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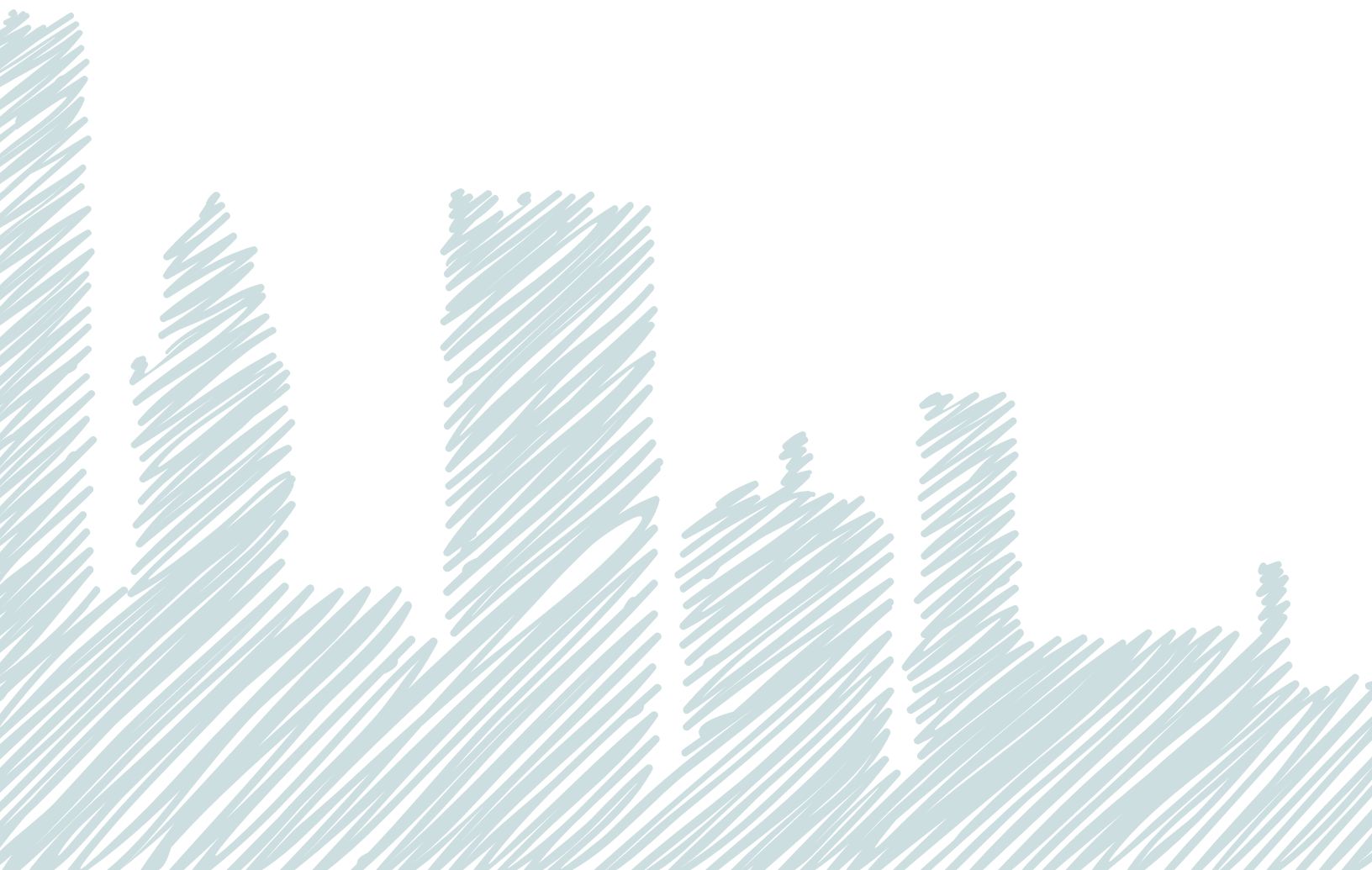
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## Introduction

The Shelter Capacity Report is a descriptive account of capacity statistics for emergency homeless shelters in Canada. The report provides information on the number of emergency shelter facilities and permanent beds for each province, territory, and community. In addition, the appendices include overviews of transitional housing facilities and domestic violence shelters. The Homelessness Policy Directorate (HPD) of Infrastructure Canada prepares this report annually using information obtained from the [National Service Provider List \(NSPL\)](#). The NSPL is a comprehensive listing of homeless shelters in Canada maintained by HPD.

HPD conducted a comprehensive update of the NSPL emergency shelters in 2020 between August and December 2020. For this process, Community Entities and Service Canada in the region of Quebec updated and validated information for the services in their community. Additional information was obtained from community organizations and publicly available sources to ensure accuracy of findings.

## Scope of the Data

The scope of this report excludes shelters that are not primarily for people experiencing homelessness, including shelters for specific populations (for example, immigrants/refugees or pregnant women). It also excludes motel/hotel programs, supportive housing, and correctional shelters data.

Data in this report only covers the pre-pandemic information (as of February 2020). Further analysis will follow on the impact of the pandemic on the capacity of the shelter system in Canada. This will include information on temporary COVID-19 response shelters, and measures taken by the homelessness sector to follow social distancing requirements.

For this report, all services offered by an umbrella organization to a specific target population, and located at the same address, have been merged as one shelter. As a result, the number of shelters listed in this report may be slightly lower, in some cases, than the number reported in the 2020 National Service Provider List.

Some fluctuations in the reported number of shelters and beds between 2019 and 2020 may reflect administrative changes in updating type of service or geographical location of service providers rather than actual changes in national shelter capacity.

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## Types of Shelters

**EMERGENCY SHELTERS:** Facilities that provide temporary, short-term accommodation for homeless individuals and families. This may or may not include other services such as food, clothing or counselling. Motel and hotel programs are excluded.

**TRANSITIONAL HOUSING:** Facilities that provide longer-term temporary shelter with a greater intensity of support services than emergency shelters. Transitional housing is an intermediate step between emergency shelter and permanent housing. Support services help clients to gain the stability and self-sufficiency needed to maintain permanent housing.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS:** Facilities that provide temporary shelter to individuals and/or families fleeing domestic abuse or the threat of violence that function either as a crisis capacity or as transitional housing.



## Clientele Served

Emergency shelters, transitional housing, and domestic violence shelter are further categorized according to the clients they serve:



**MEN'S SHELTERS** provide services to adult males. Some also accept youth.



**YOUTH SHELTERS** provide services to youth. Shelters have varying definitions of youth, often ranging from 12 to 29 years of age.



**WOMEN'S SHELTERS** provide services to adult females. Some also accept youth.



**FAMILY SHELTERS** provide services to families and adults with dependents. Some also accept single adult women without dependents.



**GENERAL SHELTERS** provide services to adult males and females. Some also accept youth.

# National Emergency Shelter Capacity Overview



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**Emergency Shelters**

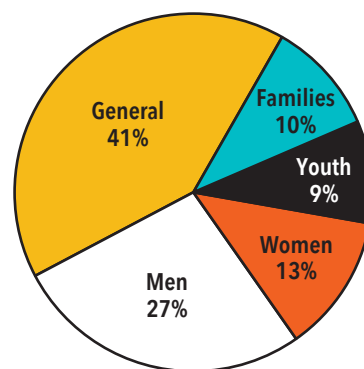


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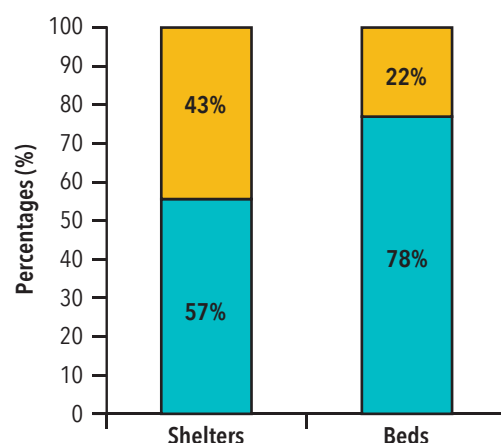
## Emergency Shelter Beds by Clientele Served

- More than two fifths (41%) of shelter beds are in general shelters that serve both men and women. This is an increase relative to the proportion identified in 2019 (37%)
- Although there are a similar number of shelters for men (77) and for women (71), men's shelters account for a greater percentage of all shelter beds (27%) compared to women's shelters (13%)
- Family shelters account for 10% of shelter beds
- Although shelters that exclusively serve youth make up 21% of all shelters, they only account for 9% of all shelter beds



## Proportion of Shelters and Beds by Community Size

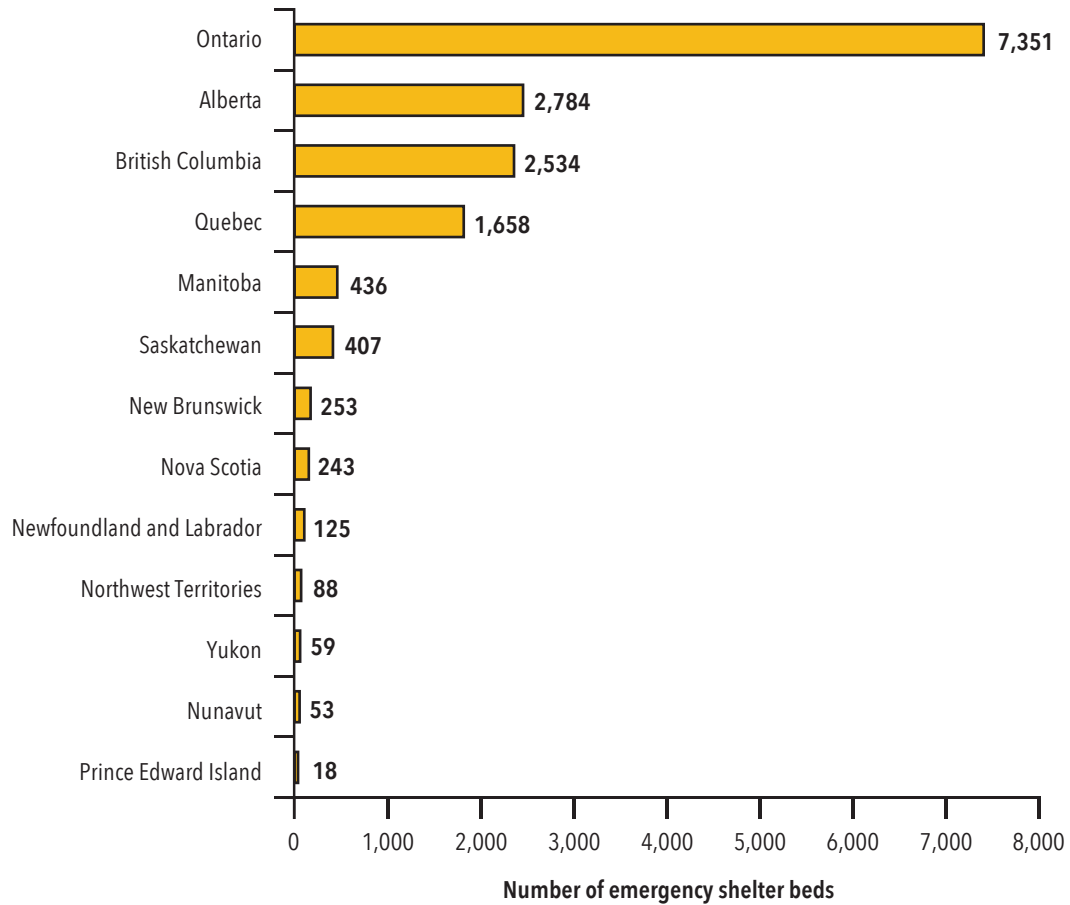
- A significant proportion of shelters (43%) are located in small communities (populations less than 300,000)
- However, the majority of shelter beds (78%) are in large communities (populations of greater than 300,000)
- The median number of beds per shelter in small communities is 16, while the median number for large communities is 35



■ Small communities (population less than 300,000)  
■ Large communities (population more than 300,000)

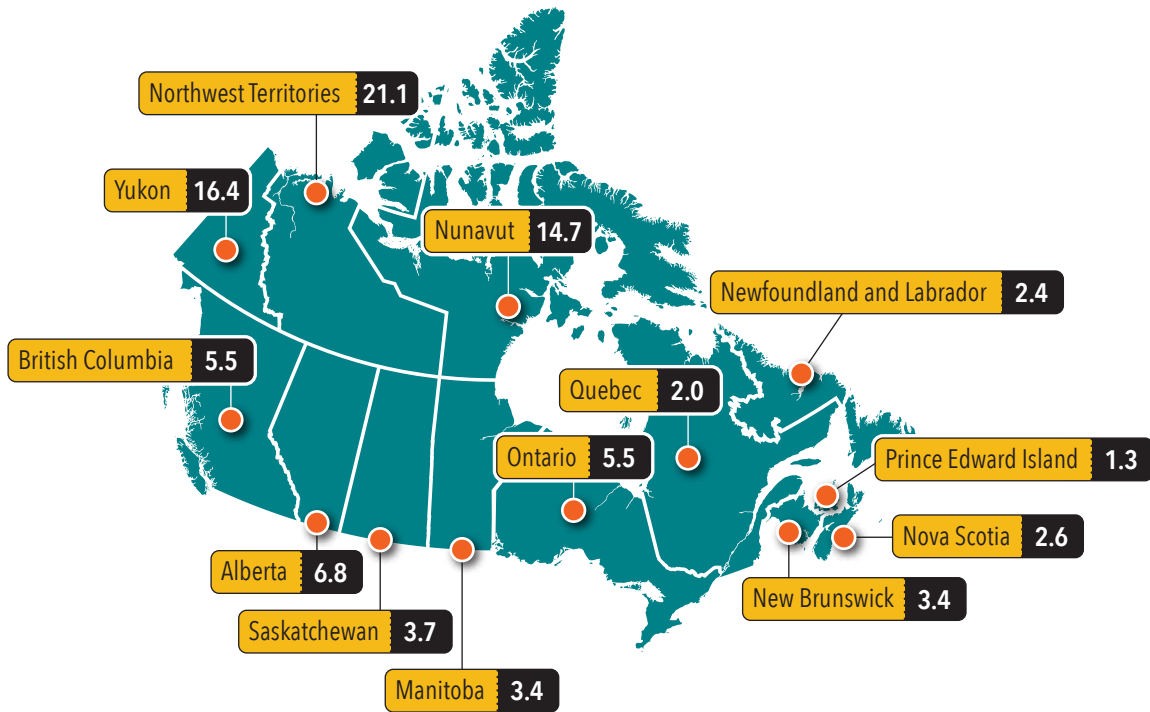
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## Number of Emergency Shelter Beds by Province and Territory



- The majority of shelter beds (89%) are in the provinces of Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia, and Quebec
- Almost half of all emergency shelter beds (46%) are located in Ontario

## Number of Emergency Shelter Beds by Population of 10,000



Source: Statistics Canada (2017). [Population and Dwelling Count Highlight Tables](#), 2016 Census.

- The northern territories (Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut) have the highest number of shelter beds per capita
- Prince Edward Island, Quebec, and Newfoundland and Labrador rank lowest in terms of emergency shelter capacity per capita
- The national number of emergency shelter beds per 10,000 people is 4.6

## National Summary: Emergency Shelters (2020)

Province and Territory	2020		2019		2018	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Alberta	30	2,784	38	3,258	35	3,304
British Columbia	79	2,534	79	2,336	78	2,170
Manitoba	16	436	12	403	13	650
New Brunswick	8	253	8	180	9	157
Newfoundland and Labrador	14	125	14	146	7	67
Northwest Territories	3	88	3	82	3	82
Nova Scotia	11	243	11	225	9	220
Nunavut	3	53	2	36	2	44
Ontario	160	7,351	159	7,175	149	6,898
Prince Edward Island	2	18	1	7	1	7
Quebec	74	1,658	76	1,901	65	1,757
Saskatchewan	15	407	17	483	18	476
Yukon	3	59	3	39	3	27
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>16,009<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>423</b>	<b>16,271</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>15,859</b>

<sup>a</sup> There was an national reduction of 262 emergency beds from 2019 to 2020.



## Emergency Shelters by Clientele Served (2020)

Province or Territory	General		Men		Women		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Alberta	14	2,180	2	150	4	181	8	146	2	127	30	2,784
British Columbia	46	1,740	11	436	9	201	11	127	2	30	79	2,534
Manitoba	11	338	1	3	0	0	2	26	2	69	16	436
New Brunswick	3	170	2	52	2	23	1	8	0	0	8	253
Newfoundland and Labrador	10	90	0	0	0	0	3	20	1	15	14	125
Northwest Territories	1	24	1	49	0	0	1	15	0	0	3	88
Nova Scotia	4	67	2	110	3	42	2	24	0	0	11	243
Nunavut	0	0	2	41	1	12	0	0	0	0	3	53
Ontario	36	1,430	42	2,649	32	1,166	30	762	20	1,344	160	7,351
Prince Edward Island	0	0	1	10	1	8	0	0	0	0	2	18
Quebec	25	419	6	689	14	226	25	292	4	32	74	1,658
Saskatchewan	2	56	6	175	5	156	2	20	0	0	15	407
Yukon	1	45	1	3	0	0	1	11	0	0	3	59
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>6,559</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>4,367</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>2,015</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>16,009</b>



## Emergency Shelters and Shelter Beds by Community (2020)

### Alberta

Community	General		Men		Women		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Calgary	4	1,591	1	80	2	45	1	18	2	127	10	1861
Edmonton	1	200	1	70	2	136	3	91	0	0	7	497
Grande Prairie	1	96	0	0	0	0	1	12	0	0	2	108
Lac La Biche	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Lethbridge	1	80	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	2	88
Medicine Hat	1	30	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	2	35
Red Deer	2	72	0	0	0	0	1	12	0	0	3	84
Strathmore	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20
Wood Buffalo	2	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2,180</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2,784<sup>a</sup></b>

<sup>a</sup> There was an overall reduction of 474 beds from 2019 to 2020.



## British Columbia

Community	General		Men		Women		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Abbotsford	2	78	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	3	84
Campbell River	1	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	22
Chilliwack	4	186	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	0	5	195
Courtenay	1	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18
Dawson Creek	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
Duncan	1	30	0	0	1	15	0	0	0	0	2	45
Fort Nelson	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Fort St. John	1	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24
Hope	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20
Kamloops	1	55	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	2	59
Kelowna	0	0	1	60	1	20	1	10	0	0	3	90
Mission	1	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	27
Nanaimo	0	0	1	24	1	14	1	8	0	0	3	46
Nelson	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17
Penticton	1	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	30
Port Alberni	1	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18
Prince George	2	52	1	21	0	0	1	10	0	0	4	83
Quesnel	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17
Sechelt	1	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24
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	19	906	6	303	5	127	5	80	2	30	37	1,446
Victoria	3	165	1	21	1	25	0	0	0	0	5	211
Williams Lake	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1,740</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2,534<sup>a</sup></b>

<sup>a</sup> Overall increase of 198 beds from 2019 to 2020.

## Manitoba

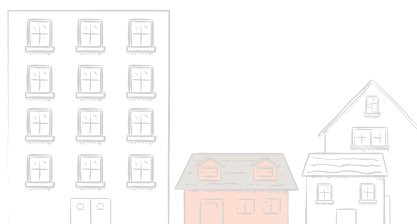
Community	General		Men		Women		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Brandon	2	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	3	45
Dawson	2	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	21
Flin Flon	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15
Steinbach	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Swan River	1	8	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	11
Thompson	1	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24
Winnipeg	3	230	0	0	0	0	2	26	1	60	6	316
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>436<sup>a</sup></b>

<sup>a</sup> Overall increase of 33 beds from 2019 to 2020.

## New Brunswick

Community	General		Men		Women		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Bathurst	1	19	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	2	27
Fredericton	0	0	1	27	1	13	0	0	0	0	2	40
Moncton	2	151	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	151
Saint John	0	0	1	25	1	10	0	0	0	0	2	35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>253<sup>a</sup></b>

<sup>a</sup> Overall increase of 73 beds from 2019 to 2020.



## Newfoundland and Labrador

Community	General		Men		Women		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Happy Valley-Goose Bay	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
Natuashish	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	3
St. John's	8	78	0	0	0	0	2	17	1	15	11	110
Stephenville	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>125<sup>a</sup></b>

<sup>a</sup> Overall reduction of 21 beds from 2019 to 2020.

## Northwest Territories

Community	General		Men		Women		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Yellowknife	1	24	1	49	0	0	1	15	0	0	3	88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>88<sup>a</sup></b>

<sup>a</sup> Overall increase of six beds from 2019 to 2020.

## Nova Scotia

Community	General		Men		Women		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Halifax	1	15	2	110	2	36	1	20	0	0	6	181
New Glasgow	1	8	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	2	12
Sydney	1	28	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	2	34
Truro	1	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>243<sup>a</sup></b>

<sup>a</sup> Overall increase of 18 beds from 2019 to 2020.

## Nunavut

Community	General		Men		Women		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Iqaluit	0	0	2	41	1	12	0	0	0	0	3	53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>53<sup>a</sup></b>

<sup>a</sup> Overall increase of 17 men beds from 2019 to 2020.

## Ontario

Community	General		Men		Women		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Barrie-Simcoe	2	38	2	44	1	18	1	17	1	36	7	153
Belleville	1	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	21
Brant-Brantford	1	40	1	20	1	10	1	18	0	0	4	88
Cobourg	1	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	22
Cochrane	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Dufferin Region	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	0	0	1	20
Durham Region	0	0	1	40	1	55	1	13	0	0	3	108
Elliot Lake	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Halton Region	1	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	32
Hamilton	0	0	3	194	3	55	1	21	1	80	8	350
Kenora	1	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18
Kingston	1	29	0	0	0	0	1	15	1	19	3	63
Lambton County	1	25	1	23	0	0	1	9	1	4	4	61
Lindsay	1	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19
London	3	57	2	198	1	20	0	0	1	41	7	316
Niagara Region	2	75	2	34	2	40	2	20	2	21	10	190
Nipissing (North Bay)	1	19	1	7	1	10	0	0	0	0	3	36
Ottawa	1	34	3	467	2	101	1	24	2	201	9	827

## Ontario (continued)

Community	General		Men		Women		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Peel Region	1	119	1	86	0	0	2	60	1	225	5	490
Peterborough	0	0	1	40	1	12	1	47	0	0	3	99
Red Lake	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14
Sault Ste. Marie	0	0	1	23	0	0	0	0	1	19	2	42
Sioux Lookout	1	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	26
Sudbury	1	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	26	2	56
Thunder Bay	1	42	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	59
Timmins	1	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	42
Toronto	8	518	16	1,317	15	743	11	415	5	536	55	3,529
Waterloo Region	1	78	1	51	0	0	2	27	1	66	5	222
Wellington-Guelph	1	5	1	22	1	16	1	14	0	0	4	57
Windsor	2	105	1	24	2	58	0	0	0	0	5	187
Woodstock	1	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	2	32
York Region	0	0	1	30	1	28	3	42	1	60	6	160
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2,649</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1,166</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>7,351<sup>a</sup></b>

<sup>a</sup> Overall increase of 176 beds from 2019 to 2020.

## Prince Edward Island

Community	General		Men		Women		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Charlottetown	0	0	1	10	1	8	0	0	0	0	2	18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18<sup>a</sup></b>

<sup>a</sup> Overall increase of 11 beds from 2019 to 2020.



## Quebec

Community	General		Men		Women		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Alma	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
Drummondville	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	1	9	2	18
Fermont	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Gatineau	1	55	0	0	0	0	2	18	1	9	4	82
Joliette	1	8	0	0	0	0	2	21	0	0	3	29
La Pocatière	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	0	1	9
Mont-Laurier	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Montreal	6	117	4	625	10	185	9	133	1	7	30	1,067
Pointe-à-la-Croix	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Quebec City Region	2	50	1	39	3	34	5	57	0	0	11	180
Rimouski	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	0	1	10
Rivière-du-Loup	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Rouyn-Noranda	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15
Saguenay	2	4	1	25	1	7	0	0	0	0	4	36
Saint-Georges	1	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23
Saint-Hyacinthe	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	0	1	9
Salaberry-de-Valleyfield	1	20	0	0	0	0	1	9	1	7	3	36
Sept-Îles	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12
Sherbrooke	1	18	0	0	0	0	2	17	0	0	3	35
Trois-Rivières	2	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	30
Val D'or	1	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1,658<sup>a</sup></b>

<sup>a</sup> Overall reduction of 243 beds from 2019 to 2020.

## Saskatchewan

Community	General		Men		Women		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	0	0	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
North Battleford	1	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	34
Prince Albert	1	22	0	0	1	48	0	0	0	0	2	70
Regina	0	0	2	50	2	38	1	15	0	0	5	103
Saskatoon	0	0	2	87	2	70	1	5	0	0	5	162
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>407<sup>a</sup></b>

<sup>a</sup> Overall reduction of 76 beds from 2019 to 2020.

## Yukon

Community	General		Men		Women		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Dawson City	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Whitehorse	1	45	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	2	56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>59<sup>a</sup></b>

<sup>a</sup> Overall increase of 20 beds from 2019 to 2020



## Appendix A: National Summary – Transitional Housing Shelters

Province or Territory	2020		2019		2018	
	Total shelters	Total beds	Total shelters	Total beds	Total shelters	Total beds
Alberta	38	1,108	36	1,135	37	1,177
British Columbia	41	1,179	33	972	33	901
Manitoba	11	441	10	349	10	229
New Brunswick	7	48	4	37	2	14
Newfoundland and Labrador	4	32	4	102	4	102
Northwest Territories	5	97	5	98	3	63
Nova Scotia	10	125	10	128	8	119
Nunavut <sup>a</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ontario	116	2,128	106	2,134	104	2,188
Prince Edward Island <sup>a</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quebec	116	2,358	114	2,428	114	2,522
Saskatchewan	20	235	23	309	22	328
Yukon	2	4	1	2	1	2
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>7,755<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>364</b>	<b>7,694</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>7,645</b>

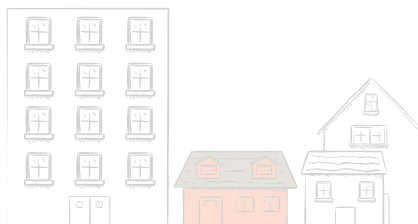
<sup>a</sup> There were no transitional housing facilities identified in Nunavut and Prince Edward Island in 2020.

<sup>b</sup> There was an overall national increase of 61 transitional beds from 2019 to 2020.



## Appendix B: Transitional Housing by Clientele Served (2020)

Province or Territory	General		Men		Women		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Alberta	6	90	8	616	7	194	15	136	2	72	38	1,108
British Columbia	26	838	5	136	5	127	5	78	0	0	41	1,179
Manitoba	5	274	2	58	1	55	3	54	0	0	11	441
New Brunswick	2	12	0	0	1	8	4	28	0	0	7	48
Newfoundland and Labrador	1	3	0	0	1	4	2	25	0	0	4	32
Northwest Territories	1	10	1	32	2	42	1	13	0	0	5	97
Nova Scotia	0	0	2	20	3	41	5	64	0	0	10	125
Nunavut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ontario	20	457	22	600	24	349	42	496	8	226	116	2,128
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quebec	24	436	18	714	29	670	41	499	4	39	116	2,358
Saskatchewan	5	82	3	40	4	54	8	59	0	0	20	235
Yukon	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2,202</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>2,220</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>1,544</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>7,755</b>



## Appendix C: National Summary – Domestic Violence Shelters<sup>a</sup>

Province or Territory	2020		2019		2018	
	Total shelters	Total beds	Total shelters	Total beds	Total shelters	Total beds
Alberta	52	1,329	54	1,291	46	1,223
British Columbia	109	1,329	132	1,259	93	953
Manitoba	19	414	23	385	17	364
New Brunswick	18	303	18	303	18	298
Newfoundland and Labrador	14	191	21	176	15	176
Northwest Territories	6	44	6	44	6	44
Nova Scotia	16	242	17	211	15	192
Nunavut	4	41	5	41	5	41
Ontario	134	2,629	136	2,510	119	2,466
Prince Edward Island	3	43	3	45	3	45
Quebec	104	1,466	109	1,370	95	1,360
Saskatchewan	16	277	15	238	14	283
Yukon	8	101	6	52	5	49
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>8,409<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>545</b>	<b>7,925</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>7,494</b>

<sup>a</sup> The breakdown by clientele served is not included for domestic violence shelters, as the vast majority of beds serve women with, or without children.

<sup>b</sup> There was a natinal increase of 484 domestic violence shelter beds from 2019 to 2020.



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## Appendix D: Glossary

<b>Emergency shelters</b>	Facilities that provide temporary, short-term accommodation for homeless individuals and families. This may or may not include other services such as food, clothing or counselling. This excludes motel and hotel programs.
<b>Domestic violence shelter</b>	Facilities that provide temporary shelter to individuals and/or families fleeing domestic abuse or the threat of violence that functions either as a crisis capacity or as transitional housing.
<b>Family shelters</b>	Facilities that provide temporary, short-term accommodation specifically for families.
<b>General shelters</b>	Facilities that provide services to adult males and females. Some also accept youth.
<b>Homelessness</b>	The living situation of an individual or family who does not have stable, permanent, appropriate housing, or the immediate prospect, means and ability of acquiring a home.
<b>Large communities</b>	Communities with a population greater than 300,000.
<b>Men's shelters</b>	Facilities that provide services to adult males. Some also accept youth.
<b>Service providers</b>	Organizations that provide services to homeless individuals and families, and persons at risk of homelessness.
<b>Small communities</b>	Communities with a population of less than 300,000.
<b>Transitional housing</b>	Facilities that provide longer-term temporary shelter with a greater intensity of support services than emergency shelters. Transitional housing is an intermediate step between emergency shelter and permanent housing. Support services help clients to gain the stability and self-sufficiency needed to maintain permanent housing. Stays are typically between 3 months and 3 years.
<b>Youth shelters</b>	Facilities that provide services to youth. Shelters have varying definitions of youth, often ranging from 12 to 29 years of age.
<b>Women's shelters</b>	Facilities that provide services to adult females. Some also accept youth.

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