

PDNA Northrup Shelter Oversight Committee

DATA ANALYSIS March 2026

- This analysis is based primarily on data from PPB Open Data.
- Source screens of relevant data are displayed and/or are available to all on the PPB dashboard.
- Important to note: The Northrup Shelter started operation in September and its peak usage to date was 155 on Dec. 28, 2025.

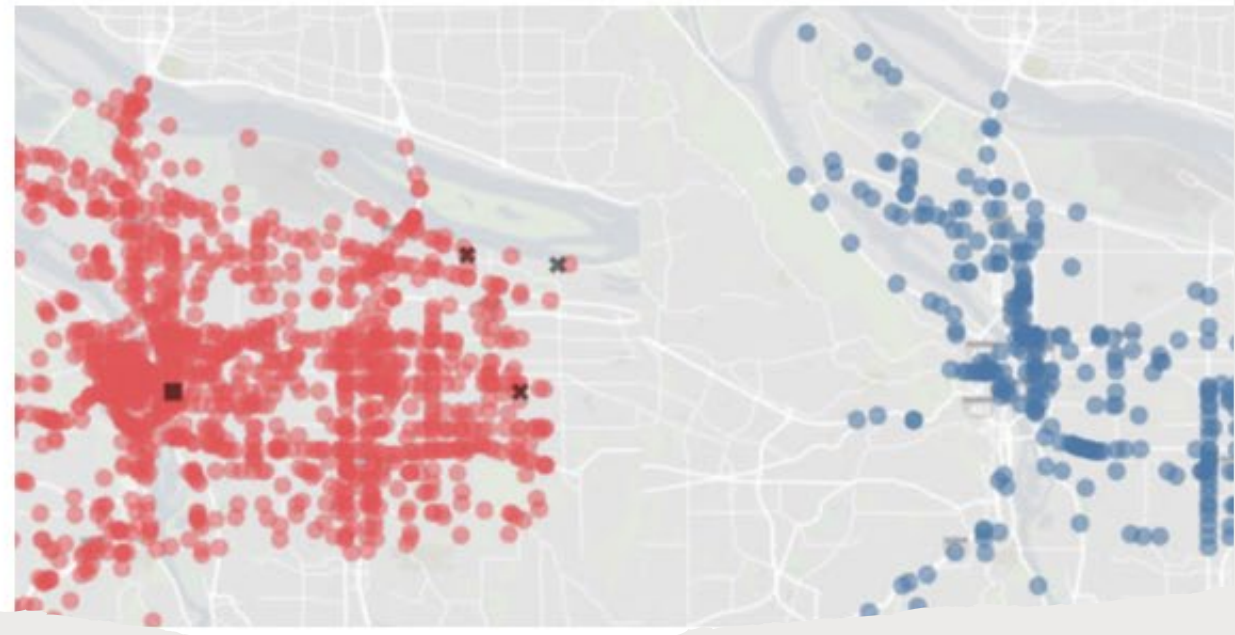
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PPB Open Data

Program Public Safety

Datasources from the Portland Police Bureau



Methodology and Focus

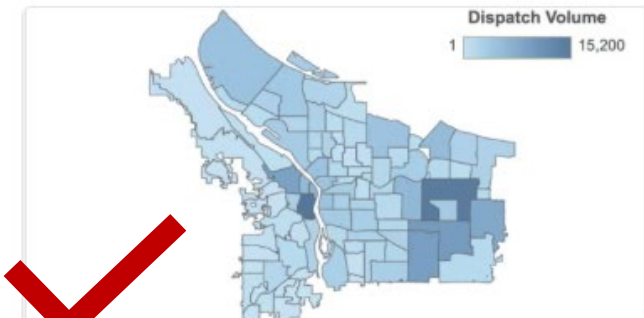
This analysis uses data from 4 sources:

1. PPB Open Data on Reported Crimes
2. PPB Open Data Dashboard of Dispatched 911/311 Calls
3. The PDNA Livability Reporting Issues Inbox
4. The NWCC home-page data charts

Analyzing 8 Years of PPB Data on the Pearl District



Portland Police Reported Crime Data



Police Dispatched Calls Dashboard

PPB Reported Crime Data

in the Pearl: Pre- and Post-Shelter

When we compare the Pearl's reported crimes during the period of Sept2024-Feb2025 (no shelter) with the same 6-month period from Sept2025-Feb2026 (shelter operating):

- Total Person crimes in the Pearl show an increase of 60%.
- Total Society crimes show an increase in the Pearl of 79%.
- Total Property crimes show an increase in the Pearl of 6%.



Up 60%

Person Crimes

- Assault: Aggravated
- Assault: Simple/Intimidation
- Homicide
- Human Trafficking Offenses
- Kidnapping/Abduction
- Sex Offenses
- Vehicular Manslaughter



Up 79%

Society Crimes

- Drug Offenses
- Prostitution Offenses
- Weapon Law Violations
- Other Society Offenses



Up 6%

Property Crimes

Arson, Burglary, Vandalism, Theft, Larceny, etc.

PPB Reported Crime Data:

Comparing % Change to the City in the Same Period

Person Crimes

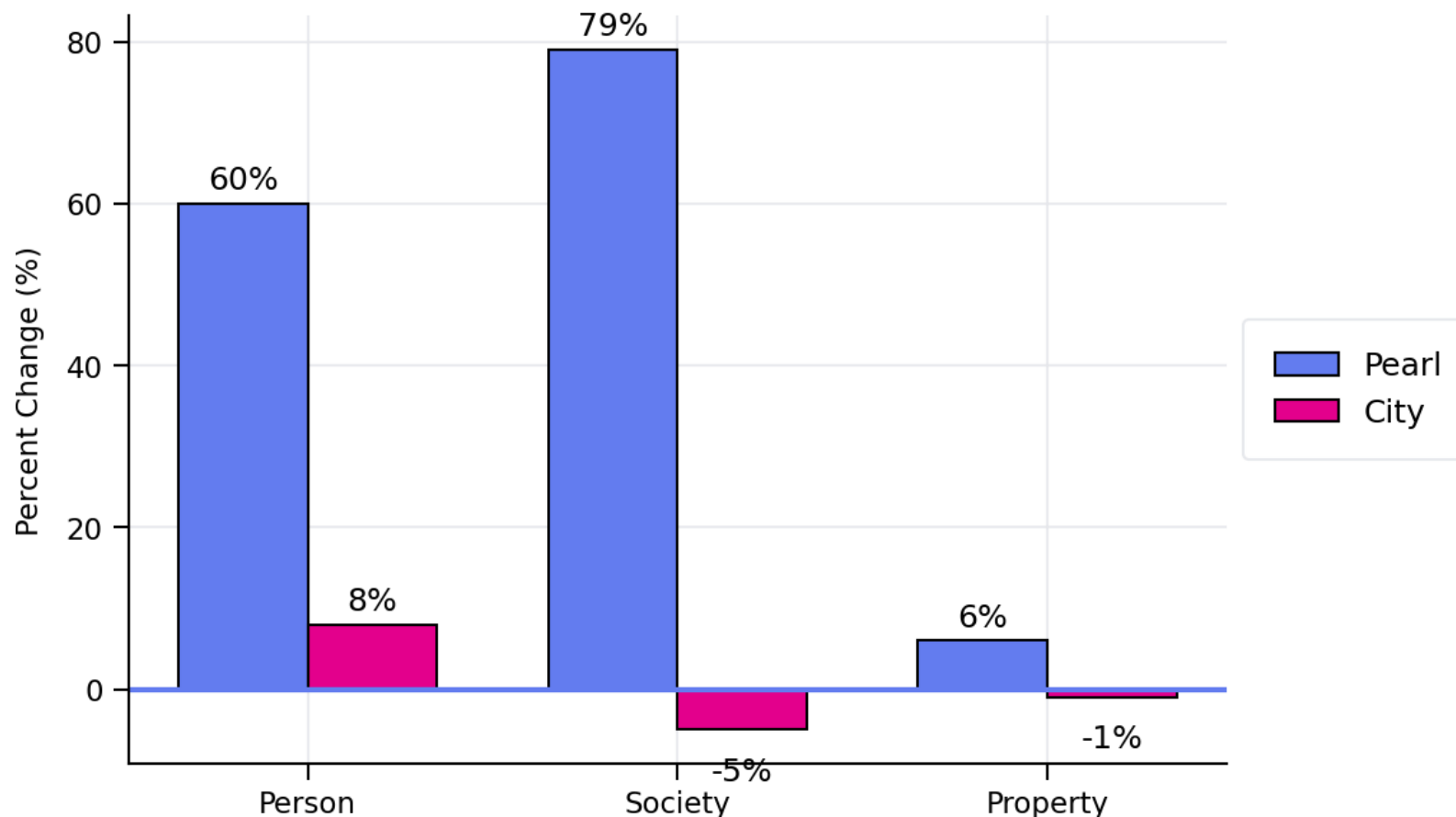
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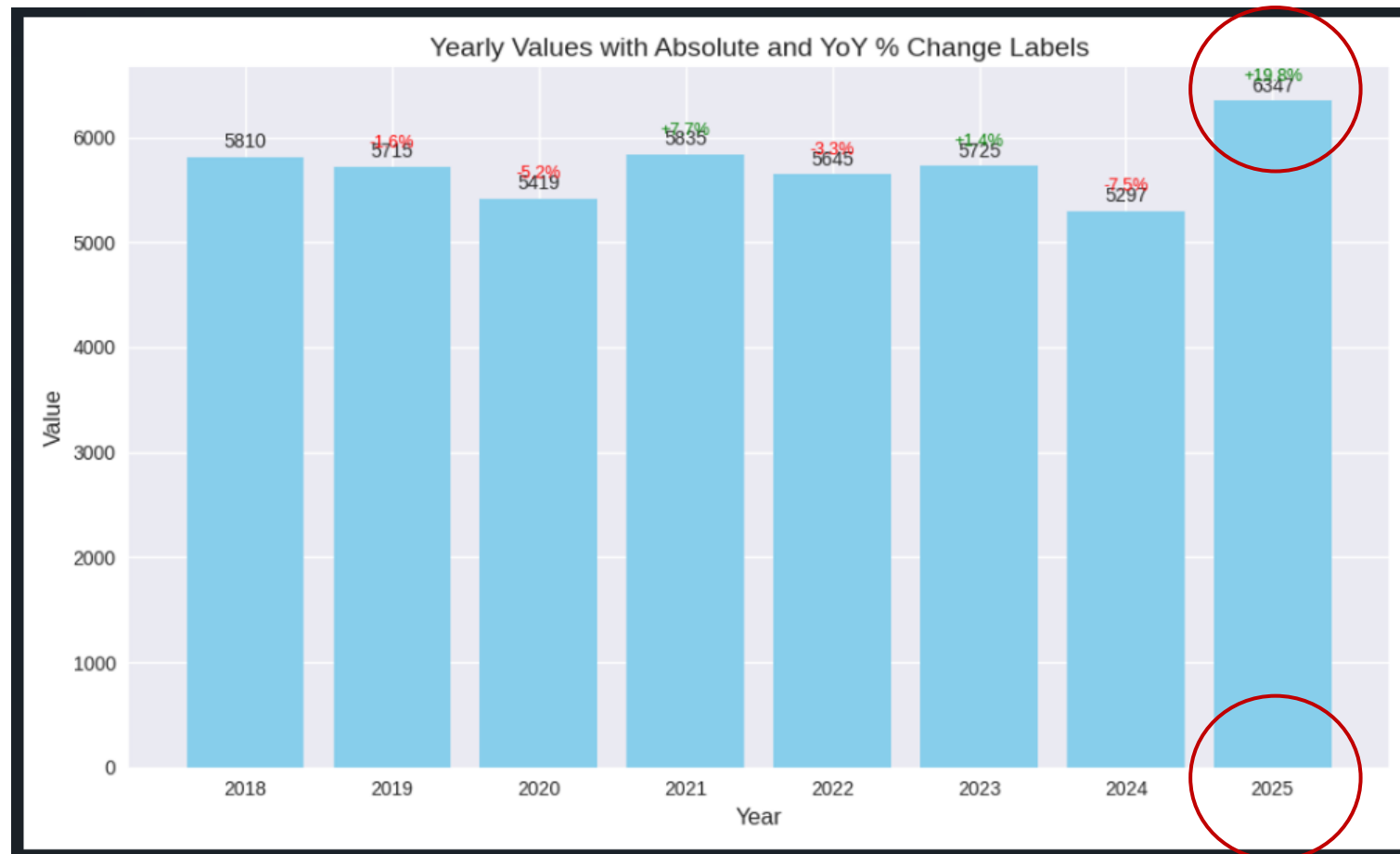
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Total Number of Dispatched 911 and 311 Calls in the Pearl

From 2018 to 2024, the total number of dispatched 911 and 311 non-emergency calls in the Pearl were consistently in the range between 5,297 and 5,835.

In 2025, calls jumped almost 20%, to **6,347**.



How the Pearl Trend Compared to the Whole City

From 2024 to 2025, 911 and 311 dispatched call volume in the Pearl grew almost **four times faster** than the city overall, highlighting a disproportionately sharp increase in demand within the Pearl.

Area	2024	2025	% Change
Pearl	5,297	6,347	19.8%
Citywide	209,321	221,389	5.8%

Taking One Sample Month: Pearl Trend Compared to the Whole City

In October 2025 (2nd month of operation of the shelter), call volume in the Pearl surged by 21.7% compared to October 2024, while the city overall saw just a 1.6% increase in the same month year-over-year—a striking divergence that highlights localized issues in the Pearl at the time of year.

Calls	Oct. 2024	Oct. 2025	% Change
Pearl	460	560	21.7%
Citywide	18,344	18,644	1.6%

The Total Number of Dispatched 911 and 311 Calls in 2025 in the Pearl

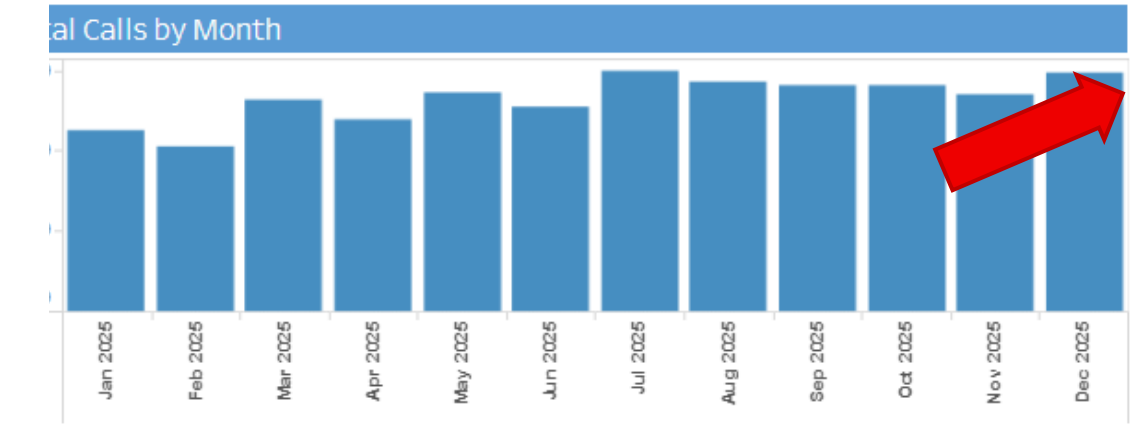
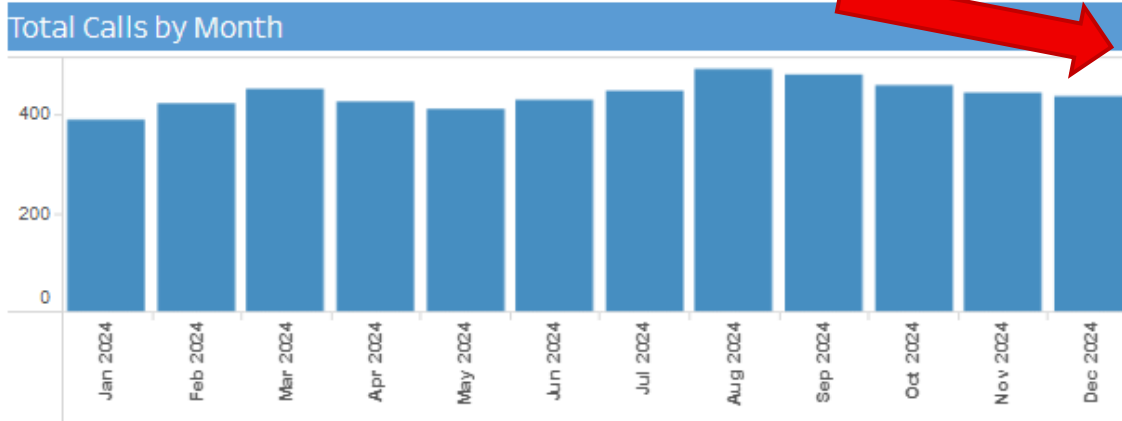
In all of 2025, the total number of dispatched calls in the Pearl – including both 911 and 311 – was 6,347.

Calls peaked in the summer, and then had mostly flat or uneven results in August through November, with two months slightly up, and two months slightly down.

The year concluded with an atypical jump in December. *The shelter was installed in September 2025, hit its peak usage in December 2025, and by year-end positioned the Pearl as a destination center for homelessness.*



Annual Pearl Trends by Month & Trimester



The graph of 2024 shows the typical trend line in the Pearl in recent years – calls peak in the summer, then decline by year-end. The graph of 2025 shows the anomaly – minimal declines or flat in the fall, leading to an exceptional rise of 20% in December, which coincides with peak usage numbers at the Northrup Shelter.

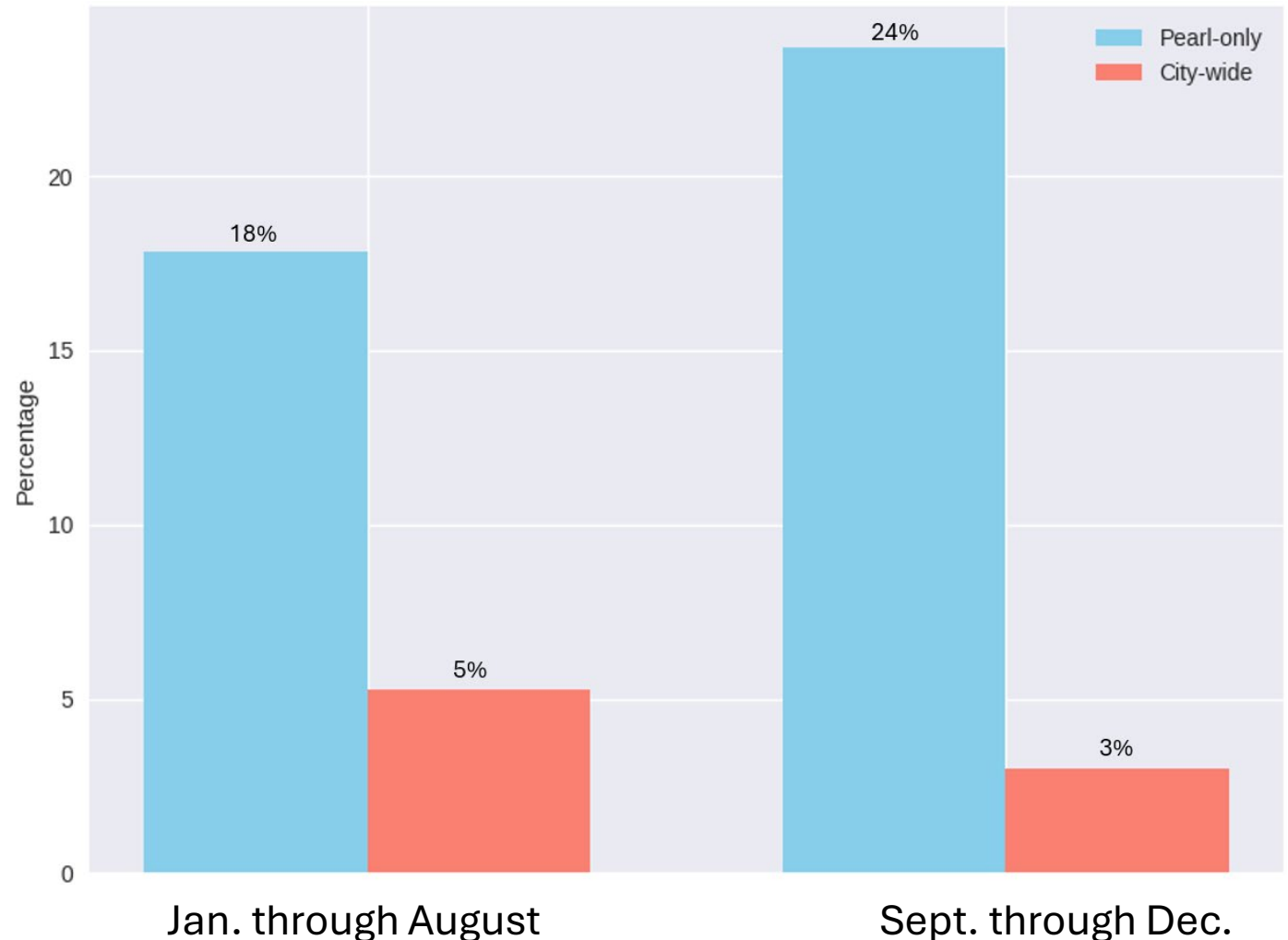
More relevant: It was the 4th month of operation of the large shelter, solidifying the Pearl’s “status” as a magnet for homeless-related activity.

Comparing Pre-Shelter Dispatched 911 and 311 Calls from 2024 to 2025 to Post-Shelter Call Volume in the Same Periods

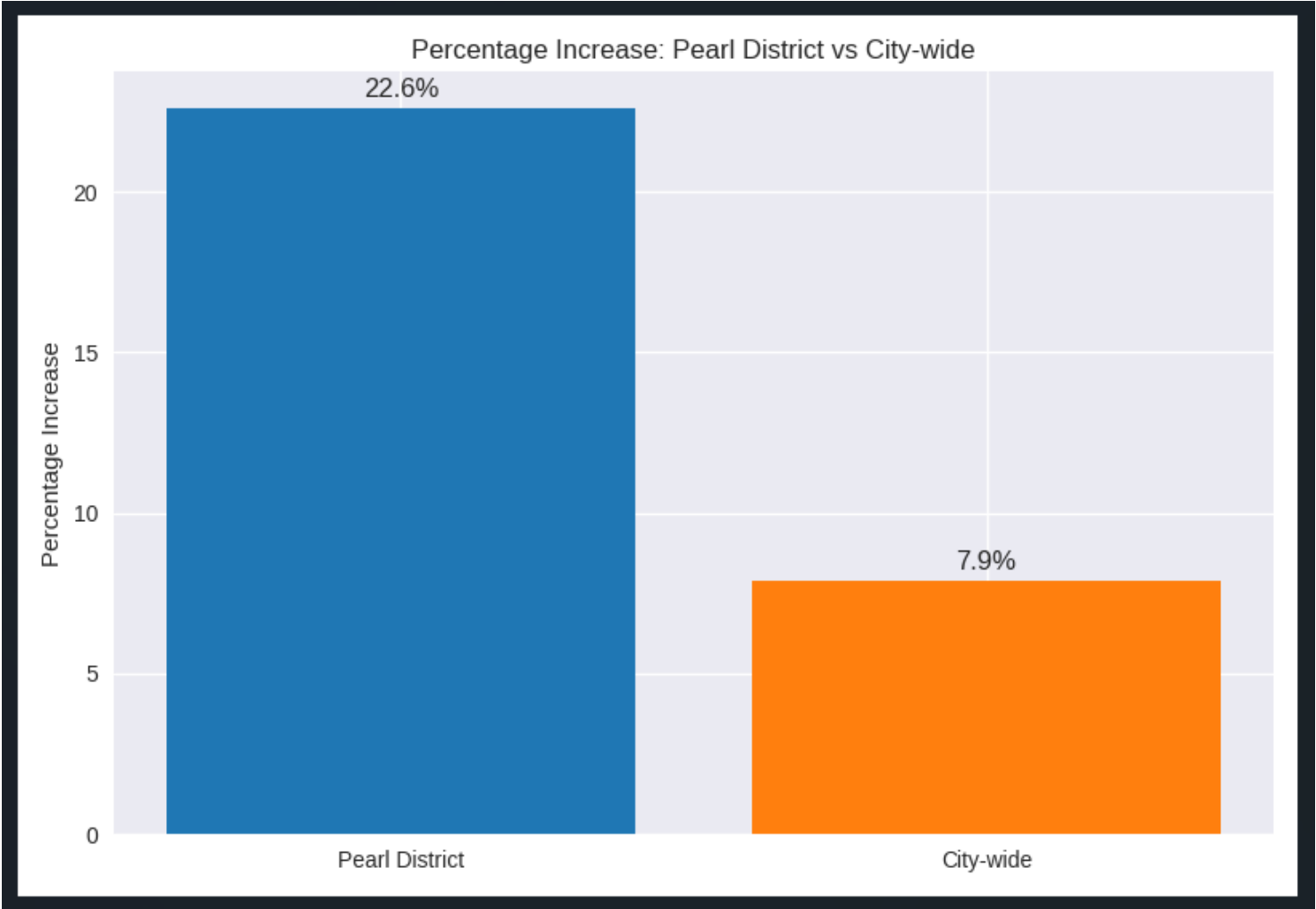
In the first eight months of 2025, dispatched 911/311 calls in the Pearl increased about 18% over 2024, versus a growth of 5% for the overall city, in the same period of eight months.

But in the first 4 months of the shelter's operation, calls in the Pearl increased 24%. Note that, across the city as a whole, in the same period of Sept-Dec, calls increased just 3% in the final four months of 2025 versus the same period of time in 2024.

911/311 Call Volume Growth from 2024 to 2025
In the Pearl Compared to the Overall City



911/311 Call Volume Increase - Looking at the Pearl's percentage increase in total 911 and 311 calls, compared to the City-wide increase, during February 2026 compared to the previous February.



More Recently: Comparing the Pearl Trends versus City Trends for February 2026 versus 2025 (Same Month)

Comparing JUST the February year-to-year trends for 2025 to 2026: Dispatched calls in the overall city rose 7.9% while calls in specifically in the Pearl rose by 22.6%.

Calls	Feb. 2025	Feb. 2026	% Change
Pearl	412	505	22.6%
Citywide	15,501	16,732	7.9%

Looking at the PDNA's Livability-Issue Reporting Gmail Account

Between 9/1/2025 to 3/19/2026, there have been 2,050 emails about livability issues. **The average is 72 per week over the full period.**



Taking one sample month: PPB tallied 560 dispatched 911/311 calls in the Pearl in Oct. 2025. In the same month, the PDNA livability inbox received 366 emails. There is no doubt overlap, but in any event, both numbers are high.

Drug use
Car Break-in
Trespassing
Camping
Graffiti
Loitering
Vandalism
Menacing
Fire
Trash
Feces
Drugs
Mental Crisis
Parks abuse
Streetcar abuse

1.) **Camps** - After Reporting, just Yesterday, that the Chainlink Fencing had been repaired, along the NW Davis Cul de Sac, today, on (01/19/26), the Chainlink Fence Repairs around the ODOT Property, have, once again, been cut through in at least three (3) locations, and Campers are occupying the ODOT Property. Still Open & Occupied (02/02/26).

2.) **Loitering & Panhandling** - This Morning, (02/02/26 @ 11:00 AM), there was a Person, down on the City Sidewalk, asking passersby for Money at the Corner of NW Couch Street & NW 12th Avenue.

3.) **Loitering, Panhandling & Disorderly Senior** - On, (02/02/26 @ 10:00 AM), there was a Person, down on the City Sidewalk, asking passersby for Money at the Corner of NW Couch Street & NW 11th Avenue. While doing so, he had turned a gas can over and set it on fire, and was washing & dismantling it.

4.) **Tent** - This Morning, (02/02/26), there was a Tent, newly erected, on NW Couch Street between NW 10th Avenue & NW 11th Avenue.

5.) **Person Down & Out** - This Morning, (02/02/26 @ 10:45 AM), there was a Person Down & Out, washing & yelling, at NW Everett Street & NW Couch Street.

6.) **Person Down & Out** - On, (02/02/26 @ 11:50 AM), there was a Person Down & Out (completely passed-out), at NW Couch Street & NW 13th Avenue.

7.) **Down & Out** - This Morning, (02/02/26 @ 11:00 AM), there was a Person Down & Out at 959 NW Couch Street.

8.) **Down & Out** - On, (02/02/26 @ 11:00 AM), there was a Person Down & Out on the City Sidewalk at 900, NW 10th Avenue, adjacent to the Residential Building Entrance, at NW Lovejoy Street & NW 10th Avenue.

9.) **Tent** - This Morning, (02/02/26 @ 11:00 AM), There was a Person using a Silver Space Blanket as a Tent Shelter on the stepped, concrete blocks of the Jamison Park Water Feature Fountain...had most likely slept there overnight. I have reported this previously. This was the second time I reported this (02/02/26 @ 3:15 PM), this person was still there at this same location, had not moved.

10.) **Person Down & Out** - On (02/02/26 @ 1:00 PM), there was a Person Down & Out & completely passed out, on the sidewalk on the Eastern Boundary of Jamison Park, directly across NW 10th Avenue from the Entrance to the Pearl Court Residential Building, between NE Johnson Street & the NW Parkway Pedestrian Walk-through, on the Northern Boundary of Jamison Park.

11.) **Person Down & Out** - This Afternoon, (02/02/26 @ 3:18 PM), There was a Person Down & Out at Mid-Block of NW Marshall Street, between NW 14th Avenue & NW 15th Avenue, just West of 1417 NW Marshall Street.

12.) **Loitering, Drinking & Down & Out** - On, (02/02/26 @ 3:20 PM), there were Two (2) People, Loitering & drinking & down & out, in the area of the Building on Corner of NW 14th Avenue & NW Lovejoy Street, just South of 1025 NW 14th Avenue & NW Lovejoy Street, on the NW corner of the building at NW Lovejoy Building.

13.) **Graffiti/Vandalism** - On, (02/02/26 @ 11:00 AM), there was a person painting "No Parking" and graffiti, vandalizing & obscuring the "BASCO No Parking" Sign, directly across from 1427 NW Davis Street. Still there (02/02/26).

14.) **Graffiti** - On, (01/02/26), there is new "Silver" Graffiti on the recently installed, Metal Service Door into the Concrete, Telephone Equipment Building across (East) from the "Downtown Self Storage Building, adjacent to the intersection of NW 13th Avenue & NW Johnson Street. Still there (02/02/26).

15.) **Vandalism and Fire** - On, (01/11/26), there is vandalism, caused by a person, on the second, wooden bench on the second wooden bench in from and East of the Intersection of NW Johnson Street & NW 11th Avenue. The destruction of the bench is caused by someone sitting on this wooden bench. It is ridiculous for such vindictive destruction to be happening in what was, not many months ago, say September, 2025, a beautiful, green, clean Park within the Pearl District...one where Residents & Visitors could safely & confidently bring their Children & Grandchildren...no more...it is, now simply NOT the same. The Bench is Burnt by some acceleration, (02/02/26) the same, (02/02/26).

16.) **Person Standing in Middle of the City Street** - This Afternoon, (02/02/26 @ 3:50 PM), there was a Man just frozen & standing in the Middle of NW 15th Avenue, at the intersection with NW Lovejoy Street. He had an angry, befuddled, confused look on his face. I watched him stand motionless there for quite a while. When I asked him if he needed help, there was no response, no change in his expression.

17.) **Down & Out** - On, (02/01/26 @ 1:59 PM), this was a MESS...there were Feces (Feces) on the ground in a Building adjacent to the Entrance of the Apartment Building on NW 15th Avenue, between NW Marshall Street & NW Lovejoy Street, on the NW corner of the building at NW Lovejoy Building, against the Building wall, and one was undressing himself in Public. Trash, a lot of Trash, was scattered & strewn all around this location, as well as bedding material & food residue and many other miscellaneous discarded items. What a mess!

18.) **Drug & Alcohol Abuse** - This Morning, (02/02/26 @ 11:00 AM), there was a Person, down on the City Sidewalk, asking passersby for Money at the Corner of NW Couch Street & NW 12th Avenue. While doing so, he had turned a gas can over and set it on fire, and was washing & dismantling it.

19.) **Trash** - On, (02/02/26), there was a very large cardboard box discarded at the Intersection of NW 15th Avenue & NW Everett Street.

20.) **Trash** - This Afternoon, (02/02/26), there was discarded clothing in the Roadway at the Intersection of NW 14th Avenue & NW Everett Street.

ODOT Property Tent Encampments, Trash Reports, Graffiti and Open Drug Use

21.) **Camps** - After Reporting, just Yesterday, that the Chainlink Fencing had been repaired, along the NW Davis Cul de Sac, Today, on (01/19/26), the Chainlink Fence Repairs around the ODOT Property, have, once again, been cut through in at least three (3) locations, and Campers are occupying the ODOT Property. Still Open & Occupied (02/02/26).

22.) **Tent (Please Pay Attention to the Tent)** - On, (02/02/26), there was a new erected Tent at the Intersection of NW Glisan Street & NW 15th Avenue on the ODOT Property, located NW 15th Avenue, just South of the Entrance to the Pearl Court Residential Building. This Tent was erected on the NW corner of the building at NW Lovejoy Building, against the Building wall, and one was undressing himself in Public. Trash, a lot of Trash, was scattered & strewn all around this location, as well as bedding material & food residue and many other miscellaneous discarded items. What a mess!

NWCC Data

Northwest Community Conservancy data covers from March 2025 to present.

When we compare the 6 months prior to the shelter opening in 2025 with the 4 months it was opened at the end of 2025, the average number of calls to NWCC increased by 24% after the shelter opening.

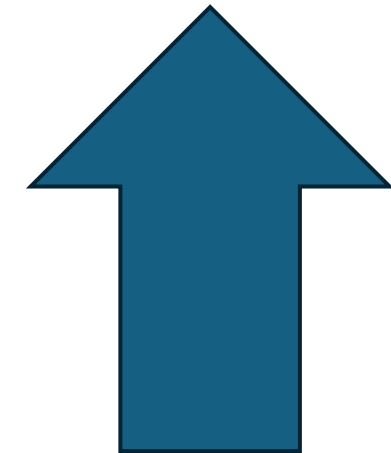
Interestingly, the NWCC data shows that a range of specific property crimes increased 27% in the last 4 months of the year, compared to the 6 months prior to the shelter opening.



Total NWCC hotline calls
24% Increase
After Shelter Opens



Increase of incidents in specific categories: Burglary, Larceny, Vehicle Theft & Other Property Crimes –
27% increase



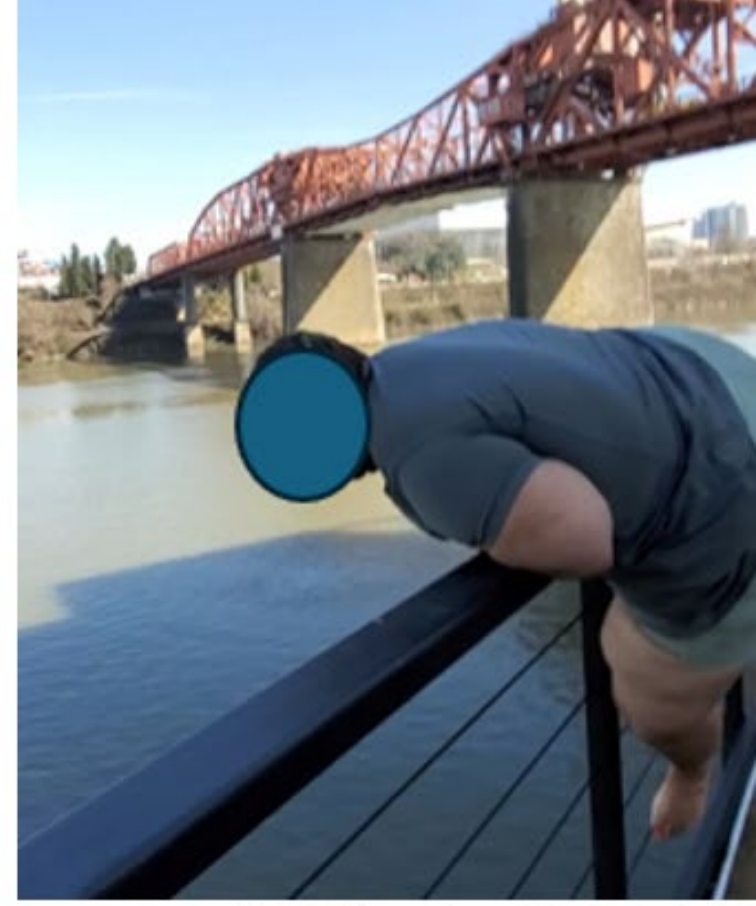
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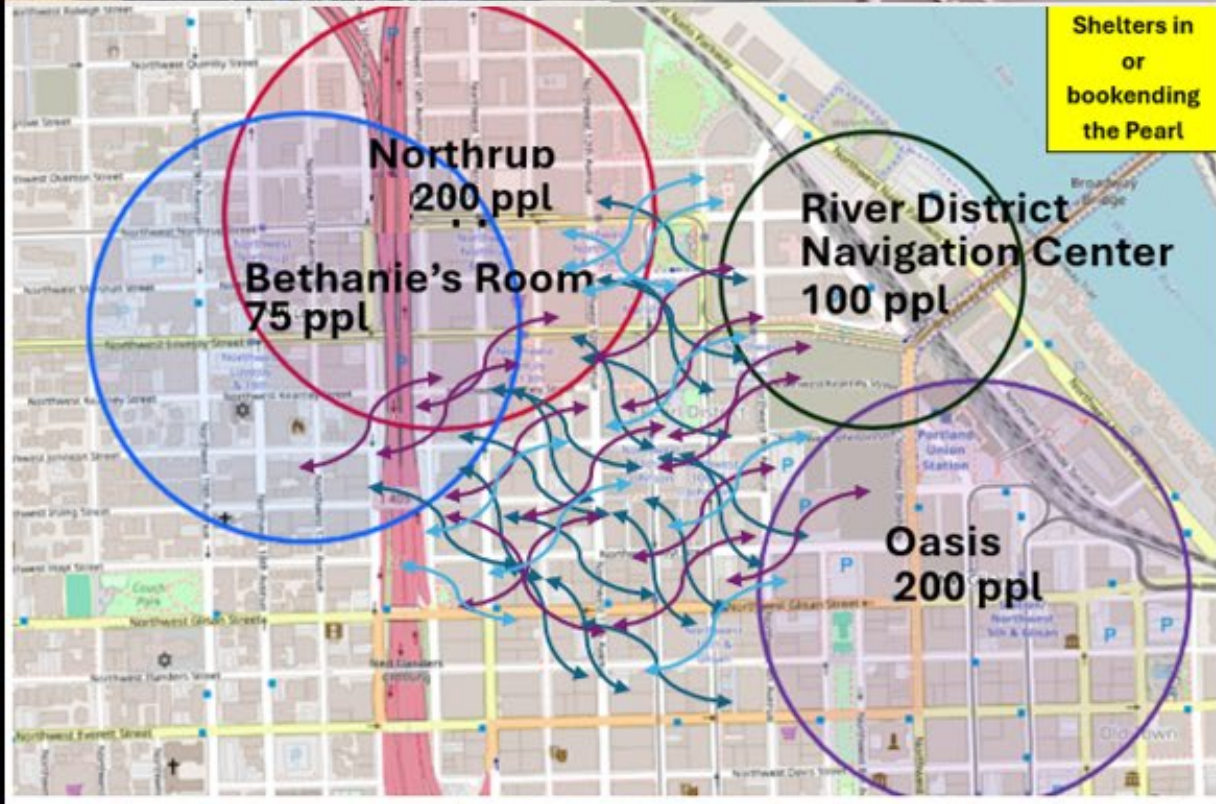
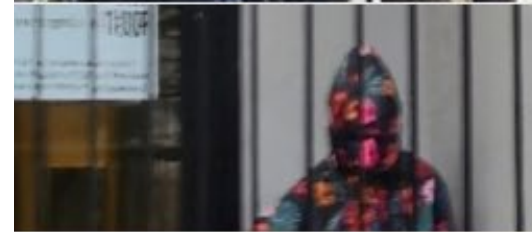
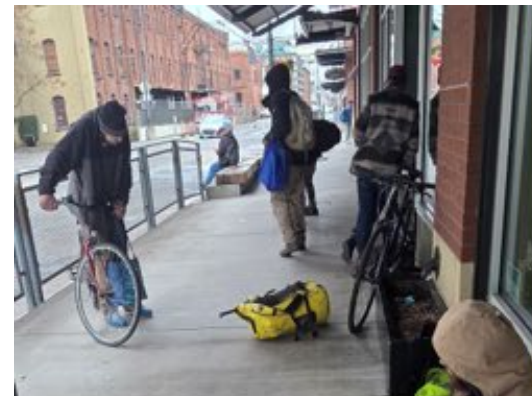
Does the presence of an adequate number of shelter beds translate to a reduction in outside sleeping -- as promised at the July 2025 town hall meeting?

On Feb. 6, 2026, there were **62 people** living *outside* in the Pearl proper between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. There were plenty of beds at the shelter, but many chose not to use it.



Livability, safety and security issues are reported by concerned Pearl residents. The reports are of persons with acute issues – **mental illness and substance abuse issues** – who are drawn to the Pearl now that it is a nexus for homeless shelters and services, with the high capacity, low barrier Northrup shelter being the primary magnet.





The introduction of a high-capacity, low-barrier overnight shelter—without adequate mitigation of its foreseeable neighborhood impacts—has resulted in a significant and measurable increase in livability and public safety issues. This trend is clearly reflected in reported crime data and 911/311 call volumes across all three crime categories: person, property, and society crimes. The clustering of homeless services, anchored by the large-capacity shelter, is the catalyst for these developments. In just six months of operation, the situation has also generated an unprecedented level of community concern, evidenced by 2,050 resident emails submitted to the PDNA.

The Critical Failure

The low-barrier overnight shelter does not provide or facilitate essential triage, case management, or the coordinated continuum of services that vulnerable individuals urgently need. This structural failure undermines its stated mission to help people experiencing homelessness and instead shifts the consequences onto the surrounding neighborhood—eroding basic public safety and jeopardizing the Pearl District's viability for residents and businesses alike.

How the Residents Feel, as a Result:

“We need to have a stronger overall sense of **safety and security**.

This can only happen if it's supported by a **visible security presence**, along with continued city-led livability improvements.”

“We need to get foot traffic up if we want to spark a revival. But nobody's going to start visiting if they have to **fear for their lives**.”

“We must eliminate the **FEAR FACTOR** among prospective pedestrians, shoppers and business/employment prospects. That will not happen until **public safety** and **responsive, effective outreach resources** are applied to address the mental illness,

substance abuse problems, and **remove afflicted individuals from the public streets & sidewalks**, throughout the Pearl District. Until then, our streets and sidewalks will continue to be populated by individuals and groups who appear dangerous, unpredictable, unhealthy, intimidating and threatening.”



Addendum

This data is current as of March 19. Underlying data from sources is subject to minor updates over time.

These reports are updated frequently.

Email comments, suggestions, additions etc. to northrupshelter@gmail.com.

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