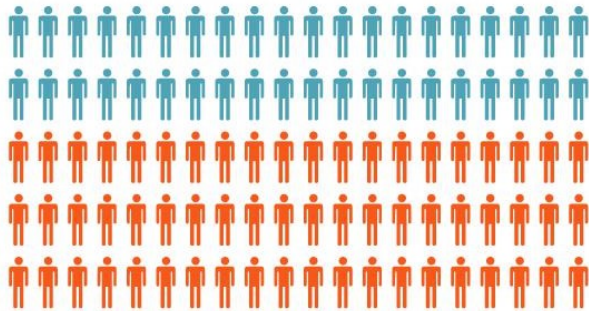


Seattle/King County's Emergency Shelter Capacity for Single Adults

In its current state, Seattle/King County's emergency shelter system is saturated by "high utilizers," individuals who utilize shelters for extended periods of time and/or repeated times over a year. Despite representing just 40% of the total homeless, single adult population, high utilizers account for 74% of shelter capacity.

Current Emergency Shelter System Single Adult Population by Frequency of Shelter Use



■ High Utilizers(40%) ■ Low Utilizers(60%)
4,755 People 7,347 People

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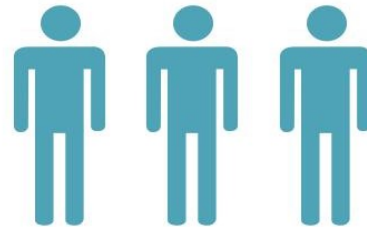
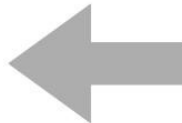


■ High Utilizers(74%) ■ Low Utilizers(26%)
563,712 Nights 200,548 Nights

If all high utilizers were all housed...
Because a relatively small number of single adults consume a majority of available shelter resources, it is vital to move these "high utilizers" into permanent housing as quickly as possible.



Permanent Housing



High Utilizers



Housing high utilizers would free up nearly three-quarters of shelter capacity, leaving an excess of 563,712 nights in the shelter system. Focus Strategies recommends reallocating investments and resources from remaining shelter inventory to permanent housing solutions.

See our report *Seattle/King County: Homeless System Performance Assessment and Recommendations with Particular Emphasis on Single Adults** for details.

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