

EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Remote Meeting

**Thursday, August 18, 2022
8:30 AM**

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions – Aaron Geyer facilitating

a. Join Zoom Meeting

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b. Approval of Minutes (5 minutes)

2. Monthly Shelter Bed Usage Statistics

a. July Statistics (15 minutes)

3. South Portland hotel/ERA update and discussion – Aaron Geyer, Mary Cook (15 minutes)

4. **Intersection of City Encampment Policy with Dept. of Transportation enforcement– update and discussion -- Aaron Geyer (15 minutes)**
5. **Cumberland County Service Hub update – Matthew Jarrell (10 minutes)**
6. **Federal, State, and Local Legislation update (Cullen Ryan, others) – (20 minutes)**
7. **Other items, updates, and announcements – (10 minutes)**

Next Meeting

September 22, 2022

Time: 8:30 - 10:00

Location: Remote Meeting

If you should have any questions, please contact:

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Emergency Shelter Assessment Committee

Remote Meeting

Thursday, July 21, 2022

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Minutes

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Adam Harr	City of Portland	Norm Maze	Shalom House
Terence Miller	Preble Street	Anne Marie Brown	United Way
Johnathan Sarbeck	District Attorney	Cullen Ryan	CHOM
Sarah Michniewicz	BNA	Mike Guthrie	CoP Family Shelter
Ginny Dill	Office of Behavioral Health	Brian Townsend	Amistad
Vickey Rand	CHOM	Mathew Jarrell	HUB coordinator
Rachel Ohm	Portland Press Herald	Jim Divine	HVJ
Taylor Cray	Preble Street	Isabel McDevit	America Works
George Rheault	Bayside Resident	Mike Merrill	Volunteers for America
Jon Bradley	USM Social Work & Consultant for HVJ	Lauren Chan	
K. Scott Morrison		Hannah Brier	UWSM
Jim Divine	HVJ	Mary Cook	TOA
Leah Bruns	PHA		

Meeting Summary

We are seeing an increase in asylum seeking singles presenting for shelter, including unaccompanied youth. The dignity pilot seeks to speak to agencies' direct service staff as the Maine Human Rights Commission project requires contact with individuals experiencing homelessness and collect data on instances of discrimination. The data is collected via form to report findings back to the legislature. The HUB coordinators' goal is to build by-name list for roll out of Coordinated Entry by September 1st to be able to track people moving between communities. Maine is focusing on rural homelessness in the NOFO as we are not competitive in unsheltered homelessness.

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- **June Meeting Minutes**
 - Terence moved to approve the minutes, Jim seconded and the minutes were approved with none opposed.
- **June Statistics**
 - Shelter bed usage increased as OSS returned to pre-Covid capacity.
 - McKinney Vento referrals were removed from the slides due to not being able to track and refer under self-directed housing searches as of 5/5/22.
 - FS hasn't turned anyone away since 5/5/22 policy change.
 - Increase in asylum seeking singles.
 - There were 18 housing placements.
 - There are minors as young as 12 sheltered at the teen shelter who can be placed in foster care.
 - There are many asylum seeking youth in the teen shelter; about 50%.
- **Dignity Pilot**
 - Looking to speak to agencies' direct service staff as the project requires contact with individuals experiencing homelessness and collect data.
 - Meeting with teams of direct service workers.
 - Maine Humans Rights Commission project to document specific situations of discrimination against people experiencing homelessness
 - Record who and what happened on a form that goes to the Maine Human Rights Commission.
 - Outreach workers confirm there is data to find and share.
 - Need to follow up when hearing about these situations to collect the data.
 - Why it's important.
 - Homelessness is already an emergency situation; adding discrimination and barriers to shelter, housing, employment and other services compounds the emergency.
 - Previous Outreach lacked the documentation and data collection to understand the scope of the issue.
 - Goal is to make positive change for people experiencing homelessness.
 - Homeless Bill of Rights.
 - Ameliorate specific issues that perpetuate homelessness
 - People denied banking for not having a permanent address.
 - Not true; this is discrimination.
 - Denied a storage unit for not having an address.
 - Not true; this is discrimination.
 - Results in carrying or giving away belongings.
 - Housing and Employment
 - Anytime someone is asked for information not asked of people experiencing homelessness is discrimination such as:
 - Drug tests

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- More financial information not asked of others.
 - If everyone is asked to have a cosigner or have a certain credit score, it is not discrimination.
- Transportation.
 - If a person doesn't have a consistent address, it is hard to get transportation to CAP agencies.
 - Also a Maine Care issue
 - A larger issue outside of Portland.
- Intakes needed to do record information.
- Nothing will be done with the individual reports or names collected; they are counted by the Maine Human Rights Commission but people will remain anonymous.
 - Anonymous: people don't need to worry about consequences.
- Homelessness is not a protected class so it is unclear what constitutes discrimination.
 - Err on the side of reporting.
- There is no compensation for contributing.
 - There is little immediate personal benefit.
 - Benefit would come if issues are identified and bettered.
- Discrimination can be complicated and intersectional to a protected class.
 - Could be race based or health based discrimination.
 - Maine Human Rights Commission may follow up on those to pursue cases.
- Form has hard copies and available online.
 - Will have a QR code.
- The Maine Human Rights Commission and HVJ can help.
- Rachel Talbot Ross was instrumental in getting this done.
- Incidents over the past year can be reported in addition to those as they happen moving forward.
- Training is available in-persona and on Zoom.
- One large concern is discrimination against people in recovery.
- FAQs
 - Recovery or treatment is not a reason to deny housing/services; it is a health issue.
 - Active use can be but a denial due to history of substance use is discrimination.
 - Criminal History
 - Many homeless people have misdemeanors associated with homelessness.
 - There is no protection for housing.
 - It is important to note when this happens.
 - There is protection for employment.
 - Mental Health Issues
 - No one should not be housed for a history of mental health issues,
 - Case managers calling are an indicator itself and could result in rejection but is hard to prove.

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- Record what people are experiencing.
 - Can a landlord reject an application because someone doesn't have a social security number?
 - No, if there are other means of identification.
 - Will be true for a lot of asylum seekers.
 - Questions can be answered by calling the Maine Human Rights Commission.
 - Homelessness is complicated with many factors; we don't need additional barriers.
 - We are trying to undo barriers that can be undone.
 - As we do this work, we are finding other instances of discrimination that may already be protected based on a protected class status.
- **Cumberland County Service Hub Update**
 - Mathew Jarrell, mjerrell@UWSM.org, Cumberland County HUB Coordinator
 - Focusing on Quality data in Portland and the County.
 - Working on a by-name list.
 - Data Team met on June 28th to coordinate agencies and work on getting unsheltered individuals added to the by-name list.
 - Working for people to be added to the list regardless if sheltered or unsheltered.
 - Working on an outreach and engagement guide.
 - Parks and Rec. is assisting locating encampments for outreach.
 - Quality Data Documentation
 - HMIS
 - Shelters and PATH
 - General Assistance
 - Portland, South Portland, and Westbrook met on data sharing.
 - There currently is no centralized repository for GA data in the state.
 - Additional sources
 - 211
 - Getting ERA data.
 - Other willing providers.
 - Goal to meet quality data with by-name list by the end of the year.
 - Coordinated Entry: standardized pathway to housing resources for a person experiencing homelessness.
 - Access
 - Assessment
 - Draft finalized with agencies throughout the state testing the assessment with clients.
 - Prioritization
 - Referral
 - Action Steps
 - Launch Coordinated Entry Assessment
 - Convene HUB stakeholders to discuss origination and outreach.
 - By September 1st

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- Build by-name list for roll out of Coordinated Entry
- Identify all Coordinated Entry access points
 - Shelters
 - PATH
 - Additional groups in Portland and elsewhere in the County.
- Portland Housing Authority has data to share.
- Will be able to track people who move between communities.
- **Federal, State, and Local Legislation Update**
 - **Federal**
 - NOFO for unsheltered and rural homelessness.
 - Are there and projects applying?
 - One application in Maine.
 - Focusing on rural as the unsheltered aspect is geared to other communities like LA.
 - Focusing our effort in one project rather than scattered to have a higher chance of success.
 - House passed FY23T-HUD Budget.
 - Now goes to reconcile with the Senate.
 - No new action on previous bills covered.
 - Coordinating substance use and Homelessness Care Act
 - Many investing in housing.
 - **State**
 - Now is a good time to reach out to legislator and candidates before they are full in campaign mode.
 - Lewiston created an ad-hoc shelter committee with draft recommendations.
 - Temporary shelter be established by September, 2022
 - Non-congregate shelter.
 - Cites Ramada's success.
 - Need for specialized shelter fir people with substance us disorder
 - Need for specialized shelter for families.

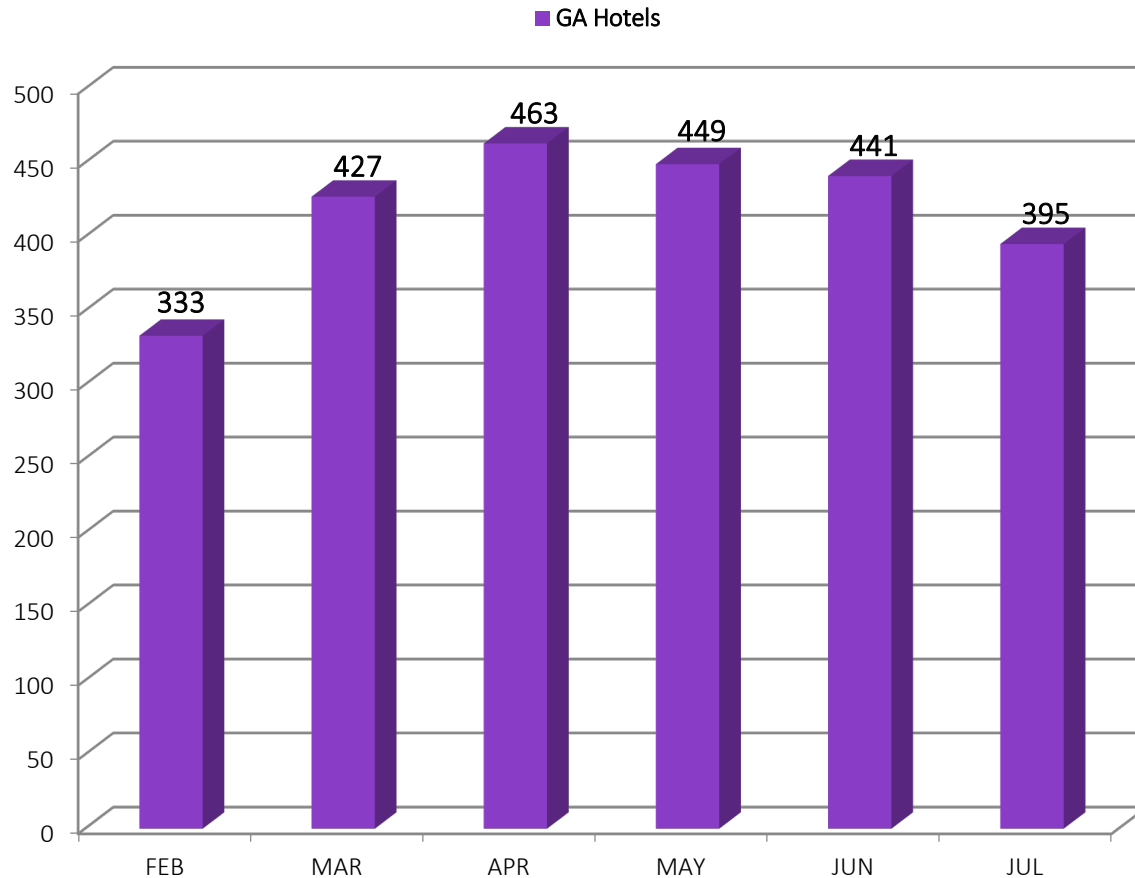
PORTLAND HOMELESS SHELTERS

Average Total Number of Individuals Residing in Shelters* per Night:

	July 2021	July 2022
ADOLESCENTS	13 Individuals	24 Individuals
FAMILIES	106 Individuals 37 Average Families	80 Individuals 32 Average Families
ADULTS	251 Individuals	317 Individuals
Total	370 Individuals	421 Individuals

*GA hotels are on the next slide.

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE JULY, 2022 General Assistance Hotels



	Month*	Total
Unduplicated GA Hotels	395	3,119

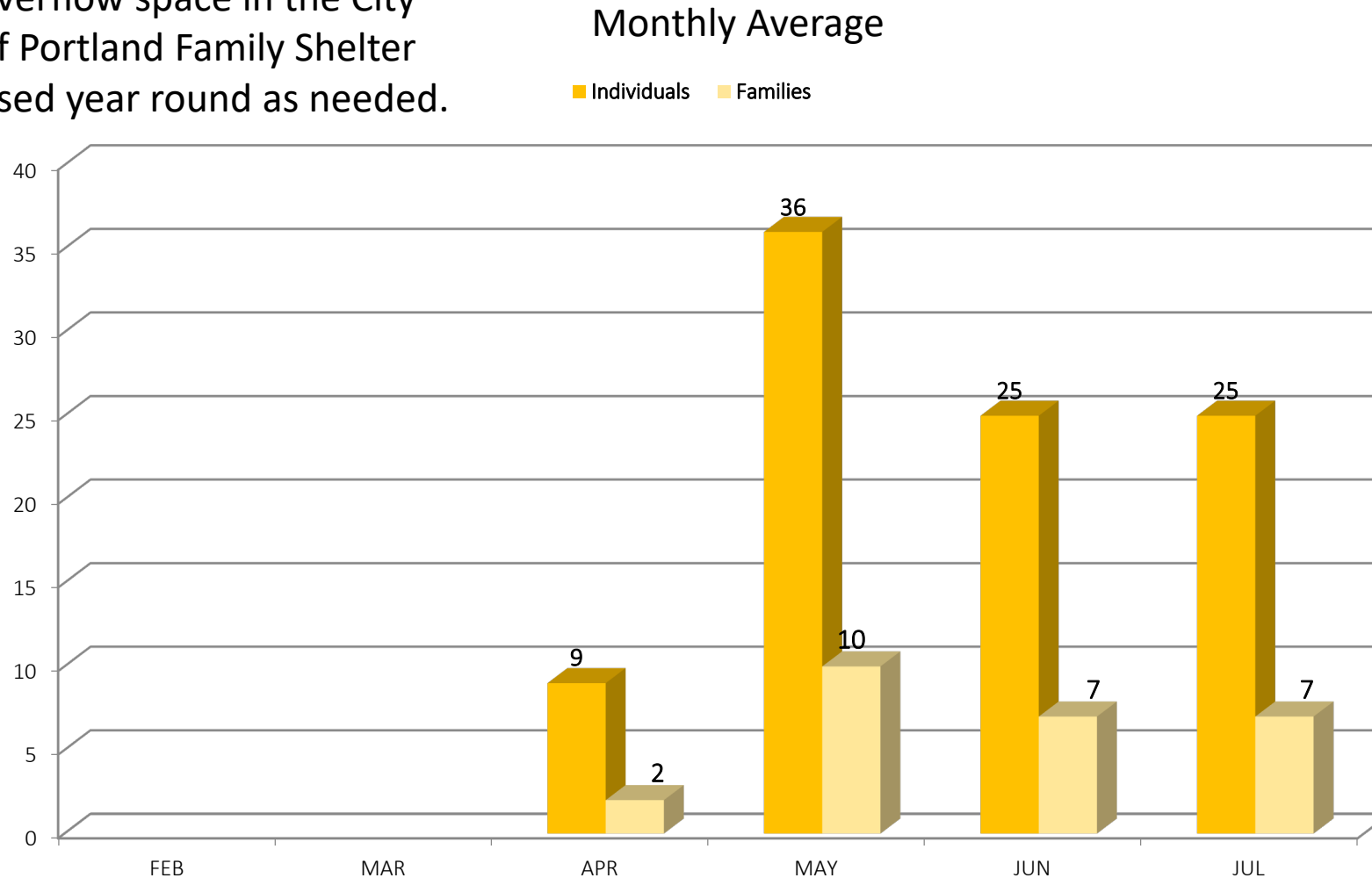
Total Unduplicated GA Hotels are the cases granted General Assistance hotel rooms from June, 2020 through the end of the month being reported.

Portland GA no longer makes McKinney Vento referrals as of the May 5, 2022 policy change.

*Started referral partnership with South Portland Schools in December, 2020.

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE JULY 2022 WARMING CENTER STATISTICS BY MONTH

The Warming Center is an overflow space in the City of Portland Family Shelter used year round as needed.



Date	Families	Individuals
1	0	0
2	0	0
3	0	0
4	0	0
5	0	0
6	1	7
7	1	7
8	2	11
9	3	15
10	3	15
11	3	13
12	3	14
13	4	17
14	1	3
15	1	3
16	1	3
17	2	7
18	0	0
19	0	0
20	0	0
21	0	0
22	1	2
23	2	5
24	2	5
25	2	5
26	6	22
27	6	22
28	6	22
29	7	26
30	7	26
31	7	26

OXFORD STREET SHELTER

JULY, 2022

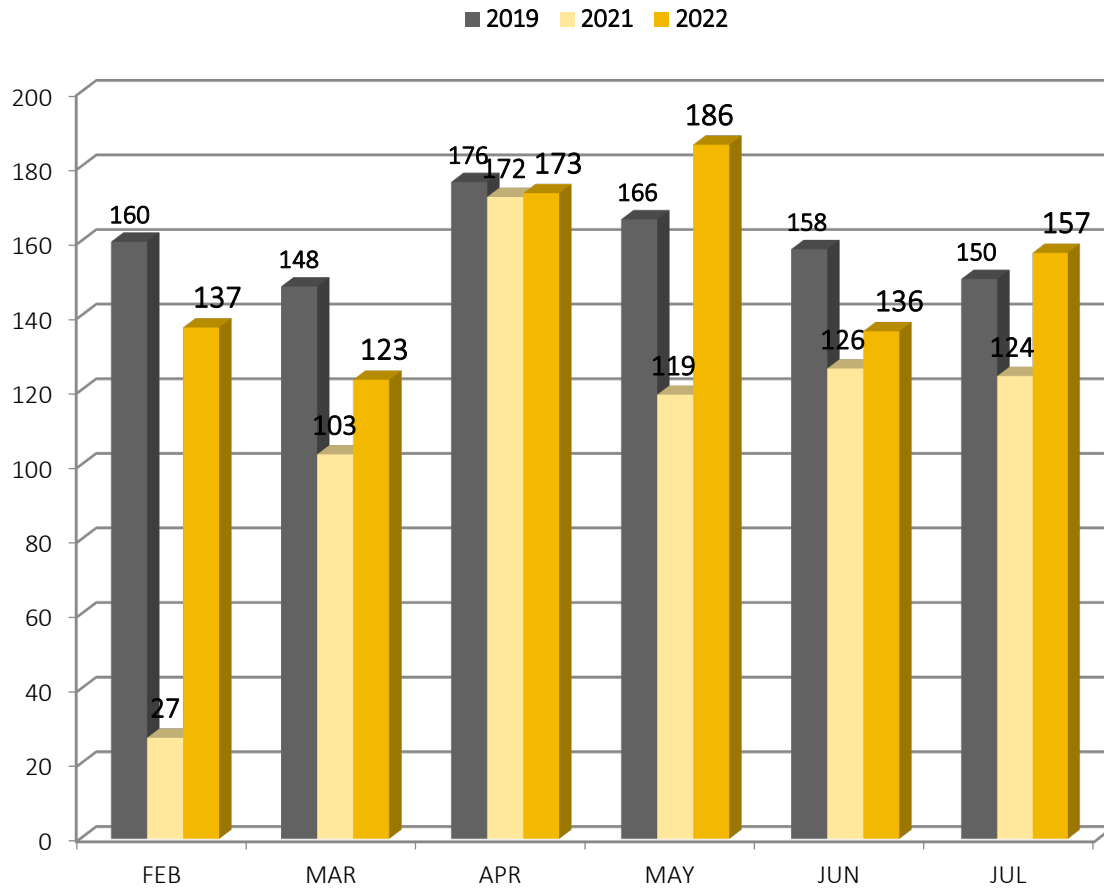
Intakes by Residency

*46 people indicated refugee services for reason at intake and are likely asylum seekers.

MAINE TOWN						OUT-OF-STATE						OUT-OF-COUNTRY*	
Auburn	1	Saco	1			DC	1	IN	1	PA	1	Rwanda	1
Augusta	2	Sanford	4			PA	1	KY	1	TN	1		
Bangor	3	Scarborough	1			RI	1	MA	2	TX	5		
Biddeford	1	Skowhegan	2			TX	2	MD	1	WA	1		
Brunswick	1	South Portland	5			AL	1	MN	1	WI	1		
Dexter	1	Standish	2			AZ	5	MO	1				
Freeport	1	Topsham	1			CA	9	NC	1				
La Grange	1	Westbrook	2			CT	2	NH	3				
Lewiston	3	Windham	1			DC	2	NY	6				
Livermore	1	Yarmouth	1			FL	3	OH	1				
OOB	2					GA	1	OR	1				

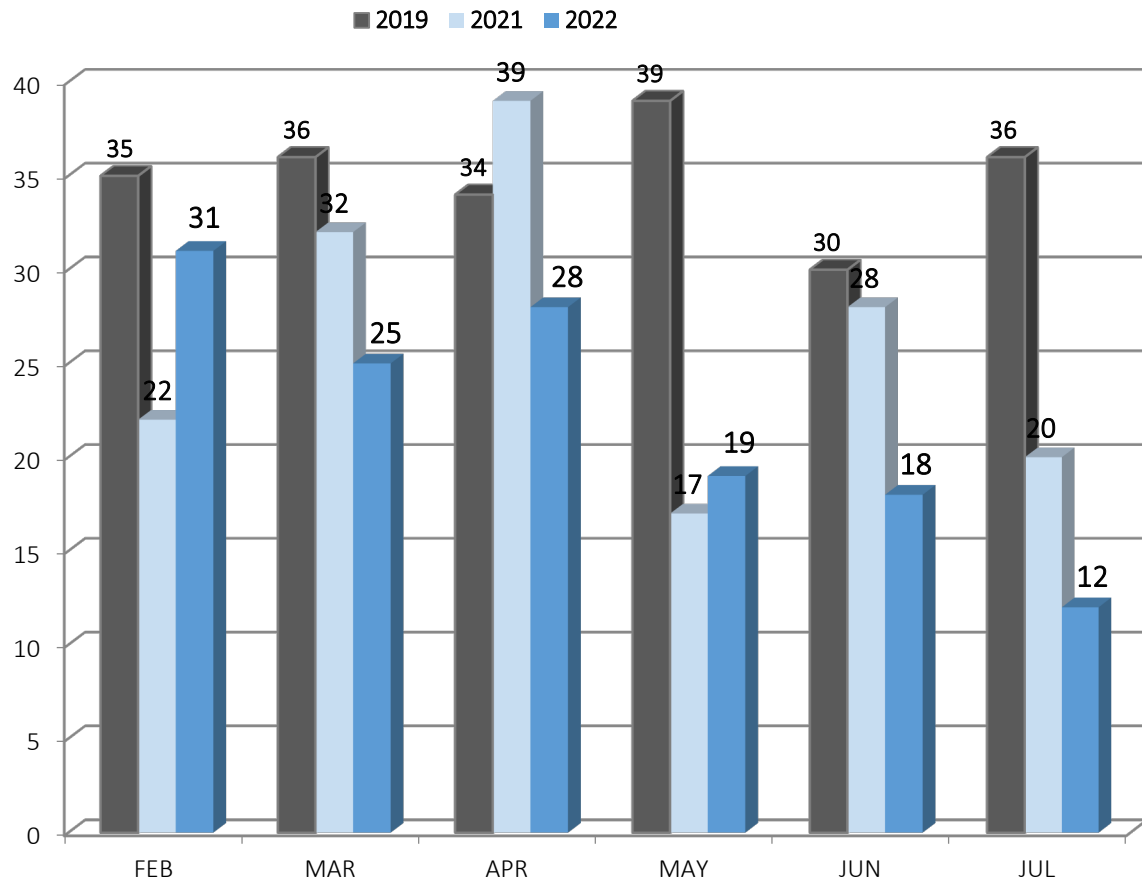
MAINE TOWN:	37	OUT-OF-STATE:	57	OUT-OF-COUNTRY:	1	PORTLAND:	23	Unknown:	11	TOTAL:	129
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PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE JULY, 2022 SHELTER INTAKES BY MONTH



	INTAKES	Pre-COVID Bed Capacity	Current Bed Capacity
Through These Doors	4/4	16	16+ at shelter and hotel overflow
Family Shelter	0	146	146
Joe Kreisler	11	24	24
Milestone	1	41	34
Oxford Street (Men)	100	154 at OSS, 75 at PSRC overflow	154 at OSS, 149 at contracted hotel
Oxford Street (Women)	29		
Florence House	12	25 at Shelter, 15 at Safe Haven	25 at Shelter, 15 at Safe Haven
TOTAL	157	496	474+

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE JULY, 2022 HOUSING PLACEMENTS BY MONTH



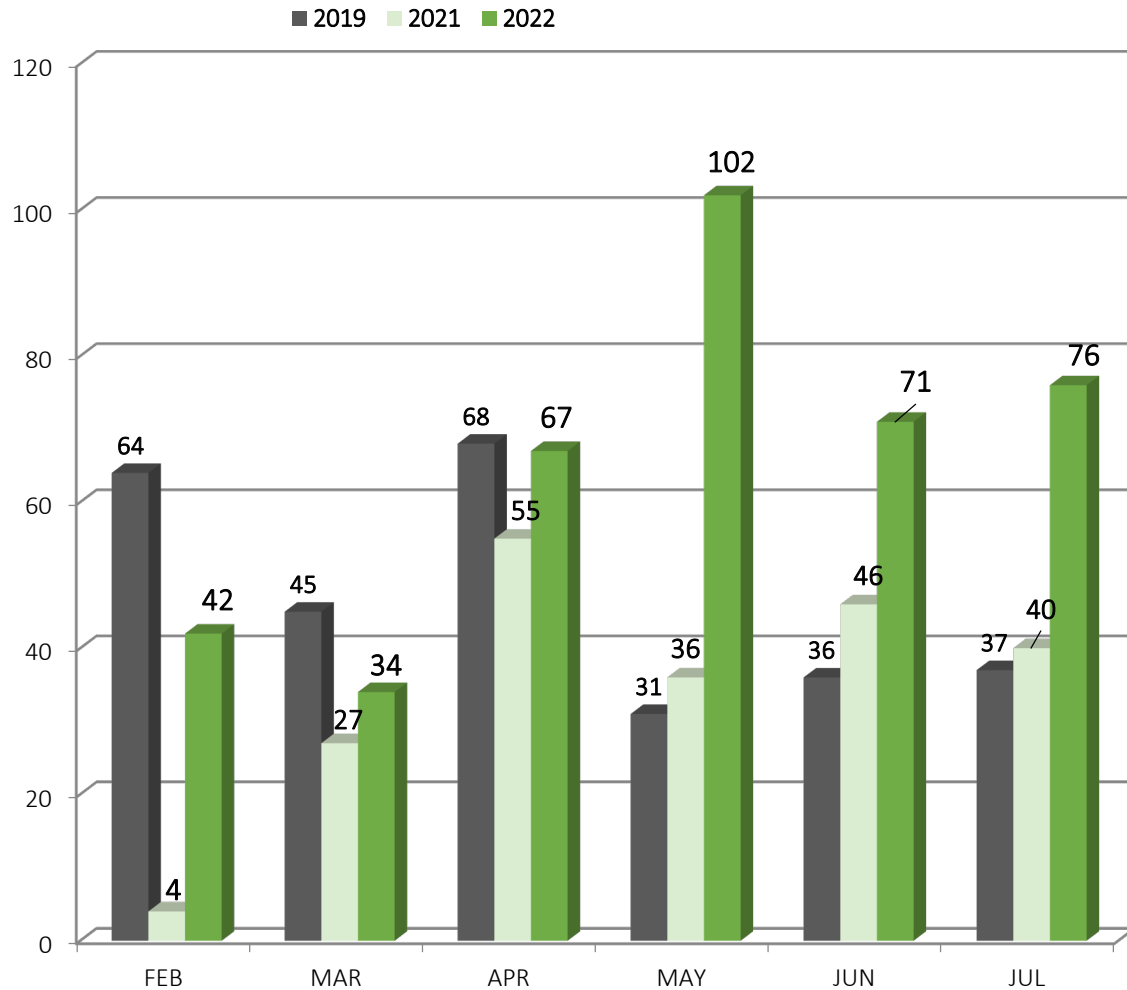
*Starting October, 2013, Oxford Street Shelter shifted prioritization of housing placements to their 30 longest-term stayers.

	TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	BED NIGHTS	TEMPORARY	PERMANENT
Through These Doors	0	-	-	-
Family Shelter	1/5	120	-	1/5
Joe Kreisler	3	303	1	2
Milestone	0	-	-	-
Oxford Street (Men)	4	617	-	4
Oxford Street (Women)	0	-	-	-
Florence House	4	442	-	4
TOTAL	12	1,482	1	11

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1st TIME HOMELESSNESS STATISTICS (BASED ON SELF-REPORTING)



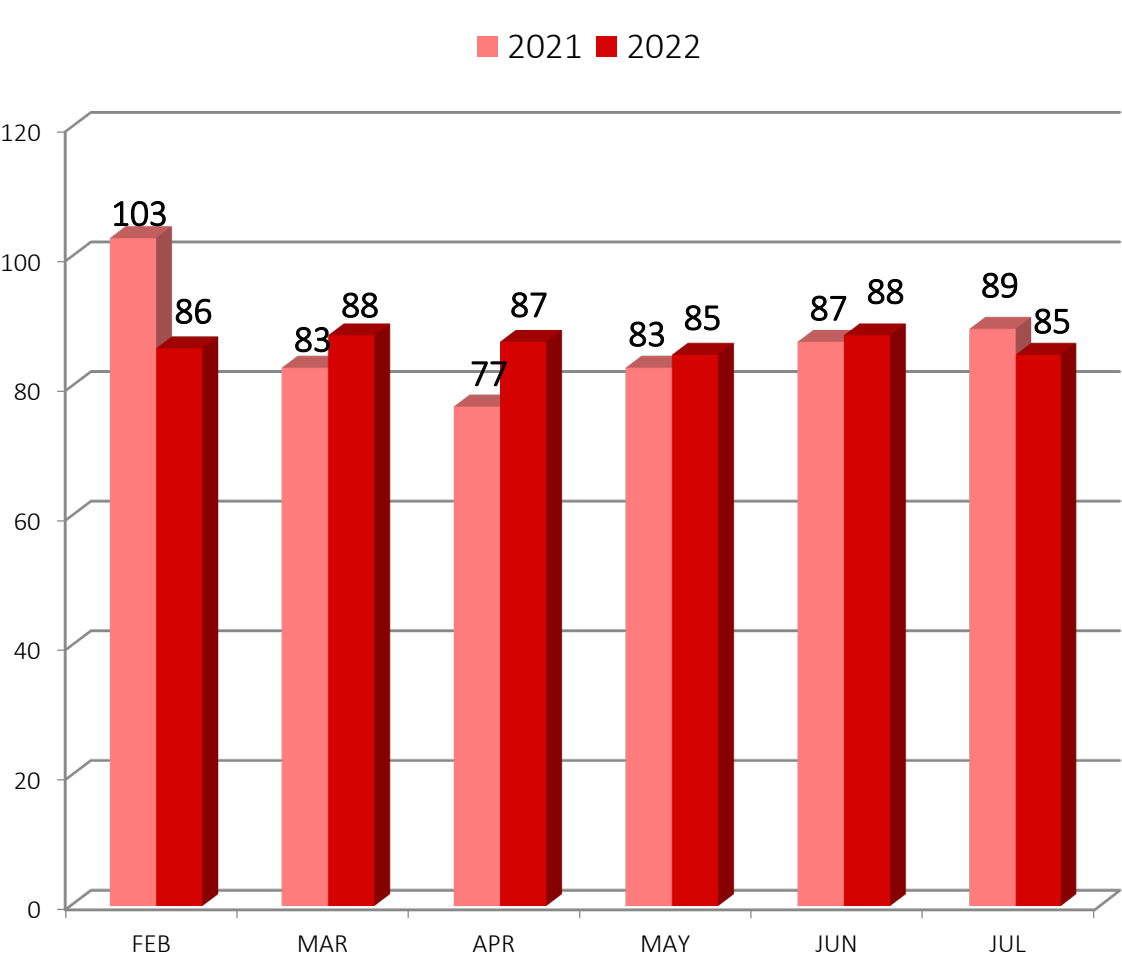
1 ST TIME HOMELESSNESS STATISTICS	All Intakes	1 st Time Homeless Intakes	% of the Shelter's Intakes	% of All Intake	% of Portland First Time Homeless Intakes
Through These Doors	4/4	0	-	-	-
Family Shelter	0	0	-	-	-
Joe Kreisler	11	7	64%	4%	9%
Milestone	1	0	-	-	-
Oxford Street (Men)	100	52	52%	33%	68%
Oxford Street (Women)	29	16	55%	10%	21%
Florence House	12	1	8%	1%	1%
TOTAL	157	76		48%	100%

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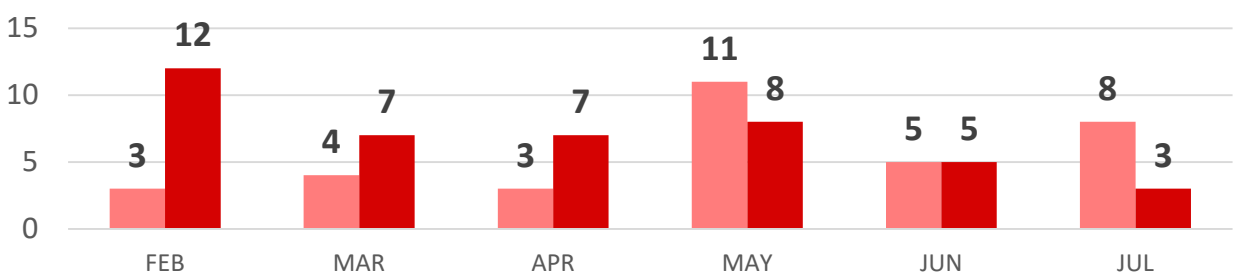
CTOs FROM SHELTER

Total Current CTOs



CTO STATISTICS	CTOs in the Month	Medical Restrictions in Month	Current CTOs
Family Shelter	0	0	0
Joe Kreisler	0	0	2
Milestone	0	0	18
Oxford Street Shelter	3	0	63
Florence House	0	0	2
TOTAL	3	0	85

CTOs Issued in the Month



PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE JULY, 2022 HOUSING PLACEMENTS BY TYPE

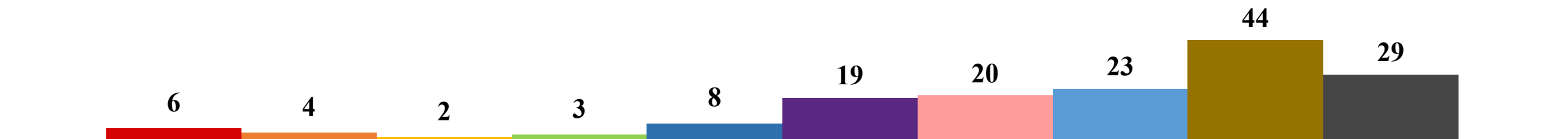
	S+C	BRAP	Recovery Home	Public Housing	STEP	Family Reunification	Sect. 8/HCV	OTHER	GA	No Subsidy
Through These Doors										
Family Shelter									1	
Joe Kreisler		2						1*		
Milestone										
Oxford Street (Men)	1								2	1
Oxford Street (Women)										
Florence House				1						3
TOTAL	1	2		1				1	3	4

*TLP-DOC

Distribution of Placements in the Month: 12



2022 Placements: 158

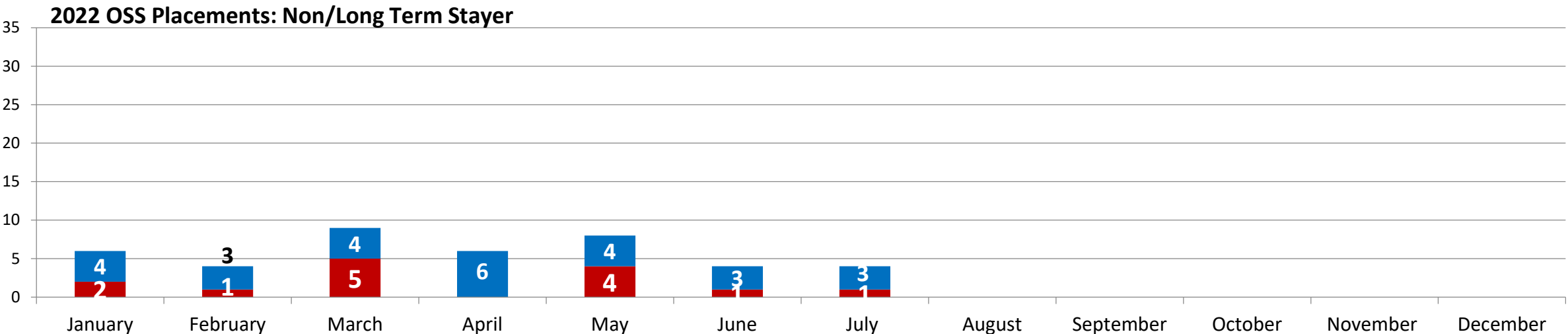
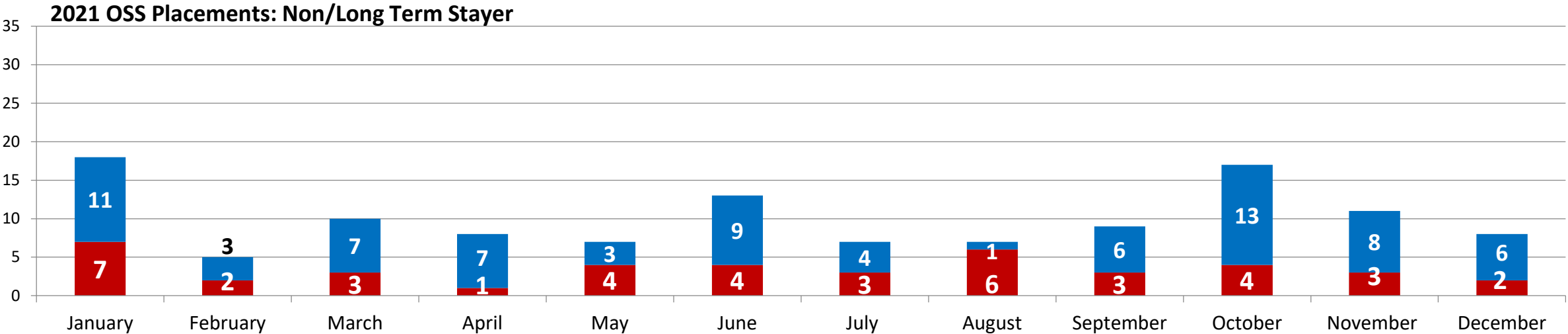
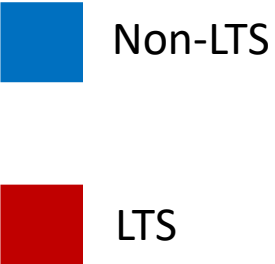


PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE JULY, 2022 SHELTER COUNT BY NIGHT

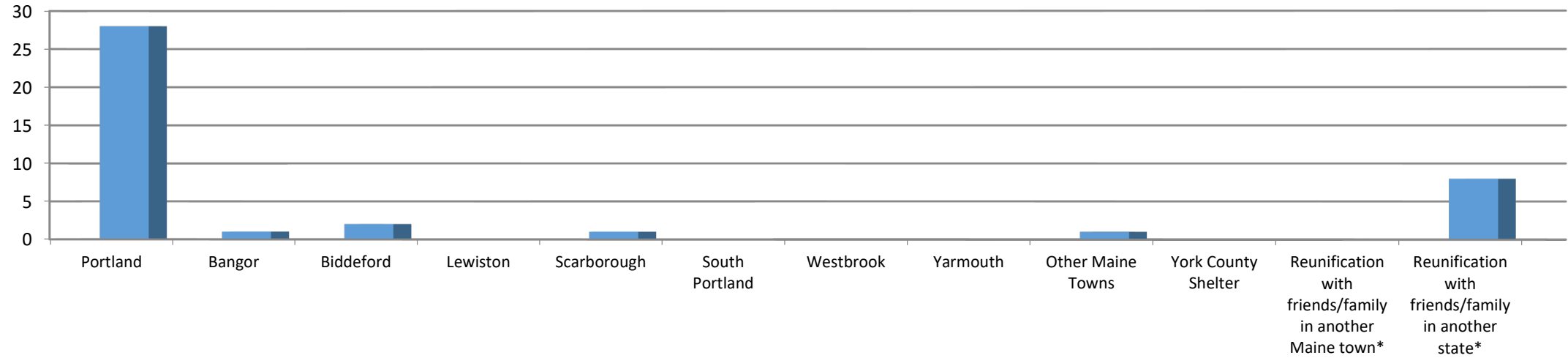
On July: 28
470 individuals
(including families)
were utilizing shelter services in
Portland

Calendar Day	Through These Doors	Family Shelter	Florence House	Joe Kreisler	Milestone	OSS Beds	FS Warming Center	Total Bed Nights
1	15	62	37	22	30	224	0	390
2	15	62	38	21	28	216	0	380
3	15	62	36	22	29	219	0	383
4	15	62	38	18	30	228	0	391
5	16	62	37	22	33	231	0	401
6	16	62	36	20	26	233	7	400
7	16	53	37	24	32	240	7	409
8	16	53	37	22	33	234	11	406
9	16	53	38	22	36	217	15	397
10	16	53	39	22	39	239	15	423
11	16	53	34	23	32	244	13	415
12	15	53	39	23	38	256	14	438
13	15	53	39	25	31	251	17	431
14	15	53	39	23	38	248	3	419
15	16	53	36	23	32	251	3	414
16	16	53	37	23	33	238	3	403
17	16	53	36	24	36	240	7	412
18	16	53	35	25	35	253	0	417
19	17	53	37	25	33	250	0	415
20	17	53	40	25	35	256	0	426
21	17	53	37	26	37	261	0	431
22	17	53	35	26	32	241	2	406
23	17	53	34	24	35	239	5	407
24	17	53	36	25	37	253	5	426
25	17	53	37	24	37	252	5	425
26	17	53	37	25	36	259	22	449
27	17	53	38	25	38	271	22	464
28	17	53	38	25	37	278	22	470
29	17	53	36	26	32	274	26	464
30	17	53	38	24	33	252	26	443
31	17	53	38	26	36	273	26	469
Total	502	1,697	1,149	730	1,049	7,621	276	13,024
Avg/night	16	55	37	24	34	246	9	420
Highest	17	62	40	26	39	278	26	470
Lowest	15	53	34	18	26	216	0	380

OXFORD STREET SHELTER & COMMUNITY OVERFLOW HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA



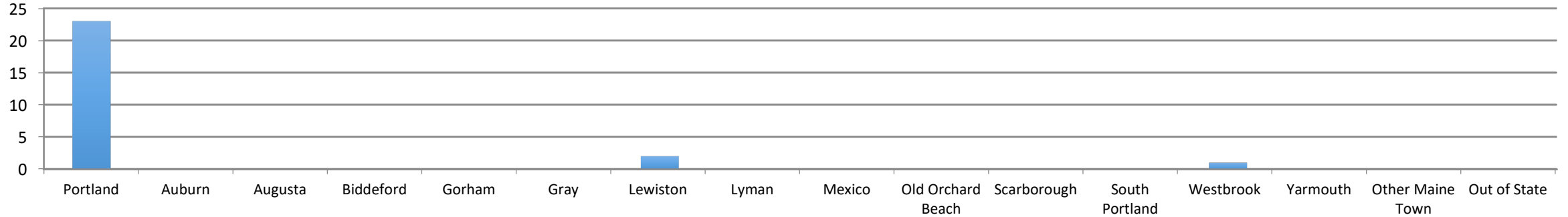
OXFORD STREET SHELTER & COMMUNITY OVERFLOW PERMANENT AND TRANSITIONAL 2022 HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	%
TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	6	4	9	6	8	4	4						40	100%
Portland	5	4	4	2	7	3	3						28	68.3%
Bangor			1										1	2.4%
Biddeford			1				1						2	4.9%
Lewiston														0.0%
Scarborough				1									1	2.4%
South Portland														0.0%
Westbrook														0.0%
Yarmouth														0.0%
Other Maine Towns						1							1	2.4%
York County Shelter														0.0%
Reunification with friends/family in another Maine town*														0.0%
Reunification with friends/family in another state*	1		3	3									8	19.5%

FAMILY SHELTER PERMANENT AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA

■ 2022



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	100%
TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	3	10	3	3	3	3	1						26	
Portland	3	9	3	3	3	2							23	88.5%
Auburn														0.0%
Augusta														0.0%
Biddeford														0.0%
Gorham														0.0%
Gray														0.0%
Lewiston						1	1						2	7.7%
Lyman														0.0%
Mexico														0.0%
Old Orchard Beach														0.0%
Scarborough														0.0%
South Portland														0.0%
Westbrook		1											1	3.8%
Yarmouth														0.0%
Other Maine Town														0.0%
Out of State														0.0%