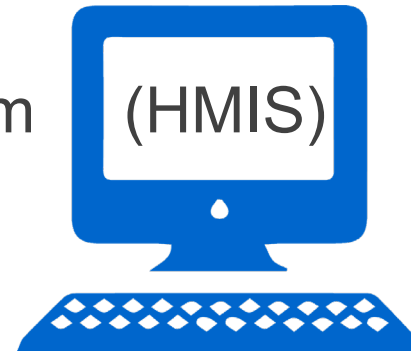


Homelessness in Clark County, WA July 19, 2021

Kate Budd, Executive Director
Council for the Homeless

Background

- Council for the Homeless
- Homeless Management Information System
 - Outreach Teams
 - Giving Closet
 - Recovery Focused Agencies
 - Housing Solutions Center
- Experiencing Homelessness vs. At-Risk of Homelessness



Concerns

- Greater Visibility of Camping and People Living Outside
- People Living Outside and/or Showing Mental Health Symptoms
- Trash Along Roadways & in Common Areas
- Safety
- Environmental Effects



Homeless Outreach Teams Role

- Daily Outreach
- COVID Education & Support
- Build Relationships
- Connect People to Housing and Needed Community Services
- Address Basic Needs, as Possible
- Respond Timely When New Encampments/Concerns Are Identified



Clark County-wide Outreach Focused on People Who are Unhoused

Agency

Outreach Focus

Janus Youth Programs – Two Staff Youth (ages 12-24) experiencing homelessness

360-314-5716

Sea Mar- CSNW – Four Staff

People with Behavioral Health Challenges & Experiencing Homelessness

206-472-8172

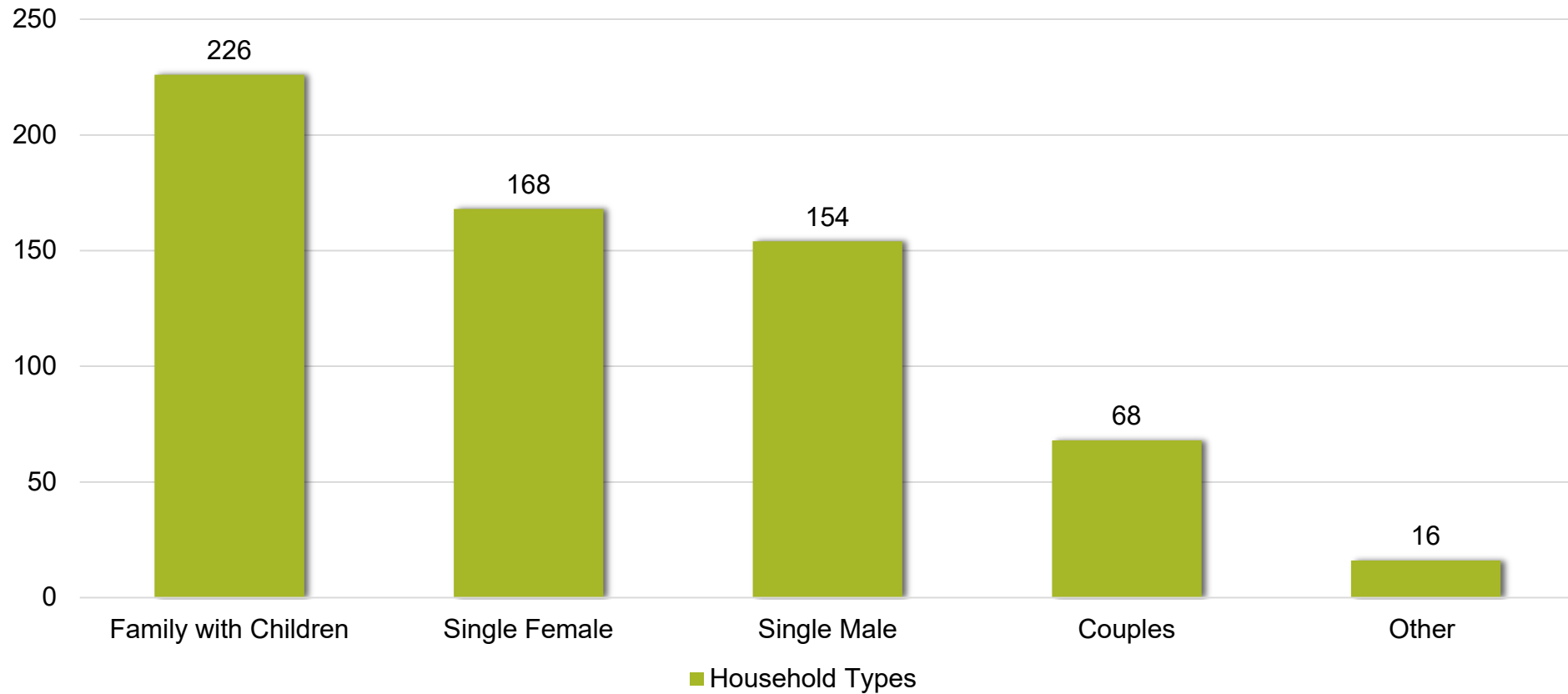
Share – Four Staff*

People Experiencing Homelessness

360-605-9497 or 360-695-8107

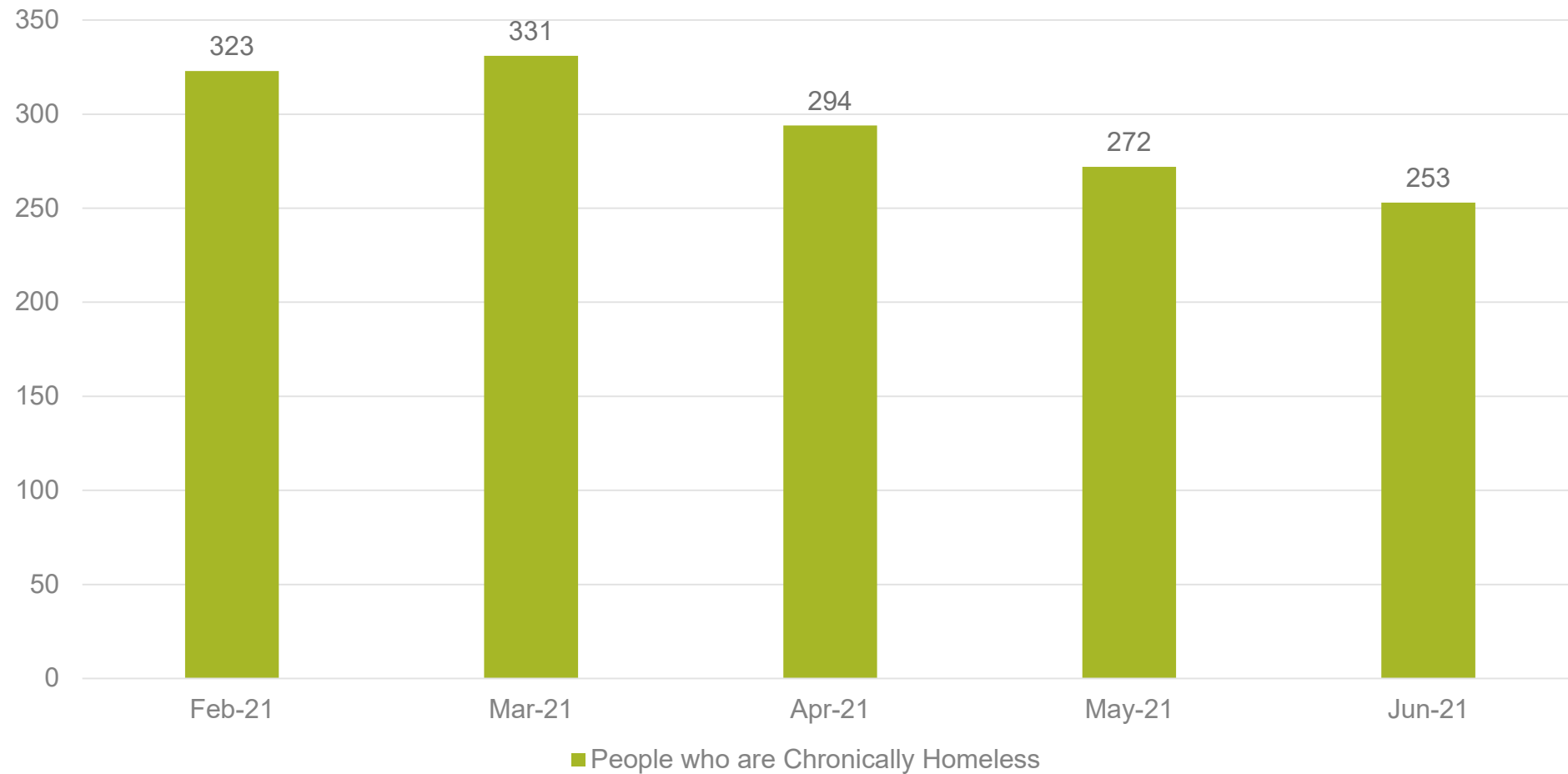
*Additional six staff members by winter.

Households Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness in Clark County, WA (1/1/21-3/31/21)

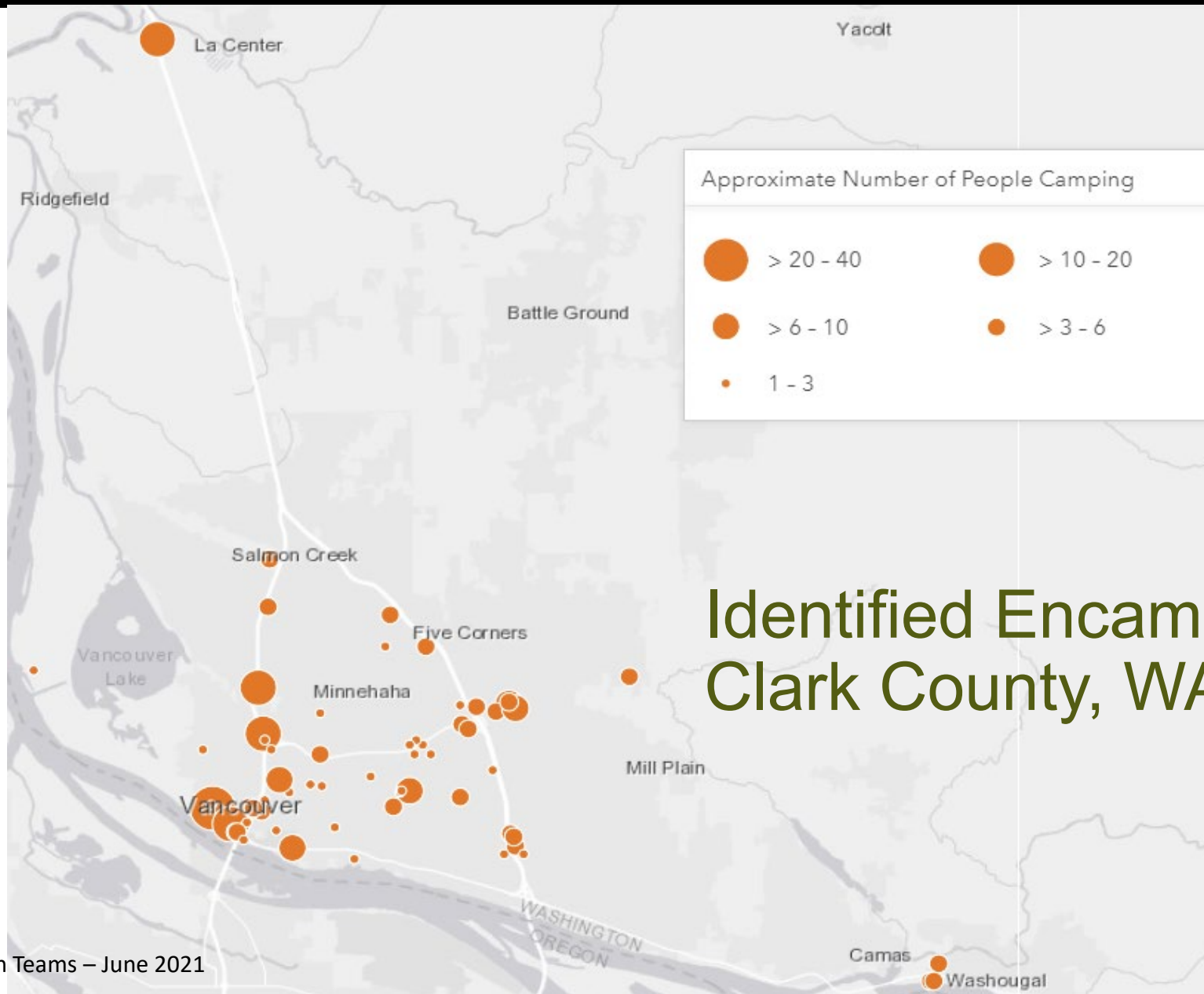


Sources: Clark County HMIS System, 2021

People who are Chronically Homeless in Clark County, WA



Sources: Clark County HMIS System & Chronically Homeless By Name List



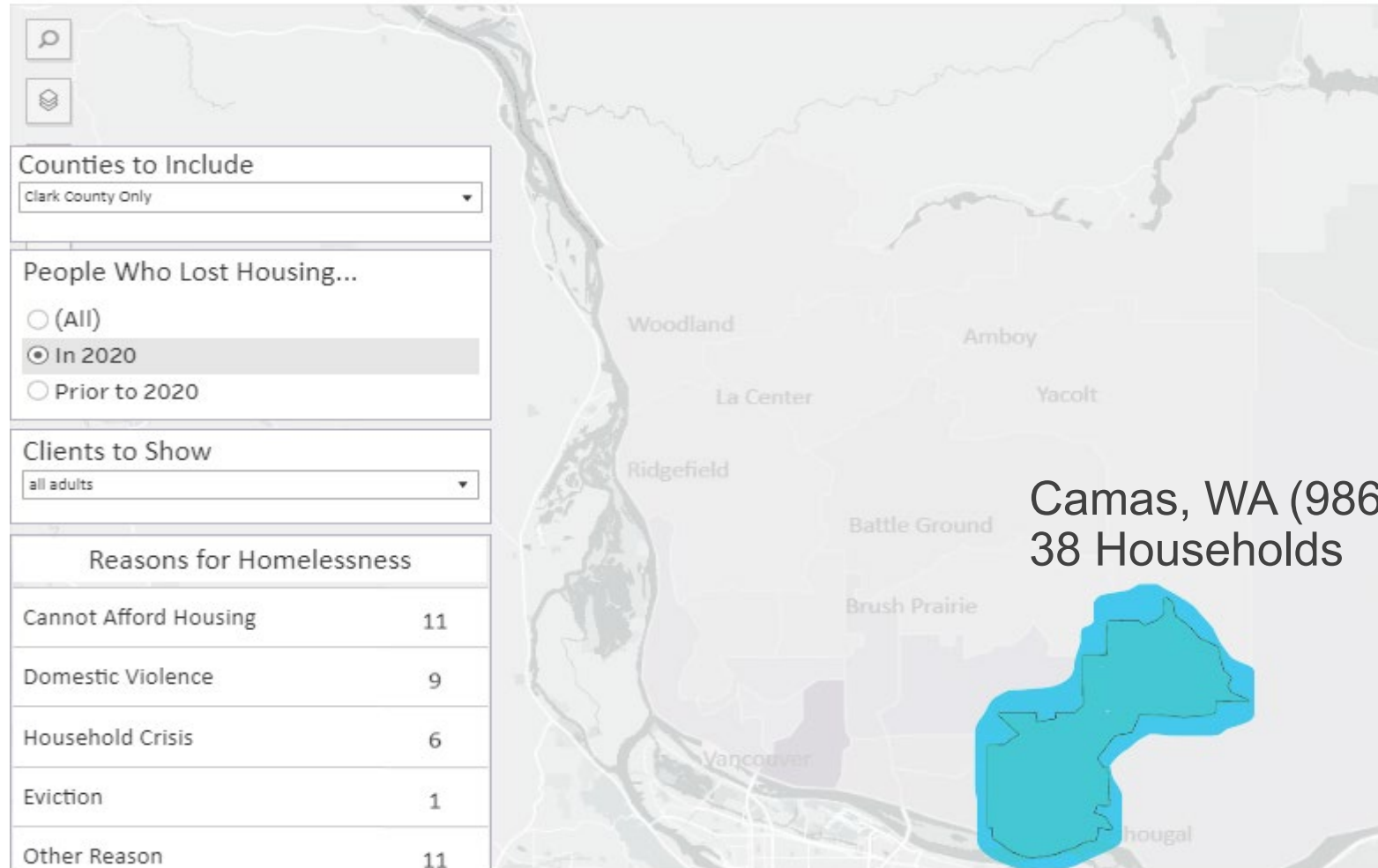
Identified Encampment Sites, Clark County, WA

Sources: Clark Co. Street Outreach Teams – June 2021

2020 Zip Code Interactive Map

People who access services through the homelessness crisis response system in Clark County are given the option to provide their last permanent zip code and the primary reason they lost their housing. This information is entered into HMIS, a secure database, and can be used to identify regional patterns.

This map is shaded from purple to green. Zip codes shown in purple saw more people losing their housing than expected, while zip codes shown in green saw fewer. Select a client population from the menu on the left or hover over a zip code for more information.



Trends & Challenges

- People w/o Homes Moving Out of Vancouver Core
- Seniors and People who are Newly Homeless
- No Place for People to Move To Across the County
- High Cost of Living
- Higher Behavioral Health Needs
- Need to Mitigate the Symptoms of Homelessness



Additional Homeless System Funding

ACROSS CLARK COUNTY

ARPA & Other COVID Focused Funding

Additional:

- Outreach Teams
- Motel Vouchers
- Shelter Support & Beds
- Rapid Re-Housing Programs
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rent Assistance

New:

- Talk'in Trash Program through Share
- Bertha Baugh Place Shelter
- Formal Outreach Coordination & Tracking
- 102 Emergency Housing Vouchers
- Family Promise of Clark County Growth



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Recommended Next Steps

- Meet with both Outreach Teams
 - Meet with Clark County Community Services Staff
 - Consider working collaboratively with Washougal
 - Dedicated Camas Outreach Focus?
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More Clark County, WA Homeless System Information

- [2020 Clark County, WA Homeless System Numbers & 2020 Zip Code Data](#)
- [Homeless System Dynamic Dashboard](#)
- [2019-2022 Homeless Action Plan – 2020 Update](#)
- [2021 Clark County, WA Housing Inventory Chart](#)
- [Fact Sheets About Homelessness](#)
- [Clark County, WA Resource Guide](#)
- [Clark County Business Toolkit on Homelessness](#)