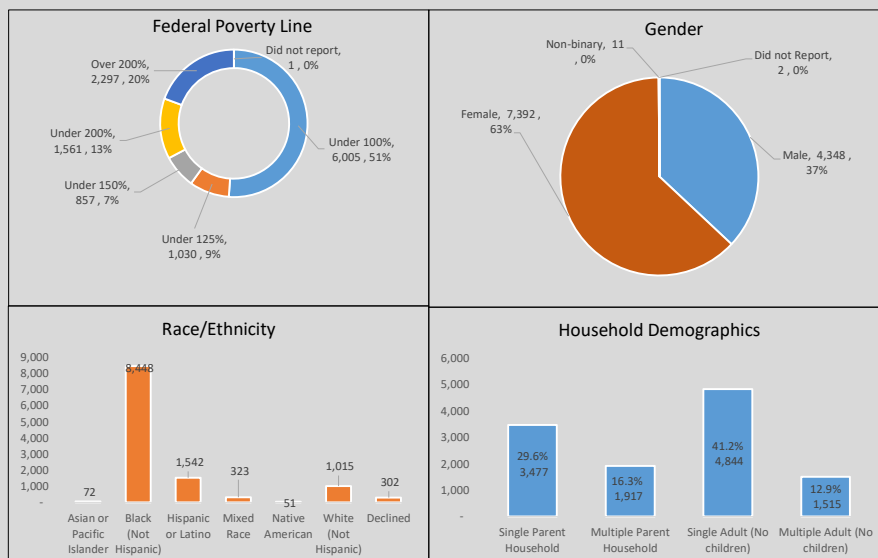
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#### Cases (Lost and Won)

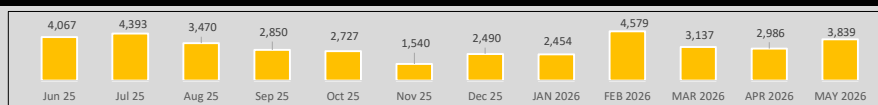
| JP Court | Cases for May 2026   |                   |            |             |                       | Cumulative cases (from Nov 2025) |                   |            |             |                       | Cumulative Cases  |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
|          | 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   | 703                  | 128               | 90         | 38          | 70%                   | 12,563                           | 2,619             | 1,705      | 914         | 65%                   | Tenant Won, 7170  |
| JP 1-2   | 305                  | 48                | 32         | 16          | 67%                   | 4,622                            | 843               | 424        | 419         | 50%                   |                   |
| JP 2-1   | 401                  | 58                | 24         | 34          | 41%                   | 6,247                            | 823               | 328        | 495         | 40%                   |                   |
| JP 2-2   | 264                  | 44                | 28         | 16          | 64%                   | 4,490                            | 1,105             | 545        | 560         | 49%                   |                   |
| JP 3-1   | 346                  | 67                | 38         | 29          | 57%                   | 6,913                            | 1,136             | 665        | 471         | 59%                   |                   |
| JP 3-2   | 439                  | 82                | 73         | 9           | 89%                   | 6,459                            | 1,057             | 818        | 239         | 77%                   | Tenant Lost, 4579 |
| JP 4-1   | 359                  | 41                | 18         | 23          | 44%                   | 6,010                            | 1,081             | 665        | 416         | 62%                   |                   |
| JP 4-2   | 255                  | 30                | 20         | 10          | 67%                   | 3,715                            | 608               | 406        | 202         | 67%                   |                   |
| JP 5-1   | 582                  | 126               | 94         | 32          | 75%                   | 8,132                            | 1,613             | 1,087      | 526         | 67%                   |                   |
| JP 5-2   | 185                  | 26                | 17         | 9           | 65%                   | 3,200                            | 864               | 527        | 337         | 61%                   |                   |
| Total    | 3,839                | 650               | 434        | 216         | 67%                   | 62,351                           | 11,749            | 7,170      | 4,579       | 61%                   |                   |

#### Cumulative Represented Cases (from Nov 2024)



#### Eviction Cases Filed in Dallas County for the month of May 2026

(Source: CPAL)

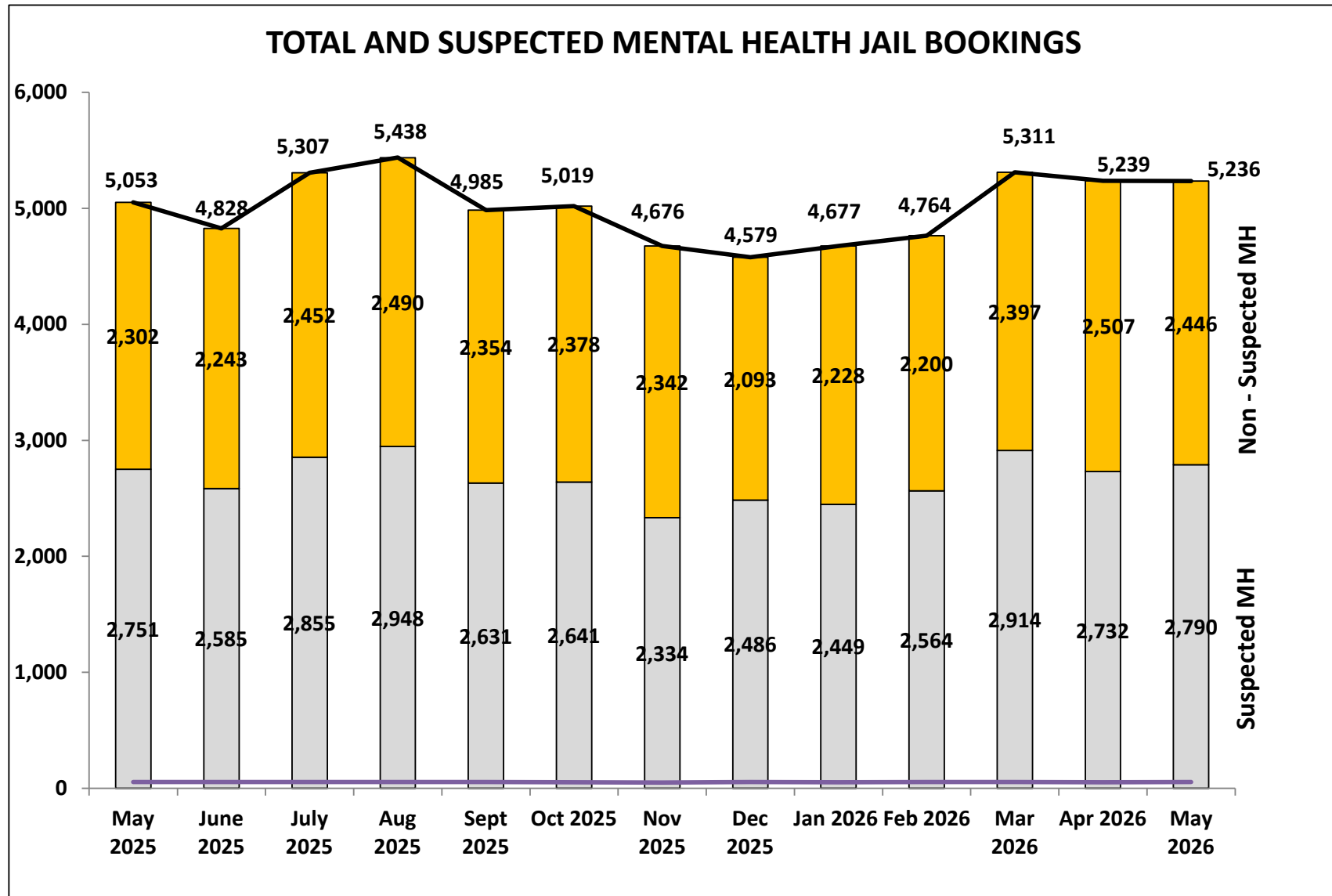


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Sources: CPAL (record level data), DEAC & DC

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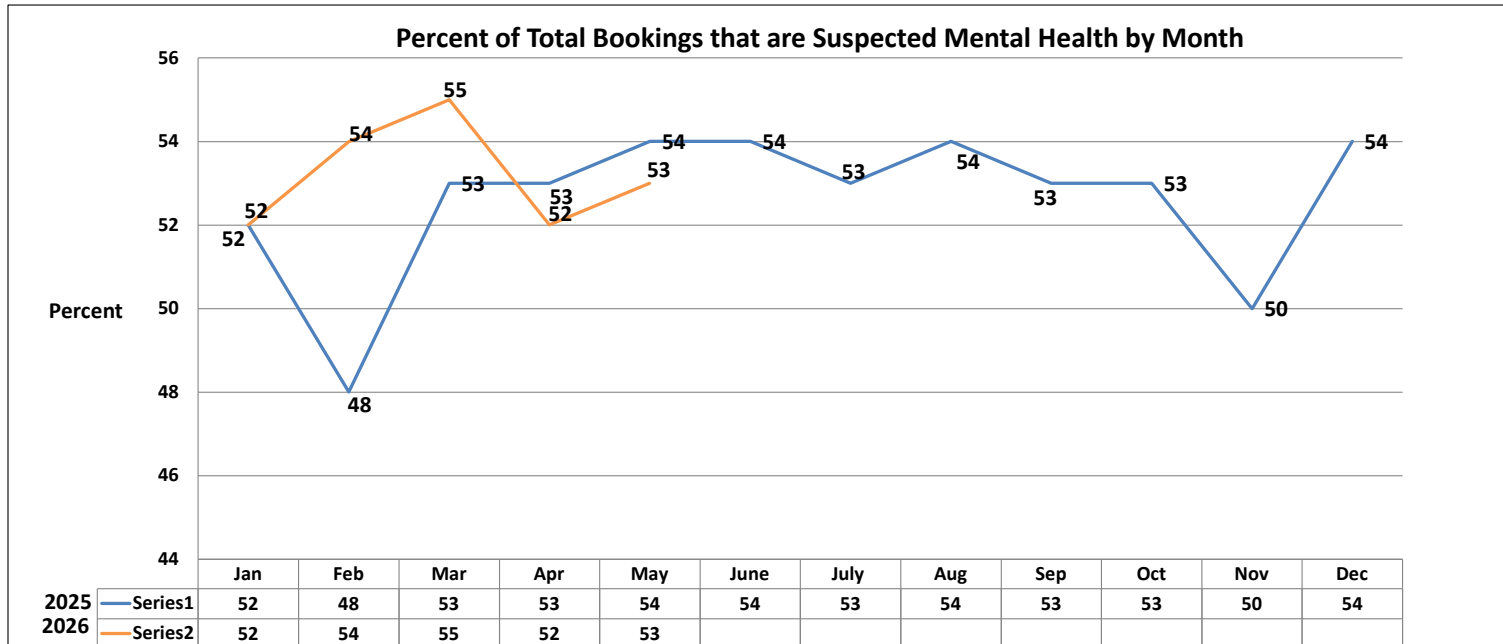
## MAY 2026 Homeless Report Snapshot



# DALLAS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOUSING WORK GROUP

## Month-to-Month Category Total Differences

| Months               | Total Monthly Bookins     | Total Suspected MH Bookins |
|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Apr 2026 to May 2026 | 5239 to 5236 - Decrease 3 | 2732 to 2790 - Increase 58 |



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## Homeless Breakdown and Avg LOS - Apr 2026 to May 2026

| Month/Yr | Category                     | Total Bookings | Percent | Percent Note               |
|----------|------------------------------|----------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Apr 2026 | Suspected MH                 | 2,732          | 52%     | % of total bookings [5239] |
|          | Homeless                     | 776            | 15%     | % of total bookings [5239] |
|          | Homeless w/Suspected MH flag | 614            | 79%     | % of total homeless [776]  |

| Month/Yr | Category                     | Total Bookings | Percent | Percent Note               |
|----------|------------------------------|----------------|---------|----------------------------|
| May 2026 | Suspected MH                 | 2,790          | 53%     | % of total bookings [5236] |
|          | Homeless                     | 802            | 15%     | % of total bookings [5236] |
|          | Homeless w/Suspected MH flag | 606            | 76%     | % of total homeless [802]  |

| Month/Yr | Avg LOS Total Bookings [days] | Avg LOS Homeless Bookings [days] |
|----------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Apr 2026 | 7                             | 10                               |
| May 2026 | 7                             | 9                                |

## Monthly Unsheltered Expenses

1. Count of May 2026 Unsheltered Bookins = 802 (**802 of 5236 = 15% of total May Bookins**)
2. ALOS for all May unsheltered **802** bookins as of 6/10/26 = **14** (**14\*\$95.58(Daily Jail Bed rate) = \$1338.12 per Individual**)
3. As of 6/10/2026, Total number of Unsheltered Releases = **449**
4. Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for the **449** 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 **802** Unsheltered

| Offenses                                         | Count of BookInNo | LEA                   | Count of BookInNo |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| CRIMINAL TRESPASS                                | 169               | DALLAS POLICE         | 431               |
| POSS CS PG 1/1-B <1G                             | 121               | DART Police           | 126               |
| Holds                                            | 54                | Irving Police         | 51                |
| POSS CS PG 1/1-B >=1G<4G                         | 34                | Dallas County Sheriff | 42                |
| THEFT PROP <\$2,500 2/MORE PREV CONV             | 23                | Garland Police        | 36                |
| FAIL TO IDENTIFY FUGITIVE INTENT GIVE FALSE INFO | 20                | Richardson Police     | 15                |

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## Homeless Primary Offense Categories - Apr 2026 to May 2026

| Offense Categories          | Apr 2026 total | Apr 2026 %    | May 2026 total | May 2026 %    | MTD Column  |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Arson                       | 3              | 0.4%          | 2              | 0.2%          |             |
| Assaultive                  | 61             | 7.9%          | 58             | 7.2%          |             |
| Burglary                    | 26             | 3.4%          | 26             | 3.2%          |             |
| Criminal Mischief           | 13             | 1.7%          | 17             | 2.1%          |             |
| Criminal Trespass           | 183            | 23.6%         | 180            | 22.4%         |             |
| Drug/Alcohol                | 203            | 26.2%         | 225            | 28.1%         | 22 Increase |
| Evading                     | 22             | 2.8%          | 23             | 2.9%          |             |
| False Info/Fail to Identify | 35             | 4.5%          | 38             | 4.7%          |             |
| Fraud                       | 11             | 1.4%          | 15             | 1.9%          |             |
| HOLDS                       | 70             | 9.0%          | 54             | 6.7%          | 16 Decrease |
| Murder                      | 0              | 0.0%          | 0              | 0.0%          |             |
| Other                       | 36             | 4.6%          | 45             | 5.6%          |             |
| Prostitution                | 2              | 0.3%          | 6              | 0.7%          |             |
| Resist                      | 13             | 1.7%          | 15             | 1.9%          |             |
| Robbery                     | 9              | 1.2%          | 7              | 0.9%          |             |
| Sexual Offense              | 22             | 2.8%          | 23             | 2.9%          |             |
| Theft                       | 62             | 8.0%          | 57             | 7.1%          |             |
| UUMV                        | 5              | 0.6%          | 11             | 1.4%          |             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>776</b>     | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>802</b>     | <b>100.0%</b> |             |

**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 May 2026 Report

## FUSE Data

| Category Item                                                                    | Apr | May 26 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| <b>Total Clients Screened for FUSE</b>                                           | 113 | 105    |
| <b>Referral Source</b>                                                           |     |        |
| Jail FUSE Navigator Screening                                                    | 0   | 0      |
| Pretrial Referral                                                                | 9   | 9      |
| Defense Attorney Referral                                                        | 3   | 2      |
| Shelter/Parkland Hospital Street FUSE Navigator Referral                         | 1   | 1      |
| NTBHA Living Room Referral                                                       | 0   | 0      |
| Dallas Deflection Center                                                         | 0   | 1      |
| Probation/CSCD                                                                   | 0   | 0      |
| Other Referral Source (Adapt, Community Partners, etc.)                          | 100 | 92     |
| <b>Interview Outcomes</b>                                                        |     |        |
| Client Refused to be interviewed or Participate                                  | 0   | 0      |
| Client reported not being Unsheltered                                            | 0   | 0      |
| Unavailable to Interview                                                         | 0   | 0      |
| Pending Interview                                                                | 0   | 0      |
| Other Outcome Categories (*See Below)                                            | 100 | 91     |
| <b>Total Released from Jail to FUSE</b>                                          | 13  | 14     |
| <b>Shelter Connection Rate</b>                                                   |     | 14     |
| Austin Street Center                                                             | 5   | 5      |
| The Bridge                                                                       | 6   | 6      |
| Salvation Army                                                                   | 2   | 2      |
| Other Local Shelter, Boarding Homes, & Shelter Ref's                             | 0   | 1      |
| No Response                                                                      | 0   | 0      |
| Left Before Entering Program/Did Not Connect                                     | 2   | 7      |
| <b>Housed</b>                                                                    | 0   | 0      |
| <b>Housing Priority List, Info sent to Housing Forward, or Reunited w/Family</b> | 0   | 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.

## 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 one vacancy. The other vacancy has been filled. I will keep everyone posted once the last vacancy has 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 May 2026 jail data.

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## June 2026 Update



*Empowering children & families  
affected by homelessness*

| January – May 2026 Program Numbers                         |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| # of eligible triages completed                            | 2,461 |
| # of families identified as HUD definition of homelessness | 1,479 |
| # of families served with diversion or prevention          | 584   |
| # of families who required shelter                         | 220   |
| # of families served in FG shelter or overflow hotels      | 263   |
| # of families served in supportive housing                 | 180   |
| # of households served across all programs (unduplicated)  | 855   |

### Triage Chart (n = 830)

