DALLAS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOUSING WORK GROUP

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

October 28, 2026, 1:30pm-3:30pm

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1. **Welcome and Introductions**

2. **Reports**

a. Governance – Commissioner Theresa Daniel

- Approval of September 23, 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 : December 2, 2026

Dallas County Administration, 500 Elm Street, 7th Floor, Dallas Texas 75202
September 23, 2026 Minutes

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ATTENDEES: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound; Wendy Hardeman, Mesquite Sharing Life; Tammy Finney, Salvation Army; Kymberly Spikes Akpowow, Salvation Army; Ikenna Mogbo, Metrocare; Leah Wilson, Housing Forward; Wendy Noble, Downtown Dallas Inc, (DDI); David Davis, DDI; Antonio Wells, DDI; Stacie Morris, The Bridge; Hon. David Woodruff, Magistrate STAC Court; Commissioner Theresa Daniel, Dallas County; Latoya Jenkins, Dallas County; Tzeggabrhan Kidane, Dallas County; Maria Herrera, DCCJ

Dr. Daniel opened the meeting and asked if we had any first-time attendees.

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner and the committee approved the minutes of the June 24th meeting.

GOVERNANCE
Homeless Advisory Committee: Dr. Theresa Daniel, Dallas County
Commissioner Daniel noted that the Dallas Eviction Advocacy Center report was available to review in the packet.

Federal/State Legislative Update:
Ikenna Mogbo reported that there is litigation surrounding this year's NOFO, but organizations are still encouraged to submit their applications. They are currently waiting for updates, but the applications will be due next week. Traswell Livingston stated that the federal administration mandated the language of the NOFO to remove language surrounding diversity, equity, and inclusion. Ikenna Mogbo stated that he believes not much will be done on this issue until after the midterm election. Leah Wilson stated that although much of their funding is tied to the NOFO, Street to Home Phase 2 and other projects are not all federally connected and they have projects that are still operating without federal funding. There was some discussion regarding the Miami Model and the delegation that will work with and speak to the state legislature this upcoming session and there was also discussion surrounding the upcoming local propositions that will be on the ballot this upcoming election.

RESOURCES
Shelter Discussions:
Wendy Hardeman stated that as far as shelters are concerned, she is encountering wait lists. Ikenna Mogbo stated that when the weather is extreme, the shelters become full and the current weather has been extremely hot, and many people do not want to be outdoors. Wendy Noble stated that the DDI Homeless Outreach Team has been successful with placements since the Street to Home Phase 2 initiative has opened up some of the bottle neck and they have been successful with getting neighbors placed. She also expressed that those who have been previously housed in shelters are stating they are getting housing placements within a few weeks. Leah Wilson stated that the Street 2 Home Phase 2 initiative had been piloting the model with Austin Street and the Bridge, but they will also be working with all shelters. Wendy Hardeman shared her issues with getting neighbors into shelter from Mesquite. Some of their barriers include no access to public transportation, neighbors not being able to transport their things, and the organization is limited to hold onto the neighbor before they are wanting to leave and not receive assistance. Leah Wilson stated that she understands and that is the nature of the business but with the passing of proposition A, they plan to expand their efforts across the continuum of care. David Davis stated that Street 2 Home Phase 1 and the coalescing of resources has really worked for them. He reported that since these efforts have been in process, they have seen an 89% decrease of the unsheltered sleeping downtown. He reported that last September, the number of those sleeping downtown had reached almost 350 and now on average at the end of the month, they are down to 44 people.
Ikenna Mogbo asked what happens to the person that decides to go into shelter by themselves and wants to be housed but

has to wait to receive that assistance. Leah Wilson explained that the way Street 2 Home Phase 1 works, the shelters provide referrals to Housing Forward and then they match them accordingly. Stacie Morris of the Bridge stated that this is a two-fold process. Initially they identify their long-term neighbors and then they identify the 3-, 6-and 12-month stayers. However, with them being the pilot program for Street 2 Home Phase 2, they are receiving individuals straight from the street and are "prioritizing" them in a specific way to create a more seamless flow in the program. More individuals that are being referred are being housed from the shelter than those that come on their own, but some of them are being housed. Many factors play into that, such as where the referral came from and if they possess their critical documents before they come into the shelter. Those that meet those factors may be moved out quicker than others. Leah Wilson stated that the balance of both groups must be achieved to promote the culture change of shelter being a good choice. Stacie Morris stated that she has seen an increase of those leaving shelter from starting their journey within shelter.
Ikenna Mogbo questioned which group is presenting to be more stable because they would like a good mix amongst the tenants in their properties. He stated that the county granted Metrocare 23 housing choice vouchers and they want to ensure they utilize a good mixture of clients needing assistance. Traswell Livingston stated that as a landlord, he wants to know what the mixture is as they begin to bring their 125 units online. He believes if supportive services are offered to the clients once they are housed, they may experience long-term success. Stacie Morris stated that at the Bridge, when a high number of their neighbors are housed in an apartment complex, they embed a case manager to assist the property managers and landlords. They also provide peer support as well to aid and help with the transition and support of the clients. She stated that they have a 96% success rate of their clients staying housed after one year. Doug Denton expressed that there is a concern amongst those who provide substance use disorder treatment, especially residential treatment due to the lack of funding at the state and federal levels for the type of care needed.

PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES

ASD, A Home For Life: Traswell Livingston, ASD

Traswell Livingston reported that they have recently closed on the Meadows property. This is a partnership between the ASD, Metrocare, Dallas Housing Authority, and Housing Forward, for project-based vouchers for those who are unhoused or formerly unhoused. It will be permanent supportive housing, but open for more opportunities for supportive services. They are also close to closing on Braniff within the next two weeks as they have received the votes for a tax credit on that property.

St. Jude Project and FUSE Data: Maria Herrera, DCCJD

Maria Herrera reported that the Housing Navigator report is in the meeting packet and the FUSE jail base navigators are working with Housing Forward team to complete attorney outreach to facilitate releases. They also thanked Housing Forward for including them in the housing tax proposals. They are awaiting the funding announcement for the SCIG 2027 Grant application that the CJD submitted and once they have info, they will update the group. The are working to fill two vacancies for the St. Jude project and are awaiting DHA approval and will update everyone once they have been filled. For the HSHCJC grant, the purchasing department is working with the vendor and will launch shortly. They are taking referrals and if anyone has any, they can be given to Kim.

Pre-Trial Diversion and MH Screening: Maria Herrera, DCCJD

Maria Herrera stated the Homeless Data is in the meeting packet for your review. The overall jail population has been on the decline since June 2026 and with the weather being as hot as it has been, we normally see an increase within the jail. Because of a decrease of total jail population, it caused a total decrease to those with a suspected mental health need, but a slight increase to both the homeless and the homeless suspected Mental Health category.

Dallas Connector: Maria Herrera, DCCJD

Maria Herrera reported that the Connector is running smoothly on our end.

Homeward Bound: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

Doug Denton stated that the report is in the packet and they ended their fiscal year with 1154 clients crossing the threshold of the Deflection Center. They have their rapid responders, and DART Police are the biggest referral sources. They were also just discovered by the Methodist Hospital Police department as well and their biggest referrals have been from Methodist Dallas. Councilmember Lorie Blair also brought five Dallas Police Command Officers and a two-hour conversation was had to educate them of the services. The Deflection Center averages just under 100 people a month coming through their doors.

Commissioner Daniel thanked everyone for their continued work.

Next Meeting: October 28, 2026

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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 SEP 2026

Description	For Sep 2026	Cumulative (from Nov 2024)	% (Sep 2026)
Total Eviction Cases Filed (from Nov 2024)	4,162	78,849	5.3%
TotalRepresented Cases	862	19,045	4.5%
Total Eviction Prevention Completed	537	13,333	4.0%
Funds Obligated	$2,300,000		
Payment Disbursed to DEAC		$2,299,996	

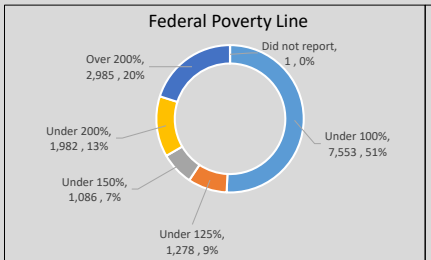


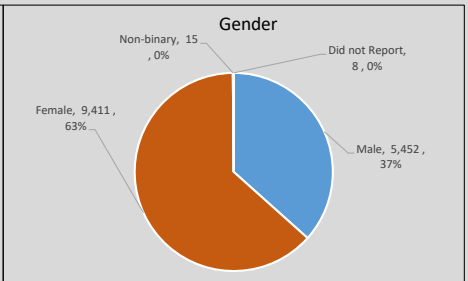
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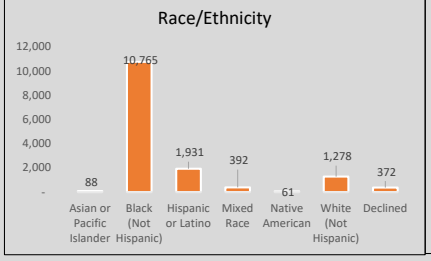
JP Court	Cases for Sep 2026					Cumulative cases (from Nov 2025)				
	Eviction Cases Filed	Represen-ted Cases	Tenant Won	Tenant Lost	Win Rate (Rep. cases)	Eviction Cases Filed	Represen-ted Cases	Tenant Won	Tenant Lost	Win Rate (Rep. cases)
JP 1-1	733	144	104	40	72%	15,583	3,926	2,833	1,093	72%
JP 1-2	397	122	53	69	43%	6,153	1,630	1,011	619	62%
JP 2-1	405	42	12	30	29%	7,856	1,421	788	633	55%
JP 2-2	269	36	14	22	39%	5,619	1,577	916	661	58%
JP 3-1	397	86	64	22	74%	8,542	1,783	1,228	555	69%
JP 3-2	658	167	128	39	77%	8,551	2,247	1,910	337	85%
JP 4-1	227	39	12	27	31%	6,984	1,479	984	495	67%
JP 4-2	368	69	48	21	70%	5,200	1,205	948	257	79%
JP 5-1	471	110	73	37	66%	10,262	2,524	1,865	659	74%
JP 5-2	237	47	29	18	62%	4,099	1,253	850	403	68%
Total	4,162	862	537	325	62%	78,849	19,045	13,333	5,712	70%

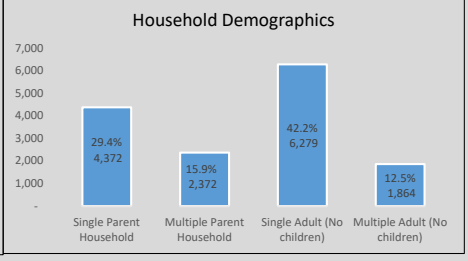


Cumulative Represented Cases (from Nov 2024)

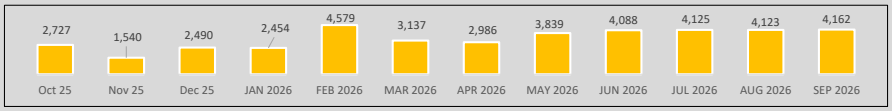








Eviction Cases Filed in Dallas County for the month of Sep 2026 (Source: CPAL)



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

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

FUSE Data

FUSE DATA FY 2026
12 MONTH

Frequent Users System Enhancement Program (FUSE)

Category Item	Jan 26	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec 26	Total
Total Clients Screened for FUSE	71	79	97	113	105	130	175	158	206				
Referral Source													
Jail FUSE Navigator Screening	13	3	0	0	0	0	8	1	7				
Pretrial Referral	18	19	7	9	9	10	8	22	18				
Defense Attorney Referral	1	1	4	3	2	5	4	12	14				
Shelter/Parkland Hospital Street FUSE Navigator Referral	1	0	0	1	1	3	2	1	2				
NTBHA Living Room Referral	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				
Dallas Deflection Center	0	0	0	0	1	22	71	9	42				
Probation/CSCD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2				
Other Referral Source (Adapt, Community Partners, etc.)	38	56	86	100	92	90	82	110	121				
Interview Outcomes													
Client Refused to be interviewed or Participate	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2				
Client reported not being Unsheltered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Unavailable to Interview	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Pending Interview	24	0	2	0	0	2	6	0	0				
Other Outcome Categories (*See Below)	37	63	80	100	91	115	151	139	184				
Total Released from Jail to FUSE	7	12	15	13	14	12	18	18	22				
Shelter Connection Rate													
Austin Street Center	3	3	10	5	5	7	11	9	14				
The Bridge	2	8	5	6	6	3	3	3	2				
Salvation Army	0	1	0	2	2	2	3	6	4				
Other Local Shelter, Boarding Homes, & Shelter Ref's	1	3	1	0	1	0	1	2	0				
No Response	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Left Before Entering Program/Did Not Connect	3	7	7	2	7	2	2	0	2				
Housed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Housing Priority List, Info sent to Housing Forward, or Reunited w/Family	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	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. Please visit our website for eligibility requirements.

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

- The program is fully operating, and data will be provided for next month's meeting.

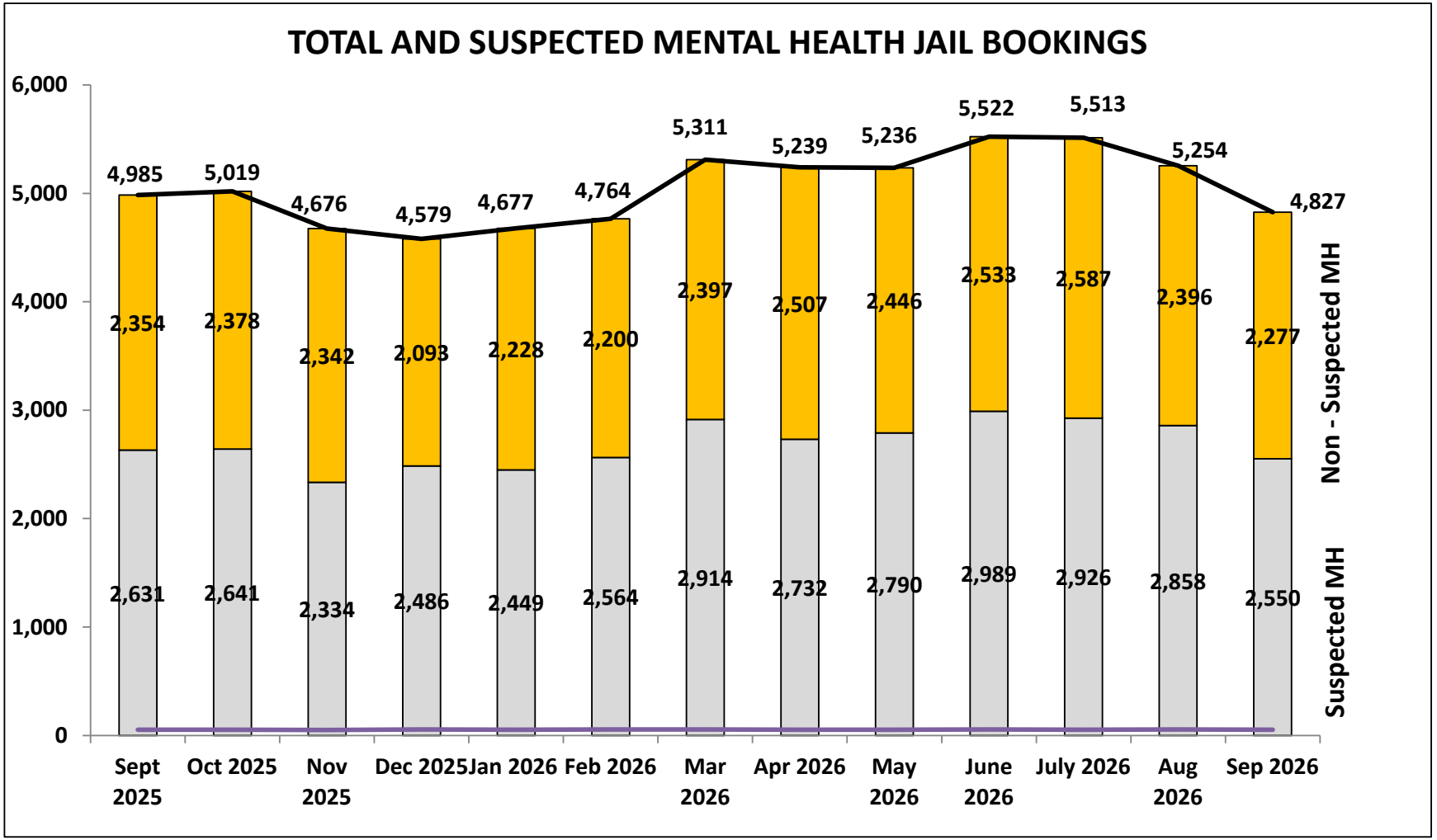
Dallas Connector Project (DCP) Dallas County Client Utilization (Transport to the NTBHA LR from the Jail and or the LR to the FUSE Shelters)

The NTBHA Livingroom (LR) Staff conducted jail releases for individuals going to the Livingroom.

Please visit our website for eligibility requirements for any of our Housing Programs @
https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/criminal-justice/
Click the Behavioral Health Planning and CJDHOUSING Programs tabs
Please send eligible inquires to our email address: CJDHousing@dallascounty.org

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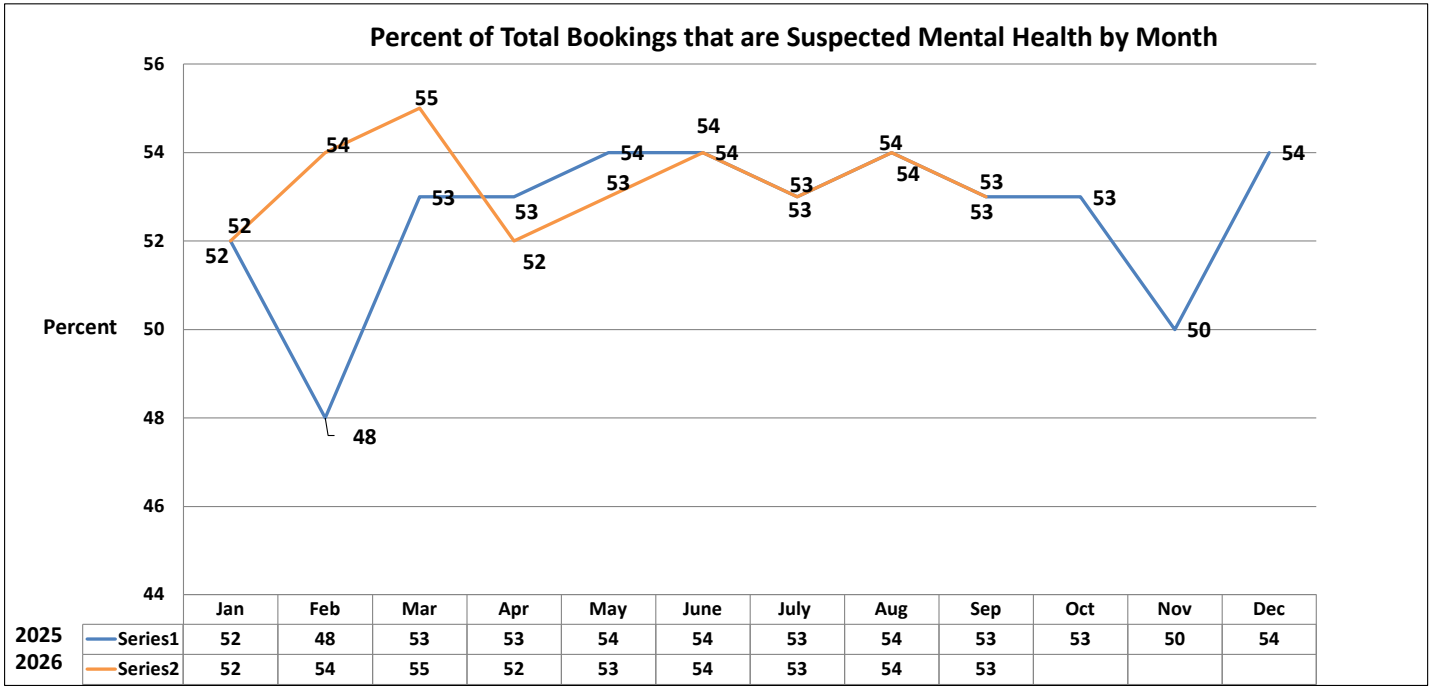
SEP 2026 Homeless Report Snapshot



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Month-to-Month Category Total Differences

Months	Total Monthly Bookins	Total Suspected MH Bookins
Aug 2026 to Sep 2026	5254 to 4827 - Decrease 457	2858 to 2550 - Decrease 308



		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2025	Series1	52	48	53	53	54	54	53	54	53	53	50	54
2026	Series2	52	54	55	52	53	54	53	54	53			

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Homeless Breakdown and Avg LOS - Aug 2026 to Sep 2026

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent	Percent Note
Aug 2026	Suspected MH	2,858	54%	% of total bookings [5254]
	Homeless	862	16%	% of total bookings [5254]
	Homeless w/Suspected MH flag	650	75%	% of total homeless [862]

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent	Percent Note
Sep 2026	Suspected MH	2,550	53%	% of total bookings [4827]
	Homeless	733	15%	% of total bookings [4827]
	Homeless w/Suspected MH flag	552	75%	% of total homeless [733]

Month/Yr	Avg LOS Total Bookings [days]	Avg LOS Homeless Bookings [days]
Aug 2026	7	10
Sep 2026	7	9

Monthly Unsheltered Expense

1. Count of Sept 2026 Unsheltered Bookins = 733 **(733 of 4827= 15% of total Sept Bookins)**
2. ALOS for all Sep unsheltered **733** bookins as of 10/9/26 = **13 (13*$98.26(Daily Jail Bed rate) = $1277.38 per Individual)**
3. As 10/9/2026, Total number of Unsheltered Releases = **414**
4. Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for the **414** releases = **7 (7*$98.26 (Daily Jail Bed rate) = $687.82 per Individual)**

Below are the top 6 offense categories and Arresting agencies for the **733** Unsheltered

Offenses	Count of BookInNo
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	155
POSS CS PG 1/1-B <1G	109
Holds	56
POSS CS PG 1/1-B >=1G<4G	35
FAIL TO IDENTIFY FUGITIVE INTENT GIVE FALSE INFO	25
THEFT PROP <$2,500 2/MORE PREV CONV	22

LEA	Count of BookInNo
DALLAS POLICE	380
DART Police	119
Dallas County Sheriff	53
Irving Police	51
Garland Police	26
Richardson Police	14

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Homeless Primary Offense Categories - Aug 2026 to Sep 2026

Offense Categories	Aug 2026 total	Aug 2026 %	Sept 2026 total	Sept 2026 %	MTD Column
Arson	3	0.3%	3	0.4%	
Assaultive	72	8.4%	72	9.8%	
Burglary	28	3.2%	13	1.8%	15 Decreased
Criminal Mischief	12	1.4%	11	1.5%	
Criminal Trespass	167	19.4%	153	20.9%	14 Decreased
Drug/Alcohol	241	28.0%	205	28.0%	36 Decreased
Evading	27	3.1%	33	4.5%	
False Info/Fail to Identify	25	2.9%	27	3.7%	
Fraud	20	2.3%	11	1.5%	
HOLDS	88	10.2%	56	7.6%	32 Decreased
Murder	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	
Other	53	6.1%	39	5.3%	14 Decreased
Prostitution	3	0.3%	1	0.1%	
Resist	14	1.6%	16	2.2%	
Robbery	29	3.4%	11	1.5%	18 Decreased
Sexual Offense	20	2.3%	19	2.6%	
Theft	51	5.9%	53	7.2%	
UUMV	9	1.0%	9	1.2%	
TOTAL	**862**	**100.0%**	**733**	**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

2026-2027	26-Sep	26-Oct	25-Nov	26-Dec	27-Jan	27-Feb	27-Mar	27-Apr	27-May	27-Jun	27-Jul	27-Aug	TOTAL
TOTAL TRIAGED	108	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	108
Referral Source													
Dallas PD													
SC Div	2												2
SW Div	1												1
SE Div													0
NC Div													0
NE Div													0
NW Div													0
CEN Div													0
Right Care	1												1
Dallas Marshal - CDC													0
College Campus PD													0
Great SW Coalition													0
SE Coalition													0
NTBHA MCOT/CTI	3												3
Garland PD	1												1
Irving PD													0
Lancaster PD													0
Duncanville PD	1												1
Mesquite PD													0
Grand Prairie PD													
Desoto PD													0
Combine PD													0
DART PD	20												20
DART Cares													0
Prklnd-BSW-Meth PD	1												1
Walk-In	40												40
Rapid Response	33												33
Crisis stepdown	3												3
Other	2												2
TRIAGE OUTCOME	119	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Psych Crisis Residential													0
Detox-Withdrawal Mgmt													0
Living Room-NTBHA*													0
CMHP Services													0
ACT Team													0
OTHER SUD Services	13												13
Shelter													0
Austin Street	7												7
Bridge	13												13
Salvation Army	1												1
Union Gospel Mission	8												8
Other	2												2
Home-Family-Friends	57												57
Boarding Home/PSH	1												1
Higher Level of Care													
Behavioral Health													0
Physical Health													0
Veterans Administration													0
APOWW or Arrest/Security Intervention													0
LEA Maintained Custody													0
Still in Service	17												17
Refused Services													0
TOTAL TRIAGED													119
Average Length of Stay = 4.3 days													