



Built For Zero Report Card

May 2026

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Built for Zero - Canada (BFZ-C) is an ambitious national change effort through the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH), helping a core group of leading communities end chronic homelessness. As a participant in the BFZ-C campaign, Durham Region is committed to ending chronic homelessness.

Each month, Durham Region will share information about the number of people experiencing homelessness in our community. We hope that sharing this information will promote transparency and accountability in our homelessness response.



By taking a close look at the data each month, it can help us:

- Focus on the facts (what we know), rather than the narrative (what we think)
- Adjust our services
- See what needs to be done to end homelessness
- Improve the lives of people experiencing homelessness

At least

1787

people who are currently experiencing homelessness in Durham.

Of those,
1118

people who have been experiencing homelessness for six months or longer

What has Changed:



Inflow

People added to our Chronic Homelessness Number

52

People became chronically homeless. Some have been in our system before and some we met for the first time.

15

People got back in touch after having not been heard from in 60 days or more. Some people returned to town, or met the definition of chronically homeless again.

18

People lost their housing. They have been in our homelessness system before, secured housing then lost that housing.



Outflow

People removed from our Chronic Homelessness Number

49

People moved into housing. These people moved into housing (rental units, living with family, long term care home, etc.).

75

People lost touch. These people have not been heard from in 60 days or more, have left town, no longer meet the definition of chronic homelessness, or have died. People who no longer meet the definition of chronic homelessness are still captured in our overall number if they are still homeless.

What the Data is Saying about Homelessness in May:

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Municipality Breakdown: Actively Homeless

Ajax: 320
Clarington: 129
Brock: 29
Scugog: 48
Uxbridge: 18
Oshawa: 814
Pickering: 101
Whitby: 328
Other: 0

Refers to people who may have not been living in Durham but have a meaningful connection to Durham, or who are working with the homelessness support system to complete intake information.

269

Total move-ins so far in 2026.

54

Average number of monthly move-ins in 2026.

Notes About Homelessness in 2026:

The year 2025 continued to challenge us, with increasing need for health and homelessness supports, and a challenging housing market. We continued to work towards our goal of ending chronic homelessness, whatever that takes.



total move-ins in 2026.
(139 of those were chronic move-ins.)

Community Progress Indicators:

Chronic Active Homelessness & Baseline Reduction. The chart has been adjusted for the new baseline month (April 2024) to more accurately reflect Durham Region's Actively Homeless population. This chart displays the most recent months of Quality By-Name List data.

