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# Introduction

The annual Shelter Capacity Report provides capacity statistics for emergency homeless shelters in Canada. The number of shelter facilities and the number of permanent beds are reported for each province and territory, as well as by community. In addition, a brief overview of Transitional Housing facilities and Violence Against Women shelters is provided in the appendix.

The information contained in this report was obtained from the National Service Provider List. The National Service Provider List is a comprehensive listing of homeless shelters in Canada. It is compiled by the Community Development and Homelessness Partnerships Directorate as part of the National Homelessness Information System (NHIS), a data development initiative that focuses on the collection and analysis of homeless shelter data in Canada.

**Emergency Shelters** are defined as facilities providing temporary, short-term accommodation for homeless individuals and families. This may or may not include other services such as food, clothing or counselling.

**Transitional Housing** provides temporary shelter, but can be differentiated from emergency shelters by the longer length of stay and greater intensity of support services offered to clients. Transitional housing is an intermediate step between emergency shelter and permanent housing. Support services help clients gain stability and self-sufficiency to maintain permanent housing. Stays are typically between three months and three years.

**Violence Against Women Shelters (VAW)** are defined as facilities providing temporary shelter to single women or women with children fleeing domestic abuse. They may function in either a crisis capacity or as transitional or second-stage housing.

## Emergency shelters and transitional housing are further characterized according to the clients they serve



**Men's shelters** provide services to adult males. Some also accept youth.



**Women's shelters** provide services to adult females. Some also accept youth.



**Youth shelters** provide services to youth. Shelters have varying definitions of youth, which may include a range of ages between 12 and 29 years.



**Family shelters** provide services to families and adults with dependants. Some also accept single adult women without dependants.



**General shelters** provide services to adult males and females. Some also accept youth.

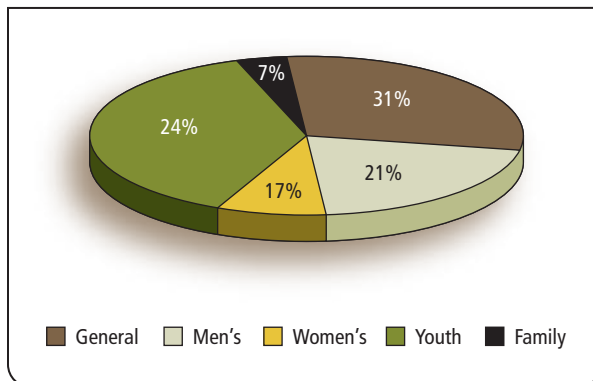
## Highlights

- There are 403 emergency homeless shelters in Canada. This number has remained stable over the past several years.
- The number of permanent emergency shelter beds has also remained stable. As of 2014, there are 15,482 permanent emergency shelter beds in Canada.
- Changes in the reported number of shelters and beds during the years 2011 to 2014 primarily reflect updated information rather than actual changes in national shelter capacity.

## Shelter Types

- Thirty one percent of emergency shelters in Canada can be considered “general shelters” which serve both men and women.
- Men’s shelters account for 21 % of emergency shelters and women’s shelters account for 17% of emergency shelters. Men’s shelters often have more beds than women’s shelters, comprising 36% of all emergency shelter beds compared to 13% for women’s shelters.
- Family shelters account for 7% of all emergency shelters and account for 11 % of emergency shelter beds.
- Nearly one quarter of emergency shelters in Canada serve youth exclusively. Youth shelters tend to be smaller than other types of shelters (usually 10 to 15 beds). Approximately 9% of all emergency shelter beds are at youth shelters.

## Emergency Shelters by Clientele Served





## National Summary: Emergency Homeless Shelters

Province/Territory	Shelters (2013-2014)	Beds	Shelters (2012)	Beds	Shelters (2011)	Beds
Newfoundland and Labrador	5	53	5	64	5	64
Nova Scotia	7	188	7	188	7	183
New Brunswick	8	155	8	182	8	174
Prince Edward Island	1	7	1	8	2	12
Québec	86	2,091	83	2,057	89	2,181
Ontario	137	6,843	136	6,640	133	6,586
Manitoba	16	713	15	706	16	710
Saskatchewan	24	513	23	451	19	356
Alberta	36	2,853	36	2,900	38	3,025
British Columbia	74	1,907	83	2,232	82	2,065
Yukon	3	16	3	16	3	16
Northwest Territories	4	109	5	119	4	89
Nunavut	2	34	2	32	2	32
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>15,482</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>15,595</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>15,493</b>

## Emergency Shelters by Clientele Served (2013-2014)

Province/Territory	General Shelters		Men's Shelters		Women's Shelters		Youth Shelters		Family Shelters		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Newfoundland and Labrador	1	4	1	20	0	0	2	17	1	12	5	53
Nova Scotia	0	0	3	125	3	43	1	20	0	0	7	188
New Brunswick	3	66	2	60	2	24	1	5	0	0	8	155
Prince Edward Island	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Québec	29	460	13	1,038	15	285	28	301	1	7	86	2,091
Ontario	27	789	36	2,927	23	897	32	718	19	1,512	137	6,843
Manitoba	10	576	0	0	0	0	3	34	3	103	16	713
Saskatchewan	3	54	8	195	8	225	4	27	1	12	24	513
Alberta	16	1,846	5	655	3	142	11	180	1	30	36	2,853
British Columbia	34	972	12	427	13	333	12	140	3	35	74	1,907
Yukon	1	10	0	0	1	2	1	4	0	0	3	16
Northwest Territories	0	0	1	44	1	23	1	10	1	32	4	109
Nunavut	0	0	1	22	1	12	0	0	0	0	2	34
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>4,777</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>5,520</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1,986</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>1,456</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,743</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>15,482</b>

# Emergency Shelters and Shelter Beds by Community (2013-2014)

## Newfoundland and Labrador

	General		Men's		Women's		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
St. John's	1	4	1	20	0	0	2	17	1	12	5	53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>53</b>

## New Brunswick

	General		Men's		Women's		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Bathurst	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Fredericton	0	0	1	25	1	14	0	0	0	0	2	39
Miramichi	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	1	5
Moncton	2	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	60
Saint John	0	0	1	35	1	10	0	0	0	0	2	45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>155</b>

## Nova Scotia

	General		Men's		Women's		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Halifax	0	0	2	115	2	36	1	20	0	0	5	171
Sydney	0	0	1	10	1	7	0	0	0	0	2	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>188</b>

## Prince Edward Island

	General		Men's		Women's		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Charlottetown	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>

## Québec

	General		Men's		Women's		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Amos	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
Baie-Comeau	0	0	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17
Drummondville	1	8	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	0	2	17
Fermont	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	1	6
Gatineau	1	55	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	2	61
Granby	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	0	0	1	15
Grand-Mère	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15
Ham Sud	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17
Joliette	1	10	0	0	0	0	2	21	0	0	3	31
Mont-Laurier	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Montréal	7	114	9	916	12	259	17	197	1	7	45	1,493
Québec City	3	49	2	102	1	12	2	15	0	0	8	178
Rouyn-Noranda	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15
Saguenay	2	45	1	3	0	0	1	10	0	0	4	58
St-Eugène-de-Guigues	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14
Sherbrooke	1	22	0	0	1	8	1	8	0	0	3	38
St-Georges	2	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	17
Thetford Mines	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
Trois-Rivières	2	26	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	3	37
Valleyfield	2	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	26
Victoriaville	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	0	1	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1,038</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2,091</b>

## Ontario

	General		Men's		Women's		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Barrie-Simcoe	1	20	1	20	0	0	1	15	0	0	3	55
Brantford	0	0	1	38	0	0	1	20	0	0	2	58
Dufferin Region	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	0	0	1	20
Durham Region	0	0	1	40	2	60	0	0	0	0	3	100
Guelph	0	0	1	18	1	14	1	16	2	35	5	83
Halton Region	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	2	37
Hamilton	0	0	3	215	1	20	1	20	1	103	6	358
Jarvis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	1	8
Kenora	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	25
Kingston	2	39	1	18	2	24	1	15	0	0	6	96
Lindsay	1	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19
London	1	45	2	255	1	31	0	0	1	41	5	372
Niagara Region	3	81	0	0	1	20	2	30	1	16	7	147
Nipissing/North Bay	1	19	0	0	1	10	0	0	0	0	2	29
Ottawa	1	12	4	522	2	125	2	24	3	362	12	1,045
Owen Sound	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	25
Peel Region	0	0	1	60	0	0	1	14	2	344	4	418
Peterborough	0	0	1	40	1	10	0	0	1	15	3	65
Sarnia	2	46	0	0	0	0	1	9	1	8	4	63
Sault Ste. Marie	1	24	1	24	0	0	1	10	0	0	3	58
Sioux Lookout	2	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	34
Sudbury	1	20	1	36	0	0	1	16	0	0	3	72
Thunder Bay	1	42	2	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	76
Toronto	4	250	13	1,483	10	572	10	416	4	496	41	3,217
Waterloo Region	1	40	1	39	0	0	4	45	1	60	7	184
Windsor	2	23	1	56	1	11	1	10	0	0	5	100
York Region	0	0	1	29	0	0	2	30	1	20	4	79
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2,927</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1,512</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>6,843</b>

## Manitoba

	General		Men's		Women's		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Brandon	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	2	12
Dauphin	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Flin Flon	1	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	26
Swan River	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
The Pas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	34	1	34
Thompson	1	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24
Winnipeg	5	507	0	0	0	0	3	34	1	60	9	601
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>713</b>

## Saskatchewan

	General		Men's		Women's		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Lloydminster	0	0	1	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	28
Moose Jaw	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12
Prince Albert	1	22	0	0	2	58	1	16	0	0	4	96
Regina	0	0	3	89	2	76	0	0	1	12	6	177
Saskatoon	1	20	4	78	4	91	3	11	0	0	12	200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>513</b>

## Alberta

	General		Men's		Women's		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Calgary	5	1,262	2	304	1	6	3	45	0	0	11	1,617
Edmonton	3	287	2	319	2	136	2	86	0	0	9	828
Grande Prairie	2	74	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	0	3	84
High Level	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20
Lethbridge	1	80	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	2	88
Medicine Hat	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	30	2	36
Red Deer	2	43	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	3	51
Wood Buffalo	2	80	1	32	0	0	2	17	0	0	5	129
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1,846</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2,853</b>

## British Columbia

	General		Men's		Women's		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Abbotsford	1	20	0	0	0	0	1	14	0	0	2	34
Campbell River	1	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	22
Chetwynd	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Chilliwack	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11
Courtenay	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14
Dawson Creek	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
Duncan	1	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	30
Fort Nelson	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Fort St. John	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20
Kamloops	1	35	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	2	41
Kelowna	0	0	1	60	1	20	1	10	0	0	3	90
Nanaimo	0	0	1	23	1	20	0	0	0	0	2	43
Nelson	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17
Penticton	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11
Port Alberni	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12
Prince George	1	30	1	21	1	30	1	10	0	0	4	91
Prince Rupert	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
Quesnel	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
Smithers	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Squamish	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15
Terrace	1	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16
Vancouver	13	545	7	291	9	238	7	90	2	30	38	1,194
Vernon	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	25
Victoria	1	84	1	21	1	25	1	10	1	5	5	145
Williams Lake	1	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1,907</b>

## Yukon

	General		Men's		Women's		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Dawson City	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2
Whitehorse	1	10	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	2	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>

## Northwest Territories

	General		Men's		Women's		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Yellowknife	0	0	1	44	1	23	1	10	1	32	4	109
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>109</b>

## Nunavut

	General		Men's		Women's		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Iqaluit	0	0	1	22	1	12	0	0	0	0	2	34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>34</b>



## Appendix A: Transitional Housing

### Transitional Housing

Province/Territory	Shelters	Beds
Newfoundland and Labrador	3	76
Nova Scotia	6	79
New Brunswick	2	20
Prince Edward Island	0	0
Québec	88	1,684
Ontario	57	1,585
Manitoba	14	296
Saskatchewan	27	383
Alberta	30	1,172
British Columbia	26	741
Yukon	0	0
Northwest Territories	2	37
Nunavut	0	0
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>6,073</b>

### Transitional Housing by Clientele Served

Province/Territory	General Shelters		Men's Shelters		Women's Shelters		Youth Shelters		Family Shelters		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Newfoundland and Labrador	2	74	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	76
Nova Scotia	1	10	1	19	3	42	1	8	0	0	6	79
New Brunswick	0	0	0	0	1	12	1	8	0	0	2	20
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Québec	25	591	13	409	13	218	32	387	5	79	88	1,684
Ontario	14	550	14	462	6	137	20	324	3	112	57	1,585
Manitoba	7	169	3	75	0	0	2	10	2	42	14	296
Saskatchewan	3	55	7	106	3	36	13	170	1	16	27	383
Alberta	8	409	5	346	7	236	8	80	2	101	30	1,172
British Columbia	16	555	4	85	3	34	3	67	0	0	26	741
Yukon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Territories	0	0	1	32	0	0	0	0	1	5	2	37
Nunavut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1,536</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>6,073</b>

## Appendix B: Violence Against Women Shelters

### Violence Against Women Shelters

Province/Territory	Shelters	Beds
Newfoundland and Labrador	13	155
Nova Scotia	16	250
New Brunswick	15	215
Prince Edward Island	3	40
Québec	95	1,130
Ontario	120	2,370
Manitoba	20	387
Saskatchewan	18	311
Alberta	45	934
British Columbia	94	988
Yukon	5	37
Northwest Territories	5	44
Nunavut	5	44
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>6,905</b>