



Department for Children & Families (DCF) Housing Presentation

Act 81 - The Big Picture (as of 12/26/2023)



1,289

Number of households in the 6/30 cohort on July 1



684

Number of households in the 6/30 cohort on December 26



607

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



\$132

Average nightly rate this week

Households By District

This is the current district data on all households in the GA Housing program as of 12/26/2023.

District Office	Total Eligible Households	Cohort Households	Non-Cohort Households
Barre	177	84	93
Bennington	178	84	94
Brattleboro	206	82	124
Burlington	299	123	176
Hartford	79	38	41
Middlebury	18	6	12
Morrisville	17	13	<6
Newport	21	8	13
Rutland	382	192	190
Springfield	52	26	26
St Albans	65	18	47
St Johnsbury	66	10	56
Total	1560	684	876

Eligibility Category of Households

This is the current eligibility data on all households in the GA Housing program as of 12/26/2023.

Eligibility Category	6/30 Cohort Households
Age 60+	50
Disabled (SSI/SSDI)	378
Domestic Violence	25
Families with Children	154
Health Code Violations/Eviction	64
Natural Disaster (Fire, Flood, Hurricane)	<6
Pregnant	10
Total	684

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.

Households in 6/30 Cohort By Size

This is the current district data on all households in the GA Housing program as of 12/26/2023.

Number of people in household:	1	2	3+	Total # of Adults	Total # of Children
Barre	42	22	20	116	43
Bennington	52	13	19	104	51
Brattleboro	68	7	7	89	19
Burlington	70	25	28	157	73
Hartford	30	<6	<6	41	12
Middlebury	<6	<6	<6	6	<6
Morrisville	11	<6	<6	14	<6
Newport	7	<6	<6	9	<6
Rutland	109	36	47	248	100
Springfield	11	12	<6	38	9
St. Albans	14	<6	<6	22	<6
St. Johnsbury	<6	<6	<6	13	11
Total:	423	124	137	857	325

6/30 Cohort Exit Reasons (as of 12/26/2023)

Exit Reason	# HH
Found Housing	222
Admitted to hospital/Treatment Facility	13
Apartment	163
Housing other than Apartment	43
Housed by another agency	<6
No Renewal	278
Joined Another Household	<6
Left the Cohort	103
Client Died	13
Exited by motel for misconduct	47
Incarcerated	<6
Moved Out of State	13
Refused Shelter Bed	12
Not willing to pay for self-pay nights	<6
Not engaged with case management/coordinated entry	11
TOTAL	607
# of Households that exited cohort and are currently back in hotels	62

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 TemPositions went into effect in August to fully staff care management statewide – replacing TLC and Rescue Inc. Due to TemPositions having difficulty meeting the staffing capacity needed, we added IEM as a contractor to fill the remaining case management staff positions in December. The staff are screening, case conferencing and shared care planning and reporting with the goal of connecting people in the program to services they need. Many households have been connected to resources and services in the community they are in. We are also working with local partners to help connect and support the Coordinated Entry process for households in the June cohort.

Households Screened (as of 12/26/2023)

District	Total Households	Total Households Screened	Total Active Households	Total Active Households Screened
Barre District Office	162	126	84	75
Bennington District Office	139	85	84	67
Brattleboro District Office	136	122	82	80
Burlington District Office	264	170	123	98
Hartford District Office	72	22	38	11
Middlebury District Office	9	<6	6	<6
Morrisville District Office	22	15	13	11
Newport District Office	17	10	8	7
Rutland District Office	324	225	192	158
Springfield District Office	52	41	26	23
St Albans District Office	59	39	18	17
St Johnsbury District Office	35	27	10	10
Total	1291	887	684	560

Total households: All that started in the 6/30 cohort.

Total active households: All from the 6/30 cohort that are still in the program.

Adults with Shared Care Plans (as of 12/26/2023)

District	Total Adults	Total Adults with SCP's	Total Active Adults	Total Active Adults with SCP's
Barre District Office	216	156	116	103
Bennington District Office	171	95	104	70
Brattleboro District Office	152	132	89	88
Burlington District Office	325	186	157	127
Hartford District Office	84	14	41	8
Middlebury District Office	10	6	6	<6
Morrisville District Office	24	16	14	12
Newport District Office	18	12	9	8
Rutland District Office	402	179	248	145
Springfield District Office	70	61	38	36
St Albans District Office	68	41	22	21
St Johnsbury District Office	45	27	13	13
Total	1585	925	857	634

Total: All that started in the 6/30 cohort.

Total active: All from the 6/30 cohort that are still in the program.

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

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](#) is available online:

<https://dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/resources/awards> (Updated November 14, 2023)

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)
- New Since August: 15 HH Seasonal Shelter (Barre District); 4 HH Young Adult Shelter (Bratt District); 24 HH Shelter (St. J District); 30 HH Seasonal Shelter (Burlington District)

Under Consideration/In Development: 3 potential projects could add about 100 HH capacity statewide (Brattleboro, Rutland and Hartford) between **SFY 24-26**

Day Shelter Capacity

New/Expanded: 4 projects (Burlington, Barre, Rutland & Morrisville Districts)

Street Outreach Expansion

DMH: 6 projects, many multi-agency (Burlington, Rut, Benning, Barre, Bratt & St. Albans)

Budget

Funding Bucket	Total	Obligated*	Unobligated Balance	Unobligated Project Proposals (estimates)**	Remaining Balance
HOP One-time Funds	5,000,000	4,291,350	708,650	708,650	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	4,571,820	5,428,180	5,428,180	0

*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>

Emergency Shelter Capacity

County	Total Household Capacity
Addison	62
Bennington	30
Caledonia	19
Chittenden	164
Franklin	14
Lamoille	19
Orleans	6
Rutland	11
Washington	92
Windham	46
Windsor	34
Grand Total	488

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



Overall SFY2024 and Act 81 Budget Status

Year to Date Spend as of 11/30/23: \$15,979,394

Year to Date Hotel Authorizations 11/30/23: \$27,712,171

Authorization	Budget
Act 78	\$18,884,610
Act 81	\$25,395,141
Base	\$7,500,000
Total	\$51,779,751

Residential Capacity

- As of December 28, 154 Residential Mental Health Treatment beds with 2 currently available
- As of December 28, 63 Intensive Residential Treatment beds with 13 currently available
- As of December 15, 96 Recovery Housing beds with 3 currently available
- As of December 29, 245 DOC Transitional Housing beds with 3 currently available
- As of December 29, 2,873 Skilled Nursing Facility beds with 183 currently available
- As of December 21, DAIL, AHS Housing Director, and Field Services Director created a list of immediate/short-term actionable items based on the VT Health Care Association report recommendations. The group will meet with VHCA in January for their feedback on the action items.