



Pandemic-Era Hotel/Motel Housing Reporting

In accordance with Act 81 (2023)

The Big Picture



1,250

Number of households in the 6/30 cohort on June 30



1,025

Number of households in the 6/30 cohort on July 25



174

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



\$140

Average nightly rate this week

Households in 6/30 Cohort By District

This is the current district data on all households in the GA Housing program as of 7/25/2023.

District	6/30 Cohort Households on 7/1	6/30 Cohort Households on 7/25
Barre	151	123
Bennington	134	111
Brattleboro	135	113
Burlington	256	208
Hartford	68	59
Middlebury	9	9
Morrisville	22	15
Newport	16	11
Rutland	314	263
Springfield	52	43
St. Albans	58	46
St. Johnsbury	35	24
Total:	1,250	1,025

Unit Need By District on June 30

District	1 Bedroom or SRO	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	Total Households
Barre	78	29	27	6	151
Bennington	78	21	26	9	134
Brattleboro	104	12	15	4	135
Burlington	153	52	41	10*	265
Hartford	48	10	9	1	68
Middlebury	7	1	1	0	9
Morrisville	18	2	2	0	22
Newport	11	3	2	0	16
Rutland	182	60	64	8	314
Springfield	26	15	8	3	52
St. Albans	43	9	6	0	58
St. Johnsbury	15	6	13	1	35
Grand Total:	763	220	225	42	1250

Eligibility Category of Households

This is the current eligibility data on all households in the GA Housing program as of 7/25/2023.

Eligibility Category	6/30 Cohort Households
Age 60+	56
Disability (has SSI/SSDI)	581
Domestic Violence	36
Families with Children	235
Health Code Violations/Eviction	98
Natural Disaster	9
Pregnant	10
Total:	1,025

Notes: the [range of individuals in SSI/SSDI](#) is wide – 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.

6/30 Cohort Exit Reasons

Exit Reason	# HH
Long-term treatment	1 - 6
Moved into Apartment	34
Exited Motels for Misconduct	11
Housing other than Apartment	8
Moved out of State	1 - 6
Non-Renewal	113
Total:	172
# of households that exited the 6/30 Cohort and have since returned to GA hotel housing	12

Non-Renewal – clients have not responded to ESD. ESD outreached for monthly renewals by phone, in writing, and in-person. For those who reach out to ESD after the eligibility period we continue to work with them to re-determine their eligibility. This number may decrease over time (instead of increase). ESD will continue to evolve their outreach.

Households screened

District	Households screened	Households with a shared care plan
Barre	119	109
Bennington	96	50
Brattleboro	95	68
Burlington	149	51
Hartford	22	9
Middlebury	5	5
Morrisville	11	10
Newport	8	8
Rutland	162	62
Springfield	31	18
St. Albans	33	23
St. Johnsbury	24	24
Total:	755	437

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 has contracted with Rescue Inc. They started screening clients on July 19. Additionally, two TLC nurses have been working for the past 3 weeks in Hartford and Chittenden County.

A contract under the RFP will go into effect the first week in August to fully staff care management statewide – replacing TLC and Rescue. These staff will do screening and shared care planning and reporting.

Residential Capacity

- As of July 24, 154 Residential Mental Health Treatment beds with 2 currently available
- As of July 24, 63 Intensive Residential Treatment beds with 8 currently available
- As of July 24, 75 Recovery Housing beds with availability in seven districts
- As of July 17, 245 DOC Transitional Housing beds with 1 currently available
- As of July 25, 2,873 Skilled Nursing Facility beds with 157 currently available
- On September 8, AHS will have a full report on access to long-term residential care and assisted living, as well as an analysis of any potential barriers to expansion of these beds

Security Deposits

Deposit Category	Number of People	Total Funding
Total deposits paid by the State	2,187	\$7,055,737
Deposits paid for by State for clients who stayed under 4 months	578	\$1,868,503
Deposits reclaimed by State in whole or part for clients who stayed under 4 months	482	\$1,148,187
Deposits that should have been returned to clients no later than March 31, 2023*	1,608	\$5,078,309

*All deposits should have been returned to clients with no room damages when they exited or by March 31. The State does not have data on what was returned vs. held due to damages.

RFP - contracting

RFP for Emergency Shelter Staffing and Services was issued on May 24, 2023 with proposals due by June 11, 2023

Reviewed responses to RFP and two contracts are under development:

1. Staffing for additional screening and case management for 6/30 cohort in the hotels (see screening and case management)
2. Staffing to fill gaps in community-based emergency shelters

Empowering Communities: Letters of Interest

- Requested Letters of Interest from communities starting May 22
- Communicated changes to priorities as the situation evolved
- Coordinate with communities through field service directors
 - Continue to hold regular meetings with local communities
- Met with coordinated entry providers statewide on June 29 and solicited feedback
- Weekly Department for Children and Families open office hours for community problem solving

Historic Timeline

Spring 2020 –
Congregate
shelters closed –
clients moved to
hotels – FEMA

Feb 2023 – BAA
extends, creates
groups – GF –
End date
June/July 2023

May 2023 – EO
extends – End
date Aug 2023

Summer 2022 –
Transitional
Housing
Program – ERAP
– End date
March 2023

May 2023 – Big
Bill adds \$10m

June 2023 – Act
81 extends –
End date April
2024

Community Proposals: Letters of Interest

- Received 59 Letters of Interest from communities
 - There was a large range of letters saying they were interested in helping generally, to specific letters with budgets and timelines
 - All parties received a response
- Identified 31 to pursue
- Many require significant follow-up
- Types not pursued:
 - Requests for storage space
 - Requests for camping supplies
 - Requests to rent hotel rooms
 - Requests for designated camping sites

Proposals Submitted by Category

Topic	Number of Proposals
Day and/or Overnight Shelter	21
Outreach Services	7
Permanent Housing	16
Client Financial Assistance	2
Other Services	9
Other support (camping, equipment, storage)	13
Response needs more clarity	6

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

All HOP grants for July 1 have been executed, including with one-time funds

- 4 projects under development with a later start date
- 99.7% of total available HOP funds (all sources, including 1x) are obligated or earmarked

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 will be published in early August.

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)

Under Consideration/In Development: 8 potential projects could add about 150 HH capacity statewide (St. J, Barre, Brattleboro, Rutland and Hartford) between **SFY 24-26**

Day Shelter Capacity

New/Expanded: 4 projects (Burlington, Barre, Rutland & Morrisville Districts), some impacted by flooding

Street Outreach Expansion

In Development by DMH: 6 projects, many multi-agency (Burlington, Rutland, Bennington, Barre, Brattleboro & St. Albans)

New Projects in Communities

Medical Respite for homeless households exiting hospitals – new initiative in development by VDH

Hotel Conversions

Under Consideration/In Development: 3 projects (Barre and Bennington Districts)

Rapid Re-housing

In Development: 2 projects (Burlington and St Johnsbury)

New Permanent Housing Units for the Homeless – all districts with support from VHCB and VHIP, and consultation from DCF

Budget

Funding Bucket	Total	Obligated*	Unobligated Balance	Unobligated Project Proposals (estimates)**	Remaining Balance
HOP One-time Funds	5,000,000	3,851,608	1,148,392	1,113,899	34,493
HOP Base Shelter Expansion	3,750,000	3,750,000	-	-	-
HOP Base Increase	2,000,000	2,000,000	-	-	-
Pandemic-Era Hotel Program Transition One-Time funding	10,000,000	135,000	9,865,000	7,175,748	2,689,252

*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>

Appendix: ALL Households By District

This is the current district data on all households in the GA Housing program as of 7/25/2023.

District	Total Households in Hotels	6/30 Cohort Households	Non-Cohort Households
Barre	167	123	39
Bennington	143	111	22
Brattleboro	124	113	8
Burlington	261	208	39
Hartford	78	59	17
Middlebury	9	9	0
Morrisville	18	15	2
Newport	16	11	3
Rutland	333	263	62
Springfield	49	43	4
St. Albans	64	46	16
St. Johnsbury	29	24	3
Total:	1,296	1,025	215