

February 28 Housing Reporting

In accordance with Act 113 (2024)

Submitted by the Department for Children and Families



The Big Picture

(As of February 10, 2025)



1392

Number of households in the GA Emergency Housing Program as of 2/10/2025



3,458

Number of people from 2024 Point-in-Time
Sheltered & Unsheltered
Homelessness Count that took place on 1/24/24



4,926

Number of individuals
with completed
assessments for Vermont
Coordinated Entry
Dashboard on 2/3/2025



Households By District

This is the current district data on all households in the GA Housing program as of 2/10/2025.

District Office	Rooms	Households	Adults	Children
Barre District Office	160	157	205	42
Bennington District Office	153	150	182	57
Brattleboro District Office	234	228	295	58
Burlington District Office	295	295	366	87
Hartford District Office	73	73	89	*
Middlebury District Office	*	*	*	*
Morrisville District Office	*	*	*	*
Newport District Office	*	*	*	*
Rutland District Office	247	239	313	125
Springfield District Office	67	67	82	19
St Albans District Office	72	72	84	12
St Johnsbury District Office	50	50	62	15
Total	1412	1392	1748	442

^{*} Data is suppressed when less than 12



Eligibility Category of Households

This is the current eligibility data on all households in the GA Housing program as of 2/10/2025.

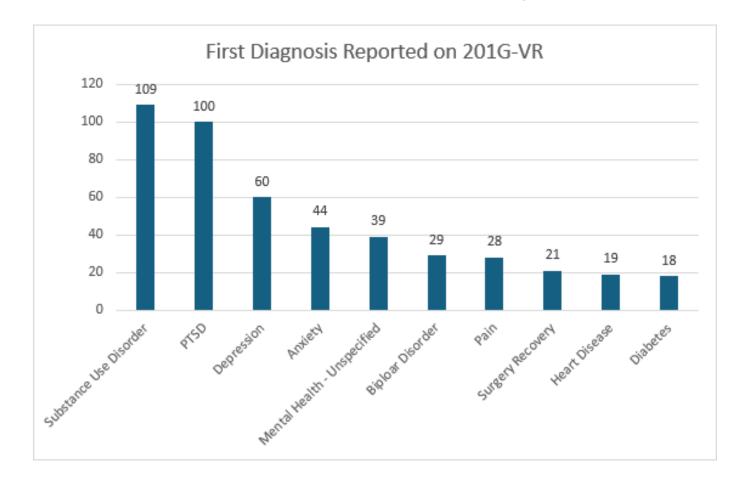
Approval Category	Count
Age 65+	95
Court Ordered/Constructive Eviction	37
Disabled (201G-VR)	387
Disabled (SSI/SSDI)	512
Domestic Violence	55
Families with Children	272
Pregnant	23
Death of a Spouse, Domestic Partner, or Minor Child	*
Natural Disaster	*
Grand Total	1392

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. As of 3/15/2024, disability can be verified by a licensed medical professional and Disability Variance Form can be submitted.

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Disability Reasons

Approximately 65% of households are eligible for General Assistance Emergency Housing due to a disability. The top 10 first reasons listed on the 201G-VR Medical Variance Forms are the following:





Administrative Procedures for Act 113

During times where the number of eligible households exceeds 90% of the 1,100 per night room cap, or 90% of hotel capacity during time periods when the 1,100 per night room cap is not in place, the department will use the following procedure for providing emergency housing assistance.

High Risk Households

Households with a member who:

- Is a child 19 years of age or under.
- Is pregnant.
- Is experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, hate violence, or other dangerous or lifethreating conditions related to violence against the individual that caused the household to lose its housing.
- Is 65 years of age or older.
- Is otherwise categorically eligible and includes a member who is 50 years of age or older.

Length of Authorization

· Granted in up-to 28-day increments.

Applying with ESD

- Can apply for emergency housing anytime.
- Can reapply for housing up to 10 days in advance of the end date of their current authorization.

All Other Eligible Households

Length of Authorization

Granted in up-to-14-day increments.

Applying with ESD

- Can apply for emergency housing between the hours of 12pm and 4:30pm Monday through Friday.
- Can reapply for housing on the day their current authorization ends.

Procedure is available online:

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



Act 113 Implementation (as of 2/24/25)

Unique Households Since 7/1/2024

Households	Adults	Children
3881	4828	1408

Number of Households that reached 80 days before Cold Weather period started

Date	Confirmed number of households
From 9/19/2024 To 11/30/2024	1052

Number of Households that reached 80 days and were housed on 2/24/25

Households	Adults	Children
453	588	161

The General Assistance Emergency Housing Program has served 3881 unique households since July 2024. Some households utilize the program for a short amount of time at an unpredictable frequency and others rely on the program continuously.

There are 1052 households that have exhausted their maximum of 80 days and will not be eligible for emergency housing from April 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025.

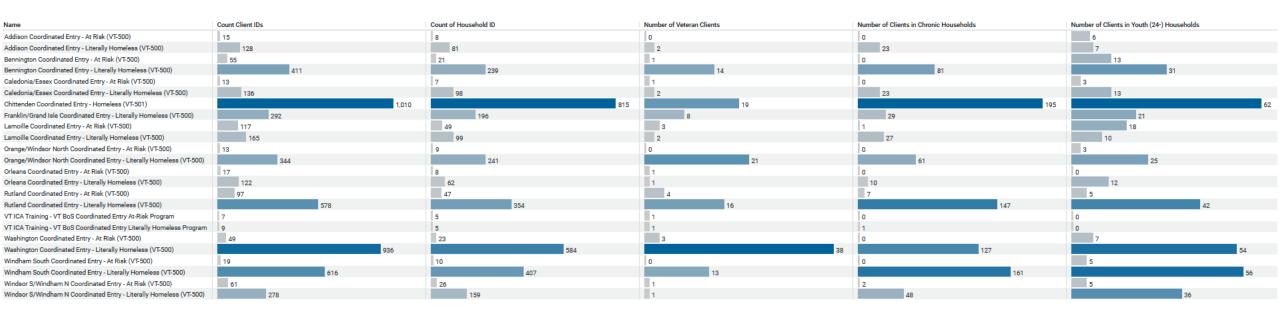
There are 453 households who have exhausted their maximum of 80 days and are currently utilizing the program under the relaxed laws during the cold weather season.

Screening and Case Management

- When people register for GA Housing they are referred to Coordinated Entry Lead Agency for Coordinated Entry screening.
- The Coordinated Entry Assessment Process helps to identify housing and health-related needs. It also helps to assess if people have complex needs who would benefit from a Team Based Care program approach and if people are connected or need to be connected to health/social health related services and care teams.
- The Coordinated Entry assessor refers directly to programs needed and if a Team Based Care approach is appropriate, they reach out to the AHS Field Director to help make connections to local Community Health Team, Adult Local Interagency Team and/or Vermont Chronic Care Initiative.
- In addition, there are various programs across AHS that help support people in the General Assistance Emergency Housing program, helping to connect them to housing resources and health/social health services as needed.



Subpopulations Enrolled in Coordinated Entry January 2025

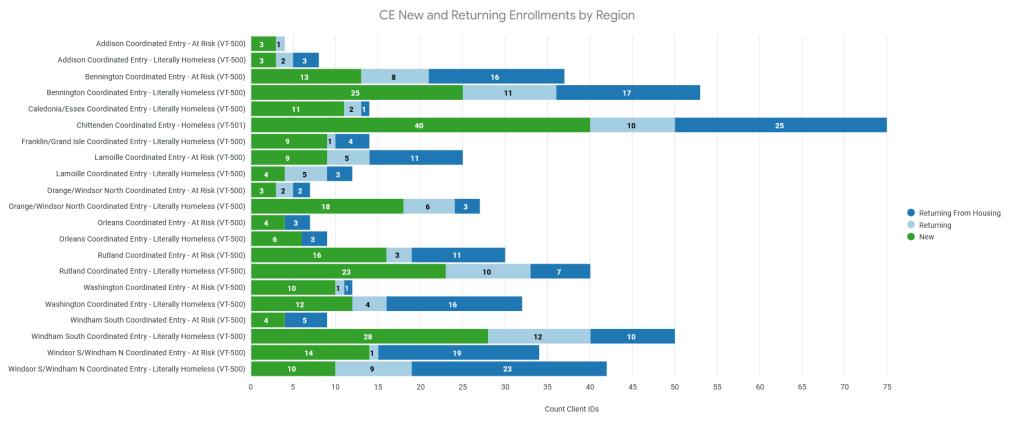


This table shows the number of clients enrolled in Coordinated Entry during the past month, the number of households those clients were in, the number of clients that were veterans, the number of clients that were in chronically homeless households (as defined here.), and the number of clients in a household where the head of household was 24 years of age or under, broken down by the local housing coalitions throughout Vermont.

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



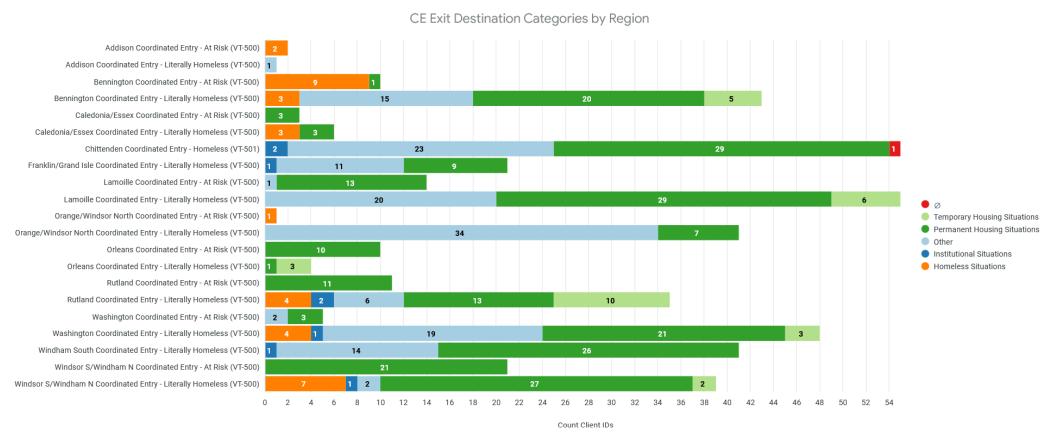
New and Returning Enrollments by Region January 2025



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 January 2025



This chart breaks down the Exit Destinations of clients leaving CE in the past complete month into categories described in <u>Appendix A of the HMIS Data Standards</u>, broken down by the local housing coalitions throughout Vermont. Source: https://icalliances.org/vermont-coordinated-entry-dashboard



Housing Opportunity Grant Program (HOP) Status Update

New base funding for HOP grants was prioritized for emergency shelter expansion, including the preservation of shelter capacity created with one-time funding in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 24 and increased capacity in SFY25.

The **Annual HOP Award Summary** is available at https://dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/resources/awards.

The status of contracts for housing and supportive services resulting from the Agency's requests for proposals can be found at https://www.vermontbusinessregistry.com/. No contracts were awarded in response to the May 24, 2023 RFP.



Emergency Shelter Capacity

		Additional Awarded Projects in Progress
	Total Current Household	(DCF continues to work to add capacity and projects will be listed here
County	Capacity	as awards are finalized)
Addison	62	
Bennington	31	
Caledonia	35	
Chittenden	177	Anticipate additional capacity at a project at the end of February.
		DV/SV sheltered opened in February. One shelter anticipated to open in
Franklin	32	March (young adults) depending on renovations and staffing.
Lamoille	28	
Orleans	7	
		Additional emergency apartment capacity has started to be added (three of
Rutland	23	eight added so far).
Washington	114	
Windham	74	Expanded seasonal capacity was added.
Windoor	48	
Windsor		
Grand Total	631	

Eligibility and contact information, and links to documents and resources can be found at the DCF website.

Resources

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



SFY 2025 Monthly Hotel Authorizations*

Data as of 2/18/2024

Month	Payment Authorizations
July 2024	\$3,267,537
August 2024	\$3,320,242
September 2024	\$2,768,658
October 2024	\$1,871,330
November 2024	\$1,899,772
December 2024	\$3,203,032
January 2025	\$3,293,450
February 2025	\$2,621,662
March 2025	
April 2025	
May 2025	
June 2025	
TOTAL	\$22,245,683**

^{*}Prior month authorizations will adjust throughout the year as data corrections are made.

^{**}Spending represents the cost of hotel rooms, not including admin and security expenses.



Residential Capacity

- As of October 8, 154 Residential Mental Health Treatment beds with 2 currently available.
- As of October 8, **63** Mental Health Intensive Residential Treatment beds with **6** currently available.
- As of October 22, 96 Recovery Housing beds with 10 currently available.
- As of October 28, 243 Department of Corrections (DOC) Transitional Housing beds with 6 currently available.
- As of October 25, 2,871 Skilled Nursing Facility beds with 263 currently available.