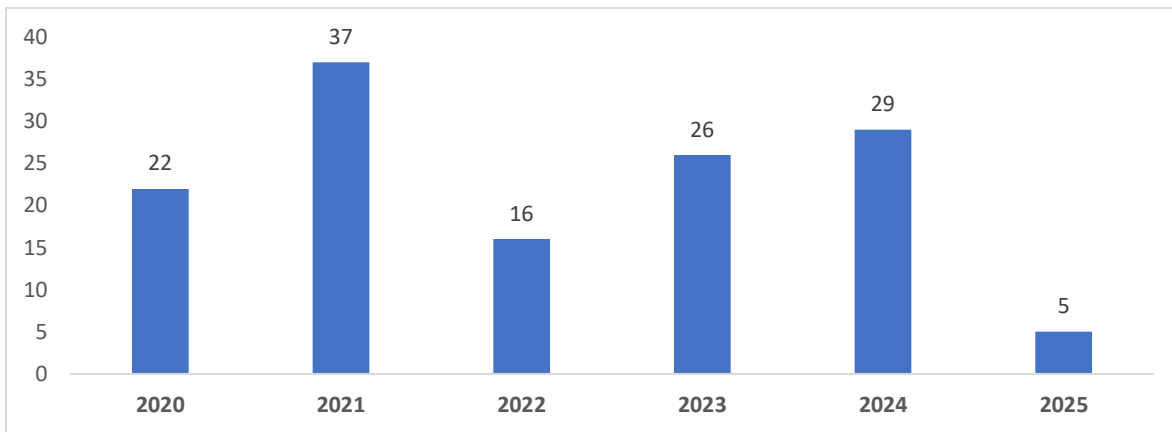


Mortality of Vermonters Residing in an Emergency Assistance Funded Hotel/Motel

April 2025

Between 2020 and February 28, 2025, 135 applicants died while they were housed under the General Assistance (GA) Emergency Housing Program.

Number of Deaths of Vermonters residing in a GA funded Hotel/Motel by Year



*Data represents Head of Household deaths while housed in the GA program.

Causes of Death

The causes of death were determined using the underlying cause listed on the death certificate and classified according to rankable causes of death. Additionally, accidental deaths were further categorized to distinguish drug overdose-related poisonings from other types of accidents.

- Over half of the deaths (75) are accountable in two categories. 40% (55) of the individuals died due to a drug overdose. 15% (20) of the individuals died due to a heart disease. The remaining 45% (60) of the individuals died due to a range of cases from non-drug related overdose to infections and diseases.

Cause of Death*	Count
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Mortality of Vermonters

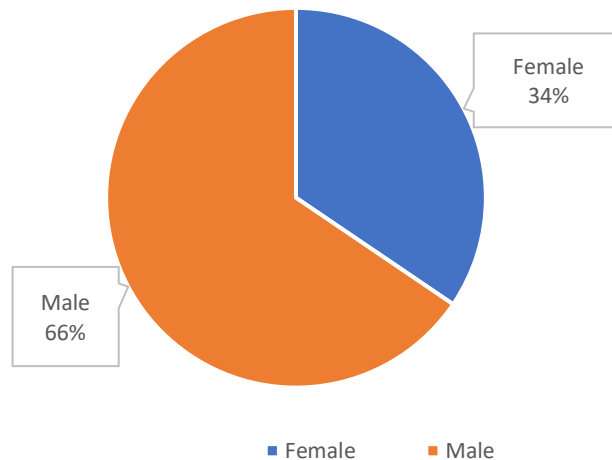
Accident - Drug Overdose	55
Diseases of heart	20
Non-rankable cause of death	15
Accident - Other/Not Drug Overdose	10
Malignant neoplasms	8
Diabetes mellitus	6
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	5
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	4
Data Pending	3
COVID-19	2
Intentional self-harm (suicide)	2
Assault (homicide)	2
Influenza and pneumonia	1
Essential hypertension and hypertensive renal disease	1
Infections of kidney	1
Grand Total	135

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2024 GA Death Data Analysis

2024 Housed GA Applicant Deaths by Gender:

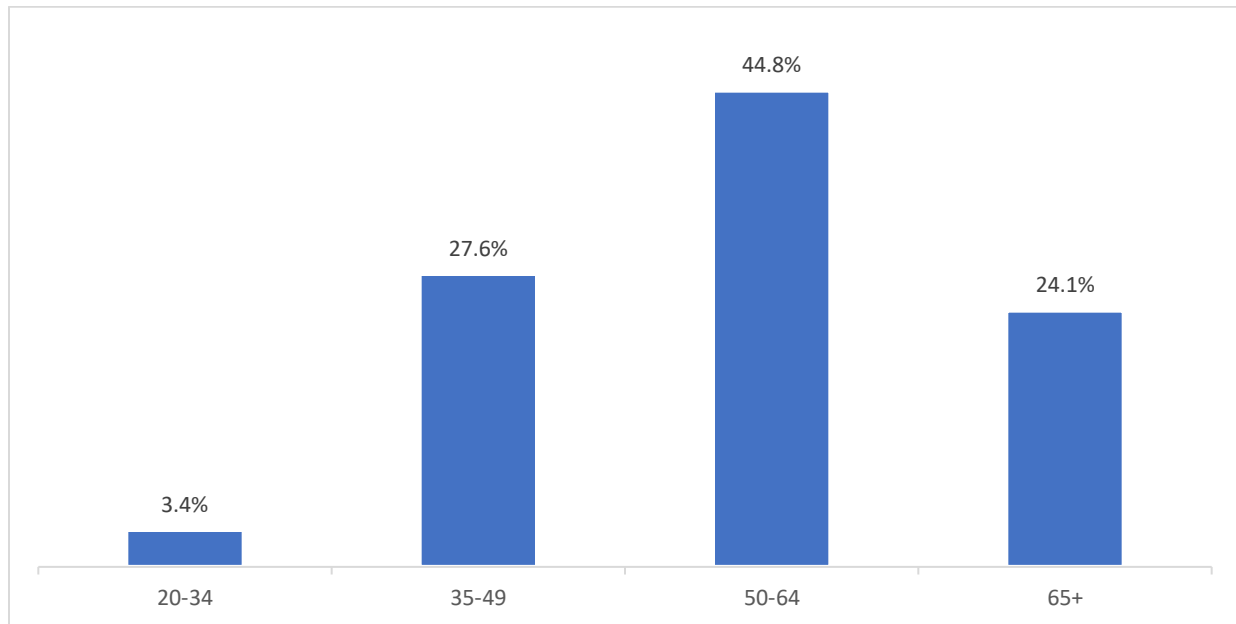
In 2024, 65.5% (19) of deceased GA applicants were male and 35.5% (10) were female.



2024 Housed GA Applicant Deaths by Age:

In 2024, 44.8% (13) of deceased GA applicants were 50–64 years old, 27.6% (8) were 35–49, 24.1% (7) were over 65, and 3.4% (1) was 20–34.

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