

EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Remote Meeting

**Thursday, November 17, 2022
8:30 AM**

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions – Jim Devine facilitating

a. Join Zoom Meeting

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b. Approval of minutes (5 minutes)

2. Monthly Bed Shelter Usage Statistics October (15 minutes)

3. **Update on Emergency Rental Assistance program (10 minutes)**
4. **Winter planning discussion – Group conversation (15 minutes)**
5. **Region I update – Norman Maze, others (10 minutes)**
6. **Cumberland County Service Hub update – United Way (5 minutes)**
7. **Federal, State, and Local Legislation update (Cullen Ryan, others) – (20 minutes)**
8. **Other items, updates, and announcements – (10 minutes)**
 - a. HVJ: Winter Solstice Vigil, 21 st of December

Next Meeting

December 15, 2022

Time: 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Location: Remote Meeting

If you should have any questions, please contact:

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Emergency Shelter Assessment Committee

Remote Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 2022

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Minutes

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Aaron Geyer	City of Portland	Norm Maze	Shalom House
Terence Miller	Preble Street	Cullen Ryan	CHOM
Sarah Michniewicz	BNA	Mike Guthrie	CoP Family Shelter
Taylor Cray	Preble Street	Brian Townsend	Amistad
Mary Cook	TOA	Jim Divine	HVJ
Anna Bullet	TOA WIC	Jenny Stasio	Through These Doors
Andrew Bove	Preble Street	Heather Zimmerman	Portland Resident

Meeting Summary

August saw an increase in adolescents, likely part of a continued trend of unaccompanied asylum-seeking youth. 63 of the OSS intakes are likely asylum seekers based on reason for seeking shelter at intake. Demographic info on race and age was discussed for First time homelessness and CTO statistics. The group also discussed including non-CTO restrictions be included. The Camping policy will be a standing policy; OSS reached capacity twice in recent weeks and the camping ban could not be enforced. The group considered how to capture more data around the policy. Winter planning needs volunteers. Maine Homeless Policy Committee's Priorities & Strategies were shared in the legislative update. HVJ shared info on their candidates' forums and Preble Street announced the opening of Elena's Way, a 40-bed wellness shelter for LTS referrals, and of 15 beds coming online for recuperative care.

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- **July Meeting Minutes**

- Jim moved to approve the July 21, 2022 minutes, Ben seconded and the minutes were approved with none opposed.

- **August Statistics**

- August saw an increase in adolescents, likely part of a continued trend of unaccompanied asylum-seeking youth.
- 63 of the OSS intakes are likely asylum seekers based on reason for seeking shelter at intake.
- 64% of men reported experiencing homelessness for the first time at OSS.
 - Can we get an age and race break down for these clients?
- Can we get race demographic info of CTOs?
- Can we get information on non-CTO restrictions?
 - Overnight restrictions as threshold to track?
- The camping ban policy was not on the agenda and seems related to the CTOs and could be a standing agenda item while it's in effect.
- It was reported that OSS reached capacity recently.
 - OSS has reached capacity twice in the past few weeks late at night.
 - When OSS reaches capacity, there should be some notification that the camping policy is not in effect.
 - How does this work when it would only fill up during sleeping hours?
 - If there is a potential to be filled, it's reasonable to assume there are not enough beds to accommodate all people sleeping outside.
 - Raises the question if it is a reasonable policy and language change in the ordinance may need to change.
 - Such as saying the night before the shelter was full, etc.
 - When the shelter reaches capacity at night, dispatch is called.
 - Camping ban is not enforced from that phone call to the next morning.
 - CTOd people and other restrictions means being banned from camping without having access to shelter.
 - This works against our fundamental purpose.
 - It may not be lawful.
 - What data can be collected to understand the impact of the policy is?
 - Could there be a breakdown of categories of reason for CTO?
- 178 placements in 2022 so far.

- **Winter Planning**

- Courtney Plasden and Ben Strick took the lead last year.
- Volunteers staffed the First Parish when a temperature threshold was reached to open a warming center at the church.
- Organizations don't have the capacity to take it on in an official capacity.

- **Region 1 Homeless Council Update**

- Meets monthly on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 1-3; all are welcome.
- Cullen Ryan and Dr. Katie Spencer White are the co-chairs of the statewide homeless council.

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- Small meeting last month due to a supplemental notice of funding webinar.
- Lack of affordable housing was discussed.
- Increase in overdoses in Cumberland and York counties.
- York county reported a spike in unsheltered homelessness in Biddeford.
- Increase number of people in eviction court.
- **ME COC Update**
 - Focusing on the annual COC application (NOFO)
 - Projects scored and ranked.
 - Special notice of funding application for rural set aside.
 - 15-page attachment plan.
 - Due October 20th
- **Federal, State, and Local Legislation Update**
 - Federal
 - FY23 Budget likely to go into a continuing resolution.
 - THUD has increases in HUDVASH; enough vouchers for every homeless veteran.
 - Inflation Reduction Act did not include anything for housing or services.
 - Homeless policy committee:
 - Fund emergency shelters
 - Promote low-barrier shelter and non-congregate shelter.
 - End outdoor homelessness
 - Advocate for 30-40 motel/non-congregate accommodations for LTS
 - Ensure an adequate supply of housing
 - Increase supply of low income or supportive housing.
 - Ensure this is an adequate safety net
 - Improve/simplify General Assistance
 - Create flexible outreach workers/intensive case management.
 - Decriminalize homelessness
 - Housing is cheaper than jail; properly serve people with persistent mental illness.
- **Other items, updates, and announcements**
 - HVJ
 - You Don't Need a Home to Vote: Campaign to register folks to vote regardless of housing status.
 - October 21st: district 3 candidates forum at Logan Place.
 - October 24th at 55 Portland street will have a legislative, gubernatorial and art large councilors candidate's forum.
 - Preble Street's Elena's Way opens next month by referral only.
 - Welcomes couples; will there be risk prioritization?
 - Focuses on unsheltered homelessness.
 - 40 beds.
 - Staffed 24/7.
 - Recuperative Care Services: GPH and Preble Street

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- Medical service available for people too sick to be discharged to shelter but too well to remain hospitalized.
- Clients needing surgery that normally would be ineligible for not having a safe place to recover.
- 15 beds.

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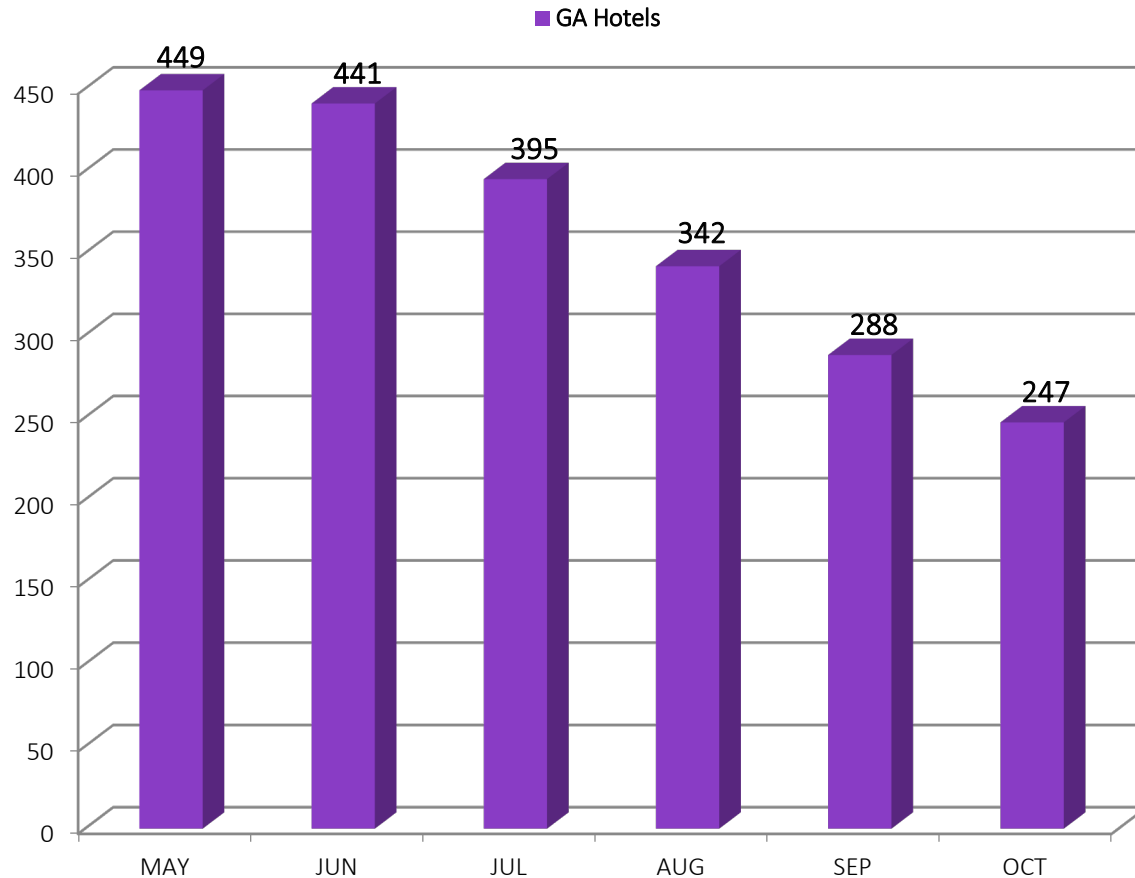
PORTLAND HOMELESS SHELTERS

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

	October 2021	October 2022
ADOLESCENTS	14 Individuals	23 Individuals
FAMILIES	104 Individuals 39 Average Families	131 Individuals 47 Average Families
ADULTS	254 Individuals	362 Individuals
Total	371 Individuals	516 Individuals

*GA hotels are on the next slide.

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE OCTOBER, 2022 General Assistance Hotels



	Month*	Total
Unduplicated GA Hotels	247	3,065

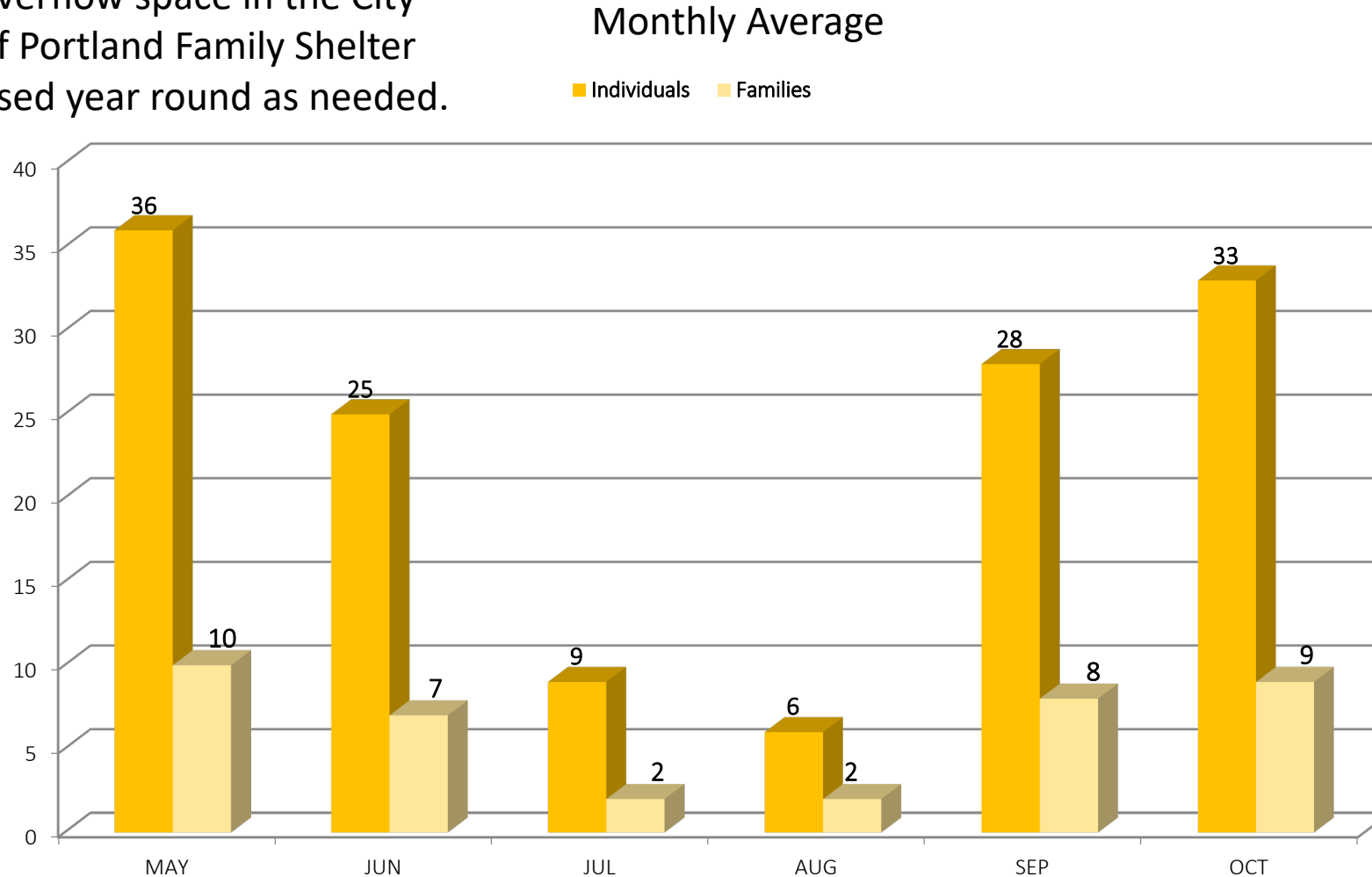
Total Unduplicated GA Hotels are the cases granted General Assistance hotel rooms from June, 2020 through the end of the month being reported.

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 OCTOBER 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.



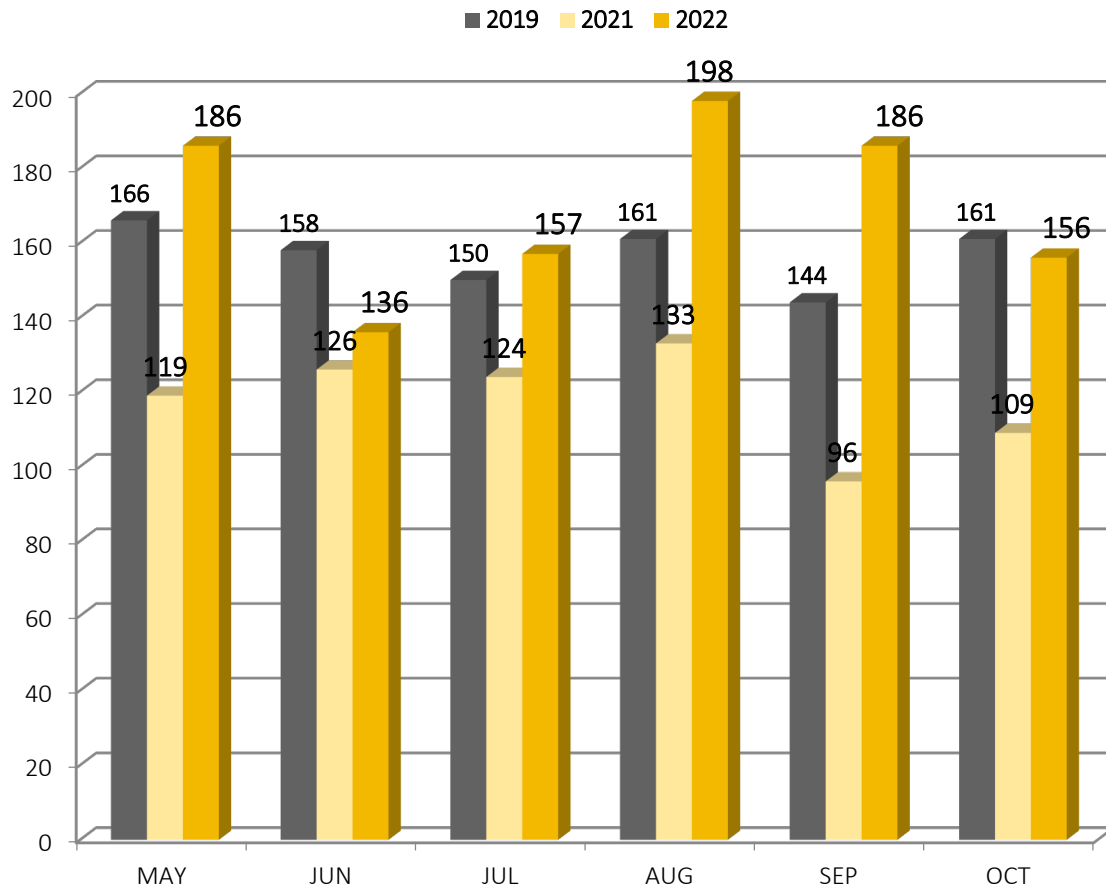
Date	Families	Individuals
1	8	25
2	8	26
3	9	34
4	6	19
5	9	35
6	9	32
7	9	33
8	10	35
9	10	35
10	9	33
11	10	35
12	10	35
13	10	39
14	9	36
15	9	36
16	9	35
17	9	35
18	9	35
19	9	35
20	9	35
21	9	35
22	9	35
23	8	30
24	9	32
25	9	32
26	9	32
27	10	37
28	7	25
29	7	28
30	7	28
31	10	39

OXFORD STREET SHELTER
OCTOBER, 2022
Intakes by Residency

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

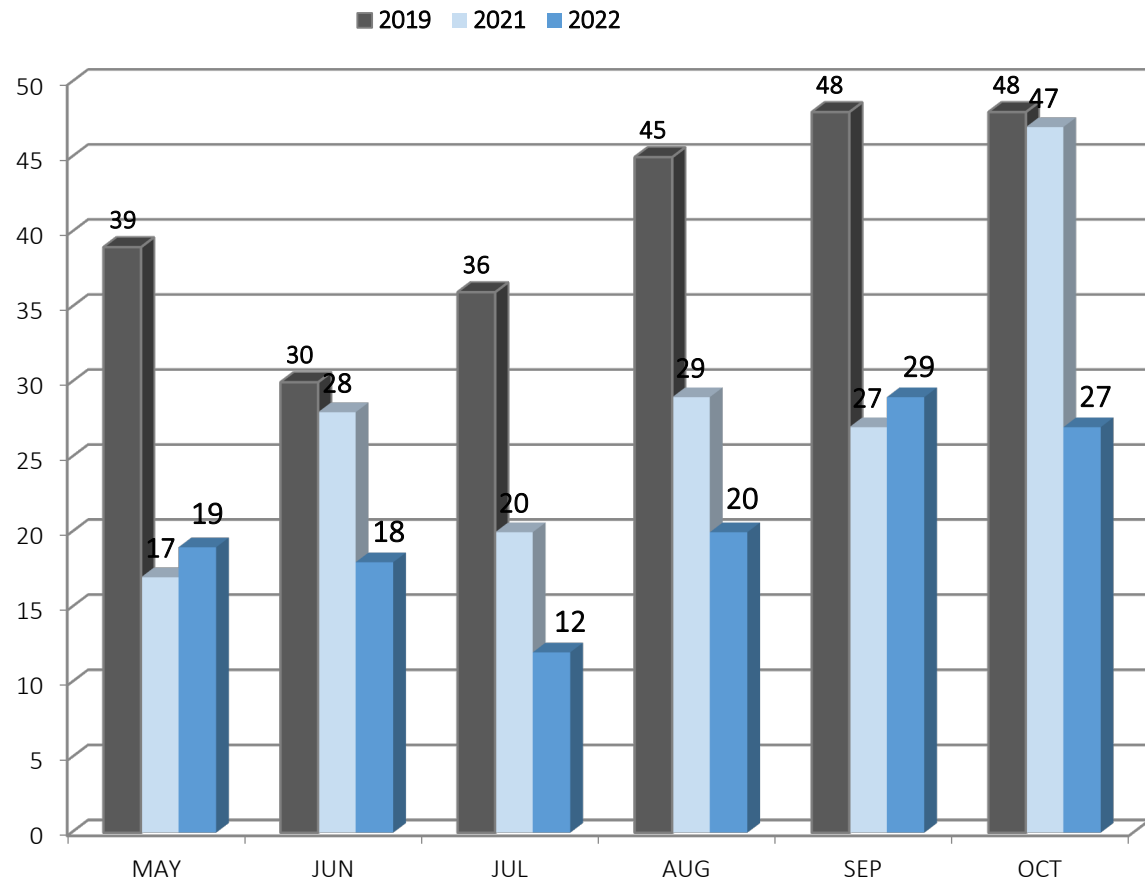
MAINE TOWN						OUT-OF-STATE						OUT-OF-COUNTRY					
Alfred	1	Parsonsfield	2			AZ	1	MS	1			Angola	2				
Bangor	2	Patten	1			CA	20	ND	1								
Biddeford	3	Poland Spring	1			CO	1	NH	1								
Bowdoin	1	Saco	1			CT	1	NY	2								
Brunswick	3	South Portland	5			DC	1	OH	2								
Charleston	1	Waterville	1			DE	2	TX	7								
Lewiston	1	Westbrook	2			FL	4										
Listone	1	Windham	2			GA	1										
Lyman	1	Woodland	1			KY	1										
Machias	1					MA	2										
Millinocket	1					MD	1										
Norway	1					MO	1										
MAINE TOWN:		33	OUT-OF-STATE:		50	OUT-OF-COUNTRY:		2	PORTLAND:		23	Unknown:		7	TOTAL:		115

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE OCTOBER, 2022 SHELTER INTAKES BY MONTH



	INTAKES	Pre-COVID Bed Capacity	Current Bed Capacity
Through These Doors	6/11	16	16+ at shelter and hotel overflow
Family Shelter	9/31	146	146
Joe Kreisler	8	24	24
Milestone	3	41	34
Oxford Street (Men)	89	154 at OSS, 75 at PSRC overflow	154 at OSS, 149 at contracted hotel
Oxford Street (Women)	26		
Florence House	15	25 at Shelter, 15 at Safe Haven	25 at Shelter, 15 at Safe Haven
TOTAL	156	496	474+

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



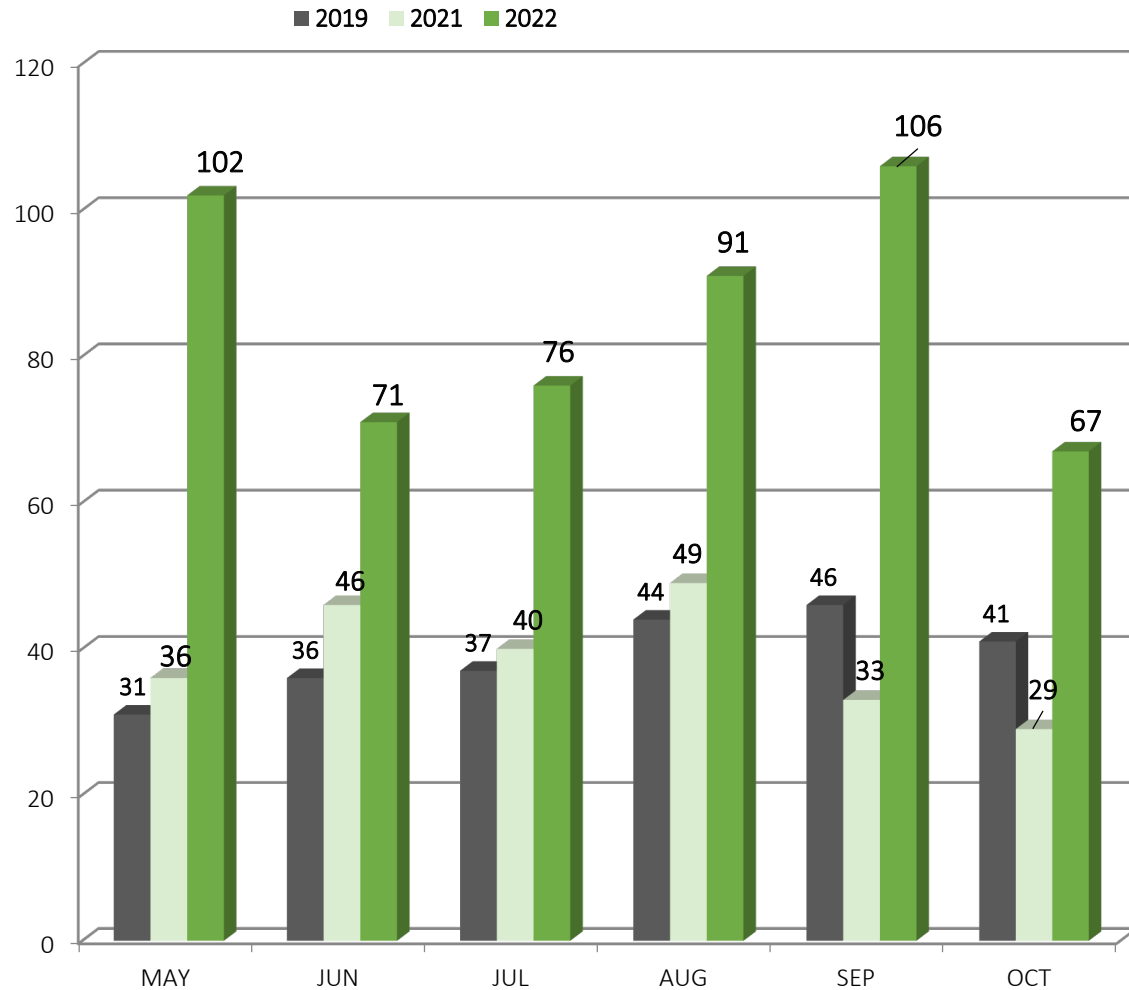
*Starting October, 2013, Oxford Street Shelter shifted prioritization of housing placements to their 30 longest-term stayers.

	TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	BED NIGHTS	TEMPORARY	PERMANENT
Through These Doors	2/6	57		2/6
Family Shelter	5/12	2,674		5/12
Joe Kreisler	2	150		2
Milestone	2	860		2
Oxford Street (Men)	13	3,574		13
Oxford Street (Women)	1	36		1
Florence House	2	418		2
TOTAL	27	7,769		27

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



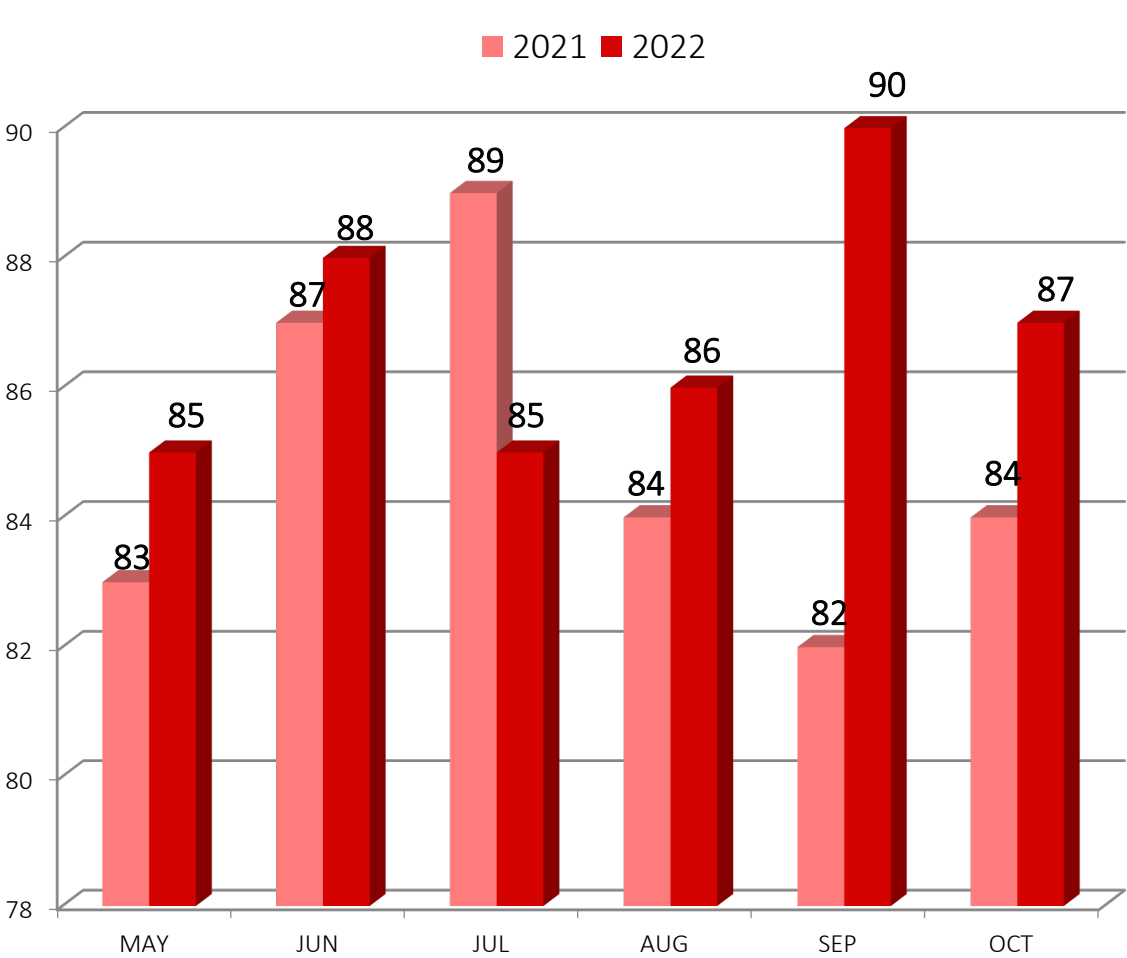
1 ST TIME HOMELESSNESS STATISTICS	All Intakes	1 st Time Homeless Intakes	% of the Shelter's Intakes	% of All Intake	% of Portland First Time Homeless Intakes
Through These Doors	6/11	0	0%	0%	0%
Family Shelter	9/31	4/17	44%	3%	6%
Joe Kreisler	8	5	63%	3%	7%
Milestone	3	2	66%	1%	3%
Oxford Street (Men)	89	39	44%	25%	58%
Oxford Street (Women)	26	17	65%	11%	25%
Florence House	15	0	0%	0%	0%
TOTAL	156	67		43%%	100%

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OCTOBER, 2022

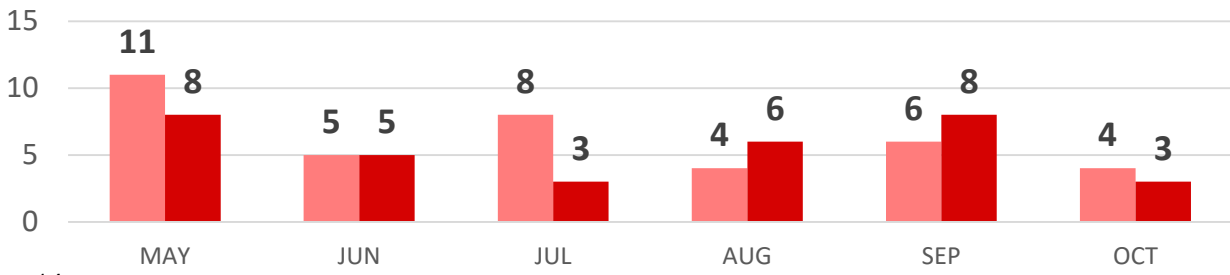
CTOs FROM SHELTER

Total Current CTOs



CTO STATISTICS	CTOs in the Month	Medical Restrictions in Month	Current CTOs
Family Shelter	0	0	0
Joe Kreisler	1	0	3
Milestone	0	0	18
Oxford Street Shelter	1	0	64
Florence House	1	0	2
TOTAL	3	0	87

CTOs Issued in the Month



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

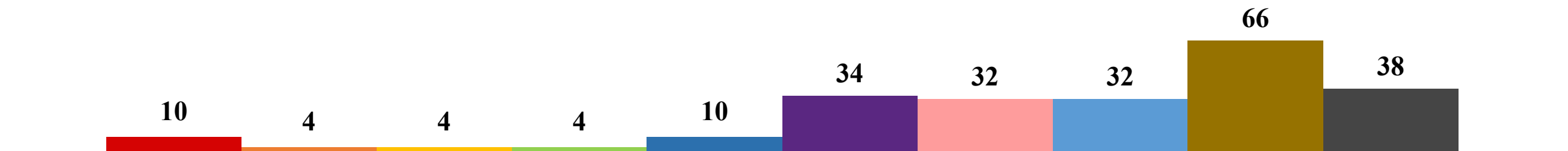
	S+C	BRAP	Recovery Home	Public Housing	STEP	Family Reunification	Sect. 8/HCV	OTHER	GA	No Subsidy
Through These Doors										2
Family Shelter									5	
Joe Kreisler						1			1	
Milestone							2			
Oxford Street (Men)	2*					1	4		5	1
Oxford Street (Women)										1
Florence House								2*		
TOTAL	2					2	6	2	11	4

*Avesta, low income tax credit.

Distribution of Placements in the Month: 27



2022 Placements: 234

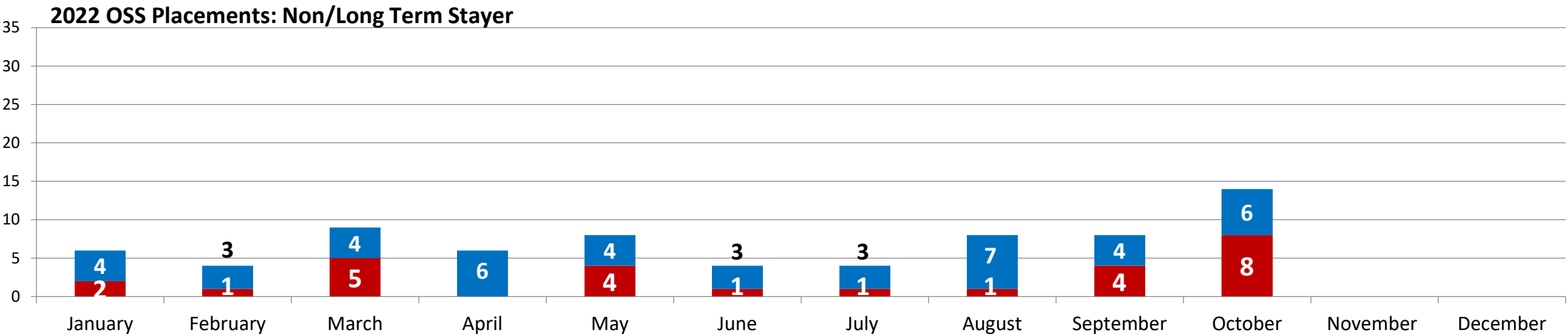
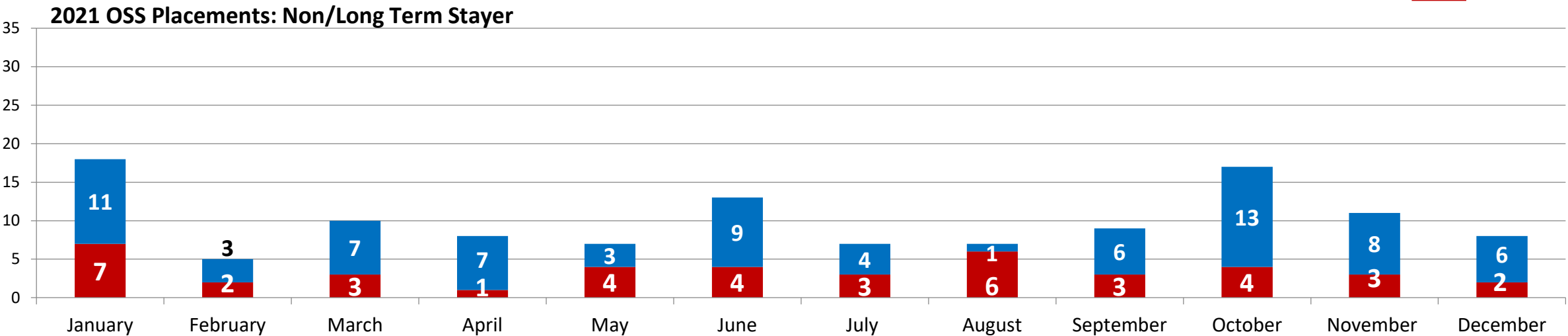
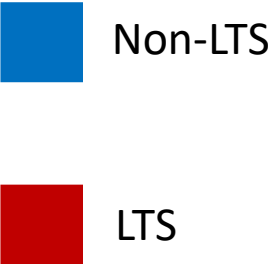


PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE OCTOBER, 2022 SHELTER COUNT BY NIGHT

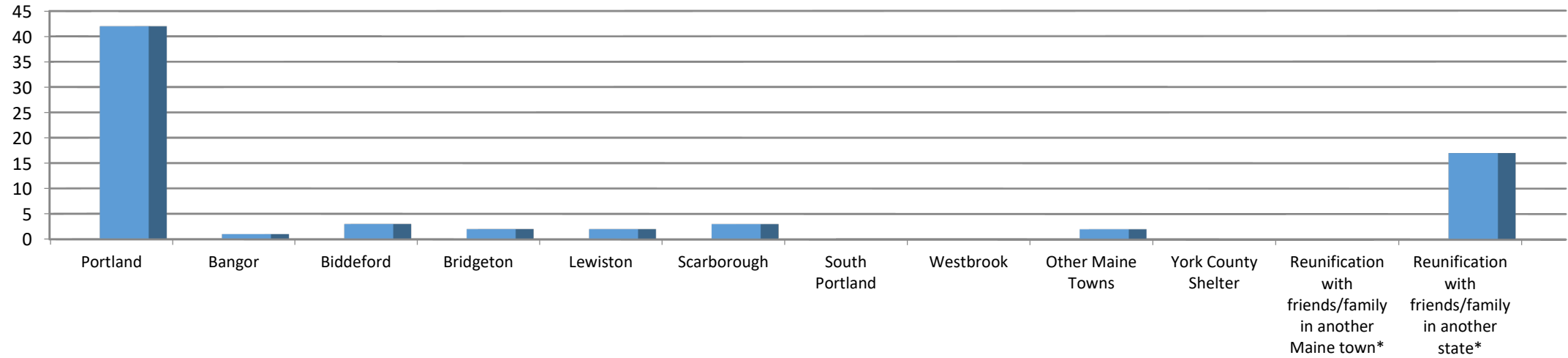
On October: 20
542 individuals
(including families)
were utilizing shelter services in
Portland

Calendar Day	Through These Doors	Family Shelter	Florence House	Joe Kreisler	Milestone	OSS Beds	FS Warming Center	Total Bed Nights
1	12	69	39	20	35	282	25	482
2	12	69	36	22	35	288	26	488
3	12	69	35	20	36	289	34	495
4	15	69	34	23	40	289	19	489
5	16	74	33	22	36	292	35	508
6	16	74	35	26	31	294	32	508
7	16	77	35	23	35	293	33	512
8	16	77	36	24	35	285	35	508
9	16	77	34	24	36	293	35	515
10	14	77	36	24	35	291	33	510
11	13	77	39	26	35	289	35	514
12	13	83	40	24	36	282	35	513
13	20	81	39	25	37	285	39	526
14	20	81	37	23	36	299	36	532
15	20	82	37	20	36	279	36	510
16	20	82	38	25	36	296	35	532
17	20	82	37	27	38	291	35	530
18	17	87	35	26	39	298	35	537
19	17	92	38	24	37	293	35	536
20	17	92	37	26	38	297	35	542
21	17	88	40	24	37	292	35	533
22	17	86	39	17	32	291	35	517
23	17	86	37	24	33	287	30	514
24	17	84	36	24	36	293	32	522
25	17	87	37	24	33	290	32	520
26	16	89	38	23	37	284	32	519
27	16	89	35	21	36	290	37	524
28	16	89	34	19	39	288	25	510
29	16	89	34	21	38	287	28	513
30	16	89	34	24	31	288	28	510
31	16	89	37	24	37	290	39	532
Total	503	2,536	1,131	719	1,111	8,985	1,016	16,001
Avg/night	16	82	36	23	36	290	33	516
Highest	20	92	40	27	40	299	39	542
Lowest	12	69	33	17	31	279	19	482

OXFORD STREET SHELTER & COMMUNITY OVERFLOW HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA



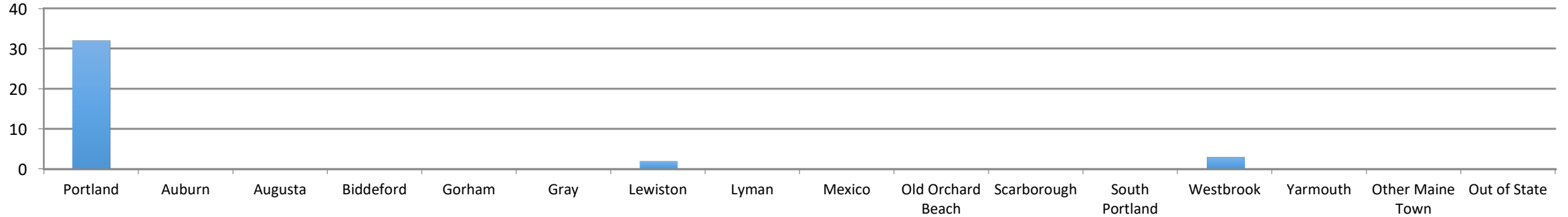
OXFORD STREET SHELTER & COMMUNITY OVERFLOW PERMANENT AND TRANSITIONAL 2022 HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	%
TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	6	4	9	6	8	4	4	8	8	14			72	100%
Portland	5	4	4	2	7	3	3	3	2	9			33	58.3%
Bangor			1										1	1.4%
Biddeford			1				1			1			2	4.2%
Bridgton									2				2	2.8%
Lewiston										1				2.8%
Scarborough				1						2			1	4.2%
South Portland														0.0%
Westbrook														0.0%
Other Maine Towns						1			1				2	2.8%
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	1			5	3	1			16	23.6%

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	3	3	5			37	
Portland	3	9	3	3	3	2		2	3	4			28	86.5%
Auburn														0.0%
Augusta														0.0%
Biddeford														0.0%
Gorham														0.0%
Gray														0.0%
Lewiston						1	1						2	5.4%
Lyman														0.0%
Mexico														0.0%
Old Orchard Beach														0.0%
Scarborough														0.0%
South Portland														0.0%
Westbrook		1						1		1			2	8.1%
Yarmouth														0.0%
Other Maine Town														0.0%
Out of State														0.0%