



General Assistance Emergency Housing Program and Shelter Capacity & Growth 2025-2026

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Monthly Reporting

- In accordance with Act 27, the Department for Children and Families submits a housing report to the legislature monthly. The latest one was posted on 11/4/2025: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/Act-27-Monthly-Housing-Report-10.31.2025.pdf>

Current Program Utilization

11/10/2025				
District	Rooms	Households	Adults	Children
Barre District Office	92	90	121	25
Bennington District Office	113	110	148	35
Brattleboro District Office	57	52	72	47
Burlington District Office	160	152	205	92
Hartford District Office	65	65	84	14
Middlebury District Office	*	*	*	*
Morrisville District Office	*	*	*	*
Newport District Office	24	24	27	*
Rutland District Office	168	164	214	59
Springfield District Office	36	35	50	17
St Albans District Office	51	49	62	14
St Johnsbury District Office	40	40	52	15
Grand Total	823	798	1054	326

*Data is suppressed when less than 12

Approval category of eligible Clients

Approval Category	Count
Age 65+	81
Court Ordered/Constructive Eviction	18
Disabled (201G-VR)	209
Disabled (SSI/SSDI)	274
Domestic Violence	23
Families with Children	187
Pregnant	*
Death of a Spouse, Domestic Partner, or Minor Child	*
Natural Disaster	*
Grand Total	798

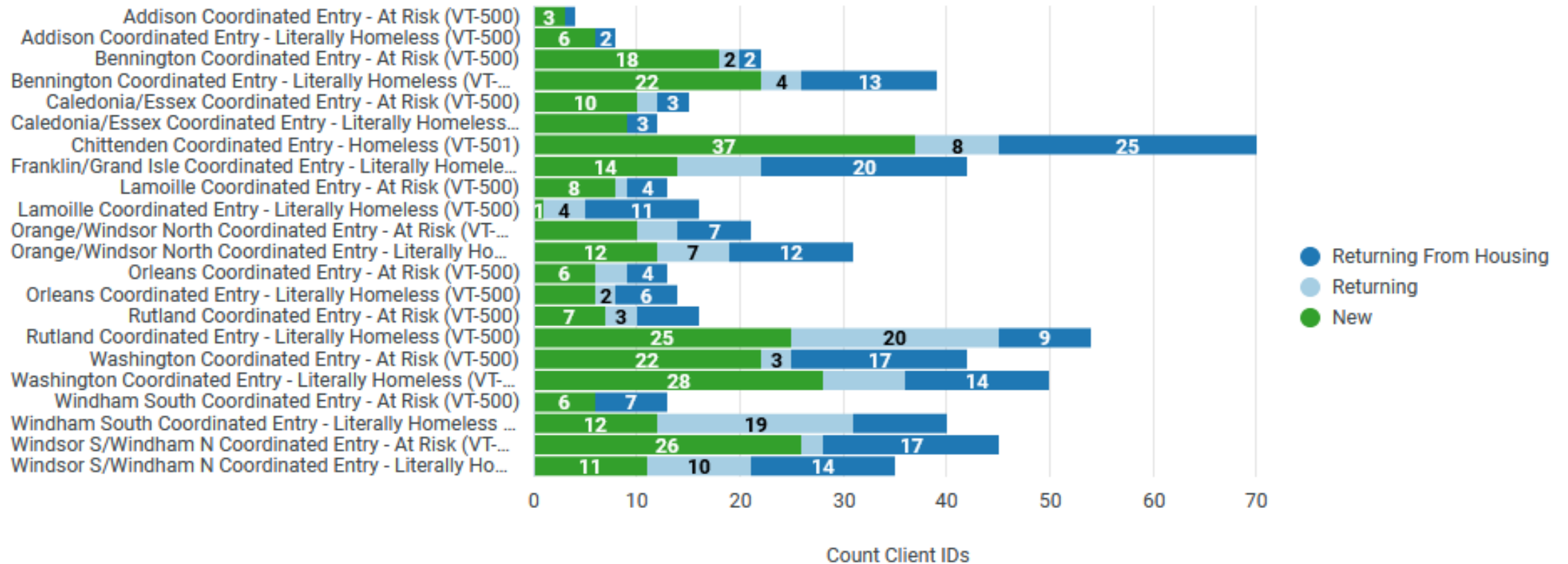
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Coordinated Entry Information

- Coordinated Entry (CE) is a process that ensures people experiencing a housing crisis have fair and equal access and are quickly identified, assessed for, referred and connected to housing assistance based on their strengths and needs.
- In October 2025, there were over 4,600 individuals with completed assessments.
- The following two slides will focus on information collected from the coordinated entry system.

New and Returning Enrollments by Region October 2025

CE New and Returning Enrollments by Region

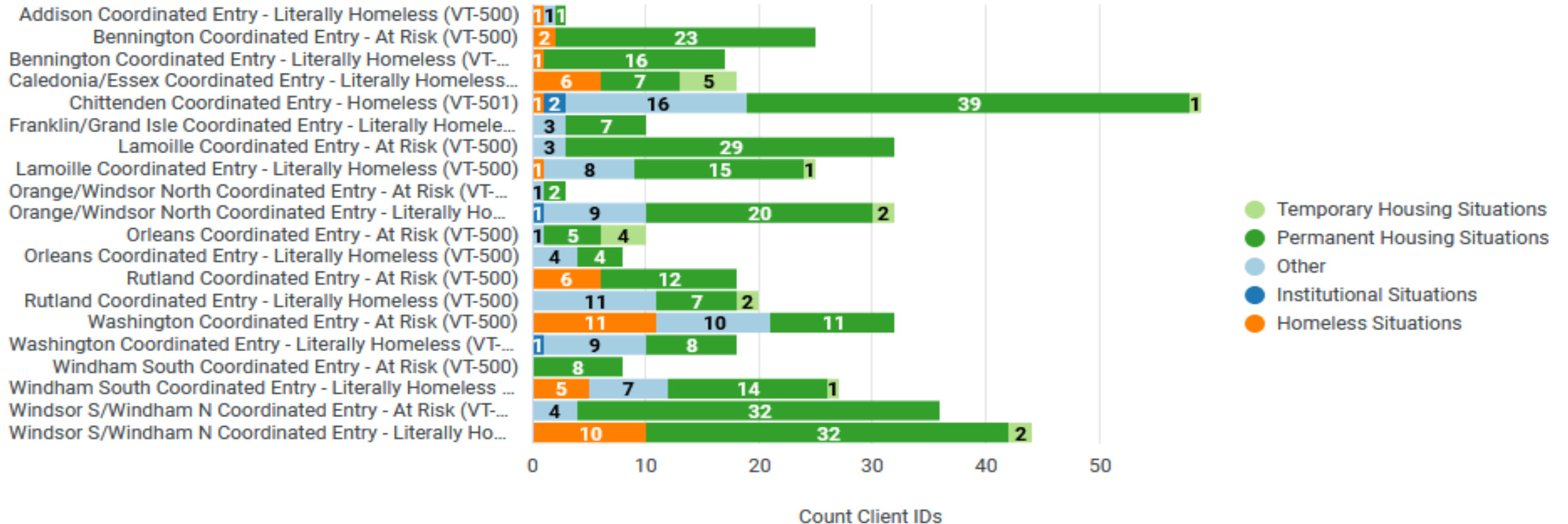


This chart categorizes clients that have entered CE in the past complete month into “Returning From Housing” (Clients that had an exit in HMIS to a permanent destination prior to enrolling in CE), “Returning” (Clients that had an exit in HMIS to a non-permanent destination prior to enrolling in CE), and “New” (Clients that had no exit in HMIS prior to enrolling in CE), broken down by the local housing coalitions throughout Vermont.

Source: <https://icalliances.org/vermont-coordinated-entry-dashboard>

CE Exit Destination by Region October 2025

CE Exit Destination Categories by Region



This chart breaks down the Exit Destinations of clients leaving CE in the past complete month into categories described in [Appendix A of the HMIS Data Standards](#), broken down by the local housing coalitions throughout Vermont.

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Shelter Capacity Growth (year-round)

County	SFY23 Capacity	SFY24 Capacity	SFY25 Capacity	SFY26 Capacity	Capacity Preserved & Created with Increased SFY26 Funding
Addison	63	62	62	62	0
Bennington	30	30	31	31	0
Caledonia	11	35	35	36	1
Chittenden	180	155	169	190	28
Franklin	25	21	40	40	8
Lamoille	7	28	28	31	3
Orleans	7	7	7	7	0
Rutland	13	18	25	37	18
Washington	70	80	94	115	32
Windham	73	70	68	50	0
Windsor	27	36	43	46	6
Total	506	542	602	645	96

Winter 2025-2026

November-December 2025

- Lamoille Community House opens a family shelter at the Waterbury Armory (10 households)
- Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) opens their seasonal capacity at Champlain Place in Burlington (26 beds)
- Groundworks Collaborative opens their seasonal capacity at the Drop-In Shelter in Brattleboro (6 beds)
- COTS Waystation moves into a new space in Burlington (20 beds)
- Upper Valley Haven opens their seasonal shelter (4 beds)

Winter 2025-2026

January-February 2026

- BROCC Community Action opens a new adult shelter in Rutland (10 beds)
- CVOEO's Foundations Family Shelter moves into a new location in Burlington (able to increase from 7 to 8 households)
- Good Samaritan Haven opens their new adult shelter in Montpelier (17 beds)

Extreme Cold Weather Shelter – A New Approach

- Notice of Funding in spring 2025 for an entity to coordinate and administer a new Extreme Cold Weather Shelter Program
- Shelters operate night by night, weather dependent
- New activation level -10° degrees Fahrenheit (was previously at -20°)
 - Operationalizing an "opt in" option between -10° F and 0° F
- Vermont Interfaith Action
 - Administration
 - Outreach
 - Coordination
 - Training & Technical Assistance

Extreme Cold Weather Shelter – A New Approach

County	Estimated SFY26 Capacity	Notes
Bennington	12	One project in Bennington
Chittenden	100	One project in Burlington (<i>only location funded last year</i>)
Orleans	12	One project in Newport
Rutland	20	One project in Rutland
Washington	27	Two projects in Barre and Montpelier
Windham	15	One project in Brattleboro
Total	209	Agreements and plans are still being finalized. Numbers may change as staffing patterns and building inspections are finalized.

Ongoing Shelter Investments

- Northeast Kingdom Community Action & RuralEdge - expand shelter capacity in St. Johnsbury (renovation to current building or acquisition of 2nd property)
- Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity - expand shelter capacity in Burlington (current discussions with AHS)
- Cornerstone Housing Partners and BROOC Community Action – expand shelter capacity in Rutland (acquisition and renovation of property)
- Groundworks – expand shelter capacity in Brattleboro (construction underway)
- Upper Valley Haven – expand shelter capacity in White River Junction (construction underway)

There are ongoing discussions underway regularly to explore options for additional expansion!

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