

August Report Pandemic-Era Hotel/Motel Housing Reporting

In accordance with Act 81 (2023)

The Big Picture (as of 8/28/2023)



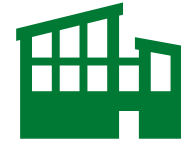
1,266

Number of households in the 6/30 cohort on June 30



929

Number of households in the 6/30 cohort on August 28



338

Number of households transitioned out of 6/30 cohort since July 1



\$135

Average nightly rate this week

Households in 6/30 Cohort By District

This is the current district data on all households in the GA Housing program as of 8/28/2023.

District	6/30 Cohort Households on 7/1	6/30 Cohort Households on 8/28
Barre	151	106
Bennington	134	105
Brattleboro	135	103
Burlington	256	196
Hartford	68	54
Middlebury	9	8
Morrisville	22	15
Newport	16	11
Rutland	314	236
Springfield	52	40
St. Albans	58	36
St. Johnsbury	35	19
Total:	1,250	929

Households in 6/30 Cohort By Size

This is the current district data on all households in the GA Housing program as of 8/28/2023.

Number of people in household:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	11	Total Sum of # of Adults	Total Sum of # of Children
Barre	50	24	18	9	<6	<6	<6	<6	143	72
Bennington	62	15	14	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	129	72
Brattleboro	81	10	6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	113	34
Burlington	117	36	23	11	<6	<6	<6	<6	244	112
Hartford	39	7	6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	63	18
Middlebury	6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	9	<6
Morrisville	13	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	16	<6
Newport	8	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	12	<6
Rutland	137	43	33	16	<6	<6	<6	<6	298	126
Springfield	20	15	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	55	13
St. Albans	27	6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	42	6
St. Johnsbury	9	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	25	18
Total:	569	161	113	50	19	14	1	1	1,149	480

Eligibility Category of Households

This is the current eligibility data on all households in the GA Housing program as of 8/28/2023.

Eligibility Category	6/30 Cohort Households
Age 60+	61
Disabled (SSI/SSDI)	511
Domestic Violence	35
Families with Children	224
Health Code Violations/Eviction	81
Natural Disaster (Fire, Flood, Hurricane)	4
Pregnant	13
	929

Notes: the [range of individuals in SSI/SSDI](#) crosses a range of acuity and health challenge– it can be mental health, chronic health condition, or a physical disability. However, everyone must have had a determination by the federal Social Security Administration.

6/30 Cohort Exit Reasons (as of 8/28)

Exit Reason	# HH
Long-term treatment	1 - 6
Moved into Apartment	49
Client Died	4
Exited for Misconduct	31
Housing other than Apartment	19
Incarcerated	2
Moved out of State	6
Non-Renewal [refused alternative housing, refused to pay 30% of income, did not respond to repeated proactive ESD outreach]	223
Period of Ineligibility	1 - 6
Total:	338
# of households that exited the 6/30 Cohort and have since returned to GA hotel housing	46

Households screened (as of 8/28)

District	Households screened	Households with a shared care plan
Barre	74	60
Bennington	69	56
Brattleboro	87	72
Burlington	120	49
Hartford	18	7
Middlebury	4	4
Morrisville	9	8
Newport	7	6
Rutland	174	64
Springfield	28	26
St. Albans	20	15
St. Johnsbury	18	16
Total:	628	383

Screening and Care Management

Agency of Human Services cross-departmental teams began working with households in the hotels/motels in October 2022.

Many of the households originally screened or with shared care plans are no longer in the hotel/motel system.

In order to supplement AHS staff and ensure timely screening and care planning, AHS contracted with Rescue Inc. They started screening clients on July 19.

A contract with TempSolutions went into effect in August to fully staff care management statewide – replacing TLC and Rescue Inc. These staff will do screening and shared care planning and reporting. As of 8/28 eight staff have been hired and are being trained.

Emergency Shelter Capacity

County	Total Household Capacity
Addison	62
Bennington	30
Caledonia	11
Chittenden	144
Franklin	18
Lamoille	7
Orleans	7
Rutland	17
Washington	72
Windham	38
Windsor	31
Grand Total	436

Note: Vermont is a shelter first state. That means these beds are all filled before someone is offered General Assistance Emergency Housing.



The following is a summary of community investments, both from the letters of interest, and from previous or subsequent community engagement

Housing Opportunity Grant Program (HOP) Status update

All HOP grants for July 1 have been executed, including with one-time funds

- 1 project under development with a later start date
- 100% of total available HOP funds (all sources, including 1x) are obligated or earmarked

New base funding for HOP grants was prioritized for:

- Emergency Shelter expansion
 - includes continuing Elmwood & Steps shelter projects launched with 1x funds
- Expanding staffing at shelters to address safety concerns
- Addressing inflationary cost increases to preserve projects
- Preserving projects where loss of funding would have reduced capacity

HOP Grant Status update, cont.

One-time HOP funding was prioritized for:

- Flexible Client Financial Assistance to help homeless or at-risk households stabilize in housing (e.g., security deposits, rental arrears, transportation, fees, etc.)
 - \$3.6m total with 2.5m from one-time funding, a \$1.2m increase over SFY23 (which was also supported in part by one-time funding)
- Day shelter expansion to address unsheltered homelessness, including food
- Staffing to expand housing navigation services
- Expanding rapid re-housing

The Annual [HOP Award Summary](https://dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/resources/awards) is available online:

<https://dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/resources/awards>

New Projects in Communities

Expanded Emergency Shelter Capacity

New/Expanded:

- 2 seasonal shelters --> year-round (Burlington and Morrisville Districts), 31 HH (9 new HH)
- New & Expanded projects, 12 HH (Rutland, Barre and Springfield Districts)

Under Consideration/In Development: 8 potential projects could add about 150 HH capacity statewide (St. J, Barre, Brattleboro, Rutland and Hartford) between **SFY 24-26**

Day Shelter Capacity

New/Expanded: 4 projects (Burlington, Barre, Rutland & Morrisville Districts), some impacted by flooding

Street Outreach Expansion

In Development by DMH: 6 projects, many multi-agency (Burlington, Rutland, Bennington, Barre, Brattleboro & St. Albans)

Budget

Funding Bucket	Total	Obligated*	Unobligated Balance	Unobligated Project Proposals (estimates)**	Remaining Balance
HOP One-time Funds	5,000,000	4,281,240	718,760	718,760	0
HOP Base Shelter Expansion	3,750,000	3,750,000	0	0	0
HOP Base Increase	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	0	0
Pandemic-Era Hotel Program Transition One-Time funding	10,000,000	2,288,000	7,712,000	5,175,748	2,536,252

*Award Notice Issued

**Potential Awards (includes projects in development in previous slides, but prior to award notification - may increase/decrease)

Eligibility and contact information, and links to documents and resources, including a summary of the Letters of Interest can be found at the DCF website

Resources

<https://dcf.vermont.gov/Addressing-and-Preventing-Unsheltered-Homelessness>

Appendix: ALL Households By District

This is the current district data on all households in the GA Housing program as of 8/28/2023.

District Office	Total Eligible Households	Cohort Households	Non-Cohort Households
Barre	173	106	67
Bennington	133	105	28
Brattleboro	132	103	29
Burlington	256	196	60
Hartford	75	54	21
Middlebury	10	8	2
Morrisville	16	15	1
Newport	14	11	3
Rutland	365	236	129
Springfield	50	40	10
St Albans	61	36	25
St Johnsbury	27	19	8
Total	1312	929	383

Residential Capacity

As of August 14, 154 Residential Mental Health Treatment beds with 1 currently available

As of August 14, 63 Intensive Residential Treatment beds with 8 currently available

As of August 15, 75 Recovery Housing beds with availability in seven districts

As of August 14, 245 DOC Transitional Housing beds with 3 currently available

As of July 25, 2,873 Skilled Nursing Facility beds with 157 currently available

On September 8, AHS will have a full report on access to long-term residential care and assisted living, as well as an analysis of any potential barriers to expansion of these beds

NOTE: next update for this slide will be in the September report.

RFP - contracting

RFP for Emergency Shelter Staffing and Services was issued on May 24, 2023 with proposals due by June 11, 2023

A contract for staffing for additional screening and case management for 6/30 cohort in the hotels (see screening and case management) has been executed.