



Project Homeless Connect: 2025 Data

Brought to you in partnership with the
Kenai Peninsula Homelessness Coalition,
and the Kenai Peninsula Project Homeless
Connect Sub-committee

Speaker: Jodi Stuart-PR Chair

Our Goals

- Connect people to services efficiently and effectively that would otherwise be difficult to access
- Build a more compassionate community
- Reduce stigma
- Provide data

Our Organizational Structure

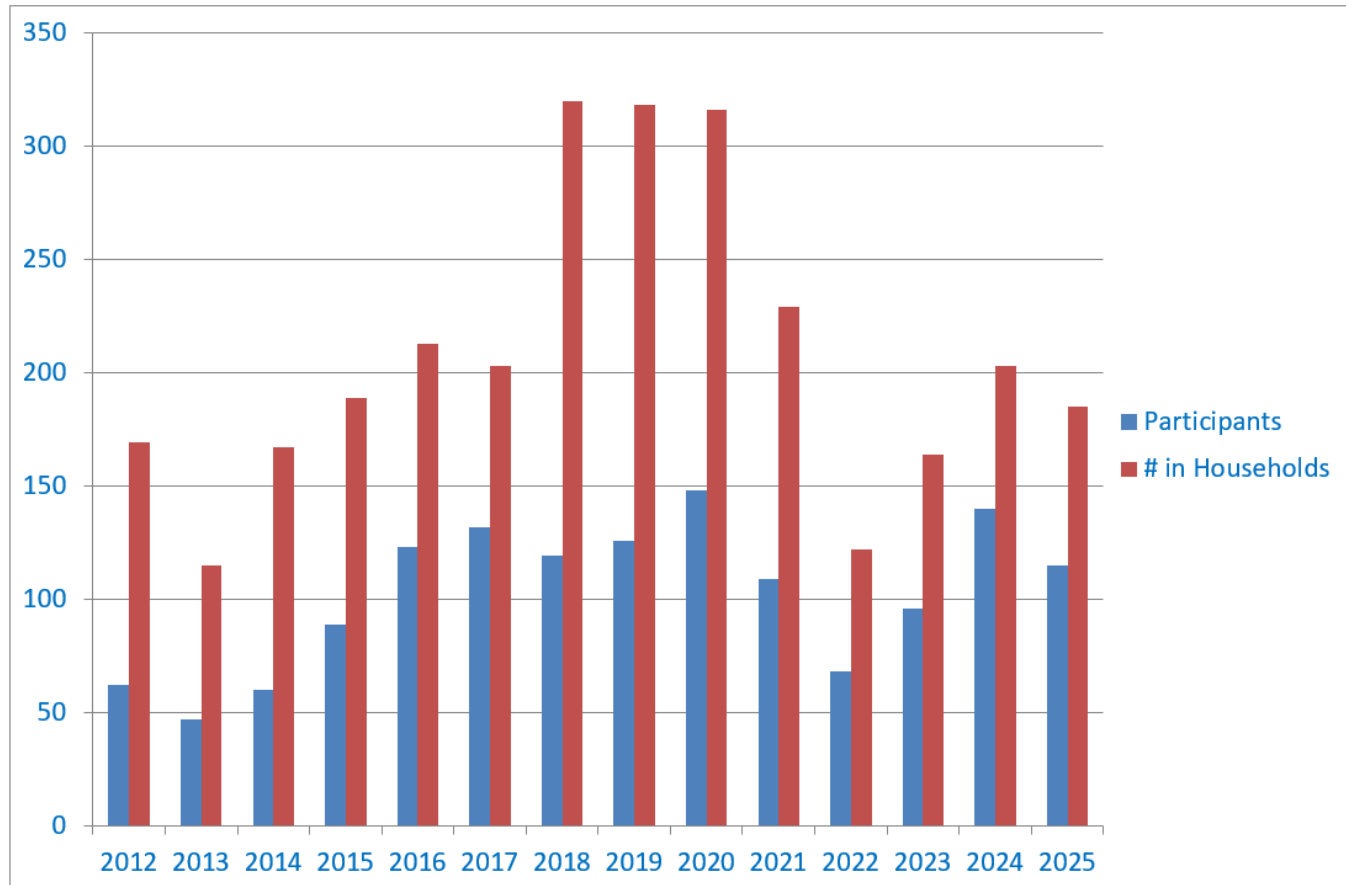


A one-day event to connect people to services



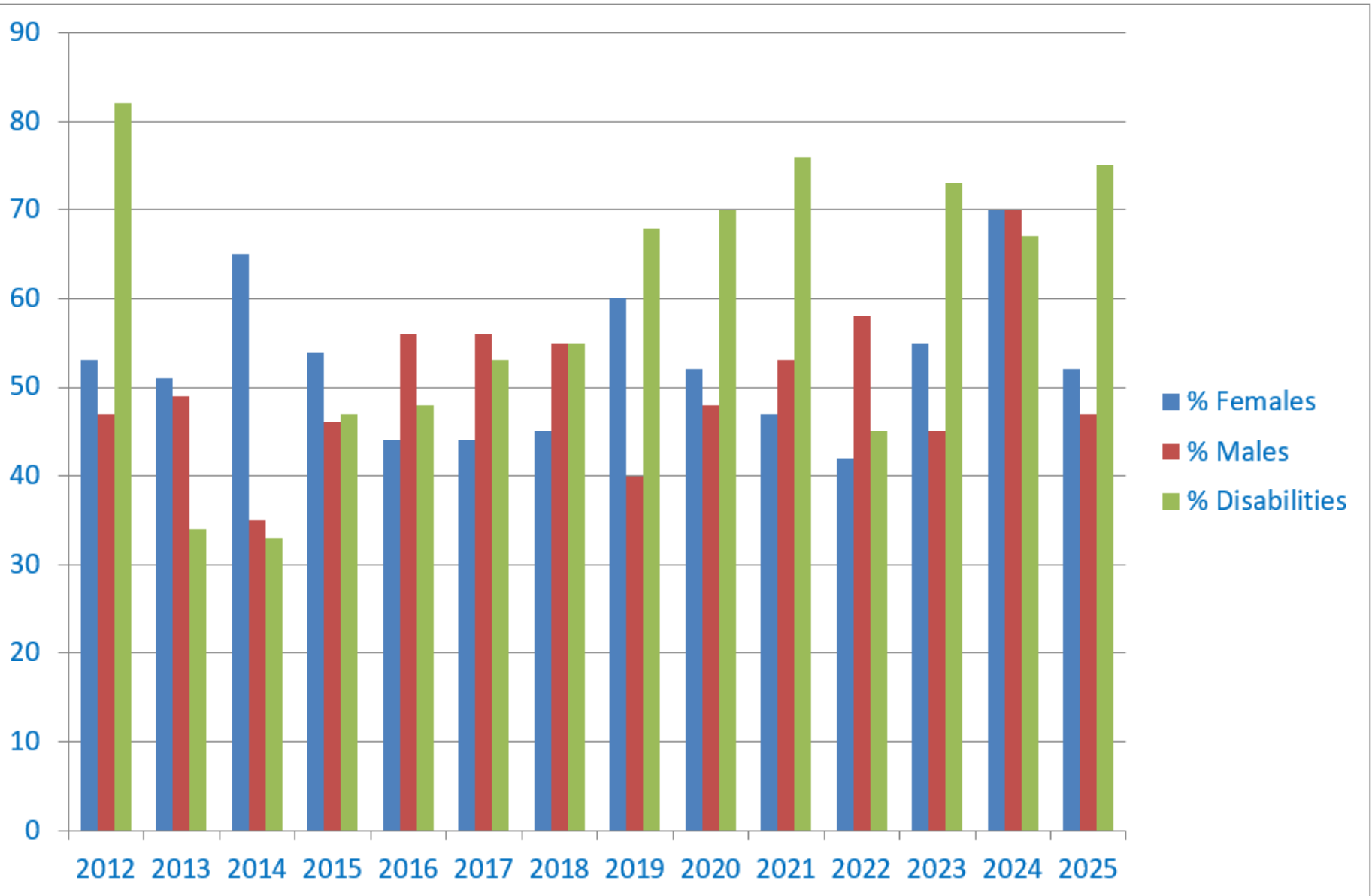


Project Homeless Connect 2012 - 2025

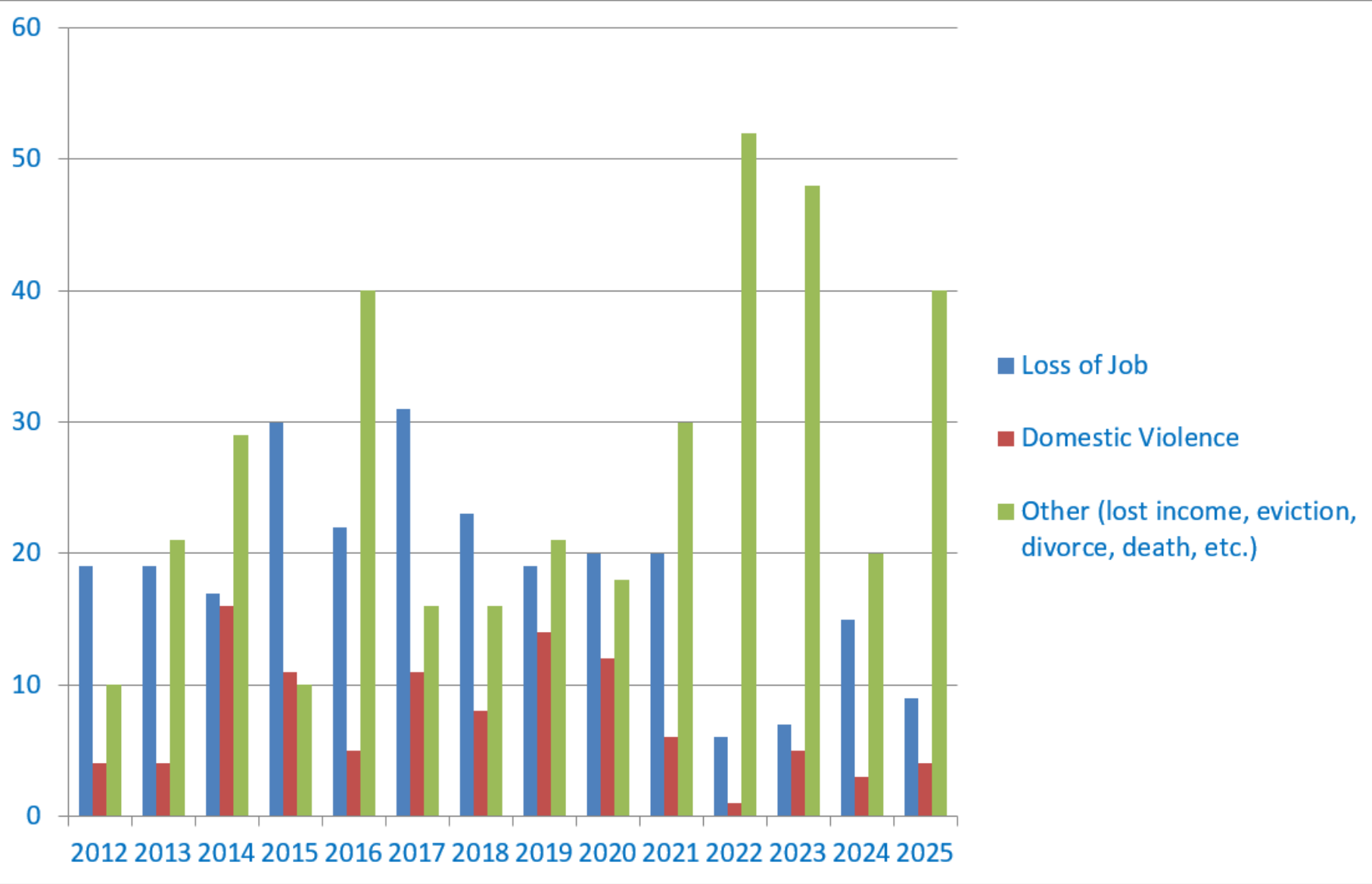


Data Over Time

Project Homeless Connect 2012 - 2025



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Primary Reason for Homelessness

Project Homeless Connect 2012 - 2025



Services Received

Homer/Anchor Point

1/28/2025

(Report from the event is currently in draft form, but the numbers are verified correct)

Homer

- 71 attended Community Resource Connect
- Held at the SPARC
- 49 reported first attendance
- Almost 30% have been unhoused for a year or more



Anchor Point

- 30 attended



2025 Point in Time Count/PHC

Where did you sleep
on 1/27/2025?

The Point in Time Count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness carried out on one night in the last 10 calendar days of January. According to HUD guidance, the PIT count should be completed using unduplicated counts or statistically reliable estimates of persons experiencing homelessness in both sheltered and unsheltered locations on a single night.

Project Homeless Connect is honored as a best practice model by HUD.

Types of Homelessness For 2025

- Homeless: 17%
- Institutional: 0%
- Temporary/Permanent: 72%
- *11% reported "Other"



Episodes of Homelessness

- 1st Time: 33%
- 2nd -3rd Time: 21%
- 4 or More Times: 29%

Had to move due to seasonal rental:
16%

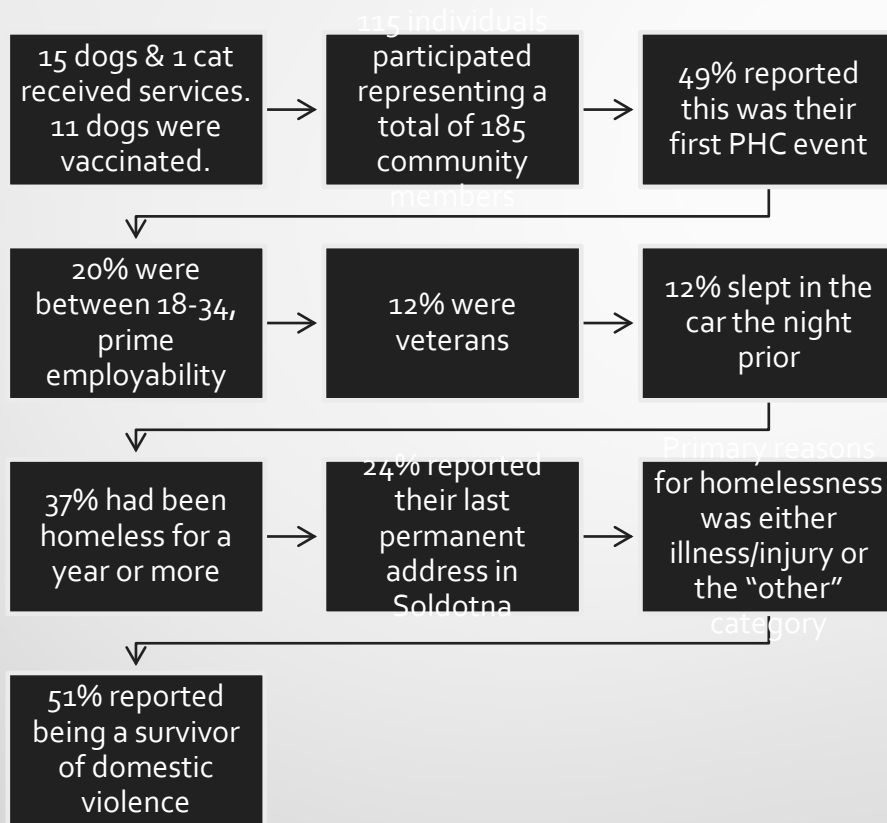


What the people need:



- 75% stated if an emergency cold weather shelter existed, they would use it.
- Primary needs reported: Food, Clothing, & Employment
- Secondary Needs: Transportation, Utility Assistance, Vehicle Repairs

Highlights of the 2025 Event



Photo's courtesy of Merrill Sikorski

In **Alaska**, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is **\$1,488**. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities — without paying more than 30% of income on housing — a household must earn **\$4,960** monthly or **\$59,516** annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly Housing Wage of:

\$28.61
PER HOUR
STATE HOUSING WAGE

FACTS ABOUT ALASKA:

STATE FACTS

Minimum Wage	\$11.73
Average Renter Wage	\$23.35
2-Bedroom Housing Wage	\$28.61
Number of Renter Households	89,178
Percent Renters	34%

98

Work Hours Per Week At
Minimum Wage To Afford a 2-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

75

Work Hours Per Week At
Minimum Wage To Afford a 1-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

2.4

Number of Full-Time Jobs At
Minimum Wage To Afford a 2-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

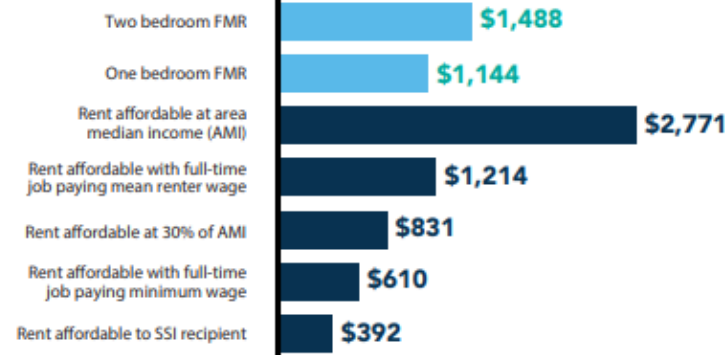
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Number of Full-Time Jobs At
Minimum Wage To Afford a 1-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

MOST EXPENSIVE AREAS

HOUSING WAGE

Aleutians West Census Area, AK	\$38.29
Bethel Census Area, AK	\$37.63
North Slope Borough	\$36.56
Northwest Arctic Borough	\$36.23
Kodiak Island Borough	\$34.85



MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area; HMFA = HUD Metro FMR Area.

* Ranked from Highest to Lowest 2-Bedroom Housing Wage. Includes District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Kenai Peninsula Stats

ALASKA

	FY24 HOUSING WAGE		HOUSING COSTS		AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI)				RENTERS				
	Hourly wage necessary to afford 2 BR ¹ FMR ²	2 BR FMR	Annual income needed to afford 2 BR FMR	Full-time jobs at minimum wage to afford 2BR FMR ³	Annual AMI ⁴	Monthly rent affordable at AMI ⁵	30% of AMI	Monthly rent affordable at 30% of AMI	Renter households (2018-2021)	% of total households (2018-2021)	Estimated hourly mean renter wage (2024)	Monthly rent affordable at mean renter wage	Full-time jobs at mean renter wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR
Kenai Peninsula Borough	\$25.02	\$1,301	\$52,040	2.1	\$107,400	\$2,685	\$32,220	\$806	5,393	23%	\$17.33	\$901	1.4



[Out of Reach: Alaska | National Low Income Housing Coalition \(nlihc.org\)](https://www.outofreach.org/)

Shelter of Hope

As of 2/19/2025:

- 228 adults have been housed
- 59 children have been housed
- 36 pets
- 54,000 meals served

Equating to 18,652 bed nights since operation in December 2022!

Thank you to our sponsors!

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We sincerely apologize if we have missed any donor or volunteers

A special thank you to the City of Soldotna Parks & Rec Employees for all their hard work!

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Thank you for allowing us to speak today.
At Project Homeless Connect, we believe
that no one deserves to lose hope. Help us
help them in 2026.



Questions?