



February 29th Pandemic-Era Hotel/Motel Housing Reporting

In accordance with Act 81 (2023)

The Big Picture (as of 2/19/2024)



1,289

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



537

Number of households in the 6/30 cohort on February 19th.



754

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



\$130

Average nightly rate this week

Households By District

This is the current district data on all households in the GA Housing program as of 2/19/2024.

District Office	Total Eligible Households	Cohort Households*	Categorically Eligible***	Adverse Weather Conditions**
Barre District Office	185	77	15	93
Bennington District Office	178	68	11	99
Brattleboro District Office	225	66	17	142
Burlington District Office	301	97	31	173
Hartford District Office	83	36	10	37
Middlebury District Office	18	6	2	10
Morrisville District Office	32	11	2	19
Newport District Office	21	6	1	14
Rutland District Office	419	125	71	223
Springfield District Office	53	21	7	25
St Albans District Office	70	16	11	43
St Johnsbury District Office	67	8	7	52
Total	1652	537	185	930

Data Notes

*Households in the cohort are eligible through 3/31/24

**Households housed through Adverse Weather Conditions are eligible through 3/15/24.

***Households categorically eligible are housed for 28 or 84 days. The end date of their eligibility is based on their individual situation. Households that exhaust their 28 or 84 days prior to 3/15/24 will be eligible for housing under Adverse Weather Conditions

Eligibility Category of Households

This is the current eligibility data on all households in the GA Housing program as of 2/19/2024.

Eligibility Category	6/30 Cohort Households
Age 60+	42
Disabled (SSI/SSDI)	307
Domestic Violence	21
Families with Children	110
Health Code Violations/Eviction	46
Natural Disaster (Fire, Flood, Hurricane)	<6
Pregnant	8
Total	537

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 2/19/2024.

District Office	1 person in household	2 people in household	3+ people in household	Total # of Adults	Total # of Children
Barre	41	20	16	104	33
Bennington	43	11	14	87	38
Brattleboro	53	6	7	73	18
Burlington	55	19	23	123	58
Hartford	28	<6	<6	39	12
Middlebury	<6	0	<6	6	<6
Morrisville	10	0	<6	12	<6
Newport	<6	<6	0	7	0
Rutland	76	24	25	161	53
Springfield	10	9	<6	30	7
St. Albans	12	<6	<6	20	<6
St. Johnsbury	<6	<6	<6	10	7
Total:	341	98	98	672	231

6/30 Cohort Exit Reasons (as of 2/19/2024)

Exit Reason	# of Households
Found Housing	262
Admitted to hospital/Treatment Facility	15
Apartment	196
Housing other than Apartment	48
Housed by another agency	3
No Renewal	312
Joined Another Household	5
Left the Cohort	175
Client Died	16
Exited by motel for misconduct	50
Incarcerated	4
Moved Out of State	15
Refused Shelter Bed	15
Not willing to pay for self-pay nights	4
Not engaged with case management/coordinated entry	71
TOTAL	754
# of Households that exited cohort and are currently back in hotels	137

Screening and Care Management

The Agency of Human Services (AHS) 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, 2023.

A contract with TemPositions went into effect in August 2023 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 2023.

The staff providing screenings, care conferencing, and shared care planning aim to connect people in the program to needed services. Many households have been connected to resources and services in their local communities. We are also working with local partners to help connect and support the Coordinated Entry process for households in the June cohort. Most households in the cohort have also had a Coordinated Entry Assessment completed, but there is a wait for housing case management in some communities due to staffing capacity issues due to a combination of workforce and number of funded positions in some regions in the State.

Households Screened (as of 2/26/2024)

District	Total Households	Total Households Screened	Total Active Households	Total Active Households Screened
Barre District Office	162	136	76	76
Bennington District Office	139	97	68	64
Brattleboro District Office	136	122	66	66
Burlington District Office	264	183	97	89
Hartford District Office	72	45	36	33
Middlebury District Office	9	6	6	4
Morrisville District Office	22	16	11	10
Newport District Office	17	11	6	6
Rutland District Office	324	237	124	116
Springfield District Office	52	42	21	19
St Albans District Office	59	40	16	16
St Johnsbury District Office	35	28	7	7
Total	1291	963	534	506

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 2/26/2024)

District	Total Adults	Total Adults with SCP's	Total Active Adults	Total Active Adults with SCP's
Barre District Office	216	169	102	101
Bennington District Office	171	109	87	70
Brattleboro District Office	152	132	73	73
Burlington District Office	325	204	123	115
Hartford District Office	84	42	39	36
Middlebury District Office	10	7	6	4
Morrisville District Office	24	16	12	11
Newport District Office	18	13	7	7
Rutland District Office	402	215	160	131
Springfield District Office	70	61	30	28
St Albans District Office	68	42	20	20
St Johnsbury District Office	45	27	9	9
Total	1585	1037	668	605

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.)
 - Approximately \$4.5m total with \$3.1m from one-time funding (budget projections are ongoing with fund administrators)
- 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> (Updated November 14, 2023)

New Projects in Communities

Expanded Emergency Shelter Capacity

New/Expanded:

- 2 seasonal shelters --> year-round (Burlington and Morrisville Districts), 31 households (9 new households)
- New & Expanded projects: 15 household Seasonal Shelter (Barre District); 4 household Young Adult Shelter (Brattleboro District); 24 household Shelter (St. Johnsbury District); 30 household Seasonal Shelter (Burlington District); 3 household emergency apartments (Springfield District); 5 household DV shelter capacity (Rutland District); 4 household emergency apartment for youth/young adults (Barre District)
- \$2,510,924 total with \$1,755,519 in one-time funds and \$755,405 in base funding

In Development: 3 potential projects could add about 100 household capacity statewide (Brattleboro, Rutland and Hartford) between **State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025 – 2026**

Day Shelter Capacity

New/Expanded: 4 projects (Burlington, Barre, Rutland & Morrisville Districts) \$388,458

Street Outreach Expansion

DMH: 6 projects, many multi-agency (Burlington, Bennington, Barre, Brattleboro & St. Albans) \$1,500,000

Budget

Funding Bucket	Total	Obligated*	Unobligated Balance	Unobligated Project Proposals (estimates)**	Remaining Balance
HOP One-time Funds	\$5,000,000	\$4,948,874	\$51,126	\$51,126	\$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	\$10,000,00	\$6,245,089	\$1,663,690	\$8,336,310	\$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	31
Chittenden	184
Franklin	23
Lamoille	19
Orleans	6
Rutland	19
Washington	92
Windham	46
Windsor	36
Grand Total	548

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

*Last month's report had a typo of 119 for Rutland.



Overall SFY2024 and Act 81 Budget Status

YTD Spend as of 2/14/24: \$29,509,564

YTD Hotel Authorizations 2/14/24: \$47,972,153

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

Residential Capacity

- As of February 22, **154** Residential Mental Health Treatment beds with **0** currently available.
- As of February 22, **63** Intensive Residential Treatment beds with **10** currently available.
- As of February 16, **96** Recovery Housing beds with **10** currently available.
- As of February 22, **245** Department of Corrections (DOC) Transitional Housing beds with **3** currently available.
- As of February 22, **2,873** Skilled Nursing Facility beds with **165** currently available.
- Disabilities Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) collaborated with the DCF Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) to hold a webinar providing information to community partners on eligibility criteria for Choices for Care (CFC) and the process for accessing the different CFC options on February 12th.