

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

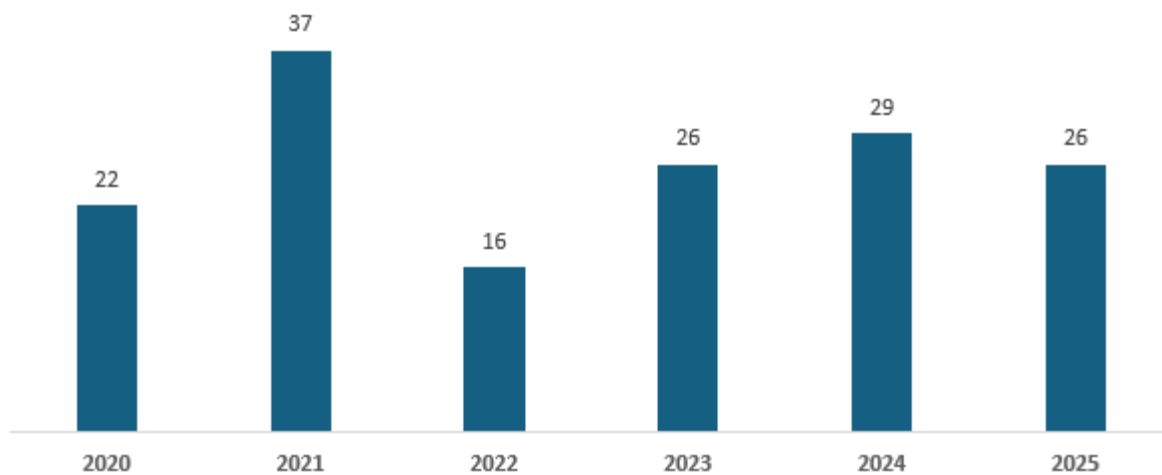
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Between 2020 and December 31, 2025, 156 applicants died while they were housed under the General Assistance (GA) Emergency Housing Program.

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

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Applicant deaths while GA housed from 2020-12/31/25



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 156 deaths (81) are accountable in two categories. 39% (61) of the individuals died due to a drug overdose. 13% (20) of the individuals died due to a heart disease. Of the remaining 47% (75) individuals, 40% (63) died due to a range of cases from non-drug related overdose to infections and diseases and 8% (12) are still pending updates.

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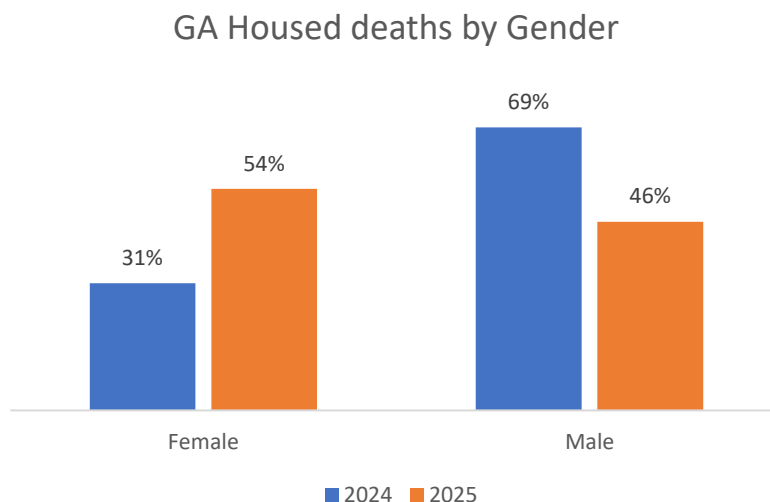
Cause of Death*	Count
Accident - Drug Overdose	61
Diseases of heart	20
Non-rankable cause of death	22
Accident - Other/Not Drug Overdose	10
Malignant neoplasms	10
Diabetes mellitus	6
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	5
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	4
Data Pending	9
COVID-19	2
Intentional self-harm (suicide)	2
Assault (homicide)	2
Influenza and pneumonia	1
Essential hypertension and hypertensive renal disease	1
Infections of kidney	1
Grand Total	156

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2024-2025 GA Death Data Analysis

2025 Housed GA Applicant Deaths by Gender:

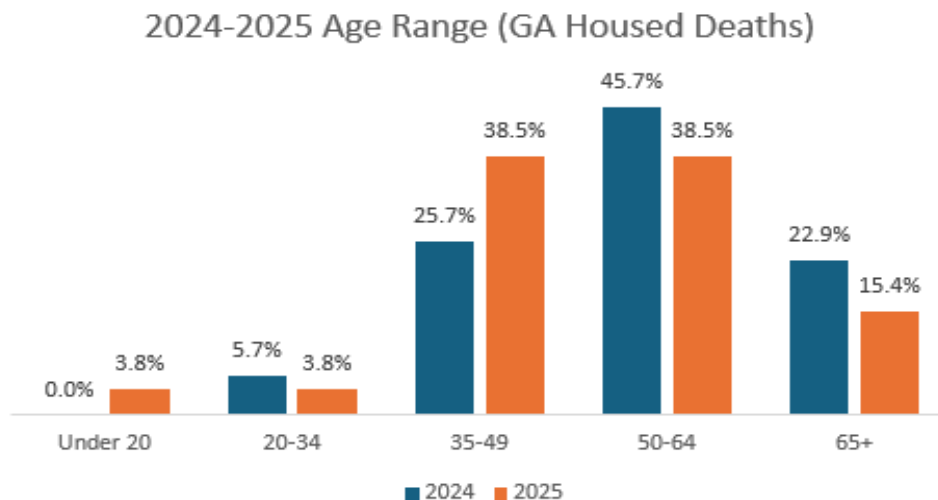
In 2025, 46% (12) of deceased GA applicants were male and 54% (14) were female. In 2024, 65.5% (19) of deceased GA applicants were male and 35.5% (10) were female.



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2024-2025 Housed GA Applicant Deaths by Age:

In 2025, 38.5% (10) of deceased GA applicants were 50–64 years old, 38.5% (10) were 35–49, 15.4% (4) were over 65, and 3.8% (1) were 20–34 and 3.8% (1) were under 20. 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.



2024-2025 Death Rate:

Prior to late 2023, the GA Program collected only enough information to enable looking at deaths among the head of household, or GA program applicant. The expansion of data collection to include all individuals housed means that 2024 is the first-year deaths among everyone housed as a part of the program can be analyzed in detail. In 2025, there were 26 deaths among all individuals housed, a death rate of 12.7 per 1,000 individuals¹. In 2024, there were 29 deaths among all individuals housed, a death rate of 13.6 per 1,000 individuals³. In the latest published vital statistics report, the Vermont death rate was 10.5 per 1,000 population. Data based upon smaller populations is more likely to be variable over time. As a result, the GA Program will continue to monitor deaths to identify emerging patterns and trends.

For more information

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¹ This rate defines the population as the total number of individuals housed on 12/29/2025 (2,026).

² [Vermont Vital Statistics Annual Report 2023](#)

³ This rate defines the population as the total number of individuals housed on 12/30/2024 (2,127)