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Human Services

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

The report analyzes the performance of each strategy across the five neighborhoods, with the goal of using data-driven insights to inform future decision-making, resource allocation, and enhanced service delivery. The geographic boundary of Southwest is Council District 1, Southeast is Council District 2, Central is Council District 3, North/NE is Council Districts 4 and 5, and Northwest is Council Districts 6 and 7. If you have questions regarding the contents of this report, please contact the Unified Care Team at UnifiedCareTeam@seattle.gov.

Neighborhood Teams

The UCT is divided into neighborhood 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. This structure allows the neighborhood teams to be nimble and responsive to emerging and unique neighborhood needs.

Customer Service & Responsiveness

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

- Each of the past four years has had more unauthorized encampment service requests logged than the previous year. Although service request volumes continue to grow, the rate of increase is slower than past years citywide.
    - The rate of service requests increase fell from 62 percent in the first six months of 2025 (compared to the first six months of 2024) to only an 11 percent increase in the first six months of 2026 (compared to the first six months of 2025).
- Fewer unique customers submitted requests in the first six months of 2026 than in the first six months of 2025.
- There were fewer service requests in the first six months of this year in North/NE, Central, and Southwest than they were in the first six months of 2025. The rise in service requests is primarily in Southeast and Northwest.
    - In the Southeast, there was a 42 percent increase in requests compared to the first six months of 2025, especially in North Beacon Hill, Rainier Beach, Duwamish/SODO and Judkins Park. Pioneer Square/International District and Mt. Baker also saw an increase in service requests. South Beacon Hill and Columbia City had fewer service requests in the first six months of 2026 than the first six months of 2025.
    - In the Northwest, there was a 32 percent increase in requests compared to the first six months of 2025, especially in Green Lake and Cascade/Eastlake. While Ballard still has the second highest number of requests in the Northwest (after Cascade/Eastlake), there were 30 percent fewer in the first six months of 2026 than in 2025. Ballard continues to have the most service requests in the Northwest region. Ballard also has the highest number of site resolutions and pounds of debris removed within the Northwest region.
    - In Central, there were 25% fewer unauthorized encampment service requests about Capitol Hill than in the first six months of 2025, potentially due to lingering impacts of last year's Capitol Hill focus area project or focused UCT attention on Cal Anderson Park in recent months.
- Often, community concerns attributed to encampments are outside of UCT's scope and cannot be resolved by the UCT. While the *Find It, Fix It* app is the preferred way to report unauthorized encampments to the city, other issues (including public safety issues, people in crisis, loitering, or drug activity) that are often referenced in UCT customer service requests are best reported to 911 or the non-emergency line instead and addressed by other city departments or service providers. Council offices are frequently supportive in helping community members understand where to direct their requests.

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.

UCT Neighborhood	# of requests received Q1 2026	# of requests received Q2 2026	2026 YTD
Northwest	5,658	8,443	14,101
North/NE	2,430	2,611	5,041
Southwest	1,978	2,659	4,637
Southeast	2,372	2,725	5,097
Central	3,226	3,612	6,838
Citywide	**15,664**	**20,050**	**35,714**

Figure 3: Percentage of Sites Inspected Within 10 Days

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

UCT Neighborhood	% of sites inspected within 10 days Q1 2026	% of sites inspected within 10 days Q2 2026	2026 YTD
Northwest	97%	92%	94%
North/NE	95%	95%	95%
Southwest	100%	99%	99%
Southeast	98%	99%	99%
Central	96%	98%	97%
Citywide	**97%**	**96%**	**96%**

Tent, RV, and Active Sites

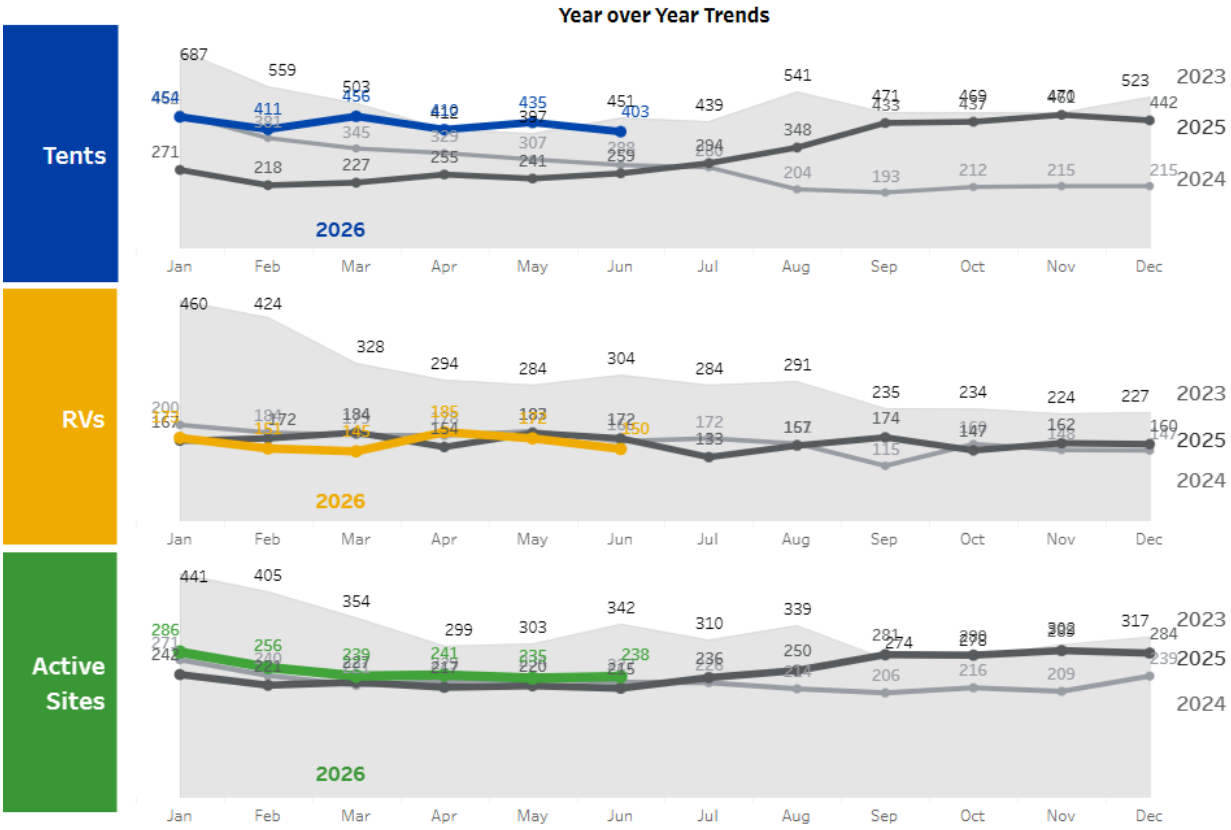
Tracking data on active encampments through frequent site inspections helps us understand UCT's impact on keeping public spaces open and accessible.

- UCT's site inspection process allows the team to monitor the number of tents, RVs, and active sites in close to real time and track trends over time. Citywide, the number of encampment sites and tents fell over the last three months. RVs increased slightly.
- Seasons impact the locations of encampments in Seattle, so it is helpful to compare data to last year at the same time. Compared to last year at the end of June:
    - The average number of tents at a site has increased in every neighborhood except the North/NE. This is especially true in the Northwest and Southwest.
    - There are 11 percent more active encampment sites (238 compared to 215 at the end of June 2025) and about 1.5 times as many tents (56 percent increase) compared to the end of June 2025.
    - There are 13 percent fewer RVs (150 RVs compared to 172 RVs at the end of June 2025), which is slightly below the average from the past few years.
- Southwest now has the most active sites (70) after Northwest had the most in the first quarter.
    - The Southwest active sites are located mainly in Duwamish/SODO (27 sites) and Georgetown (11 sites).
    - Southeast saw the largest increase in active sites compared to the end of June last year, a 23 percent rise from 47 to 58 sites, including 13 in North Beacon Hill/Jefferson Park and eight in Mt. Baker/North Rainier. Several of the sites in the area are new locations that had not been previously camped.

- The neighborhoods with the most tents at the end of the quarter were Duwamish/SODO, Ballard, North Beacon Hill/Jefferson Park, First Hill, and Highland Park.
    - Duwamish/SODO had a 77 percent increase in tents compared to the end of June 2025 and the most tents of any neighborhood.
    - Ballard has more than twice as many tents as this time last year (112 percent increase) and the second most tents overall.
    - In Southwest, Roxhill/Westwood and Highland Park have four times as many tents as last year at this time.
- The increase in the number of tents per site indicates sites are larger on average than before.
    - UCT resolves sites that cause full mobility impacts or obstruct the use of the sidewalks more quickly than sites that have a lower impact on the intended use of the space. As some small encampments move from sidewalks into less accessible greenspaces, sites may grow larger.
    - Tents do not directly correlate to the number of residents at a site. At some sites, residents use additional tents for storage. At other sites, people who do not live on site may have a tent for visitors or other purposes. Some residents who move into shelter still maintain a tent outside during the transition.

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 UCT Neighborhood as of the last Friday of each quarter.

UCT Neighborhood	Q1 Tents	Q2 Tents	Q1 RVs	Q2 RVs	Q1 Sites	Q2 Sites
Northwest	126	99	25	18	69	62
North/NE	34	39	11	11	29	29
Southwest	167	161	67	92	61	70
Southeast	89	85	30	28	51	58
Central	40	19	12	1	29	19

UCT Neighborhood	Q1 Tents	Q2 Tents	Q1 RVs	Q2 RVs	Q1 Sites	Q2 Sites
Citywide	**456**	**403**	**145**	**150**	**239**	**238**

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.

- The five sites with the most UCT actions shifted from Southwest in the first quarter of 2026 to include sites in Central and Northwest.
    - While Southwest made up the top five citywide in the first quarter, in the second quarter sites in Central (Cal Anderson) and Northwest (Ballard's NW 57th St from 20th Ave NW to 22nd Ave NW and First Hill's Cherry St between 6th Ave & 7th Ave) were in the top five.
    - The top 24 sites (9.2 percent of total sites) made up 50.9 percent of total resolutions (compared to top 12 sites making up 50 percent of resolutions in the first quarter).
- UCT assisted with keeping public spaces open and accessible during the World Cup and partnered on a coordinated outreach effort to connect long-term Pioneer Square residents with shelter and housing.
    - UCT continued its usual operations in the World Cup Last Mile, in areas impacted by World Cup Street Closures, and at outdoor watch party locations by removing trash, resolving obstructions, addressing hazards, connecting with parking enforcement, conducting outreach, and offering shelter when available.
    - UCT Outreach worked with the Community Solutions Pre-FIFA coordinated outreach effort in Pioneer Square and helped to build the by-name list to identify people who were long-term stayers in the Pioneer Square area. UCT ensured that individual service plans (including shelter matching and housing placement work) were not interrupted by encampment removals.
    - A coalition of partners including Purpose Dignity Action (PDA), ETS REACH, Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC), Chief Seattle Club, Salvation Army, KCRHA Coordinated Entry, and UCT brought 40+ people into shelter or housing from the Pioneer Square area. Shelter beds set aside at the Bayside Enhanced Shelter which opened in June 2026 were a key resource for bringing people inside.

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.***

UCT Neighborhood	# of Resolutions Q1 2026	# of Resolutions Q2 2026	2026 YTD Resolutions	% with Offers of Shelter where individuals are present at resolution Q1 thru Q2 2026
Northwest	4	2	6	100%
North/NE	2	8	10	83%
Southwest	15	15	30	97%
Southeast	4	7	11	100%
Central	0	0	No scheduled resolutions	No scheduled resolutions
Citywide	**25**	**32**	**57**	**96%**

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.

UCT Neighborhood	# of Remediations Q1 2026	# of Remediations Q2 2026	2026 YTD Remediations	2026 YTD % With Offers of Shelter Where Individuals were Present
Northwest	3	5	8	100%

UCT Neighborhood	# of Remediations Q1 2026	# of Remediations Q2 2026	2026 YTD Remediations	2026 YTD % With Offers of Shelter Where Individuals were Present
North/NE	1	2	3	0%
Southwest	17	16	33	92%
Southeast	4	3	7	100%
Central	1	2	3	100%
Citywide	**26**	**28**	**54**	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.

UCT Neighborhood	# of removals Q1 2026	# of removals Q2 2026	Total # of Removals	% with Offers of Shelter where individuals are present Q1 thru Q2 2026
Northwest	143	224	367	52%
North/NE	41	62	103	53%
Southwest	337	210	547	50%
Southeast	67	66	133	50%
Central	56	80	136	63%
Citywide	**644**	**642**	**1,286**	**52%**

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.

UCT Neighborhood	# of Sites Q1 2026	# of Sites Q2 2026	2026 # of Sites (not a sum)
Northwest	75	99	129
North/NE	30	45	63
Southwest	53	49	71
Southeast	28	34	48
Central	36	34	55
Citywide	**222**	**261**	**366**

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

Listed below are five sites in each neighborhood that had the most UCT actions in 2025. 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.

UCT Neighborhood	Location Name	# of Actions Q1 2026	# of Actions Q2 2026	2026 # of Actions
Central	Cal Anderson Park	12	29	41
Central	Dr Blanche Lavizzo Park	1	9	10
Central	Summit Slope Park	6	3	9
Central	Bellevue Place Park	2	3	5
Central	Tashkent Park	0	3	3
North/NE	Albert Davis	7	19	26
North/NE	University Heights Plaza	6	4	10

UCT Neighborhood	Location Name	# of Actions Q1 2026	# of Actions Q2 2026	2026 # of Actions
North/NE	Interurban Trail from N 128th St to N 125th St	0	3	3
North/NE	Cowen Park	1	3	4
North/NE	NE 52nd St from 12th Ave NE to 11th Ave NE	0	2	2
North/NE	NE 50th St & 7th Ave NE / City ROW	0	2	2
North/NE	Viewlands Trailhead Access to Carkeek Park	0	2	2
North/NE	Midvale Ave N and N 107th St Vicinity	0	2	2
North/NE	33rd Ave NE from NE 130th St and NE 125th St	3	2	5
Northwest	NW 57th St from 20th Ave NW to 22nd Ave NW	6	25	31
Northwest	Cherry St between 6th Ave & 7th Ave	23	25	48
Northwest	Ballard Commons Park	3	13	16
Northwest	3rd Ave from Blanchard to Lenora St	6	11	17
Northwest	2nd Ave from Blanchard St to Lenora St	9	7	16
Southeast	Sturgus Park	0	15	15
Southeast	Daejeon Park	0	8	8
Southeast	Lewis Park	0	6	6
Southeast	27th Ave S and S Hanford St Vicinity	0	5	5
Southeast	S Winthrop St from MLK Jr Way S to 27th Ave S	3	4	7
Southwest	Airport Way and Maynard Ave S	25	33	58
Southwest	Occidental Square	56	27	83
Southwest	S Dearborn St from Maynard Ave S to 6th Ave S	63	25	88

UCT Neighborhood	Location Name	# of Actions Q1 2026	# of Actions Q2 2026	2026 # of Actions
Southwest	City Hall Park	50	24	74
Southwest	4th Ave from S Washington St to James St	50	24	74

Outreach Coordination

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

- Sixty-one percent of referrals to shelter or housing in the second quarter of 2026 resulted in confirmed enrollments in those shelters, six percentage points higher than 2025. Confirmed enrollments have consistently gone up quarter over quarter since the neighborhood outreach model was implemented in January of 2025—indicating that dedicated geographical relationship building results in better service matching.
- On average, there were 8.2 set-aside shelter beds available on weekdays, and 2.8 on weekends in the second quarter of 2026. Weekend availability is specifically to congregate shelter beds, while weekday availability includes both congregate and single occupancy units. In Q2 2025 there were only 4.2 shelter beds available on average. This daily availability has increased due to existing shelters relocating and reopening and new shelters coming online over the past year – including LIHI's Rosie's village, CCS Junction Point shelter, Salvation Army William Booth Center non-congregate beds, and PDA Olympic Hills village.
- The Southwest region continues to have the highest numbers of offers, which aligns with it also having the highest numbers of removals.
- The two most common reasons people turned down shelter are wanting permanent housing and wanting an individual unit (rather than a communal space). These two reasons have consistently been the same year over year since we began tracking this data in 2023.
- In the second quarter of 2026, there were 10 referrals to permanent housing through Coordinated Entry as a result of collaborative neighborhood outreach efforts. In the first quarter of 2026 there were six referrals to permanent housing.

Figure 11: Offers of Shelter

Specific offers of available shelter extended to unsheltered individuals.

UCT Neighborhood	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	2026 YTD
Northwest	726	631	1,357
North/NE	266	363	629
Southwest	1,033	1,145	2,178
Southeast	549	685	1,234
Central	214	274	488
Citywide	**2,788**	**3,098**	**5,886**

Figure 12: Offers Accepted and Referral Made

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

UCT Neighborhood	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	2026 YTD
Northwest	146	127	273
North/NE	112	85	197
Southwest	136	130	266
Southeast	106	112	218
Central	37	32	69
Citywide	**537**	**486**	**1,023**

Figure 13: Confirmed Shelter Enrollments[1]

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

UCT Neighborhood	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	2026 YTD
Northwest	91	81	172
North/NE	75	51	126
Southwest	86	82	168
Southeast	50	59	109
Central	35	25	60
Citywide	**337**	**298**	**635**

Figure 14: Provided Reasons for Declined Offers of Shelter

Provided Reason	Central	North/NE	Southwest	Southeast	Northwest	Citywide
Wants Permanent Housing	14	6	348	78	167	613
Does Not Want Communal Space	148	92	153	101	22	516
Wants Placement with Partner/Family/Friends	24	56	127	111	74	392
Unable/Unwilling to Engage with HSD Staff	18	46	16	70	15	165
Reports Having Housing/Shelter	9	1	63	48	44	165
Does Not Want Offered Shelter	5	27	13	12	77	134

[1] 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.

Provided Reason	Central	North/NE	Southwest	Southeast	Northwest	Citywide
Needs Mental Health Resources	3	2	28	17	28	78
Desired Shelter Not available	1	3	36	7	3	50
Pets Not Allowed	2	11	2	12	7	34
Vehicle/RV Related Issue	1	3	0	17	7	28
Uncertain/Wants Time to Consider/Follow Up	0	6	2	15	2	25
Barred	1	1	15	6	1	24
Reports Plans to Leave City in the Near Future	0	0	11	5	6	22
Needs Recovery Resources	0	0	16	5	1	22
Shelter Location	0	7	0	1	10	18
History of Negative Experience with Shelter	0	3	1	5	2	11
Not eligible for desired shelter	0	6	1	2	1	10
Unwilling to Engage in Program Expectations	4	1	0	2	2	9
Doesn’t Want to be Alone/Away from Community	0	1	1	0	5	7
Storage Issue	0	0	0	0	3	3
Shelter available is not ADA accessible	0	0	1	0	2	3
Other	0	2	0	0	2	4
Unknown	12	4	181	59	23	279
TOTAL	**242**	**278**	**1,015**	**573**	**504**	**2,612**

Figure 15: Demographics of Referred People – Gender

Referral Demographics	Northwest	North/NE	Southwest	Southeast	Central	Citywide
Male	90	51	98	79	10	328
Female	31	29	27	31	6	124
Trans Female	0	1	0	0	1	2
Trans Male	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Not Collected	6	4	5	2	15	32
Refused	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	**127**	**85**	**130**	**112**	**32**	**486**

Figure 16: Demographics of Referred People – Race

Referral Demographics	Northwest	North/NE	Southwest	Southeast	Central	Citywide
American Indian or Alaska Native	5	2	2	6	0	15
Asian	0	0	1	1	0	2
Black/African American	34	15	37	30	3	119
White/Caucasian	65	34	41	39	11	190
Multiracial	7	2	8	5	0	22
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0	0	4	1	0	5
Hispanic/Latino	5	2	3	14	1	25

Referral Demographics	Northwest	North/NE	Southwest	Southeast	Central	Citywide
Data Not Collected	11	30	34	16	17	108
TOTAL	**127**	**85**	**130**	**112**	**32**	**486**

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 the second quarter of 2026, UCT completed fewer site cleanings than in the second quarter of 2025, but more than the second quarter of 2024.
    - Central saw the largest decrease in site cleanings compared to the second quarter of last year. This reflects a return to normal after the focus on South Capitol Hill last summer caused an increase in the number of cleanings.
- Of the five top community reporting areas for quantity of debris removed, three (Duwamish/SODO, Highland Park, and North Delridge) are in the Southwest neighborhood. The other two are in Southeast (North Beacon Hill/Jefferson Park) and Northwest (Ballard).
- The shower trailer in the Southeast at 2901 17th Ave was demobilized in 2026.

Figure 17: Site Cleaning Visits

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

UCT Neighborhood	Q1 Weekday	Q1 Weekend	Q2 Weekday	Q2 Weekend	2026 YTD
Northwest	1,081	251	1,117	217	2,666
North/NE	537	174	578	89	1,378
Southwest	1,678	427	1,573	278	3,956
Southeast	919	141	740	125	1,925
Central	711	95	384	4	1,194
Citywide	**4,926**	**1,088**	**4,392**	**713**	**11,119**

Figure 18: Pounds of Debris Collected

Estimated pounds of debris collected during site cleanings.

UCT Neighborhood	Q1 Weekday	Q1 Weekend	Q2 Weekday	Q2 Weekend	2026 YTD
Northwest	188,332	30,805	153,737	20,837	393,711
North/NE	82,551	16,999	47,798	10,180	157,528
Southwest	388,750	137,348	416,986	156,160	1,099,244
Southeast	202,412	32,390	180,930	27,080	442,812
Central	58,854	9,411	41,897	400	110,562
Citywide	**920,899**	**226,953**	**841,348**	**214,657**	**2,203,857**

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 Q2 2026
1. Duwamish/SODO	256,755
2. Highland Park	148,715
3. North Beacon Hill/Jefferson Park	108,360
4. Ballard	85,737
5. North Delridge	66,786
Total	666,353

Figure 20: Public Health and Hygiene

Providing shower trailers contributes to promoting cleaner community spaces. Shower trailers were located at the following sites during Q2 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.

UCT Neighborhood	Locations with a city-sponsored shower trailers
Northwest	• 157 Roy Street (shower trailer & hygiene station)
North/NE	• None at this time
Southwest	• 9701 Myers Way S, Camp Second Chance (shower trailer for residents only)
Southeast	• None at this time
Central	• None at this time

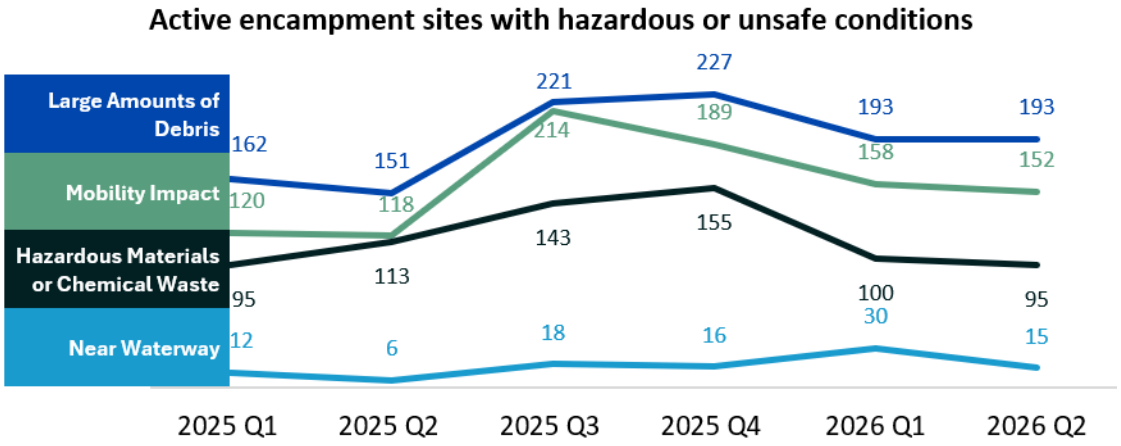
Figure 21: Number of active encampment sites where hazardous and unsafe conditions are identified, such as hazardous materials, large amounts of debris, mobility impacts, and proximity to waterways as of the last Friday of each quarter in 2026.

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
Hazardous materials	158	152
Large amounts of debris	193	193

Conditions	Q1	Q2
Mobility impacts	100	95
Near a waterway	30	15

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.

- Encampment fires are five percent lower in the first six months of 2026 compared to the first six months of 2025. Warmer weather in winter 2026 may have contributed to an overall decrease in encampment fires.
    - Encampment fires declined in Northwest, Northeast, and Southwest compared to the same months last year.
    - There were 59 percent more encampment fires in Southeast in the first six months of 2026 than there were in 2025 (145 in 2026 compared to 91 in 2025).
    - On a longer timeline, there were 16 percent fewer encampment fires in first six months of 2026 compared to 2024 and 46 percent fewer than the first six months of 2023.
- Medical response calls are 18 percent lower in the first six months of 2026 compared to the first six months of 2025.
    - Calls declined in every neighborhood compared to the first six months of 2025.
    - On a longer timeline, there were 20 percent fewer EMS calls in first six months of 2026 compared to 2024 and 26 percent fewer than the first six months of 2023.
- There were 24 percent more shots fired with a homelessness nexus in the first six months of 2026 (26 compared to 21).
    - The number of shots fired declined in Northwest compared to the first six months of 2025 and rose in all other neighborhoods. Since the number of shots fired with a homelessness nexus is typically a low number, this uptick could be normal variation in the data or could indicate the start of a broader trend.
    - On a longer timeline, there were 13 percent more shots fired in first six months of 2026 compared to 2024 and 16 percent fewer than the first six months of 2023.
- UCT's field staff speculated that fewer calls to 911 (for emergency medical services, the fire department, or otherwise) may not correspond to a safer environment for campers. Encampment residents may avoid calling 911 to avoid bringing additional attention to their location, especially if they are camping at remote sites. Field staff believe that many crimes against encampment residents are unreported.

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.

UCT Neighborhood	Q1	Q2	2026 YTD
Northwest	731	711	1,442
North/NE	382	352	734
Southwest	521	434	955
Southeast	458	493	951
Central	307	332	639
Citywide	**2,408**	**2,322**	**4,730**

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.

UCT Neighborhood	Q1	Q2	2026 YTD
Northwest	42	30	72
North/NE	17	8	25
Southwest	62	32	94
Southeast	92	53	145
Central	23	18	41
Citywide	**236**	**141**	**377**

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.

UCT Neighborhood	Q1	Q2	2026 YTD
Northwest	0	2	2
North/NE	1	4	5
Southwest	4	3	7
Southeast	1	8	9
Central	2	1	3
Citywide	**8**	**18**	**26**

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 through activation using cross-departmental collaboration. Each location requires multiple phases of work over a period of many months.

Location	Neighborhood	Actions
6th Ave S & S Massachusetts St	SODO	Landscaped right-of-way with landscape boulders adjacent to Sound Transit Pedestrian Path. Partners include Sound Transit and SODO Business Improvement Association (BIA)
8th Ave S & S Holgate St	SODO	Re-landscaped chronically encamped parking strip with new landscape boulders. Partners include Goodwill Industries and SODO BIA.
4th Ave S & S Holgate St	SODO	Enhanced existing landscape along parking strip. Partners include SODO BIA.
Utah Ave S & S Holgate St	SODO	Installed pedestrian pathway and landscape boulders to improve walkability and general mobility. Partners include SODO BIA.
Utah Ave S & S Massachusetts	SODO	Re-landscaped shoulder space with landscape boulders. Partners include SODO BIA.

Location	Neighborhood	Actions
Elliot Bay Bike Trail	SODO	Re-placed existing quarry spall with new material. Partners include SODO BIA.

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.

UCT Neighborhood	Q1 Weekday	Q1 Weekend	Q2 Weekday	Q2 Weekend	2026 YTD
Northwest	134	28	197	42	401
North/NE	36	12	60	15	123
Southwest	272	97	193	48	610
Southeast	60	15	47	30	152
Central	55	6	80	3	144
Citywide	**557**	**158**	**577**	**138**	**1,430**