

EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Remote Meeting

**Thursday, June 17, 2021
8:30 AM**

AGENDA

1. Introductions & Announcements

- a. Zoom Meeting
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- b. Helpful Community Resources
- c. Review and approval of the May 20, 2021 draft meeting minutes.

2. Emergency Shelter Bed Usage Statistics

3. Federal, State and Local Legislation

4. Overview of Governance Work

- a. What does the public group want?
- b. Process to become a member.

5. Public Comment

Next Meeting

TBD

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: Remote Meeting

If you should have any questions, please contact:

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HELPFUL COMMUNITY RESOURCES

April 2021

SAFETY & EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Emergency	911
Amistad's Peer Outreach Workers On-street support for persons in need	207-550-7726 <u>or</u> 207-805-4035
Community Policing (Midtown) Resource for neighborhood safety solutions	207-772-1371
Health & Human Services Information hotline and referral system	Call 211 or go to 211maine.org
Milestone's HOME Team On-street support for persons in need	207-838-8904
Opportunity Alliance's Crisis Response Hotline and center for persons in need	888-568-1112
Portland Police Dispatch Non-emergency police intervention	207-874-8575
Preble Street's Street Outreach Collaborative On-street support for persons in need	207-775-0026 ext. 1880
Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine (SARSSM)	207-828-1035

ADDITIONAL CLEAN & SAFE RESOURCES

Code Enforcement Trash & Sanitation Issues	207-874-8703
Maine Quit Link Maine Tobacco Prevention Services	1-800-QUIT-NOW mainequitlink.com
Portland Downtown Downtown Improvement District	207-772-6828
Portland Police Dispatch Noise Issues	207-874-8575
Public Works Dispatch Snow Removal	207-874-8493
Snow Ban Hotline	207-879-0300

Fix It! Portland Download the app and report issues such as graffiti, vandalism, or damaged streets & sidewalks.

SHELTER & DAY SERVICES

Amistad Portland Peer Center 835 Forest Ave	207-773-1956
City of Portland Family Shelter 54 & 55 Chestnut Street	207-772-8339
Family Crisis Shelter Call for location	800-537-6066
Milestone Recovery 65 India Street	207-775-4790
Oxford Street Shelter 203 Oxford Street	207-761-2072
Preble Street Florence House 190 Valley Street	207-699-4392
Preble Street Joe Kreisler Teen Shelter 38 Preble Street	207-775-0026
Preble Street Teen Center 343 Cumberland Avenue	207-775-0026

FOOD & MEALS*

Amistad Emergency Food Hotline 835 Forest Ave	207-550-1798
Preble Street Food Pantry 252 Oxford Street	207-775-0026
Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Food Pantry 80 Sherman Street	207-929-3088
Salvation Army Food Pantry 297 Cumberland Avenue	207-774-6304
St. Luke's Food Pantry 143 State Street	207-772-5434
St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry / Soup Kitchen , 307 Congress Street	207-772-1113
Williston-Immanuel United Church Food Pantry , 156 High Street	207-775-2301

* Available within close proximity to downtown. Other food resources in the community can be found at: foodpantries.org/ci/me-Portland

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Emergency Shelter Assessment Committee

Remote Meeting

Thursday, May 20, 2021

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Minutes

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Adam Harr	City of Portland	Norm Maze	Shalom House
Cullen Ryan	CHOM	Ben Martineau	HVJ
Suzanne Randall	Ha4aLL	April Fournier	City Council
Jim Devine	HVJ	Brian Townsend	Amistad
Bill Higgins	Ha4aLL	Rob Liscord	MEJP
Jenny Stasio	Through These Doors	Peter McLaughlin	People's Housing Coalition
Donna Yellen	Preble Street	Syd Avitia-Jacques	People's Housing Coalition
Anna Brewer	Preble Street/HVJ	Ben Strick	Spurwink
Joe McNally	Milestone Recovery	Amy Geren	Portland Downtown
Dan Coyne	United Way	Oliver Bradeen	Milestone
Vickey Rand	CHOM	Meredith Pesce	Amistad
Mary Cook	PATH/TOA		

Meeting Summary

The group voted to regularly approve and post meeting minutes and that organizations interested in becoming a voting member of ESAC contact the executive committee and then the full member group would vote to approve or deny voting membership. A motion to send a letter opposing the Bayside emergency shelter moratorium being voted on the full council June 7th did not pass.

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- **Meeting Minutes**

- o Community wants minutes published and the meeting to regularly approve and public meeting minutes.
- o Cullen MOVED to regularly approve and public meeting minutes. Bill SECONDED. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.
- o Cullen MOVED to approve the packet of minutes. Rob SECONDED and the MOTION PASSED and the minutes were approved unanimously.

- **Membership**

- o Voted in February that membership would include all members working on the meetings since temporarily restricting public meetings.
- o How does anon-member participate.
 - Quarterly public meetings.
 - Other means of participation.
- o How do we make a membership determination?
 - Proactively invite voting members.
 - Current member to sponsor new members.
 - Concern on requiring a mission statement and creating barrier to entry in general.
 - Votes by ESAC Body should be a super majority.
 - NOTED: ESAC motions require an 80% super majority for passage.
 - Syd MOVED anybody seeking membership would send a request to the executive committee, sending a copy of the mission if they have one and otherwise attest to statements of shared purpose, send their reason for joining and examples of work they have done that align with ESAC's mission. The full group would vote with a super majority to determine membership after the executive committee brings that as a question to the ESAC meeting. Donna SECONDED. DISCUSSION:
 - Current membership won't change.
 - Does not consider attendance.
 - This has gotten too complicated. The process had turned into a bureaucracy where we don't talk about homelessness. We cannot end homelessness with just the people in this meeting.
 - We want inclusive meetings where we have a dialogue about homelessness.
 - Ben S thinks voting members should go to executive committee going to without requiring mission statements and layers of requirements.
 - We want community groups in Portland included.
 - Thought we were going to make it more inclusive to have a bigger dialogue that captures all the issues but things became more restrictive and more closed.

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- Restricting participation hurts.
 - More inclusive the better without people undermine the meeting; good chairing is needed.
 - Being autonomous, deciding who we want to work with does not mean separatist.
 - It's an email stating why organizations want to join.
 - Meetings had become just a reading of stats; we were trying to make things more inclusive to have a bigger dialogue and at some point, they became more restrictive and closed.
 - It has been unclear who votes.
 - This is about model differences, not excluding anyone.
 - Anyone who wants to be a voting member should be without proving anything, assuming the best intent.
 - MOTION TO AMEND: anybody interested in joining sends a request to the governance committee. (NOTE: the motion was to remove “, sending a copy of the mission if they have one and otherwise attest to statements of shared purpose, send their reason for joining and examples of work they have done that align with ESAC’s mission.” from the original motion.) Norm SECONDED.
- DISCUSSION:

- Intent is for organizations and individuals.
 - A new motion for individuals would be needed.
 - This is just for organizations as ESAC has previously determined ESAC membership is for organizations. NOTED: one vote per organization.
- This is for anyone to apply without providing mission statements or other documentation.
- Roll Call VOTE:
 - HVJ: yes
 - Spurwink: yes
 - CHOM: yes
 - MEJP: yes
 - Ha4aLL: yes
 - Portland Downtown: yes
 - Preble Street: no
 - Shalom: yes
 - TOA: yes
 - Amistad: yes
 - Through These Doors: yes
 - Amistad: yes
 - Milestone: yes
 - City of Portland: abstain
 - People’s Housing Coalition: abstain

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- United Way: yes
 - MOTION PASSED with two abstentions: City of Portland and People's Housing Coalition.
- "Anybody seeking membership would send a request to the executive committee. The full group would vote with a super majority to determine membership after the executive committee brings that as a question to the ESAC meeting" Roll Call VOTE on AMENDED MOTION:
 - Spurwink: yes
 - CHOM: yes
 - MEJP: yes
 - Ha4aLL: yes
 - Portland Downtown: yes
 - Preble Street yes
 - Shalom: yes
 - TOA: yes
 - Amistad yes
 - Through these doors: yes
 - Milestone: yes
 - People's Housing Coalition: abstain
 - City of Portland: yes
 - United Way: yes
 - HVJ: yes
- MOTION PASSED with one abstention, People's Housing Coalition.
- Peter MOVED to table. Donna SECONDED. There was no DISCUSSION.
 - MOTION PASSED unanimously.
- **Shelter Moratorium**
 - Council vote on June 7th to vote with a simple majority on a 180-day moratorium on any new permanent or expanded emergency shelter facilities by blocking conditional use permits.
 - Limited to the bayside neighborhood.
 - Able to do moratoriums if there is an over-burden of city resources.
 - EMS calls are cited which does not indicate a lack of safety.
 - There are disparate impact concerns in the language of the moratorium:
 - "Whereas the City of Portland's homeless population has higher rates than the general public of individuals with lower socioeconomic status, individuals who are racial minorities, and individuals who suffer from substance use disorder and other mental health disorders, leading to a concentration of vulnerable individuals in the Bayside neighborhood;"
 - Interest groups are leading this in the City and neighborhood and is coordinated with shelter licensing and shelter zoning to have a decrease in services, hurting those in need of shelter.

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- o ESAC as a body needs to think about how we stand together and use our expertise to educate and rally support.
- o Does the moratorium offer an opportunity to squash licensing or is the moratorium just buying more time to cement licensing? Licensing looks to be onerous and would be incredibly hard for anyone to get licensed or keep a license.
- o Shelter moratorium can be renewed for political pressure.
- o Needs to talk about the justifications for policies. Haven't addressed the neighborhood has had less people/beds for the past year with less density from people being in hotels.
- o We need expansion of facilities to address people camping out not a contraction.
- o Portland bears an outside burden and this sets a terrible example for other communities that need to step up.
- o There is a shelter plan to improve teen shelter and consolidate services between the overnight and day shelters into one building. Best practice is one, consolidated space. This moratorium would stop the consolidation and amelioration of youth services.
- o Anna MOVED for ESAC to write a letter to the City Council that we oppose an emergency shelter moratorium in the City of Portland. Rob SECONDED.

DISCUSSION:

- We cannot make a credible decision with just the voices around the table.
- The impact of the moratorium will be negligible vs. the petition limiting shelters.
 - The petition effort would stop the homeless services dead in its tracks and leave the Oxford Street Shelter unchanged.
- If we didn't table the participation conversation months ago, we would have had a different conversation with more participation that could have headed this off before getting to the point of a moratorium.
- There is a system redesign coming that will be felt in the next 6 months.
- Councilors Dion said things are queued up and this is for breathing room and not part of an effort to stop sheltering.
- The moratorium can be repealed.
- A letter with the concerns for the need of shelter could gain support.
- Peter MOVED to call to question to end discussion:
 - PHC: yes
 - HVJ: yes
 - Ha4aLL: yes
 - CHOM no
 - MEJP yes
 - Portland downtown no
 - Shalom no
 - Through these Doors no
 - Preble: yes

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- TOA; yes
- Amistad: no
- Milestone: no
- City of Portland: abstain
- MOTION FAILED
- DISCUSSION continued:
 - Letter could speak to racist language but is to oppose.
 - Shelter ordinance is the bigger concern.
 - Is this an avenue to start a diplomatic process with the City?
 - United way would abstain if a vote continued.
- Roll call vote:
 - PHC: yes
 - Shalom: no
 - TOA: yes
 - Portland Downtown: no
 - HVJ: yes
 - Milestone: no
 - Ha4aLL: yes
 - Through These Doors: yes
 - Amistad no
 - City of Portland Abstain
 - MEJP yes
 - United Way abstain
 - Preble Street yes
 - Spurwink: Abstain
 - MOTION FAILED
 - 7 yes, 4 no, with 2 abstentions, City of Portland and Spurwink, and the United Way of Greater Portland no longer present to vote.
- **Shelter Licensing**
 - HHS&PS votes on June 8th.

PORTLAND HOMELESS SHELTERS

Average Total Number of Individuals Residing in Shelters per Night:

	May 2020	May 2021
ADOLESCENTS	10 Individuals	13 Individuals
FAMILIES	212 Individuals 74 Average Families	102 Individuals 36 Average Families
ADULTS	200 Individuals	232 Individuals
Total	422 Individuals	347 Individuals

OXFORD STREET SHELTER

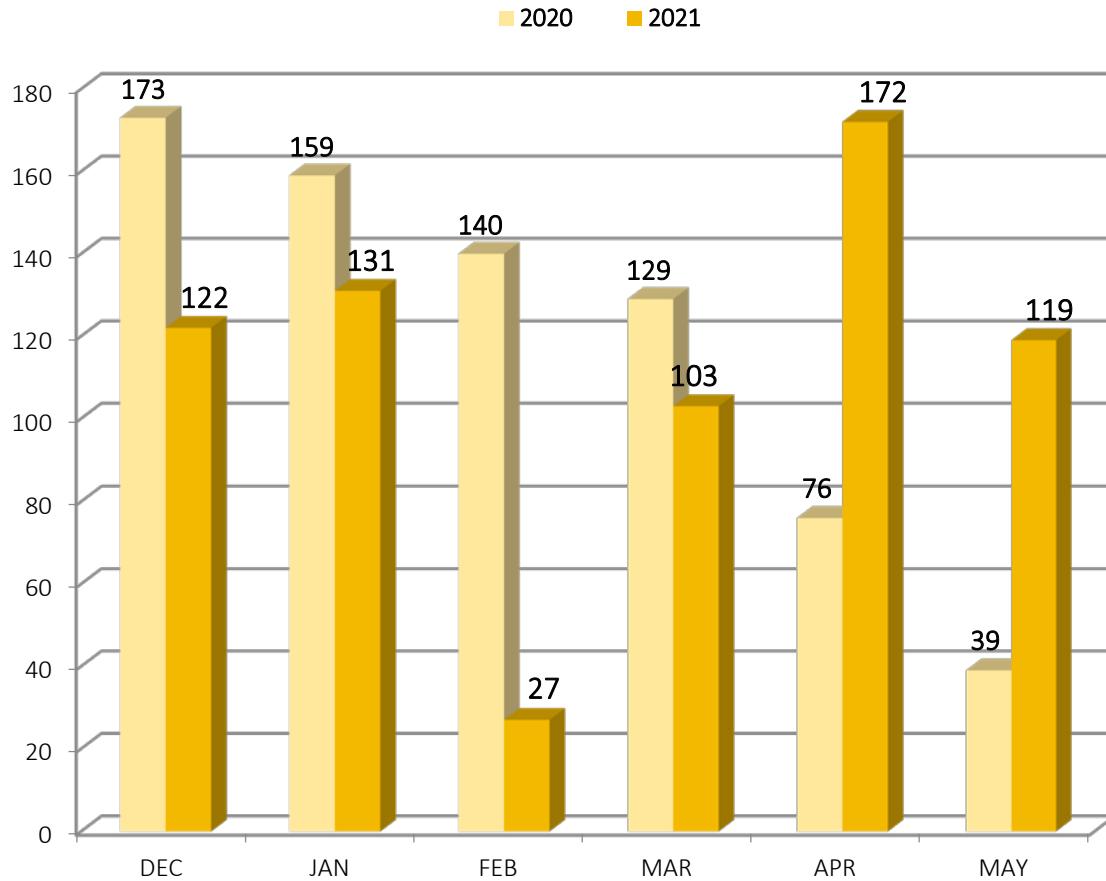
MAY 2021

Intakes by Residency

MAINE TOWN						OUT-OF-STATE						OUT-OF-COUNTRY	
Biddeford	1	Waterville	1			AR	1	TX	2			Angola	1
Bangor	2	Windham	1			CT	1	VA	2				
Blue Hill	1					FL	2	WI	1				
Bridgton	1					GA	2						
Charleston	1					IA	1						
Lewiston	7					MO	1						
Litchfield	1					NC	1						
New Portland	1					NH	2						
Sanford	2					NY	3						
Scarborough	1					OR	1						
South Portland	7					PA	1						
Standish	1					RI	1						

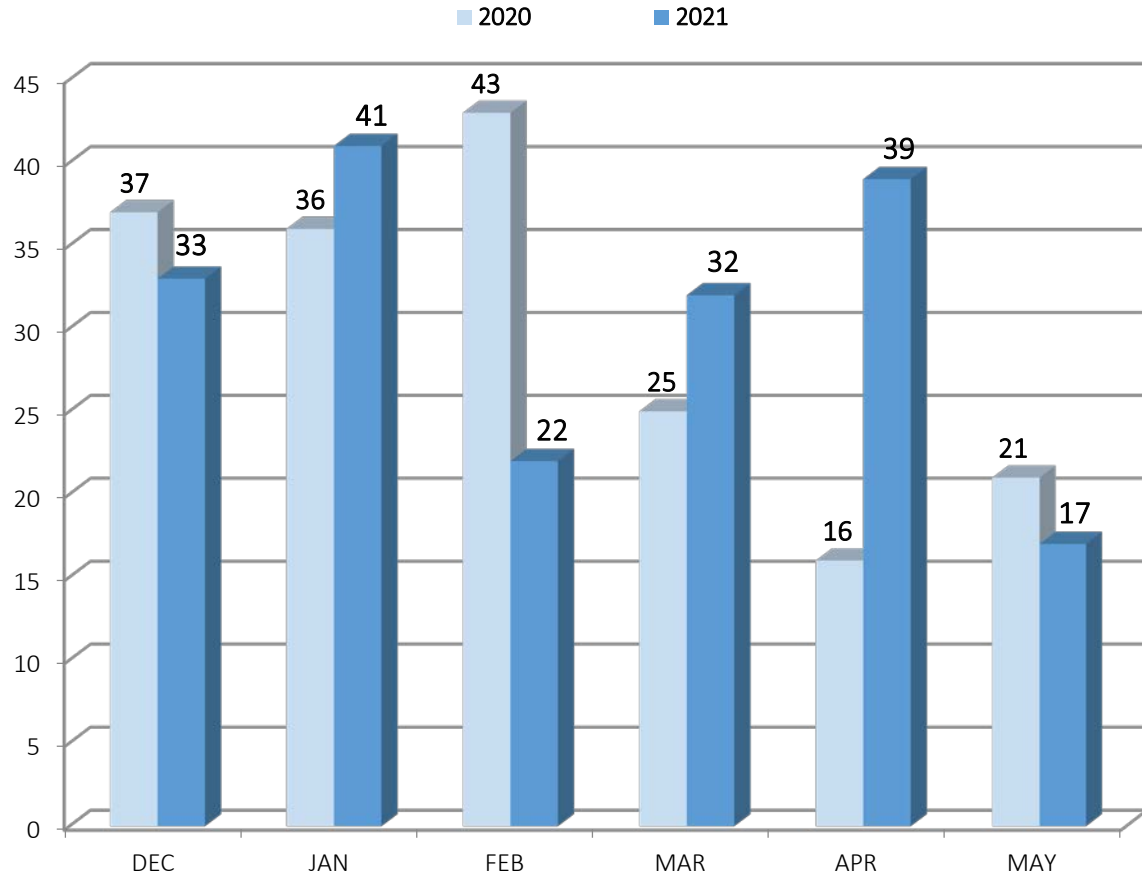
MAINE TOWN:	28	OUT-OF-STATE:	23	OUT-OF-COUNTRY:	1	PORTLAND:	23	Unknown:		TOTAL:	75
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PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE MAY 2021 SHELTER INTAKES BY MONTH



	INTAKES	Pre-COVID Bed Capacity	Current Bed Capacity
Through These Doors	3/5	16	16+ at shelter and hotel overflow
Family Shelter	10/33	146	136
Joe Kreisler	10	24	24
Milestone	12	41	34
Oxford Street (Men)	56	154 at OSS, 75 at PSRC overflow	75 at OSS, 149 at contracted hotel
Oxford Street (Women)	19		
Florence House	9	25 at Shelter, 15 at Safe Haven	25 at Shelter, 15 at Safe Haven
TOTAL	119	496	474+

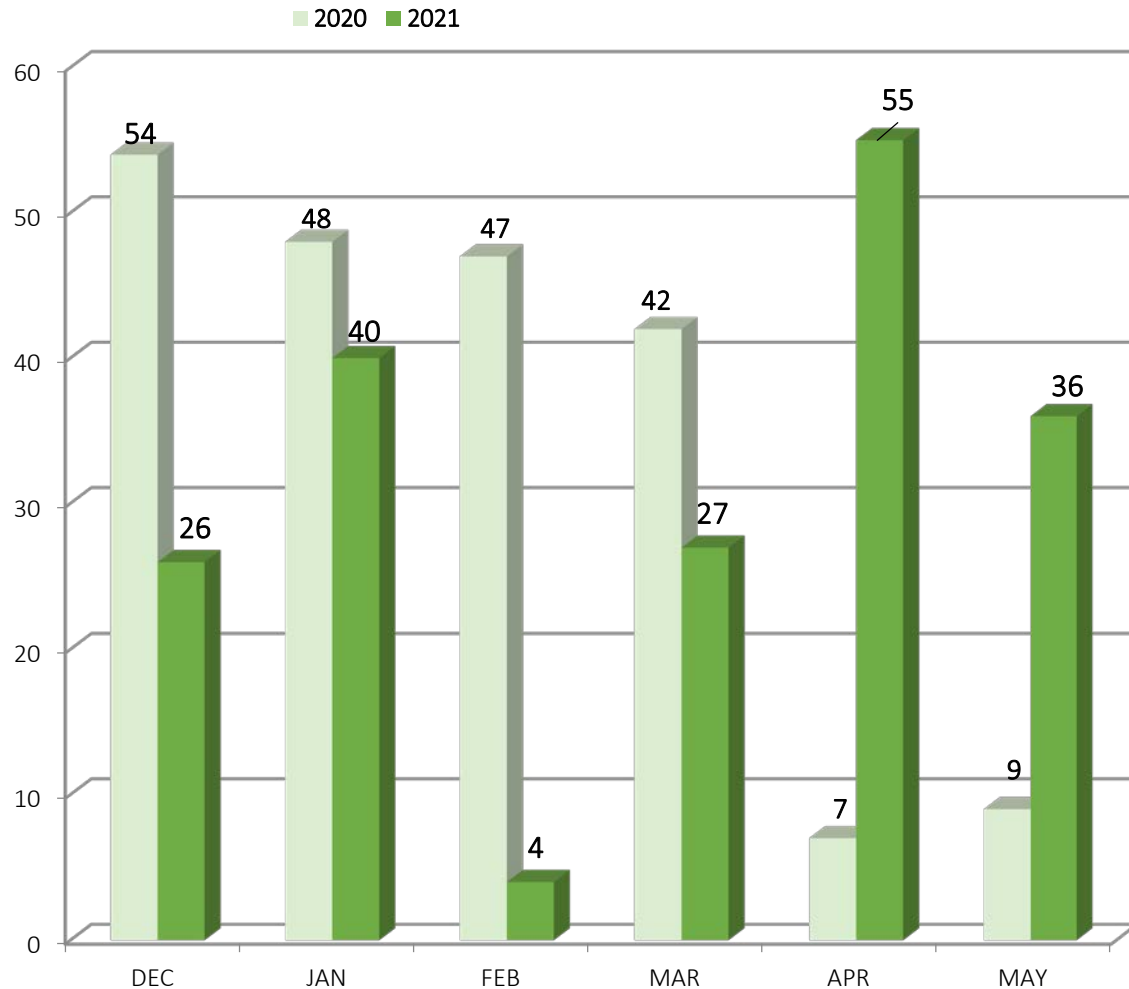
PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE MAY 2021 HOUSING PLACEMENTS BY MONTH



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

	TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	TEMPORARY	PERMANENT
Through These Doors	1/3		1/3
Family Shelter	5/15		5/15
Joe Kreisler	3	1	2
Milestone	1		1
Oxford Street (Men)	5		5
Oxford Street (Women)	2		2
Florence House	0		
TOTAL	17	1	16

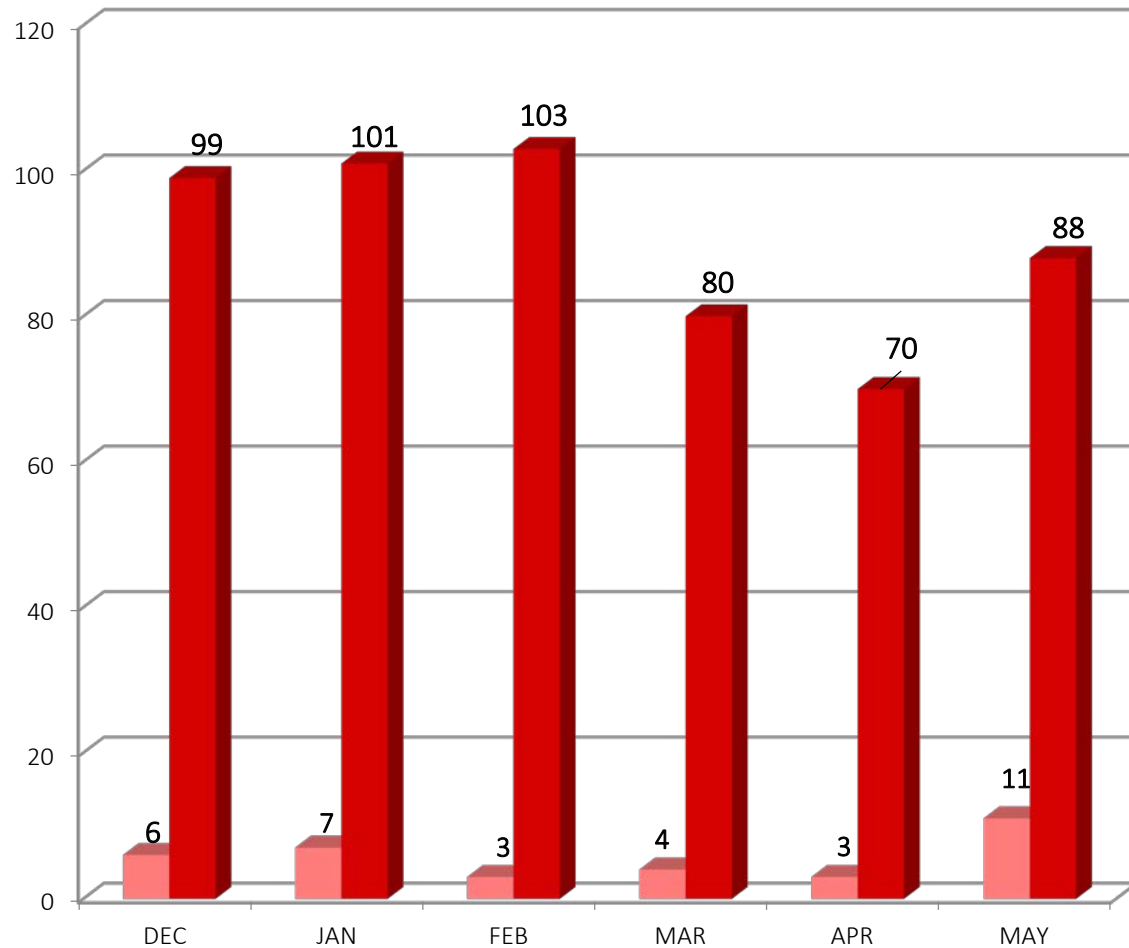
PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE MAY 2021 1st TIME HOMELESSNESS STATISTICS (BASED ON SELF-REPORTING)



1 ST TIME HOMELESSNESS STATISTICS	1 st Time Homeless Intakes	% of Total Intake	% of Total First Time Homeless Intakes
Through These Doors	1/1	0.8%	2.8%
Family Shelter	9/29	7.6%	25%
Joe Kreisler	9	7.6%	25%
Milestone	3	2.5%	8.3%
Oxford Street (Men)	11	9.2%	30.6%
Oxford Street (Women)	3	2.5%	8.3%
Florence House	0	%	%
TOTAL	36	30.3%	100%

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE MAY 2021 CTOs FROM SHELTER

Monthly Current

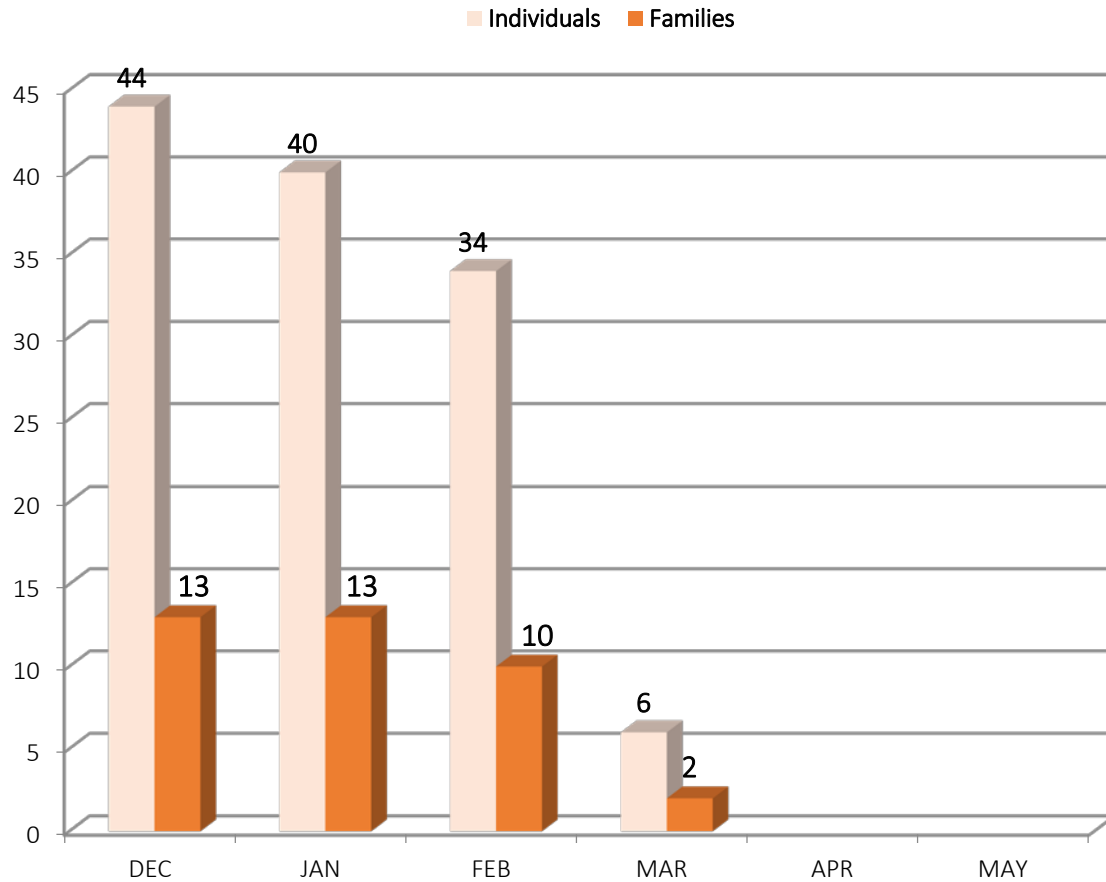


CTO STATISTICS	CTOs in the Month	Medical Restrictions by Month	Current CTOs
Family Shelter	0		0
Joe Kreisler	0		0
Milestone	1		13
Oxford Street Shelter	10		73
Florence House	0		2
TOTAL	11		88

Monthly Medical Restrictions:



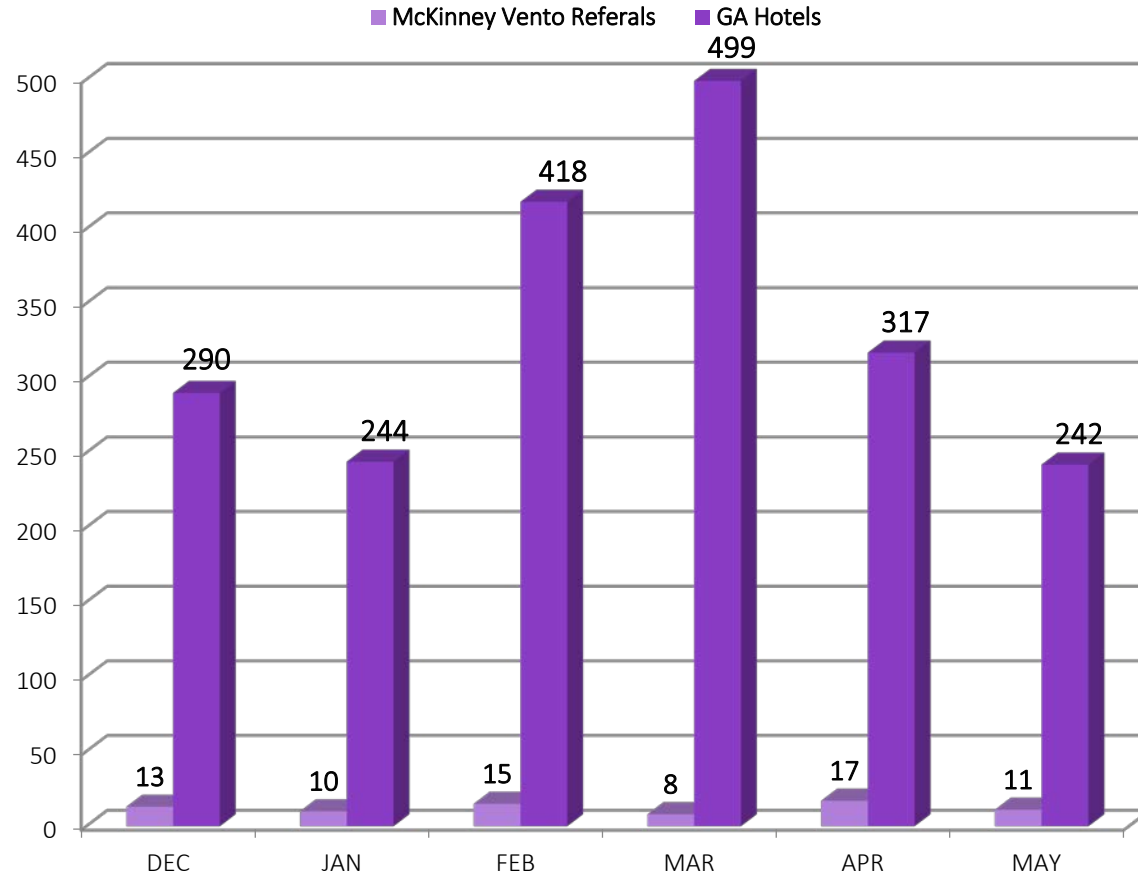
PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE MAY 2021 WARMING CENTER STATISTICS BY MONTH



Warming Center	
Intakes	0
Housing Placements	
Family Promise	

Date	Families	Individuals
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PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE MAY 2021 General Assistance Hotels



	Month*	Total
Families with School Aged Children	11	64
Unduplicated GA Hotels	242	1,606

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

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

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE MAY 2021 HOUSING PLACEMENTS BY TYPE

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

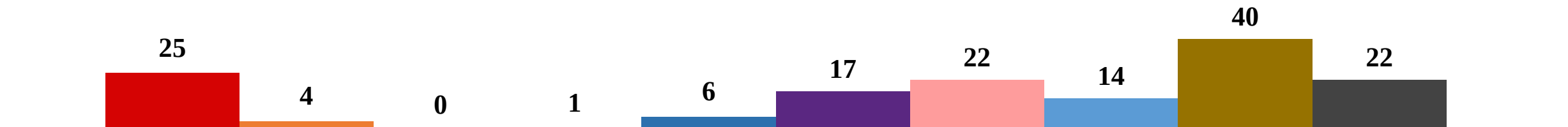
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Distribution of Placements in the Month:



2021 Placements:

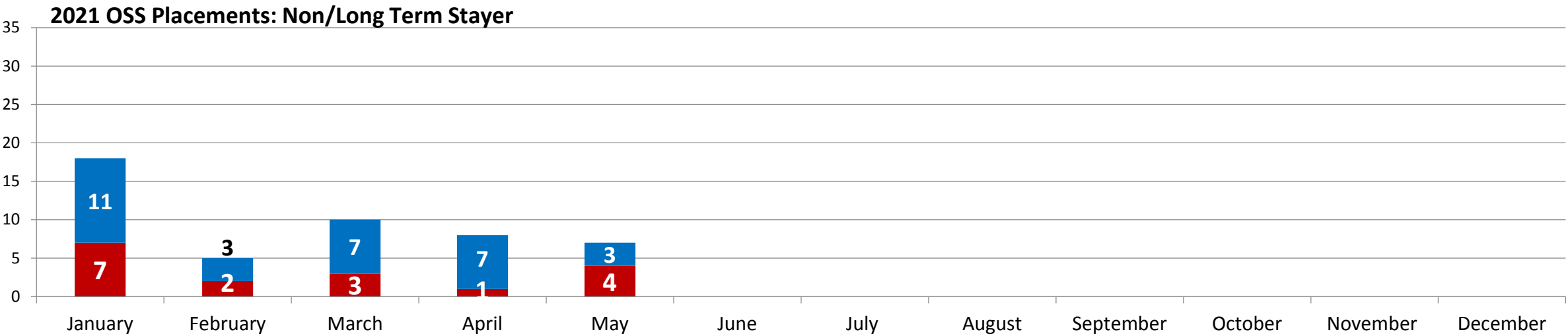
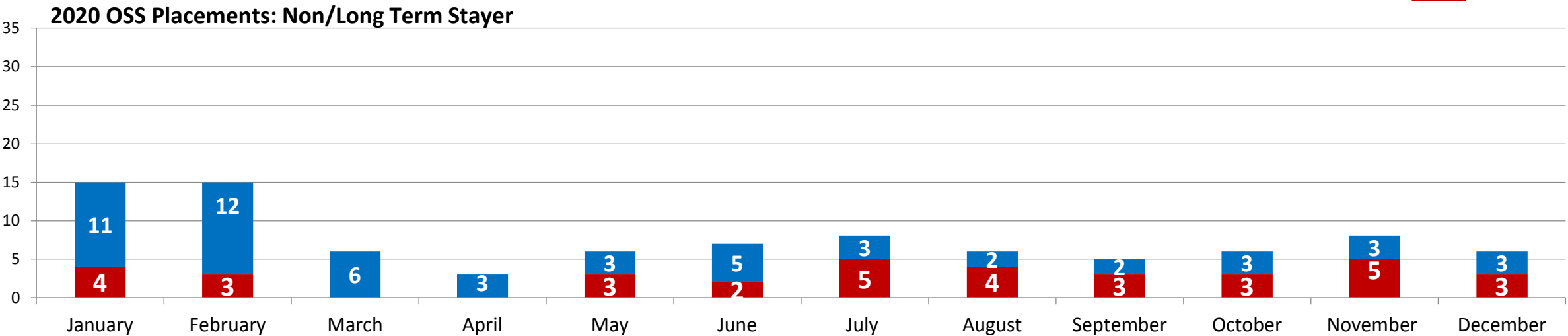
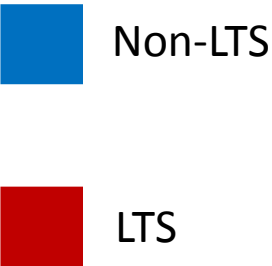


PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE MAY 2021 SHELTER COUNT BY NIGHT

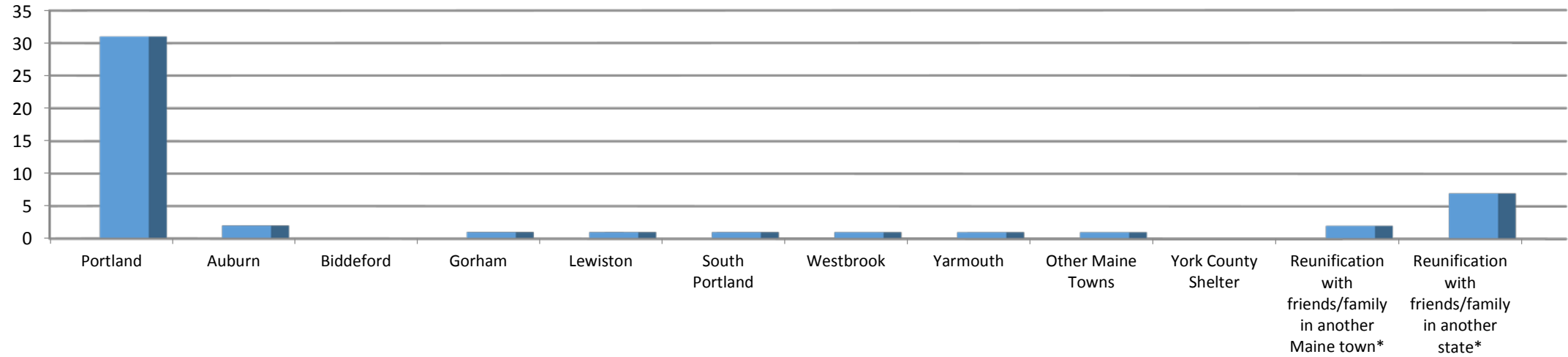
On May: 30th
367 individuals
(including families)
were utilizing shelter services in
Portland

Calendar Day	Through These Doors	Family Shelter	Florence House	Joe Kreisler	Milestone	OSS Beds	OSS Chairs	Total Bed Nights
1	25	66	35	10	34	158	0	328
2	25	66	33	9	31	165	0	329
3	25	67	34	10	33	162	0	331
4	25	70	33	7	33	154	0	322
5	22	73	36	13	32	167	0	343
6	22	73	36	14	30	177	0	352
7	22	76	33	16	30	176	0	353
8	22	76	34	12	34	176	0	354
9	22	76	33	12	35	165	0	343
10	22	81	34	15	32	174	0	358
11	22	81	34	14	33	178	0	362
12	22	81	36	13	31	179	0	362
13	23	81	39	13	32	168	0	356
14	23	82	39	15	27	167	0	353
15	23	82	39	14	28	166	0	352
16	23	82	38	15	29	170	0	357
17	23	78	37	14	28	168	0	348
18	23	78	35	13	25	164	0	338
19	23	78	33	13	26	165	0	338
20	24	78	37	14	27	160	0	340
21	24	82	37	12	25	158	0	338
22	24	82	34	13	22	158	0	333
23	24	82	37	14	21	160	0	338
24	24	82	38	11	30	165	0	350
25	24	84	36	12	29	157	0	342
26	24	80	37	16	27	167	0	351
27	24	84	37	12	29	166	0	352
28	24	84	37	15	29	165	0	354
29	24	84	36	13	25	169	0	351
30	24	84	36	14	31	178	0	367
31	24	84	36	14	34	171	0	363
Total	725	2,437	1,109	402	912	5,173	0	10,758
Avg/night	23	79	36	13	29	167	0	347
Highest	25	84	39	16	35	179	0	367
Lowest	22	66	33	7	21	154	0	322

OXFORD STREET SHELTER & COMMUNITY OVERFLOW HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA



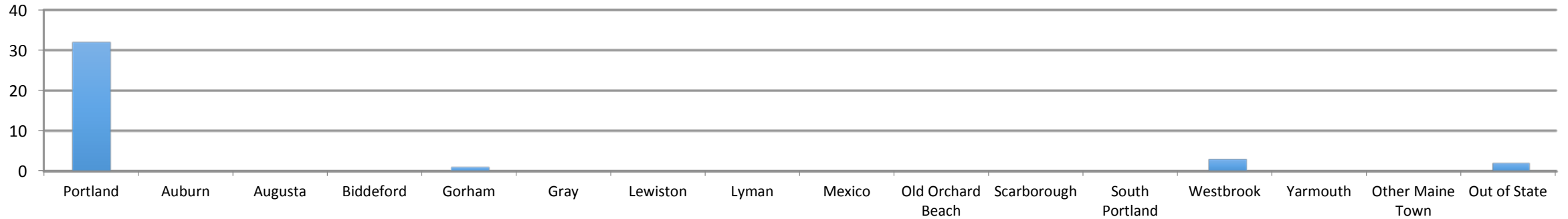
OXFORD STREET SHELTER & COMMUNITY OVERFLOW PERMANENT AND TRANSITIONAL 2021 HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	%
TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	18	5	10	8	7								48	100%
Portland	12	4	9	4	2								31	64.6%
Auburn				1	1								2	4.2%
Biddeford														0.0%
Gorham	1												1	2.1%
Lewiston	1												1	2.1%
South Portland				1									1	2.1%
Westbrook	1												1	2.1%
Yarmouth			1										1	2.1%
Other Maine Towns					1								1	2.1%
York County Shelter														0.0%
Reunification with friends/family in another Maine town*					2								2	4.2%
Reunification with friends/family in another state*	3	1		2	1								7	14.6%

FAMILY SHELTER PERMANENT AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA

■ 2021



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	100%
TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	6	5	9	13	5								38	
Portland	2	5	8	12	5								32	84.2%
Auburn														0.0%
Augusta														0.0%
Biddeford														0.0%
Gorham	1												1	2.6%
Gray														0.0%
Lewiston														0.0%
Lyman														0.0%
Mexico														0.0%
Old Orchard Beach														0.0%
Scarborough														0.0%
South Portland														0.0%
Westbrook	1		1	1									3	7.9%
Yarmouth														0.0%
Other Maine Town														0.0%
Out of State	2												2	5.3%