

EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

One City Center

**Thursday, December 20, 2018
9:00 AM**

AGENDA

1. Introductions

- a. Monthly Statistics: The November shelter statistics are available here:
<https://www.portlandmaine.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/940>
- b. November 15, 2018 Draft Minutes

2. Homeless Voices For Justice Update

- a. Portland's Homeless Persons Annual Memorial Vigil:
Friday, December 21 at 4:30pm at the Preble Street Resource Center to light candles then
proceed to Monument Square.

3. Shelter Criminal Trespass Orders

4. Federal, State and Local Legislation

5. Point in Time Count

6. Other Business and Next Steps

Next Meeting

DATE: January 17

Time: 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Location: One City Center (Conference room in the food court to the left of City Deli.)

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PORTLAND HOMELESS SHELTERS

Average Total Number of Individuals Residing in Shelters per Night:

	November 2017	November 2018
ADOLESCENTS	14 Individuals	13 Individuals
FAMILIES	151 Individuals 42 Average Families	216 Individuals 64 Average Families
ADULTS	284 Individuals*	276 Individuals*
Total	489 Individuals	504 Individuals

30 Days in the Month of November

*Now includes Safe Haven

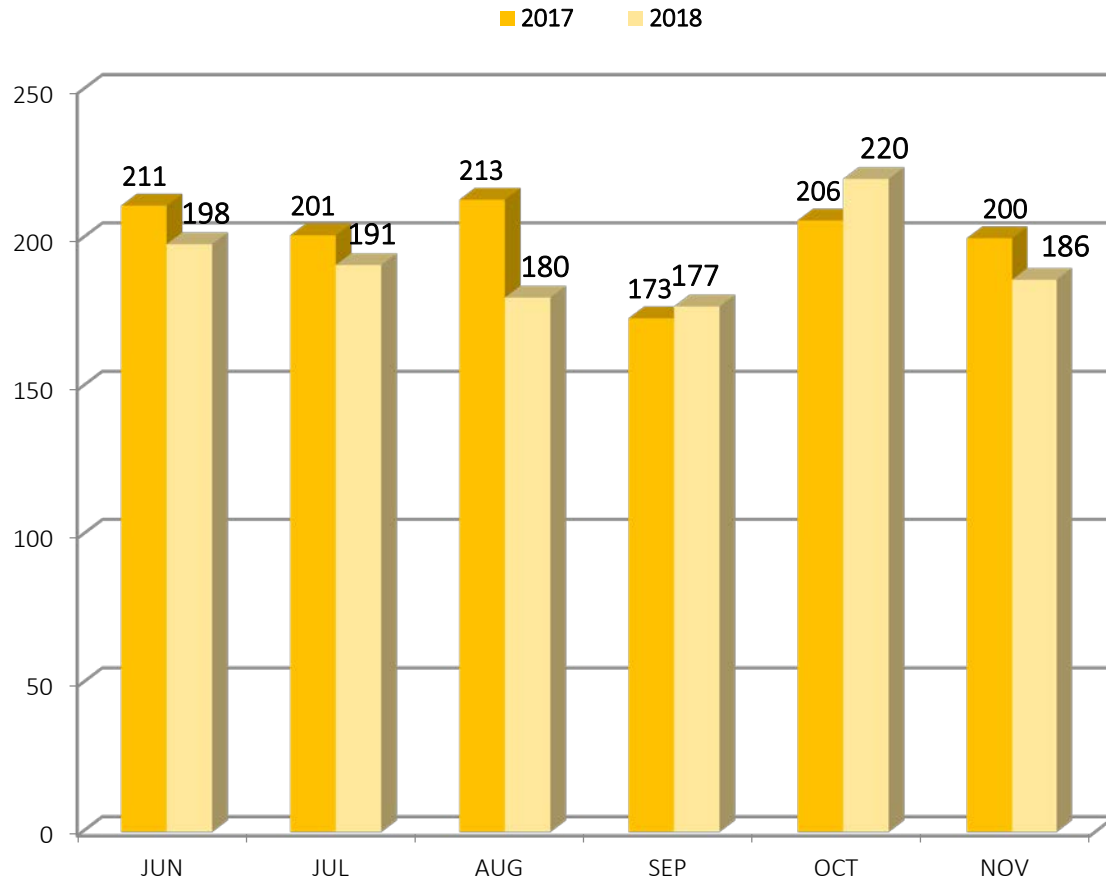
OXFORD STREET SHELTER

November 2018

Intakes by Residency

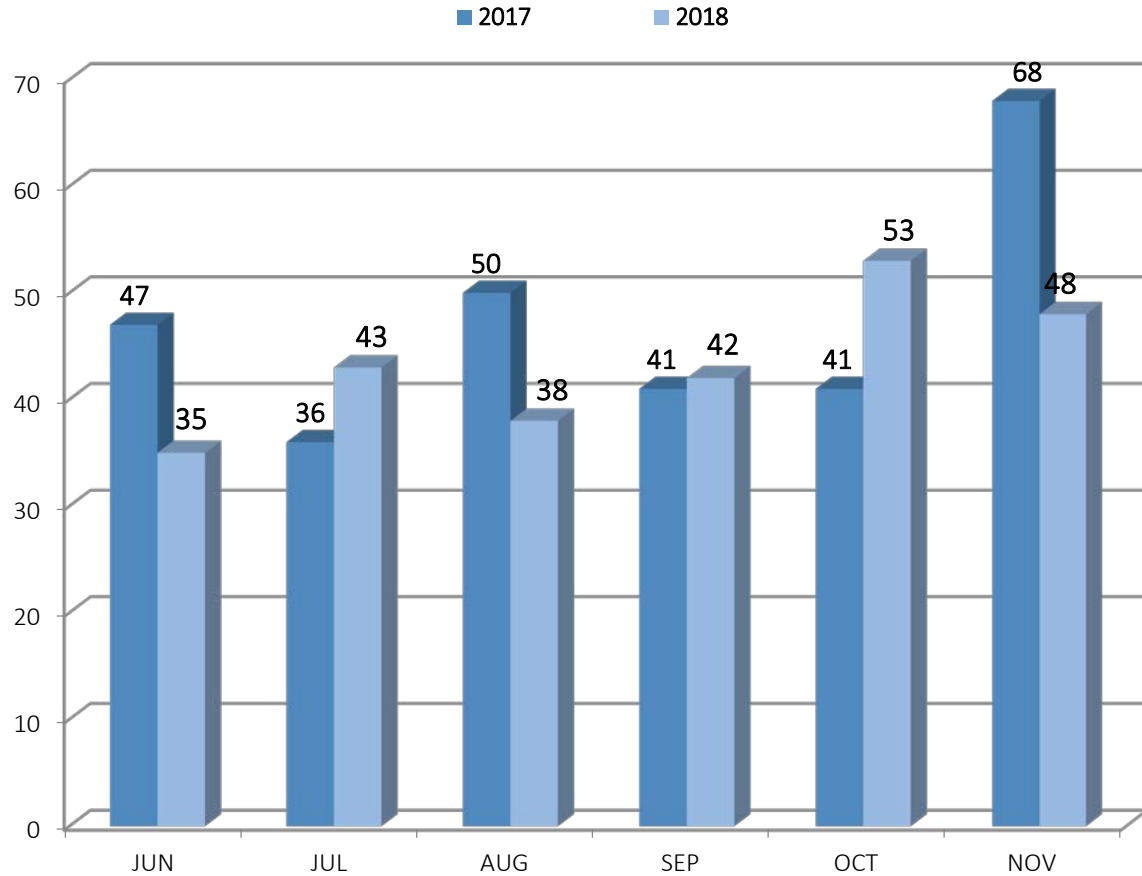
MAINE TOWN						OUT-OF-STATE				OUT-OF-COUNTRY							
Augusta	1	Hiram	1	South Portland	4	CA	2	PA	2	Angola	2						
Bangor	3	Lewiston	5	Standish	1	CO	2	SC	2	Burundi	1						
Biddeford	8	Liberty	1	Waterboro	1	FL	3	SD	1	DRC	2						
Boothbay Harbor	1	Naples	1	Waterville	1	GA	1	TN	1	Spain	1						
Brunswick	1	Newry	1	Westbrook	3	IA	1	WA	2								
Buxton	1	Norway	2	Windham	2	KY	1										
Camden	1	Old Orchard Beach	2			MA	4										
Cape Elizabeth	1	Porter	1			MI	1										
Eastport	1	Rockland	1			MN	1										
Farmington	1	Saco	1			ND	1										
Glennburn	1	Sanford	1			NH	5										
Gorham	4	Scarborough	1			NY	1										
MAINE TOWN:		54	OUT-OF-STATE:		31	OUT-OF-COUNTRY:		6	PORTLAND:		39	Unknown:		4	TOTAL:		134

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE NOVEMBER 2018 SHELTER INTAKES BY MONTH



	INTAKES
Through These Doors	4/6
Family Shelter	18/63
Joe Kreisler	5
Milestone	14
Oxford Street (Men)	101
Oxford Street (Women)	33
Florence House	11
TOTAL	186

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE NOVEMBER 2018 HOUSING PLACEMENTS BY MONTH



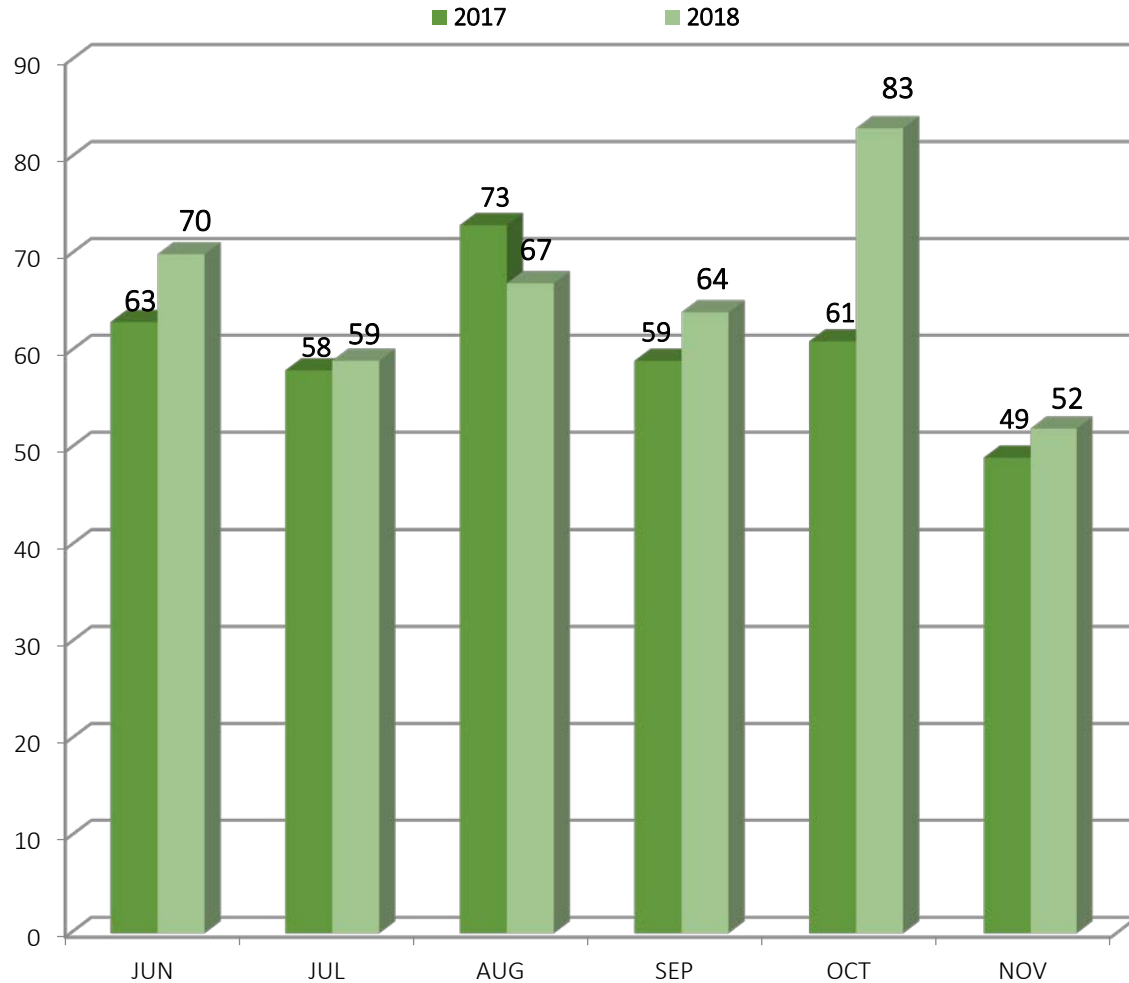
*Starting November, 2013, Oxford Street Shelter shifted prioritization of housing placements to their 30 longest-term stayers.

	TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	TRANSITIONAL	PERMANENT
Through These Doors	2/2		2/2
Family Shelter	19/65	2/5	17/60
Joe Kreisler	4		4
Milestone	3		3
Oxford Street (Men)	14	2	12
Oxford Street (Women)	3	1	2
Florence House	3		3
TOTAL	48	5	43

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE

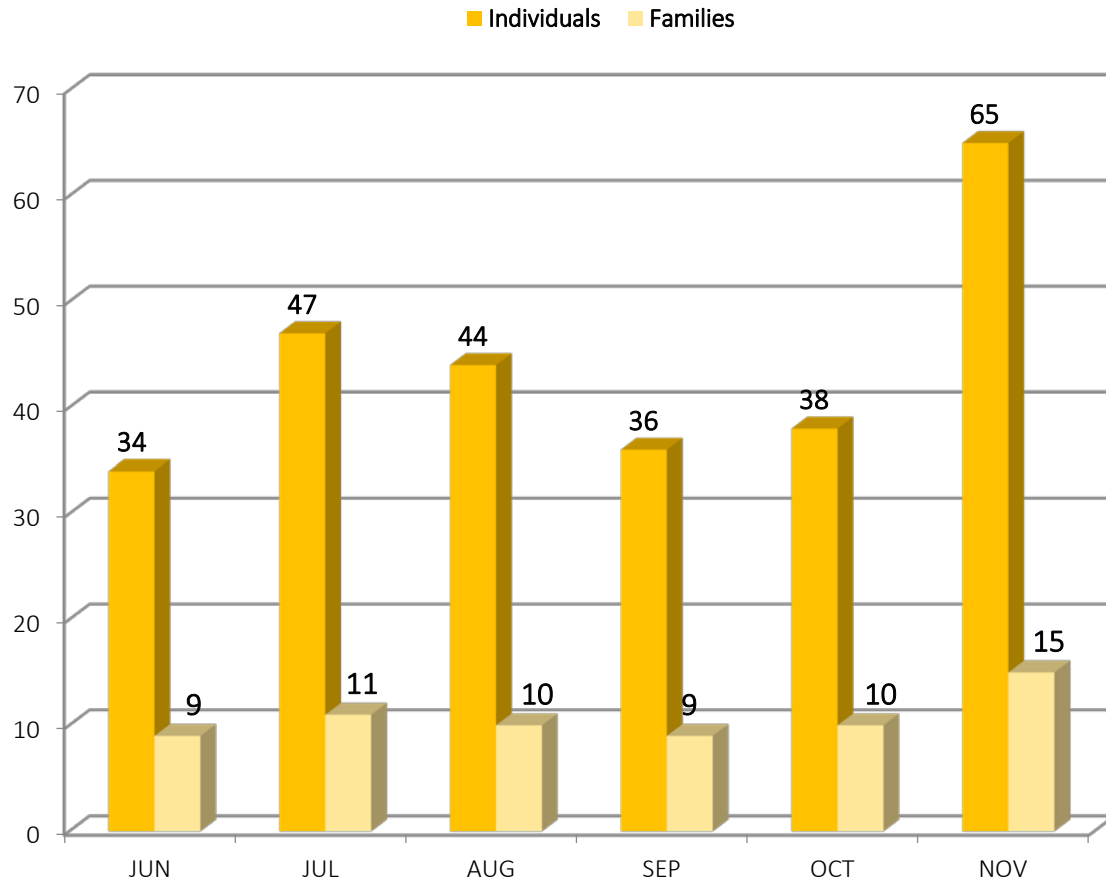
NOVEMBER 2018

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



1 ST TIME HOMELESSNESS STATISTICS % OF ALL INTAKES (BASED ON SELF-REPORTING)	1 st Time Homeless Intakes	% of Total First Time Homeless Intakes (individuals)
Through These Doors	3/5	6% (5%)
Family Shelter	18/63	35% (64%)
Joe Kreisler	3	6% (3%)
Milestone	2	4% (2%)
Oxford Street (Men)	14	27% (14%)
Oxford Street (Women)	7	13% (7%)
Florence House	5	10% (5%)
TOTAL	52 (99)	100%

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE NOVEMBER 2018 WARMING CENTER STATISTICS BY MONTH



Warming Center Location	Nights Used
Family Shelter only	
Salvation Army only	3
FS & SA	23
FS & Yarmouth	
FS & Preble	4
FS & GA	

Date	Families	Individuals
1	12	49
2	14	58
3	12	51
4	14	59
5	15	64
6	14	56
7	13	56
8	14	61
9	13	56
10	13	60
11	15	65
12	16	73
13	17	73
14	18	77
15	17	74
16	12	60
17	15	63
18	15	63
19	15	63
20	14	59
21	14	59
22	15	62
23	10	42
24	18	77
25	19	77
26	18	74
27	17	69
28	19	80
29	19	80
30	20	84

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE November 2018 SHELTER COUNT BY NIGHT

On November X:

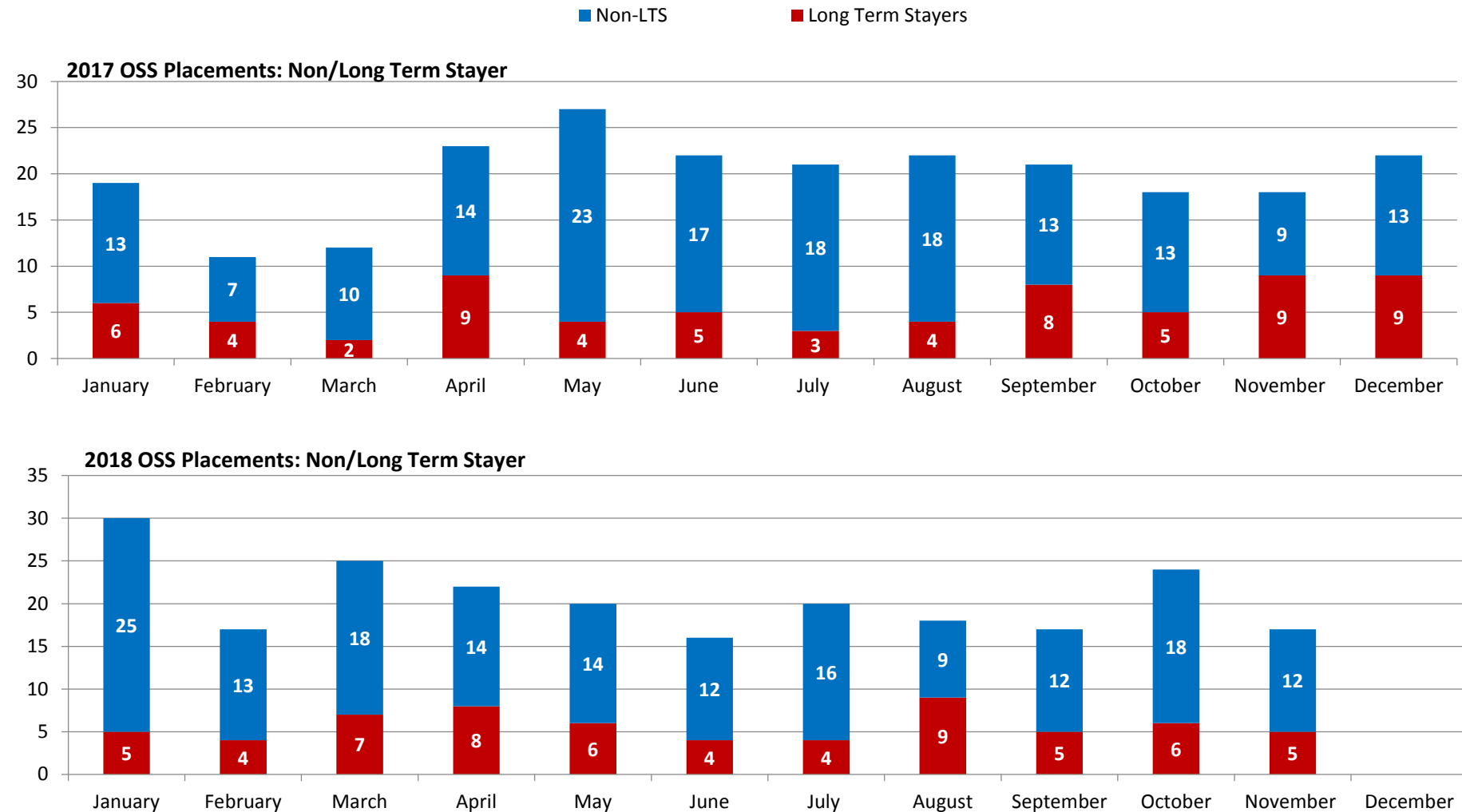
XXX individuals

(including families)

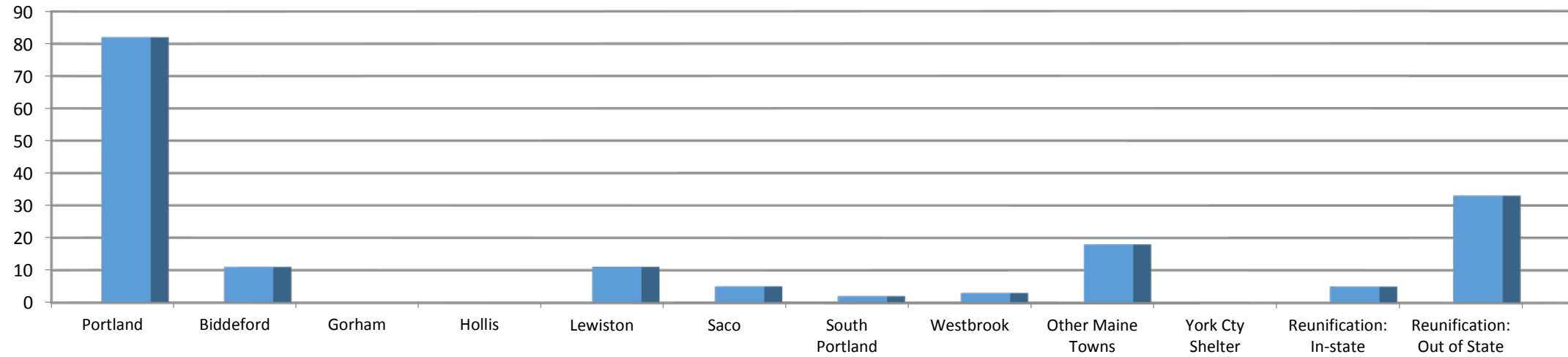
were utilizing shelter services in
Portland

Calendar Day	Family Crisis	Family Shelter	Florence House	Joe Kreisler	Milestone	OSS Beds	OSS Chairs	Total Bed Nights
1	15	187	40	18	40	202	0	502
2	15	190	40	13	39	180	0	477
3	16	190	40	13	36	182	0	477
4	16	198	38	13	33	188	0	486
5	14	198	40	14	49	186	0	501
6	14	191	40	13	41	196	0	495
7	14	194	38	9	38	205	0	498
8	14	194	40	15	41	210	0	514
9	11	190	40	11	37	210	0	499
10	11	194	39	12	41	194	0	491
11	11	201	40	11	41	188	0	492
12	11	213	40	16	43	183	0	506
13	12	213	40	15	45	188	0	513
14	11	217	40	16	41	214	0	539
15	14	214	39	13	39	189	0	508
16	14	202	40	12	41	194	0	503
17	14	205	39	15	36	195	0	504
18	15	202	40	12	46	188	0	503
19	15	200	41	15	42	192	0	505
20	15	196	38	12	41	204	0	506
21	15	196	38	9	35	209	0	502
22	15	197	38	8	30	203	0	491
23	15	177	41	10	33	203	0	479
24	15	212	40	7	39	205	0	518
25	15	214	39	13	42	190	0	513
26	15	205	40	14	46	182	0	502
27	15	205	40	12	43	196	0	511
28	15	218	40	12	38	201	0	524
29	15	215	40	13	41	202	0	526
30	15	220	40	15	37	209	0	536
Total*	422	6,048	1,188	381	1,194	5,888	0	15,121
Avg/night*	14	202	40	13	40	196	0	504
Highest*	16	220	41	18	49	214	0	539
Lowest*	11	177	38	7	30	180	0	477

OXFORD STREET SHELTER & COMMUNITY OVERFLOW HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA



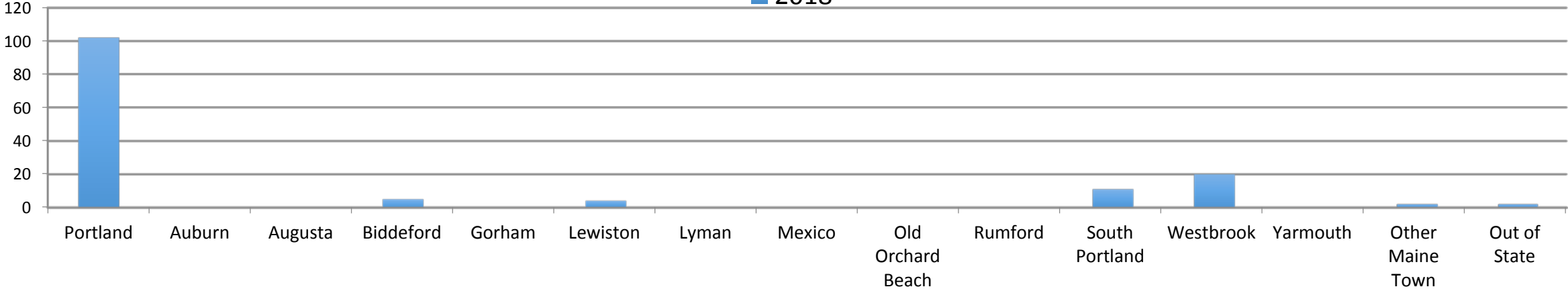
OXFORD STREET SHELTER & COMMUNITY OVERFLOW PERMANENT AND TRANSITIONAL 2018 HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	%
TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	30	17	25	22	20	16	20	19	17	24	17	-	227	100%
Portland	9	4	12	14	12	10	8	12	10	13	6	-	111	49%
Biddeford	6	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	13	6%
Gorham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	
Hollis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	
Lewiston	1	3	2	1	3	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	13	6%
Saco	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2%
South Portland	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	1%
Westbrook	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	1%
Other Maine Towns	1	-	4	2	2	3	5	1	1	1	2	-	22	10%
York County Shelter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	
Reunification with friends/family in another Maine town*	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2%
Reunification with friends/family in another state*	8	2	4	4	3	3	4	5	5	10	6	-	54	24%

FAMILY SHELTER PERMANENT AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	%
TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	17	7	16	17	11	13	11	10	15	10	19		146	100%
Portland	12	6	9	13	7	10	7	6	12	8	12	-	102	70%
Auburn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0%
Augusta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0%
Biddeford	1	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3%
Gorham	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0%
Lewiston	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	3%
Lyman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0%
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0%
Old Orchard Beach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0%
Rumford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0%
South Portland	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	11	8%
Westbrook	3	1	2	3	2	-	4	3	1	1	6	-	20	14%
Yarmouth	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-		0	0%
Other Maine Town	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1%
Out of State	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1%

EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Room 24, City Hall

Thursday, November 15, 2018
9:00 am – 10:00 am

Minutes

Attendees:

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Adam Harr	City of Portland	Mary Davis	City of Portland
Brian Townsend	Amistad	Norm Maze	Shalom House
Elizabeth Jackson	GPH	Vickey Rand	CHOM
Joanie Klayman	Preble Street	Cullen Ryan	CHOM
Ginny Dill	Shalom House	Peggy Lynch	Preble Street
Sara Fleurant	City of Portland	Sally Deluca	City of Portland
Meaghan Void	City of Portland	Amy Geren	Portland Downtown
Sara Ewing Meril	Family Promise	Mary Gray	Friends of Deering Oaks Park
Jim Divine	HVJ	Oami Amarasingham	ACLU

Monthly Statistics: The October shelter statistics are available here:
<https://www.portlandmaine.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/939>

HVJ Update:

HVJ is a group of advocates who have experienced homelessness

- Homeless bill of rights meeting tomorrow 11/16
- Had a candidates forum at Preble Street
- Upcoming events and issues
 - Change in Administration:
 - Sit Downs with the governor on JVJ State House Day
 - Relocation of OSS
 - Saturday Norse Street with Southern Maine Workers Center at 9:45 on Saturday 11/17

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Collaboration Plan:

- **PATH:**
 - Service providers were given 3 month extensions TOA, Kennebec Behavioral Health, Community health and counseling services
 - Will be administered by region
 - Will seek funding in DC
 - State is putting 1.2 million: ask for region 1 and 3 (Bangor hotels do not accept GA)
 - Parks wants the parks to be used by everyone with attention to:
 - Vandalism to bathrooms
 - There aren't people in the parks looking for vandalism
 - First call witnessing nuisance crime is 911
 - Is there a first call to a social services agency
 - People report discarded needles through fix it
 - Friends of western prom are reporting camping
 - Could milestone and HOME Team have a role?
 - Increased in nuisance and illicit activity in other parts of the City
 - Enforcement efforts increased in Bayside over summer may account for this
 - People engaging in nuisance and illicit activity may h to other parts of the City
 - Homeless Bill of Rights works to mitigate this by addressing the criminalization of homelessness.

Family Homelessness

- 18 families of 77 individuals were in two warming centers last night 11/14
 - Some families are large making getting folks into the Shelter program difficult
 - 30-40 are children, many of whom are babies
 - Many cannot work due to wait time to receive work authorization
 - Childcare is expensive and limits ability
 - Most are now coming from the southern border.
 - Dilly Texas and other detention centers are sending people to a shelter in Buffalo
- Buffalo called to on Monday that Family Shelter should expect 40 individuals
- Large families
 - Apartments large enough are over GA guidelines
- Salvation Army Blackouts
 - PSRC will open its soup kitchen
 - Open GA and PSRC
- Inclement Weather
 - During the Day many people stay in the community
 - Bigger day numbers during cold and bad weather that our day space can't accommodate
 - May need to use GA

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- Family Shelter hired a human services specialist to help families in the warming center and its food program
 - Connect to WIC
 - Helps families find apartments
 - Paroled families have the ability have the right to apply to work
- Asylum Seekers are advised to wait to apply for asylum until they deadline to apply (typically one year from entry) to have better chances of successful applications.
 - Gap between the lawful presence and applying for asylum where people are ineligible for benefits
 - Portland funds this
 - Asking the State to fund the GAO statewide so people can move to affordable communities that need labor.
 - Asylum Seekers have been exploited
 - Individual approached them and offered them jobs
 - Payment withheld because they have no recourse due to working under the table before they get work authorization
 - Lose GA eligibility for unreported income

Portland asking State to change the GA reimbursement rate for individuals at the Oxford Street Shelter who were not Portland residents when they entered the shelter.

- 375 identified at from other Maine times, 167 of those are GA eligible, only 32 were considered residents of other municipalities. The remainder did not have roots and move around the state where they find opportunity for shelter
- Public Space
 - Referrals made before Police
 - List of resources and their

Legislation

- HUD Budget was more than double in the 70s during a time that had enough affordable housing for everyone.
- HUD funded at 1/3 of what's needed to have affordable housing

Federal

- Senate likely to be a Republican majority, who have reduced funding for homeless assistance.
- House flipped to Democrats which will promote homeless assistance
- Continuing resolution until December 7th
 - No action leads to government shut down
 - Omnibus option
 - Continuing resolution
 - Small 'minibus' legislation'
- SUPPORT became law
 - Youth inmates
 - Demonstration grant

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- o Drug management
- o Covers medication assisted treatment
- HR6964 will cut transitional living and street outreach programs for youth.

State

- New Administration amenable to the cause
- Start of Biennium will drive new legislation
 - o Good time to invite legislators to programs
- Governor elect Janet Mills spoke and as governor will immediately release the \$15 million affordable housing bond for seniors; will take a while to take effect

Dave thanked the community members who came to speak at the HHS&PS committee discussing the proposed HSC to replace OSS.

- Expected to affirm a model (one site versus multiple city-owned site)
- Some councilors are interested in limiting the bed count to 100 to 120 (or 150), much less than the current need.
 - o Unfunded mandate to limit size without funding services to get it there
 - o Housing the LTS could get there but progress is slow
 - o Hope to get levels to the current need
 - Harder to create capacity when need increases vs repurposing space if/when need decreases
- One committee member disagreed on a single site model

LTS

- 195 people placed in housing 63% success rate
 - o Once placed in housing, most people stay in housing
- Messaging to MaineHousing that the start of ESHAP correlates to an increased bed counts due to reallocating housing resources to VI-SPDAT
 - o Cullen asked ESAC to support this effort

Dave Thanked Family Promise for taking all of their referrals from Family Shelter and thanked Meaghan Void for her role as acting director.

Next Meeting December 20, 2018.

Portland's Annual Homeless Persons Memorial Vigil

Friday, December 21, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

The longest night of the year is a time to remember our homeless friends who have died and to recommit ourselves to the task of ending homelessness.

A candlelight procession will start at the Preble Street Resource Center at 4:30 p.m. and will proceed to Monument Square for a ceremony dedicated to those persons who have died in our community.

All persons who are homeless, who have been homeless, who work with people who are homeless, or who are thankful they are not homeless are welcome to participate.