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UCT Quarterly Reporting (Response to Statement of Legislative Intent MO-004S-A)

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Background

This report is offered in response to the 2026 Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) **MO-004S-A**, which requests that the Mayor's Office provide quarterly reports regarding activities and performance of the Unified Care Team (UCT) and any collaborating departments that manage the City's response to unsanctioned encampments.

The UCT is committed to engaging in continuous learning, using quantitative and qualitative data to learn from our efforts and improve our approach. Based on those learnings, we may adjust the items reported in future reports to ensure we are sharing information that provides the most complete picture of our work with Council and our partners.

Elements of the UCT Homelessness SLI Report

This quarterly homelessness report provides a progress update on the City's multi-agency approach, while responding to the SLI's request for metrics. Below you will find an overview of the areas in which we will track and report performance.

1. Customer Service and Responsiveness
2. Tent, RV, and Active Sites
3. Encampment Resolutions and Removals
4. Outreach Coordination
5. Mitigation of Trash and Public Health Hazards
6. Public Safety
7. Restoring Public Spaces
8. UCT Actions on Weekends Compared to Weekdays

Our quarterly report analyzes the performance of each strategy across the seven council districts, with the goal of using data-driven insights to inform future decision-making, resource allocation, and enhanced service delivery. If you have questions regarding the contents of this report, please contact the City of Seattle's Unified Care Team. You can do so by sending an email to: UnifiedCareTeam@seattle.gov.

District Teams

The UCT is divided into district teams, each with its own geographic focus area. These dedicated teams coordinate outreach and referrals to shelter, mitigate trash and debris, lead beautification efforts, and work with the community to restore public spaces. This approach enhances the ability of the teams to build relationships with all the stakeholders in their area — people experiencing homelessness, service providers, housed residents, businesses, etc. and allows teams to be nimble and responsive to emerging

and unique neighborhood needs. Previous SLI Reports used "UCT Neighborhood" teams, where District 1 was "Southwest", District 2 was "Southeast", District 3 was "Central", Districts 4 and 5 were "North/NE", and Districts 6 and 7 were "Northwest." Starting with this Q3 2026 report, data and information are provided on a per district basis.

Customer Service & Responsiveness

Triaging community concerns in a timely manner ensures UCT is responding to the changing conditions on the ground.

- For the past four years, the number of unauthorized encampment service requests has increased each year. Although requests continue to grow — especially in Districts 2, 6, and 7 — the citywide rate of increase has slowed, and fewer people are submitting requests.
    - The year over year increase fell from 64 percent in the first nine months of 2025, compared with the same period in 2024, to just 4 percent in the first nine months of 2026, compared with the same period in 2025.
    - The number of unique people submitting requests via the Find It, Fix It app is 9 percent lower than last year.
- The rise in service requests is primarily in Districts 2, 6, and 7. There were fewer service requests this year in Districts 1, 3, and 5 than they were in the first three quarters of 2025. District 4 service requests remained relatively level with the previous year.
    - In District 7, there was a 39 percent increase in requests compared to first three quarters of 2025, especially in Cascade/Eastlake and Queen Anne.
    - In District 6, requests increased by 20 percent compared with the first three quarters of 2025, especially in Green Lake where requests have more than tripled from last year. Ballard still has the most requests in the district (and the second most citywide after Capitol Hill) but its requests are down 23 percent from last year.
    - In District 2, requests increased by 21 percent compared with the first three quarters of 2025, especially in First Hill, Rainier Beach, and South Beacon Hill/New Holly. North Beacon Hill/Jefferson Park has the most service requests of any area in District 2 and has 18 percent more requests than last year.
- Despite service request volumes, UCT continues to achieve its customer service goals.
    - In 2026, UCT inspected 96 percent of encampment sites within the goal timeframe of 10 business days after the service request was triaged for inspection. Site inspections ensure UCT remains informed about changing conditions and allow sites to be prioritized for resolution based on site conditions and public impact.
- Equity priority areas of Seattle are less likely to submit service requests despite having more active encampment sites.
    - The City of Seattle designates equity priority areas by combining data on race, ethnicity, and related demographics with data on socioeconomic disadvantages and health disadvantages to aid in the identification of geographic priorities for City programs, planning efforts, and investments.[1]
    - Districts 1 and 2 combined made up 21 percent of the service requests in 2026 Q3 but made up half of all active encampment sites in the city at the end of 2026 Q3. Almost all encampment sites in District 1 and District 2 are in equity priority areas. At the end of

[1] Racial and Social Equity Index Viewer.
https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/494bdbb2da4f4574bb330f072bc77073

2026 Q3, 97 percent of the active sites in District 1 and 99 percent of the active sites in District 2 were in equity priority areas.

- In District 5, 55 percent of the service requests were about equity priority areas, but 65 percent of the active sites were in equity priority areas.

- A slowdown in service requests does not mean that the public is less concerned about unauthorized encampments.
  - Some people may be experiencing reporting fatigue or choose to communicate through other methods, such as going directly to their Council Member or the Unified Care Team email inbox.
  - Others may be experiencing concerns attributed to encampments that are outside of UCT's scope, such as public safety issues, people in crisis, loitering, or drug activity. UCT has consistently communicated that these requests are best reported to 911 or the non-emergency SPD line.

Figure 1: Customer Service Requests by Month

Total number of Unauthorized Encampments Customer Service Requests submitted

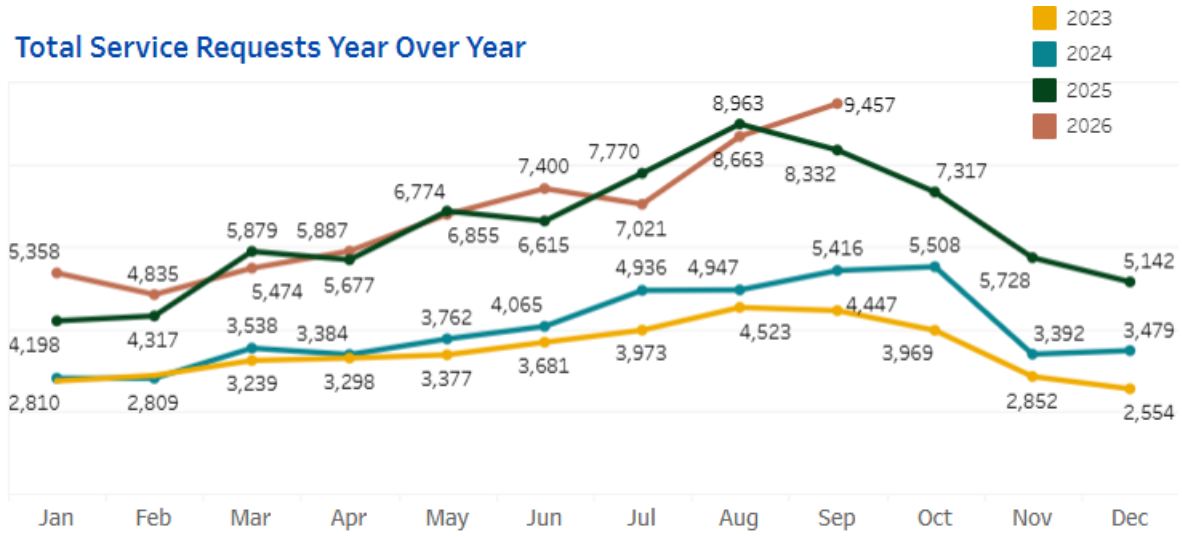


Figure 2: Customer Service Requests by Quarter

Total number of Customer Service Requests related to Unauthorized Encampments.

Council District	# of requests received Q1 2026	# of requests received Q2 2026	# of requests received Q3 2026	2026 YTD
1	1,976	2,653	2,264	6,893
2	2,375	2,734	3,098	8,207

Council District	# of requests received Q1 2026	# of requests received Q2 2026	# of requests received Q3 2026	2026 YTD
3	3,222	3,611	5,509	12,342
4	914	1,086	1,693	3,693
5	1,515	1,530	2,254	5,299
6	2,721	4,261	5,707	12,689
7	2,941	4,186	4,614	11,741
Citywide	**15,667**	**20,061**	**25,141**	**60,869**

Note: Some requests do not map to a specific council district and cannot be assigned to a specific district. Therefore, these requests are only included in the citywide total. There were three and two such requests in Q1 and Q3 2026, respectively.

Figure 3: Percentage of Sites Inspected Within 10 Business Days

Percent of sites inspected within the goal timeframe of 10 business days after the service request was triaged for inspection.

Council District	% of sites inspected within 10 days Q1 2026	% of sites inspected within 10 days Q2 2026	% of sites inspected within 10 days Q3 2026	2026 YTD
1	100%	99%	99%	99%
2	98%	96%	98%	97%
3	96%	98%	98%	98%
4	94%	92%	84%	89%
5	96%	96%	88%	92%
6	96%	89%	97%	94%
7	97%	94%	98%	96%
Citywide	**97%**	**95%**	**95%**	**96%**

Tent, RV, and Active Sites

Tracking data on active encampments through frequent site inspections helps us understand UCT impact on keeping public spaces open and accessible.

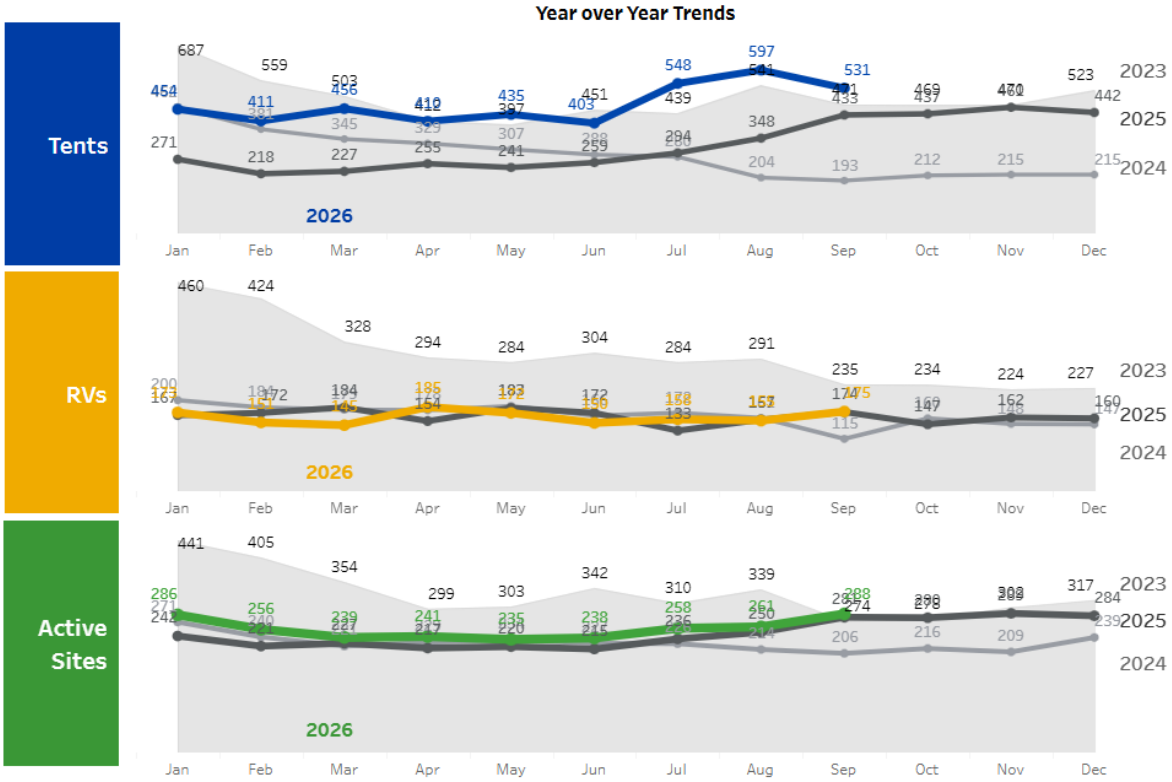
- Citywide, the number of encampment sites, RVs and tents increased over the last three months.

- Compared to last year at the end of Q3, there are 2 percent more active encampment sites (288 compared to 281 at the end of 2025 Q3). The most sites are in Districts 1, 2, and 7.
    - District 1 had the most active sites at the end of the quarter with 74 active sites, located mainly in Duwamish/SODO (25 sites) and Georgetown (15 sites).
    - District 7 saw the largest increase in active sites since 2025 Q3, a 33 percent rise from 36 to 48 sites, including 14 in Queen Anne, 12 in Belltown, and 11 in Cascade/Eastlake. During FIFA World Cup, some unsheltered people moved from the downtown area further into District 7 for various reasons, including seeking shelter resources and because of increased attention downtown. This created an additional challenge to keep sidewalks and parks clean, redirecting resources within District 7.
- Compared to last year at the end of Q3, there are 23 percent more tents.
    - Higher tent counts do not directly translate to more people residing at encampment sites. Some people have multiple tents or utilize tents for storage, including people who already have shelter.
    - The average number of tents at a site has increased citywide by 20 percent compared to the end of 2025 Q3, especially in Districts 1, 3, 4, and 5.
    - In District 5, Cedar Park/Meadowbrook had 21 tents at the end of September 2026 and had the largest increase of any neighborhood compared to September 2025.
    - The areas with the most tents at the end of the quarter were Duwamish, SODO, First Hill, North Delridge, and North Beacon Hill/Jefferson Park.
    - Duwamish/SODO had a 64 percent increase in its tent count compared to last year at the end of September and the most tents of any neighborhood. Duwamish/SODO saw a 3 percent increase in active sites over the same period. The stark increase in the number of tents to active sites shows that such sites saw a growth in their overall tent count.
    - Ballard has close to half as many tents as this time last year (45 percent decrease) and is now 11th in tent count among Seattle's 53 Community Reporting Area (CRA).[2]
- Compared to last year at the end of Q3, RVs increased by one percent (175 RVs compared to 174 RVs) maintaining the citywide average from the past few years. RV counts have increased in District 1 but decreased in Districts 2, 3, and 6 compared to this time last year.

[2] Seattle adopted Community Reporting Areas as a standard, consistent, citywide community-oriented geography for reporting purposes across all departments, as appropriate. https://data-seattlecitygis.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/SeattleCityGIS::community-reporting-areas-3/about

Figure 4: Year over Year Trends in Active Encampment Sites

Monthly Snapshot Count of Tents, RVs, and Active sites.



Active Sites – Refers to an unauthorized encampment site where any number of tents, structures, lived-in RVs or vehicles is present, as documented by UCT field inspectors.

Figure 5: Tents and RVs at Active Sites, and Active Sites Snapshot by Council District as of the last Friday of each quarter.

Council District	Q1 Tents	Q2 Tents	Q3 Tents	Q1 RVs	Q2 RVs	Q3 RVs	Q1 Sites	Q2 Sites	Q3 Sites
1	167	161	214	67	92	111	61	70	74
2	89	85	78	30	28	30	51	58	68
3	40	19	54	12	1	4	29	19	31
4	22	22	29	1	1	3	11	15	17
5	12	17	53	10	10	9	18	14	20
6	83	58	42	25	18	16	34	33	30
7	43	41	61	0	0	2	35	29	48

Council District	Q1 Tents	Q2 Tents	Q3 Tents	Q1 RVs	Q2 RVs	Q3 RVs	Q1 Sites	Q2 Sites	Q3 Sites
Citywide	**456**	**403**	**531**	**145**	**150**	**175**	**239**	**238**	**288**

Encampment Resolutions and Removals

Addressing encampments through varied approaches utilizing a prioritization system and qualitative information from field staff ensures sites with high public impact are addressed equitably.

- In 2026 Q3, UCT completed roughly the same number of encampment resolutions as 2025 Q3, 18 percent fewer resolutions than 2024 Q3, and 26 percent fewer than 2023 Q3.
    - UCT completed fewer immediate hazard and obstruction removals compared to previous summers.
    - There were almost half as many resolutions in District 1 and District 3 compared to 2025 Q3. Regarding District 1, there was a pause in obstruction removals in Pioneer Square for the Streets to Housing FIFA pilot. This action was taken to provide a coalition of providers led by Purpose Dignity Action (PDA) and the UCT additional time to conduct outreach and ultimately connect 70 unsheltered individuals to shelter and housing.
    - Districts 2 and 6 also had fewer resolutions than 2025 Q3.
    - Districts 4, 5, and 7 had more resolutions compared to 2025 Q3.
    - When compared to the number of active sites in each district at the end of Q3, District 2 has the lowest ratio of site resolutions to active sites, due a large number of those sites being located on private property spaces (where UCT is not authorized to operate) or on greenbelts (which have a lower public impact). Private property owners are responsible for conditions on their properties and the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection (SDCI) enforces the Land Use Code that regulates those sites. Outdoor camping and the storage of debris violate the Land Use Code.

- Several factors have contributed to UCT completing fewer resolutions than in past summers.

    - When UCT does not have full staffing from SPD's Alternative Response Team (ART), UCT field teams are unable to resolve sites as quickly due to public safety concerns. This leads to sites staying in place longer. ART was originally staffed for six teams to support UCT, but this summer the average was 1.7 ART teams per day. UCT completed 154 fewer obstruction removals this summer compared to 2025, in part due to fewer SPD ART teams being available to support UCT work during FIFA.
    - The King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCHRA) announced Tier 2 severe weather protocols for extreme heat from 7/20 – 7/24 and for smoke and heat from 8/4 – 8/7.During these times, there were no site resolutions due to the protocol to shelter in place.
    - Activation of the Elliot Bay Bike Trail in June 2026 discouraged repopulation over the summer. Previously this site was resolved multiple times in summer 2025.
    - Repopulating sites continue to pose a challenge in every district. For example, in District 1, UCT resolved Roxhill Park in both August and September due to repopulation. Sites repopulate quickly in District 2 in the I-90 lid parks and North Beacon Hill; in District 3 at Cal Anderson and Judge Charles Stokes Park; in District 4 on University Heights Plaza and

Ravenna Boulevard; in District 5 at Albert Davis Park; in District 6 at sites around Green Lake and in the Ballard Core; and in District 7 at the Cascade Playground and surrounding rights of way.
    - Encampments located on private property pose a logistical, legal, and jurisdictional challenge for the Unified Care Team.
- Despite these challenges, there have been some important encampment resolution successes to highlight.
    - UCT resolved several challenging encampment sites due to their size, type of terrain, and volume of debris. These resolutions required additional planning and day-to-day coordination with multiple City partners to clear safely and ensure areas remain open and accessible.
    - UCT was able to keep many public spaces open and accessible during the summer months when Seattle residents and visitors spend time outdoors.
    - As mentioned, UCT partnered with a coalition of service providers to pilot the Streets to Housing FIFA pilot in Pioneer Square (D1) ahead of the FIFA World Cup. This partnership resulted in 70 out of 80 people from the by name list entering shelter. This partnership included UCT Outreach participating in case conferencing, and UCT field teams removing tents and cleaning sites after people moved inside.
    - UCT's field teams coordinated to expedite certain site resolutions, especially in response to public safety concerns, and to slow down other site resolutions when appropriate in order to connect encampment residents with services.
    - UCT coordinated projects at some RV sites that historically had large footprints and which had caused UCT to include multiple sites in one RV remediation in the past. These activation efforts have discouraged repopulation and reduced the number of active site clusters requiring RV remediations. Since large site clusters were often addressed in a single day, and RV remediations are counted by site, the number of RV remediations has decreased compared to last year.

- The top 23 sites (9.8 percent of total sites) made up 50 percent of total resolutions in 2026 Q3, compared to the top 12 in Q1 and top 22 in Q2.
    - The three sites with the most resolutions in Q3 were Cal Anderson Park (District 3), 4th Ave. from S. Washington St. to James St. (District 1), and City Hall Park (District 1).
    - Figure 10 identifies the top 5 sites by District. However, the top 35 sites citywide include the following district breakdown:
        - 11 sites in District 1 (Downtown Commercial Core, Duwamish/SODO and Pioneer Square/Chinatown-International District),
        - 11 sites in District 7 (Belltown, Cascade/Eastlake, First Hill, and Queen Anne),
        - 5 sites in District 6 (Ballard and Sunset Hill/Loyal Heights),
        - 3 sites in District 5 (Virgil Flaim, Albert Davis, and Interurban Trail),
        - 2 sites in District 3 (Cal Anderson and Judge Charles M. Stokes Overlook),
        - 2 sites in District 2 (Rainier Ave. S. & S. Rose St. and 25th & Walker), and
        - 1 site in District 4 (University Heights Plaza).

Figure 6: Count Scheduled Resolutions, and Percent Offers of Shelter

Scheduled resolutions - Refers to all work associated with resolving scheduled unauthorized encampments, including removal or trash and debris, storage of personal belongings, outreach engagement for weeks prior to resolution date and may include heavy equipment and traffic control plans. ***Offers of shelter are made per MDARs and additionally as shelter is available at all other resolutions.***

Council District	# of Resolutions Q1 2026	# of Resolutions Q2 2026	# of Resolutions Q3 2026	2026 YTD Resolutions	% with Offers of Shelter where individuals are present at resolution Q1 thru Q3 2026
1	15	15	21	51	98%
2	4	7	9	20	95%
3	0	0	2	2	100%
4	2	7	6	15	100%
5	0	2	0	2	100%
6	1	1	12	14	100%
7	3	0	7	10	100%
Citywide	**25**	**32**	**57**	**114**	**98%**

Figure 7: Count of RV Remediations and Percent Offers of Shelter

RV Remediation – Refers to all work associated with resolving encampments where RVs/vehicles are present, including assisting working vehicles so they can comply with parking rules and move away from the area, post-removal cleanup, and towing of inoperable/abandoned vehicles. While not required by the MDARs, offers of shelter are made to all individuals when available.

Council District	# of Remediations Q1 2026	# of Remediations Q2 2026	# of Remediations Q3 2026	2026 YTD Remediations	% with Offers of Shelter where individuals are present at resolution Q1 thru Q3 2026
1	17	16	16	49	94%
2	4	3	7	14	89%
3	1	2	2	5	100%
4	0	0	0	No RV remediations	No RV remediations
5	1	2	1	4	50%
6	3	5	5	13	100%

Council District	# of Remediations Q1 2026	# of Remediations Q2 2026	# of Remediations Q3 2026	2026 YTD Remediations	% with Offers of Shelter where individuals are present at resolution Q1 thru Q3 2026
7	0	0	0	No RV remediations	No RV remediations
Citywide	**26**	**28**	**31**	**85**	**91%**

Figure 8: Count of Immediate Hazard and Obstruction Removals

Immediate hazard and obstruction removals - Refers to all work associated with removing unauthorized encampments at sites that pose a threat to public health and safety or interfere with the public's access to City-owned and City-controlled property, facilities, and rights-of-way. Includes removal of trash and debris, storage of personal belongings, and whenever possible, offers of available shelter.

Council District	# of removals Q1 2026	# of removals Q2 2026	# of removals Q3 2026	2026 YTD Removals	% with Offers of Shelter where individuals are present at resolution Q1 thru Q3 2026
1	337	210	160	707	47%
2	67	66	36	169	50%
3	56	80	60	196	58%
4	19	20	19	58	47%
5	22	42	56	120	52%
6	38	99	64	201	62%
7	105	125	99	329	35%
Citywide	**644**	**642**	**494**	**1,780**	**48%**

Figure 9: Count of unique sites where at least one encampment resolution or RV Remediation occurred during the reporting period

A site that repopulates may be resolved more than once in a quarter. The yearly number is the number of unique sites for the year, not a sum of the previous quarters.

Council District	# of Sites Q1 2026	# of Sites Q2 2026	# of Sites Q3 2026	2026 # of Sites (not a sum)
1	53	49	45	82
2	28	34	28	61
3	36	34	27	68
4	16	22	18	36
5	14	24	20	41
6	30	48	51	79
7	45	50	48	88
Citywide	222	261	237	455

Figure 10: Sites with the most UCT actions (Top Five by District)

Listed below are five sites in each district that had the most UCT actions in 2026 Q3. Actions include all types of encampment resolutions: scheduled resolutions, RV remediations, resolutions by outreach, immediate hazard resolutions, and obstruction resolutions. Site cleanings, inspections, outreach visits, and postings are not included in the "action" counts below. When there is a tie for fifth place, all sites with the same number of actions are included.

Council District	Location Name	# of Actions Q1 2026	# of Actions Q2 2026	# of Actions Q3 2026	2026 # of Actions
1	4th Ave from S Washington St to James St	50	24	25	99
1	City Hall Park	50	24	23	97
1	S Dearborn st from Maynard Ave S to 6th Ave S	63	25	21	109
1	Airport Way & Maynard Ave S	25	33	20	78
1	Occidental Square	56	27	18	101

Council District	Location Name	# of Actions Q1 2026	# of Actions Q2 2026	# of Actions Q3 2026	2026 # of Actions
2	Rainier Ave S & S Rose St	2	0	15	17
2	25th Ave S & S Walker St Vicinity	4	2	4	10
2	Sturgus Park	0	15	3	18
2	42nd Ave S & S Thistle St Vicinity	0	0	2	2
2	Jose Rizal, bridge north and bridge abutment	0	0	2	2
2	24th Ave S & S Hill St Vicinity	1	1	2	4
2	Alder St from 9th Ave to 8th Ave	1	0	2	3
2	Rainier Playfield	0	0	2	2
3	Cal Anderson Park	12	29	30	71
3	Judge Charles M. Stokes Overlook	0	2	4	6
3	Broadway Hill Park	3	2	3	8
3	Bellevue Place Park	2	3	2	7
3	E Howell St from 12th Ave to 11th Ave Vicinity	2	1	2	5
3	Benvenuto Viewpoint	1	0	2	3
4	University Heights Plaza	6	4	7	17
4	Ravenna Park (East boundaries to 20th Ave NE)	0	1	2	3
4	Cowen Park	1	3	2	6
4	Ravenna Park (Basketball Court Vicinity)	0	1	2	3
4	NE Ravenna Blvd from SB I-5 Overpass to 8th Ave NE	1	1	2	4
5	Albert Davis	7	19	21	47
5	Virgil Flaim Park	0	1	11	12
5	Interurban Trail from n 125th St to N 110th St	0	1	3	4
5	N 128th St from Stone Ave N to Aurora Ave N	1	0	3	4
5	Nesbit Ave N from N 90th St to N 85th St & N 88th St from Nesbit Ave N to Aurora Ave N	1	1	2	4
5	Licton Springs Park	0	1	2	3
5	28th Ave NE from NE 127th St to NE 125th St	0	1	2	3
6	Ballard Library	3	3	7	13

Council District	Location Name	# of Actions Q1 2026	# of Actions Q2 2026	# of Actions Q3 2026	2026 # of Actions
6	NW 57th St from 20th Ave NW to 22nd Ave NW	6	25	6	37
6	Ballard Commons Park	3	13	5	21
6	Seaview Ave NW and the Burke Gilman Trail from Seaview PL NW to NW 68th St	3	2	4	9
6	11th Ave NW and NW 45th St	0	0	3	3
6	8th Ave NW from NW 70th St to NW 65th St	0	0	3	3
7	Cherry St between 6th Ave & 7th Ave	23	25	21	69
7	Freeway Park (Spring St Side)	10	5	9	24
7	Cascade Playground	2	6	6	14
7	Freeway Park (Seneca St Side)	6	2	6	14
7	Harrison St to Thomas St and Pontius Ave N to Minor Ave N (ROW Cascade Playground Vicinity)	2	4	6	12

Outreach Coordination

Coordinating outreach enables us to better address the homelessness crisis by connecting our unhoused neighbors to services, shelter, and housing.

- Fifty-five percent of referrals to shelter or housing resulted in people enrolling in those shelters or housing in the third quarter of 2026.
- On average, there were 8.0 set-aside shelters beds available on weekdays, and 2.4 on weekends in the third quarter of 2026. Weekend availability is specifically to congregate shelter beds, while weekday availability includes both congregate and single occupancy units. In Q3 2025 there were only 6.9 weekday shelter beds available on average. The increase in daily availability is due to existing shelters relocating and reopening and new shelters coming online over the past year – including LIHI's Rosie's village, Juneberry Village, CCS Junction Point shelter, Salvation Army William Booth Center non-congregate beds, and PDA Olympic Hills village.
- District 1 continues to have the highest numbers of offers, which aligns with it also having the highest numbers of removals.
- Due to vacant Outreach Counselor positions, engagements and offers of shelter in Districts 2, 3, 6 and 7 were down in Q3. Hiring processes are underway for these positions, and HSD expects them to be filled in Q4 2026.
- While there was a decrease in offers of shelter, there was only a decrease of one acceptance of shelter from Q2 2026 to Q3 2026.

- The two most common reasons people declined shelter are: 1) wanting permanent housing and 2) wanting an individual unit rather than a communal space. These two reasons have consistently been the same year over year since UCT began tracking this data in 2023.
- Juneberry Village opened on July 26, 2026, with a total of 32 tiny home units, for couples and singles. Juneberry Village is located in District 3, and 30 percent of the units are reserved for individuals from that district. Between opening and the end of Q3, UCT referrals, made in collaboration with contracted outreach providers, resulted in 34 enrollments in the program, getting it to 100 percent utilization. LIHI shared that coordination and communication with outreach resulted in the smoothest opening of a village to-date.
- Building on the model used to bring unhoused people from the downtown area inside ahead of the FIFA World Cup, the Ballard Post Office and surrounding encampment sites were designated as the next Neighborhood Impact Framework pilot site.
    - In collaboration with a coalition of service providers, 10 people successfully enrolled at the new Bayside Enhanced Shelter in Interbay in 2026 Q3.
    - However, the Green Lake area did see an increase in tents compared to last year, partially due to prioritizing Ballard Post Office encampment residents for available shelter resources within District 6.
    - Additional shelter resources will allow the City to scale up this pilot project at new locations in collaboration with the coalition of providers.

Figure 11: Offers of Shelter

Specific offers of available shelter extended to unsheltered individuals.

Council District	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	2026 YTD
1	1,033	1,144	812	2,989
2	549	686	442	1,677
3	214	277	174	665
4	76	92	151	319
5	190	274	260	724
6	560	517	258	1,335
7	171	124	103	398
Citywide	**2,793**	**3,114**	**2,200**	**8,107**

Figure 12: Offers Accepted and Referral Made

Offers of shelter accepted by unsheltered individuals, resulting in a referral to shelter.

Council District	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	2026 YTD
1	136	130	106	372
2	106	112	76	294
3	37	32	45	114
4	42	28	61	131
5	70	57	66	193
6	56	63	53	172
7	92	69	83	244
Citywide	**539**	**491**	**490**	**1,520**

Figure 13: Confirmed Shelter Enrollment[3]

Confirmed shelter enrollments as a result of a specific offer of available shelter.

Council District	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	2026 YTD
1	88	85	62	235
2	53	63	27	143
3	35	25	30	90
4	25	19	40	84
5	52	36	35	123
6	32	41	29	102
7	59	45	46	150
Citywide	**344**	**314**	**269**	**927**

[3] Enrollments are identified by matching between UCT records and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). This match is not always precise. Approximately 21% of enrollments cannot be confirmed because entries in HMIS do not include any personally identifiable information, individuals provide different information to across systems, enroll in a shelter more than 48 hours after a referral, enroll in a different shelter than the one referred, or agencies enter data late. Because of these factors, enrollments for previous quarters will be updated throughout the year.

Figure 14: Provided Reasons for Declined Offers of Shelter

Provided Reason	CD1	CD2	CD3	CD4	CD5	CD6	CD7	Citywide
Wants Permanent Housing	280	61	4	3	17	53	0	**418**
Does Not Want Communal Space	96	55	87	16	79	12	0	**345**
Wants Placement with Partner/Family/Friends	99	65	7	30	14	25	1	**241**
Does Not Want Offered Shelter	25	13	12	5	13	54	4	**126**
Unable/Unwilling to Engage with HSD Staff	16	53	7	3	41	1	0	**121**
Reports Having Housing/Shelter	46	35	5	4	3	25	1	**119**
Needs Mental Health Resources	22	11	0	4	0	12	1	**50**
Desired Shelter Not Available	20	3	0	1	1	2	4	**31**
Uncertain/Wants Time to Consider/Follow Up	2	9	1	7	7	0	0	**26**
Pets Not Allowed	2	7	0	4	3	1	0	**17**
Barred	5	2	0	0	1	0	1	**9**
Reports Plans to Leave City in the Near Future	2	2	0	1	0	3	0	**8**
Unwilling to Engage in Program Expectations	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	**8**
Needs Recovery Resources	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	**7**
Vehicle/RV Related Issue	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	**7**

Provided Reason	CD1	CD2	CD3	CD4	CD5	CD6	CD7	Citywide
Doesn't Want to be Alone/Away from Community	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	**5**
Shelter Location	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	**4**
Not Eligible for Desired Shelter	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	**4**
History of Negative Experience with Shelter	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	**3**
Wants Enhanced Shelter	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	**2**
Other	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	**6**
Unknown	85	30	6	0	14	14	4	**153**
TOTAL	**706**	**366**	**129**	**90**	**194**	**205**	**20**	**1,710**

Figure 15: Demographics of Referred People – Gender

Referral Demographics	CD1	CD2	CD3	CD4	CD5	CD6	CD7	Citywide
Male	71	47	17	27	42	30	56	290
Female	29	27	9	26	22	21	22	156
Trans Female	0	0	0	3	1	0	2	6
Trans Male	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Data Not Collected	5	2	19	4	0	2	3	35
Refused	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	**106**	**76**	**45**	**61**	**66**	**53**	**83**	**490**

Figure 16: Demographics of Referred People - Race

Referral Demographics	CD1	CD2	CD3	CD4	CD5	CD6	CD7	Citywide
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	2	2	3	1	2	3	15
Asian	1	4	0	0	1	2	4	12
Black/African American	29	22	7	11	11	4	29	113
White/Caucasian	32	22	10	30	24	23	33	174
Multiracial	5	10	1	3	2	2	0	23
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Hispanic/Latino	4	6	1	1	1	2	6	21
Data Not Collected	33	9	24	13	26	17	8	130
TOTAL	**106**	**76**	**45**	**61**	**66**	**53**	**83**	**490**

Mitigation of Trash and Public Health Hazards

Utilizing a multi-departmental approach to mitigating ongoing trash and debris in public spaces allows for effective citywide coverage.

- In 2026 Q3, UCT completed fewer site cleanings than in 2025 Q3, but more than 2024 Q3. UCT removed more pounds of debris from encampment sites than any previous summer, with an increase of 12 percent compared to 2025 Q3 and 30 percent compared to 2024 Q3.
    - District 3 saw the largest decrease in site cleanings (removing 31 percent fewer pounds of debris), especially compared to last year, while District 1 and District 2 had more cleanings than last year (12 percent and 17 percent more pounds of debris respectively).
    - District 1 continues to have the most site cleanings of any district.
    - Districts 6 and 7 saw the largest percentage increase in pounds of debris removed compared to 2025 Q3, with 50 percent (43,768 pounds) increase in District 6 and a 54 percent (23,861 pounds) increase in District 7.
    - Field staff report that more encampments have had aggressive dogs on site, presenting a safety hazard to cleaning the sites.
- UCT's site cleaning and resolution work helps keep public spaces clean and accessible.
    - In 2026 Q3, UCT completed 3,133 site cleanings, 337 encampment resolutions, and 27 RV remediations **at sites with large amounts of debris**.

- In 2026 Q3, UCT completed 1,954 site cleanings, 137 encampment resolutions, and 21 RV remediations **at sites with hazardous materials**.
- In 2026 Q3, UCT completed 335 site cleanings, 29 encampment resolutions, and 2 RV remediations **at sites near waterways**.
- In 2026 Q3, UCT completed 2,427 site cleanings, 326 encampment resolutions, and 27 RV remediations **at sites with mobility impacts**.

- One success to highlight is UCT's deep cleans, which allow SPU and SDOT to remove large amounts of debris without relocating people.
  - This strategy has been particularly successful on Saturdays under the West Seattle Bridge in District 1.
  - Ballard, RV sites in Duwamish/SODO, and Highpoint have also been locations for deep cleans.
  - Scheduled deep cleans provide dedicated time for field teams, outreach, and ART staffing to stay on-site longer so teams can remove large amounts of debris without moving people.

Figure 17: Site Cleaning Visits

Number of UCT visits to encampment sites for cleaning and trash mitigation.

Council District	Q1 Weekday	Q1 Weekend	Q2 Weekday	Q2 Weekend	Q3 Weekday	Q3 Weekend	2026 YTD
1	1,679	427	1,623	284	1,709	322	6,044
2	918	141	759	127	790	115	2,850
3	711	95	384	4	293	10	1,497
4	251	58	254	37	224	66	890
5	297	118	347	52	497	119	1,430
6	587	101	611	36	687	23	2,045
7	483	148	483	181	462	153	1,910
Citywide	**4,926**	**1,088**	**4,461**	**721**	**4,662**	**808**	**16,666**

Figure 18: Pounds of Debris Collected

Estimated pounds of debris collected during site cleanings.

Council District	Q1 Weekday	Q1 Weekend	Q2 Weekday	Q2 Weekend	Q3 Weekday	Q3 Weekend	2026 YTD
1	388,850	137,348	427,216	156,830	497,775	140,690	1,748,709
2	202,312	32,390	189,650	27,520	208,409	21,935	682,216

Council District	Q1 Weekday	Q1 Weekend	Q2 Weekday	Q2 Weekend	Q3 Weekday	Q3 Weekend	2026 YTD
3	58,854	9,411	42,197	400	40,917	5,200	156,979
4	29,471	4,428	27,206	2,555	23,555	2,870	90,085
5	53,710	12,651	23,162	7,625	32,603	12,275	142,026
6	121,955	14,222	105,559	4,085	128,863	2,930	377,614
7	65,747	16,503	45,658	16,752	53,848	14,509	213,017
Citywide	**920,899**	**226,953**	**860,648**	**215,767**	**985,970**	**200,409**	**3,410,646**

Figure 19: Top Five Community Reporting Areas (CRA) By Debris Collected

Understanding where high concentrations of trash are located ensures that a consistent level of service is provided to the community.

Community Reporting Areas (CRAs) – Boundaries designed by the City of Seattle as a standard, consistent geography to report citywide information at a community level. These are used by analysts at a variety of city departments.

CRAs with the Most Debris Collected	Estimated pounds of debris collected Q3 2026
1. Duwamish/SODO	298,165
2. First Hill	111,235
3. Ballard	91,578
4. Highland Park	68,800
5. Mt. Baker/ North Rainier	65,495

Figure 20: Public Health and Hygiene

Providing shower trailers contributes to promoting cleaner community spaces. Shower trailers were located at the following sites during Q3 2026, operated by SPU on behalf of SPR.

Standalone hygiene station oversight is now in Seattle Parks & Recreation. Further reporting requests should be made directly to that department.

Council District	Locations with a city-sponsored shower trailers
1	9701 Myers Way S, Camp Second Chance (shower trailer for residents only)
2	N/A
3	N/A
4	N/A
5	N/A
6	N/A
7	157 Roy Street (shower trailer & hygiene station)

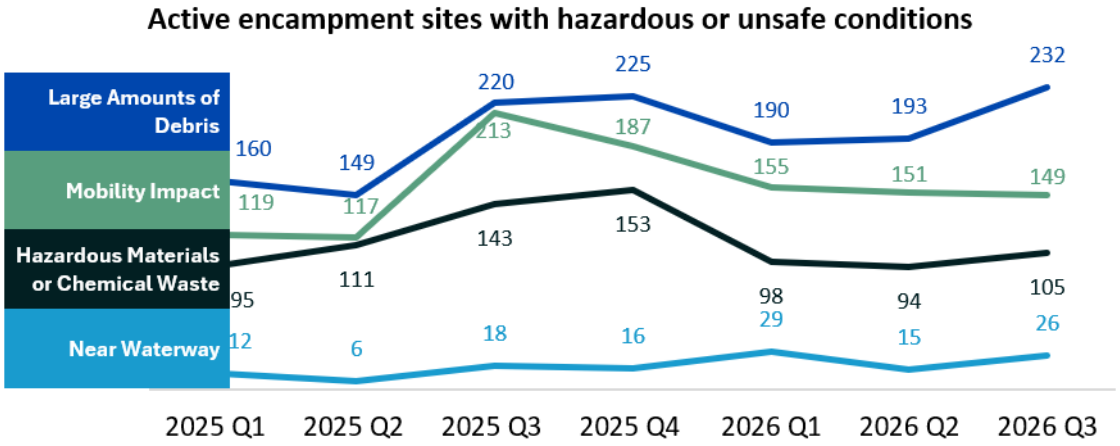
Figure 21: Number of active encampment sites where hazardous and unsafe conditions are identified, such as hazardous materials, large amounts of debris, mobility impacts, and proximity to waterways as of the last Friday of each quarter in 2026.

Hazardous materials – The inspector assesses whether the site has any visible hazardous materials or chemical waste, including substances that appear to have the potential to create a fire/smoke hazard (such as gasoline, engine oils, propane tanks, and corrosive materials) and bio waste (materials such as blood, condoms, human waste, drug paraphernalia).

Large amounts of debris – The inspector assesses whether the site has accumulated large amounts of debris. Debris accumulation refers to a buildup of items including heavy/bulky materials approximate to the volume of a pickup truckload. Heavier bulky materials, such as but not limited to pallets, bikes, furniture items, etc. Debris accumulation equivalent to pick-up truck load (loose or bagged).

Mobility impacts – Includes full or partial mobility impacts as observed by UCT inspectors, such as insufficient clearance for wheelchairs/mobility device or for blind/low vision individuals, blocked entrances to buildings or construction sites, and blocked access to alley for service vehicles.

Near a waterway – Whether a site is within 50 feet of a waterway (such as urban streams, wetlands, public beaches, storm drains and shoreline) as observed by UCT inspectors.



Conditions	Q1	Q2	Q3	2026 YTD
Large Amounts of Debris	190	193	232	615
Mobility Impact	155	151	149	455
Hazardous Materials or Chemical Waste	98	94	105	297
Near Waterway	29	15	26	70
Total	472	453	512	1,437

Public Safety

Prioritizing encampments with high public impact and a history of public safety incidents reduces the strain on the City's public safety resources and contributes to the safety of housed and unhoused neighbors.

- Since 2023, EMS responses to encampments or people experiencing homelessness have declined.
    - When comparing the first nine months of 2026 to the first nine months of 2023, EMS responses to people experiencing homelessness have declined 27 percent.
    - District 7 declined the most, from a peak of almost 3,000 EMS responses in the first 9 months of 2023 to 1,778 in 2026 (Jan-Sept). The decline was due to fewer incidents in the Downtown Commercial Core.
    - District 2 is the only district to see an increase compared to the first nine months of 2022.

    - This data does not include CARE team responses to people experiencing homelessness. The CARE team began work in October 2023, so some of the decline in EMS calls since 2023 may be 911 routed to CARE team for response.
- Since 2023, encampment and RV fires have declined in every district.
    - When comparing the first nine months of 2026 to the first nine months of 2023, encampment and RV fires have declined 38 percent. However, when compared to the first nine months of 2025, encampment and RV fires have increased 22 percent.
    - The recent uptick in encampment fires citywide since 2025 is almost entirely due to an increase in District 2, particularly the North Beacon Hill area. This area had 137 fires in the first nine months of 2026, compared to 57 in the first nine months of 2025. The fires are typically located at sites in green spaces, which tend to be a lower priority for resolution due to having a lower public impact.
- Since 2022, shots fired near a known encampment site or shootings where the victim or offender is experiencing homelessness have declined in every district.
    - When compared to the first nine months of 2022 and 2023, shots fired have decreased citywide. When compared to the first nine months of 2024 and 2025, shots fired have risen citywide.
    - Compared to 2025, the increase in shots fired with a homelessness nexus has occurred in Districts 1, 2, and 5.
- Due to the increase in public safety incidents at encampments, UCT will start tracking safety hazards including aggressive animals, the need for ART support, and remote locations at encampment sites in GIS. Remote locations include greenbelts without a nearby public trail, road, or where the encampment cannot be easily seen by the general public. This will improve communication about safety concerns for UCT field staff at encampment sites and proactively provide information to prioritize staff safety on site.

Figure 22: Medical Response Calls resulting in dispatch to individuals experiencing homelessness

Data provided by the Seattle Fire Department (SFD) on the number of medical response calls from individuals experiencing homelessness.

Council District	Q1	Q2	Q3	2026 YTD
1	525	436	438	1,399
2	460	495	558	1,513
3	310	334	344	988
4	130	130	146	406
5	256	223	231	710
6	138	113	118	369

Council District	Q1	Q2	Q3	2026 YTD
7	600	600	578	1,778
Citywide*	**2,428**	**2,340**	**2,423**	**7,191**

** Citywide total includes some incidents that could not be mapped to a district.*

Figure 23: SFD Verified Encampment/RV Fires

Data provided by the SFD on the number of fires responded to at a tent or RV encampment.

Council District	Q1	Q2	Q3	2026 YTD
1	60	32	60	152
2	91	53	86	230
3	23	18	20	61
4	6	2	8	16
5	10	6	13	29
6	20	13	14	47
7	21	17	14	52
Citywide*	**231**	**141**	**217**	**589**

** Citywide total includes some incidents that could not be mapped to a district.*

Figure 24: SPD Verified Shots Fired

Data provided by the Seattle Police Department (SPD) on the number of shots fired near a known encampment site or shootings where the victim or offender is experiencing homelessness.

Council District	Q1	Q2	Q3	2026 YTD
1	4	2	2	8
2	1	8	4	13
3	2	1	0	3
4	0	1	0	1
5	1	3	7	11
6	0	0	1	1
7	0	2	1	3
Citywide*	**8**	**17**	**16**	**41**

** Citywide total includes one incident that could not be mapped to a district.*

Restoring Public Spaces

Partnering with community stakeholders and across departments to develop and implement strategies that prevent repopulation benefits communities and encourages public use of spaces.

The below locations are highlights of spaces with completed restoration of public spaces using activation partnerships and cross-departmental collaboration. Each location requires multiple phases of work over a period of many months.

Location	Neighborhood	Actions
S Winthrop St & 27th Ave S. - Cheasty Blvd.	Mt. Baker	Phase 1 completed: Restored heavily impacted boulevard in partnership with Parks District Staff.
Bellevue Place Park	Capitol Hill	Re-landscaped and restored encamped park space; rebuilding hillside; re-planting trees and native plants in partnership with adjacent property owner, Parks and WSDOT.
Lewis Park	North Beacon Hill	Placed landscape boulders along ROW preventing vehicles from double parking. In partnership with Parks and SPD.
24th Ave S @ S Bayview St	North Ranier Ave. / Mt. Baker	Phase 1 completed: Installed landscape boulders along parking strip preventing re-population in partnership with community.
11th Ave NW between NW 46th & NW Ballard Way	Ballard	Phase 1 completed: Partial installation of planters along parking strip in partnership with adjacent property owner.

UCT Actions on Weekends Compared to Weekdays

Scheduled Resolutions by Day of Week

Scheduled resolutions typically require offers of shelter, and shelter resources are more limited on the weekend. UCT has not had any scheduled resolutions on the weekend in 2026.

RV Remediations by Day of Week

RV Remediations do not occur on the weekend due to a lack of resources including shelter availability, parking enforcement support, SPD support availability, and SPU staff.

Figure 26: Immediate Hazard and Obstruction Removals by Day of Week

Immediate hazard and obstruction removals - Refers to all work associated with removing unauthorized encampments at sites that pose a threat to public health and safety or interfere with the public's access to City-owned and City-controlled property, facilities, and rights-of-way. Includes removal of trash and debris, storage of personal belongings, and whenever possible, offers of available shelter are made. When possible, notice is posted.

Council District	Q1 Weekday	Q1 Weekend	Q2 Weekday	Q2 Weekend	Q3 Weekday	Q3 Weekend	2026 YTD
1	240	97	162	48	117	43	**707**
2	52	15	36	30	29	7	**169**
3	51	5	77	3	51	9	**196**
4	17	2	17	3	16	3	**58**
5	13	9	31	11	33	23	**120**
6	34	4	78	21	52	12	**201**
7	82	23	105	20	73	26	**329**
Citywide	**489**	**155**	**506**	**136**	**371**	**123**	**1,780**