

EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Remote Meeting

**Thursday, August 19, 2021
8:30 AM**

AGENDA

1. 8:30 – 8:40 Introductions

a. Join Zoom Meeting

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2. 8:40 – 8:45 Approve July meeting minutes

a. Review and approval of July 15, 2021 meeting minutes.

3. 8:45 – 8:55 In-person meeting updates

4. 8:55 – 9:15 Maine Housing Guest

a. Recovery funds for state and local governments

b. Emergency Rental Assistance Funding

c. End of Rapid Rehousing funding

d. Closure of FEMA shelters and loss of FEMA funds

e. Corporation for Supportive Housing Report

5. 9:15 – 9:35 Monthly Shelter Statistics

a. July Statistics

6. 9:35 – 9:40 Homeless Services Center Update

7. 9:40 – 9:55 Shelter Referendum Discussion

8. 9:55 – 10:00 Wrap Up

Next Meeting

September 16, 2021

Time: 8:30AM - 10:00AM

Location: Remote

If you should have any questions, please contact:

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Emergency Shelter Assessment Committee

Remote Meeting

Thursday, July 15, 2021

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Minutes

Name	Organization
Adam Harr	City of Portland
Cullen Ryan	CHOM
Suzanne Randall	Ha4aLL
Jim Devine	HVJ
Bill Higgins	Ha4aLL
Jenny Stasio	Through These Doors
Donna Yellen	Preble Street
Anna Brewer	Preble Street/HVJ
Dan Coyne	United Way
Vickey Rand	CHOM
Sara Fleurant	City of Portland Oxford Street Shelter
Katy Finch	The Opportunity Alliance

Name	Organization
Norm Maze	Shalom House
Ben Martineau	HVJ
Peter McLaughlin	People's Housing Coalition
Ben Strick	Spurwink
Oliver Bradeen	Milestone
Meredith Pesce	Amistad
Wendy Harmon	Keller Williams Realty
Deb Ibonwa	MEJP
George Rheault	West Bayside resident/homeowner
Sarah Michniewicz	BNA
Aaron Geyer	City of Portland
Nannette Irabaruta	United Way of Southern Maine

Meeting Summary

ESAC is looking to start in person meetings, Covid permitting, sometime after Labor Day with rotating hosts who can accommodate the long-term stayers meetings. First-time homeless statistics to include a column that shows what percentage of a shelter's intakes were experiencing homelessness for the first time and Adam will mock up a new CTO slide that compares year over year data. \$10 million of funding needs to advocacy for allocation. The ballot initiative will come back for further discussion at a future meeting to determine if ESAC will take a position.

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- **Meeting Minutes**
 - June minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- **In-Person Meeting**
 - Return to in-person meetings after Labor Day.
 - Rotate locations.
 - Hybrid in-person and remote.
 - Rotating spaces would be willing to host long term stayers meetings that follow ESAC would help logistics.
 - Please email the executive committee if you are interested in hosting in-person meetings.
 - One city center is available.
 - August will still be remote.
- **June Statistics**
 - Jenny Stasio of Through These Doors presented the June statistics.
 - Decrease in families
 - Two family units are down to rehab and that those families are in hotels using GA.
 - OSS intakes saw a slight increase from out of state.
 - 28 housing placements.
 - Mostly Section 8/HCV and GA.
 - CTOs are consistent.
 - Still out of the warming center, using General Assistance during Covid.
 - GA Hotels
 - Will funding last through the end of the state of emergency or is there a big change coming?
 - Current contract for the City FEMA hotels runs through the end of September.
 - Likely all FEMA hotels, Preble street's in Portland and Lewiston, will end September 30th.
 - What will happen given the rise of the delta variant is still unknown.
 - Average of 357 individuals in shelter in June.
 - First time homelessness
 - Of the new intakes, these numbers are reporting first time homelessness and break down the percentages within first time homelessness.
 - What do we want from these numbers?
 - Should we have a fourth line of % of the shelter's intakes?
 - Adam to add a column.
 - Will show chronic vs circumstantially homeless.
 - Family shelter statistics are important to monitor here.
 - Numbers were brought down from people not let into shelter due to Covid.
 - "We manage what we measure."
 - Make is meaningful.

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- o CTOs
 - Adam to send mock up a year over year version.
- **City Ordinance Update**
 - o Shelter Licensing
 - DV shelter waiver is for shelters “solely” serving DV clients.
 - Distance will be measured from property line to property line.
 - Public comment will be taken at the September 14, 2021 Health and Human Services meeting (Committee is taking August off.)
 - o Ballot Initiative
 - Initiative limits the number of beds an emergency shelter in the city can have to 50.
 - Can make comments this coming Council Meeting, Monday July 19, 2021. (It is a double meeting that night.)
 - HSC has a contractor in place before the vote in November.
 - Should ESAC take a position?
 - We haven’t taken positions on the homeless services center.
 - This is not A City run meeting.
 - ESAC did take a position on shelter licensing.
 - HSC Planning Board processes being expedited.
 - o Did ESAC weigh in on the 40 bed Preble Street shelter?
 - It’s unclear who was speaking for ESAC in the shelter licensing memo.
 - o Statements should be clear and digestible to the public.
 - ESAC takes positions on big picture items that affect overall shelters and homelessness.
 - Members come to these meetings to examine and solve homelessness in Portland.
 - ESAC doesn’t have staff.
 - ESAC has taken positions on individual organizations actions.
 - It is an 80% threshold to pass motions.
 - o Enough organizations are involved in the referendum or have a financial stake a position as a body isn’t worth it.
 - If we take a position, we should wait for the next meeting.
 - Need to make informed decisions.
 - We have until November.
 - What would the group want to see shared in advance to aid in the discussion?
 - Meeting minutes from the upcoming city council meeting.
 - o Charter Commission
 - Would we want to make a statement?
 - Big issue that would need more discussion and thought; members to think about it.

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- **Legislative Update**

- Federal

- Eviction moratorium ends this month and it was likely the last extension.
 - In the works
 - Budget is not likely to get sorted out until September
 - Boosts HUD funds.
 - Infrastructure has a \$3.5 trillion that would need to be passed through budget reconciliation that could include housing.
 - Affordable Housing Opportunities Made Equitable (HOME) Act would increase affordable housing.
 - Possible more McKinney Vento Funding
 - Childcare for working families Act would help children experiencing homelessness and in foster care.
 - Housing is a Human Right – affordable housing and homeless services funding.

- State

- American Rescue Plan funds being planned for use by the legislature.
 - Bills that became law and are in the works are [linked here](#).
 - Bill in the works that would set GA reimbursement at 90%.
 - Appropriations added \$10 million for homelessness support efforts: operating costs, renovating costs, etc.
 - Advocacy on where it goes.
 - On the Maine budget blog.

- **Public Comment and Announcements**

- HVJ gave annual report on crimes against homeless people to the graduating class of police cadets.
 - HVJ will do outreach on LD1294 that would investigate harassment due to housing status on Friday.
 - Coronavirus has really impacted outreach efforts from public spaces closing like the resource center.
 - How will the United Way merger affect services?
 - United will continue to participate in ESAC.
 - United Way in York and Portland merged.
 - Day space was not brought up.
 - There was an RFP put out by the City for \$239,000 that received no proposals.
 - Looking at options moving forward.
 - Is the City taking into consideration that there was not enough time?
 - Feedback was that it wasn't a timing issue.
 - It is unclear if we will receive applicants if we rerelease but it is being considered.

- **August Meeting**

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- o Ballot initiative (possibly in September)
- o First time homelessness will include % of a shelter's intakes that are experiencing homelessness for the first time.
- o Adam to send a mockup of new CTO slide.

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PORTLAND HOMELESS SHELTERS

Average Total Number of Individuals Residing in Shelters per Night:

	July 2020	July 2021
ADOLESCENTS	8 Individuals	13 Individuals
FAMILIES	156 Individuals 54 Average Families	106 Individuals 37 Average Families
ADULTS	155 Individuals	251 Individuals
Total	319 Individuals	370 Individuals

OXFORD STREET SHELTER

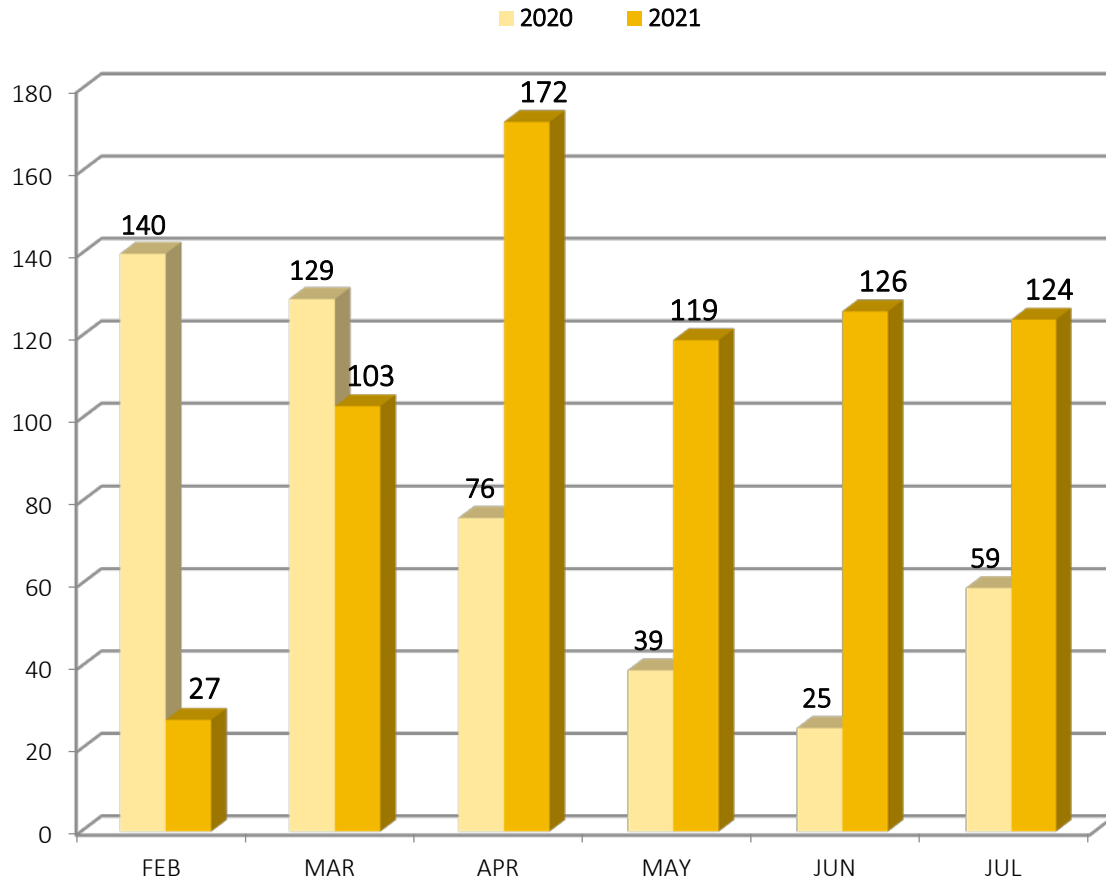
JULY 2021

Intakes by Residency

MAINE TOWN						OUT-OF-STATE						OUT-OF-COUNTRY	
Bath	2	Lewiston	3			AR	1	TN	1				
Berwick	1	Raymond	2			CA	2	TX	2				
Biddeford	4	Richmond	1			CT	1	VA	1				
Bridgton	1	South Portland	7			FL	2						
Brunswick	1	Standish	2			GA	1						
Casco	1	Warren	1			IL	2						
Columbia Falls	1	Westbrook	3			KY	1						
Farmington	1	Windham	2			MA	1						
Franklin	1					ND	1						
Gray	1					NH	4						
Holden	1					NY	4						
Houlton	1					PA	2						

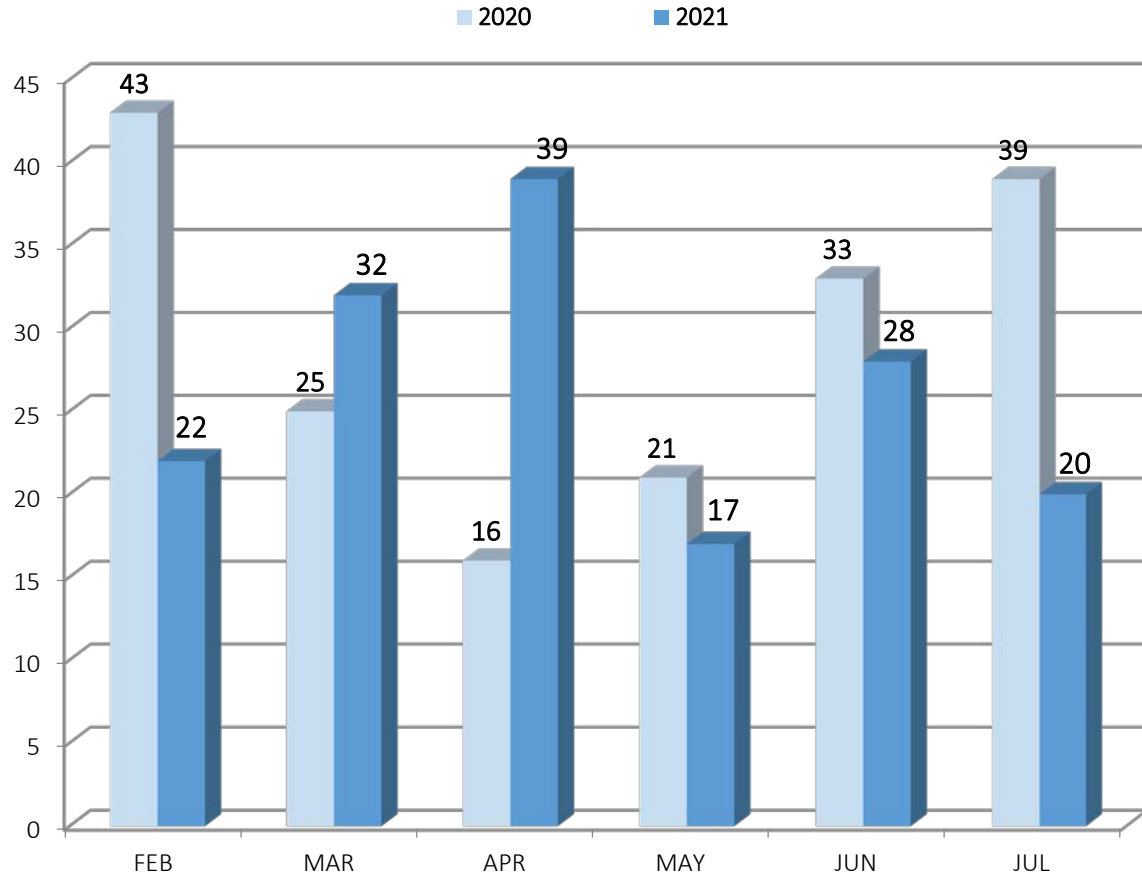
MAINE TOWN:	37	OUT-OF-STATE:	26	OUT-OF-COUNTRY:	0	PORTLAND:	25	Unknown:	1	TOTAL:	89
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PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE JULY 2021 SHELTER INTAKES BY MONTH



	INTAKES	Pre-COVID Bed Capacity	Current Bed Capacity
Through These Doors	3/9	16	16+ at shelter and hotel overflow
Family Shelter	5/15	146	136
Joe Kreisler	4	24	24
Milestone	14	41	34
Oxford Street (Men)	75	154 at OSS, 75 at PSRC overflow	75 at OSS, 149 at contracted hotel
Oxford Street (Women)	14		
Florence House	9	25 at Shelter, 15 at Safe Haven	25 at Shelter, 15 at Safe Haven
TOTAL	124	496	474+

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE JULY 2021 HOUSING PLACEMENTS BY MONTH



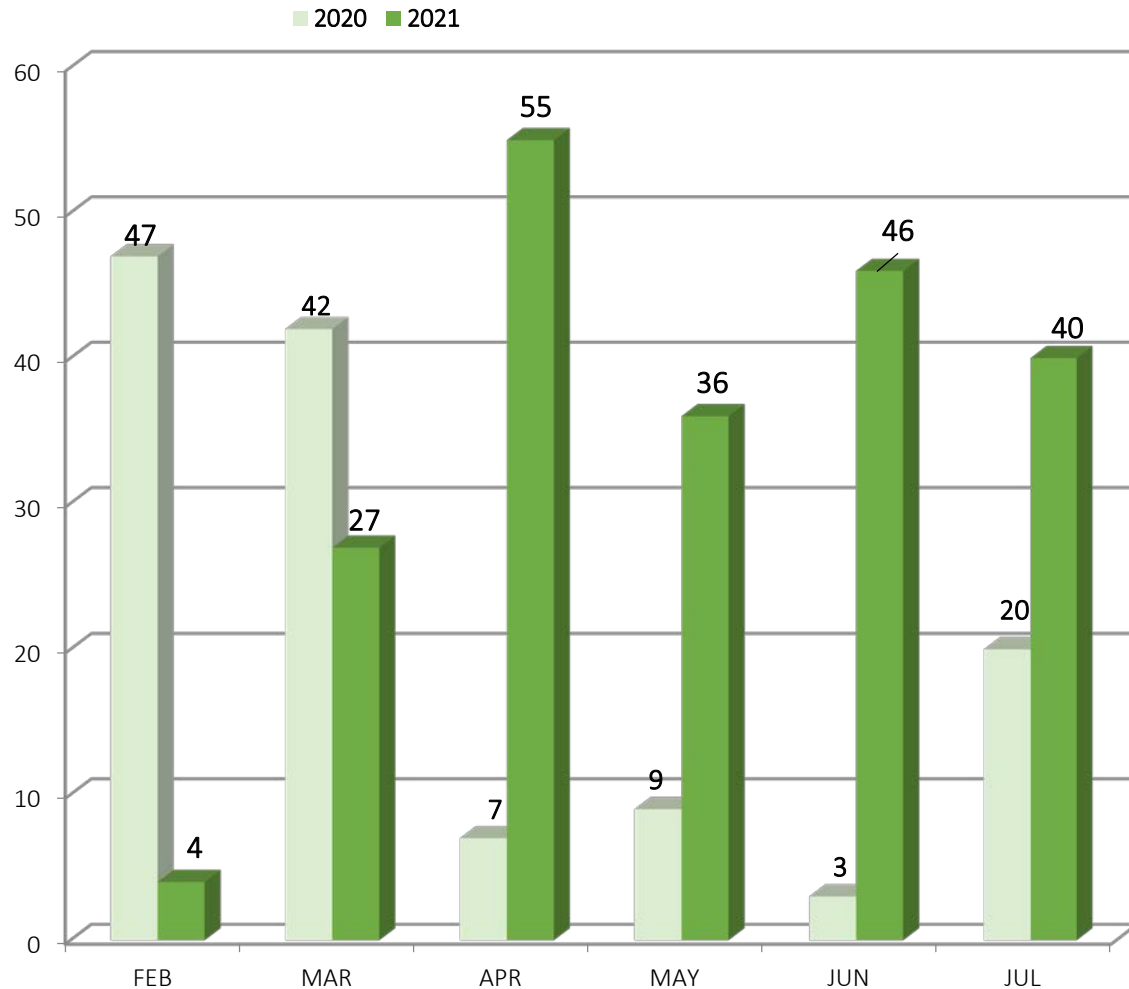
*Starting July, 2013, Oxford Street Shelter shifted prioritization of housing placements to their 30 longest-term stayers.

	TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	TEMPORARY	PERMANENT
Through These Doors	0		
Family Shelter	7/20		7/20
Joe Kreisler	3		3
Milestone	2		2
Oxford Street (Men)	5		5
Oxford Street (Women)	2		2
Florence House	1		1
TOTAL	20		20

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JULY 2021

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



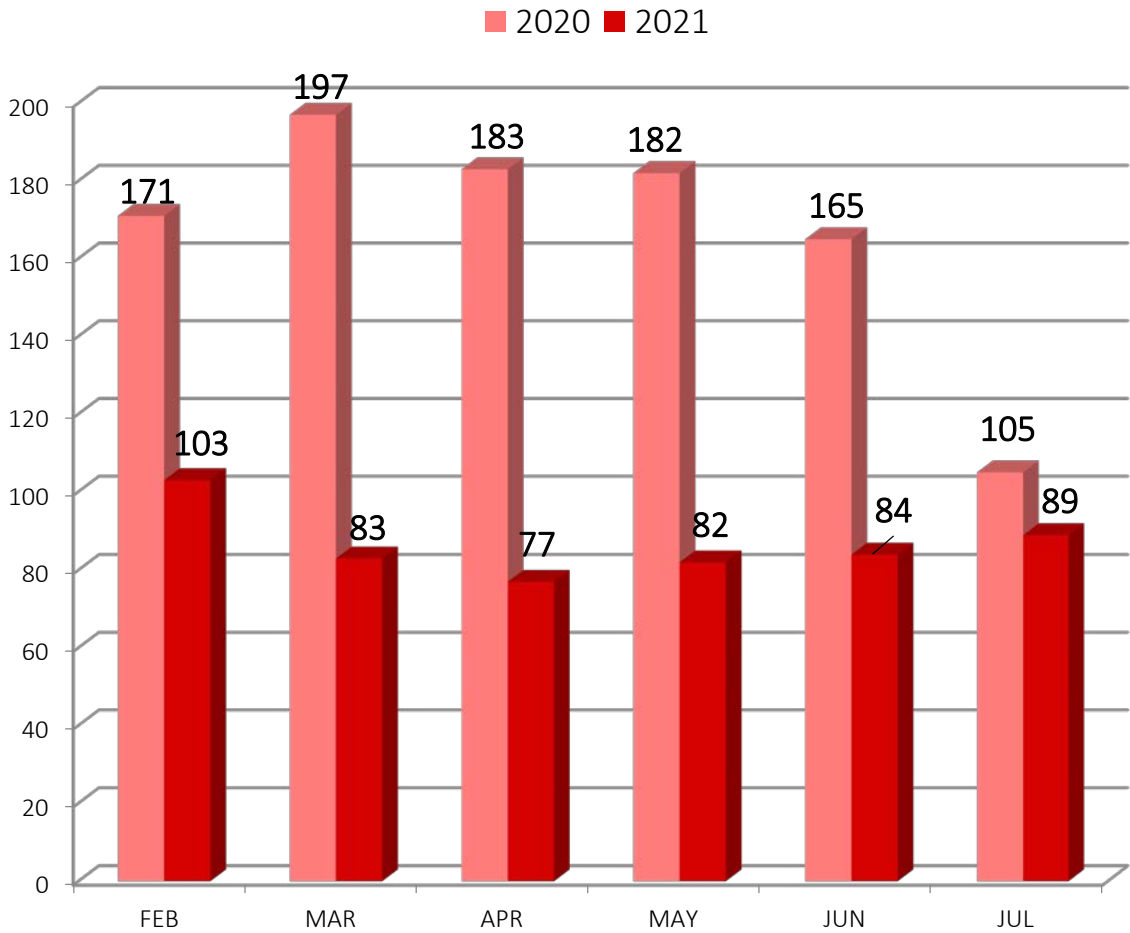
1 ST TIME HOMELESSNESS STATISTICS	1 st Time Homeless Intakes	% of the Shelter's Intakes	% of Total Intake	% of Total First Time Homeless Intakes
Through These Doors	0	0%	0%	0%
Family Shelter	4/13	80%	3.2%	10%
Joe Kreisler	2	50%	1.6%	5%
Milestone	6	42.8%	4.8%	15%
Oxford Street (Men)	25	33.3%	20.1%	62.5%
Oxford Street (Women)	0	0%	0%	0%
Florence House	3	33.3%	2.4%	7.5%
TOTAL	40		32.1%	100%

Update of the CTO slide:

- Removes medical restrictions chart, but keeps it in the table, as we only reported one since we started tracking.
- Separates CTOs issued in the month and the total of current CTOs to be able to compare with the previous year's data.
- Fixes an error

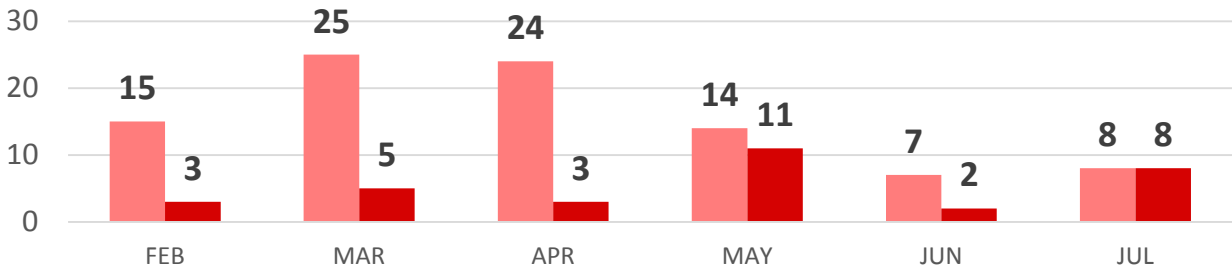
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JULY 2021
CTOs FROM SHELTER

Total Current CTOs

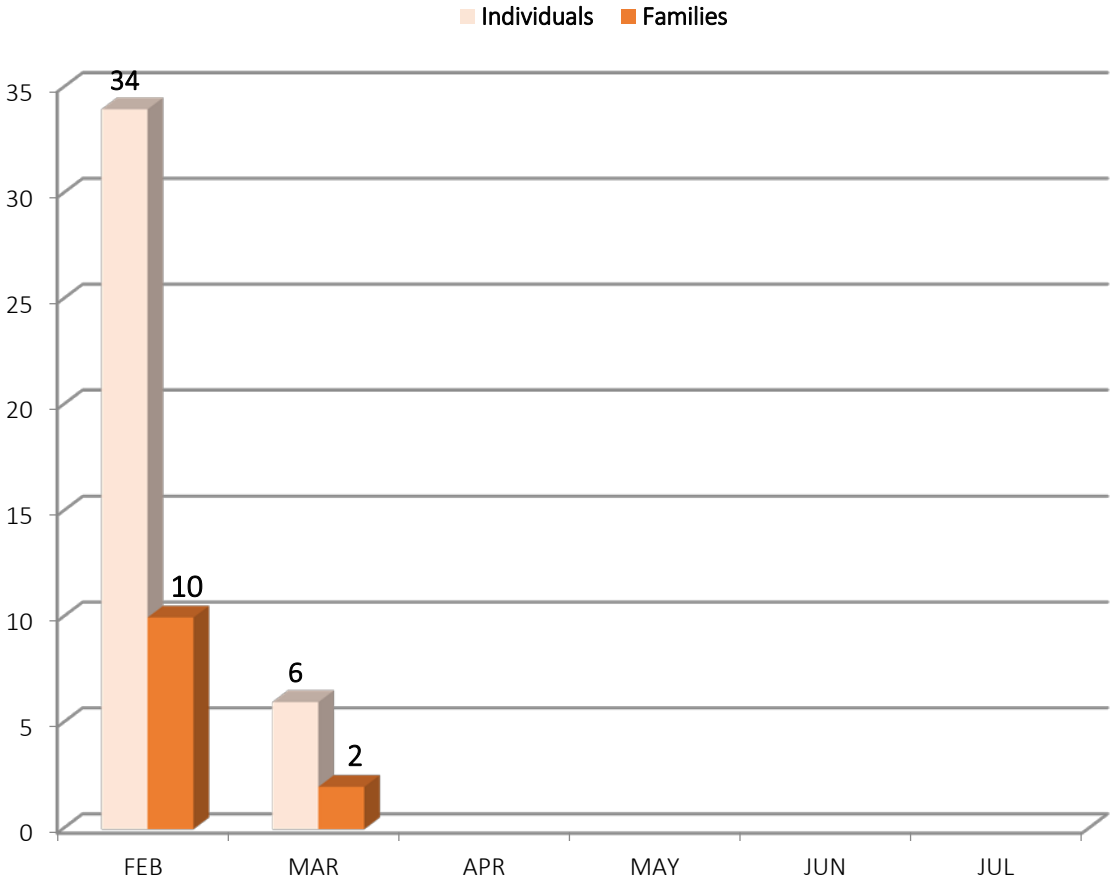


CTO STATISTICS	CTOs in the Month	Medical Restrictions in Month	Current CTOs
Family Shelter	0		0
Joe Kreisler	2		2
Milestone	0		14
Oxford Street Shelter	6		72
Florence House	0		3
TOTAL	8	0	91

CTOs Issued in the Month



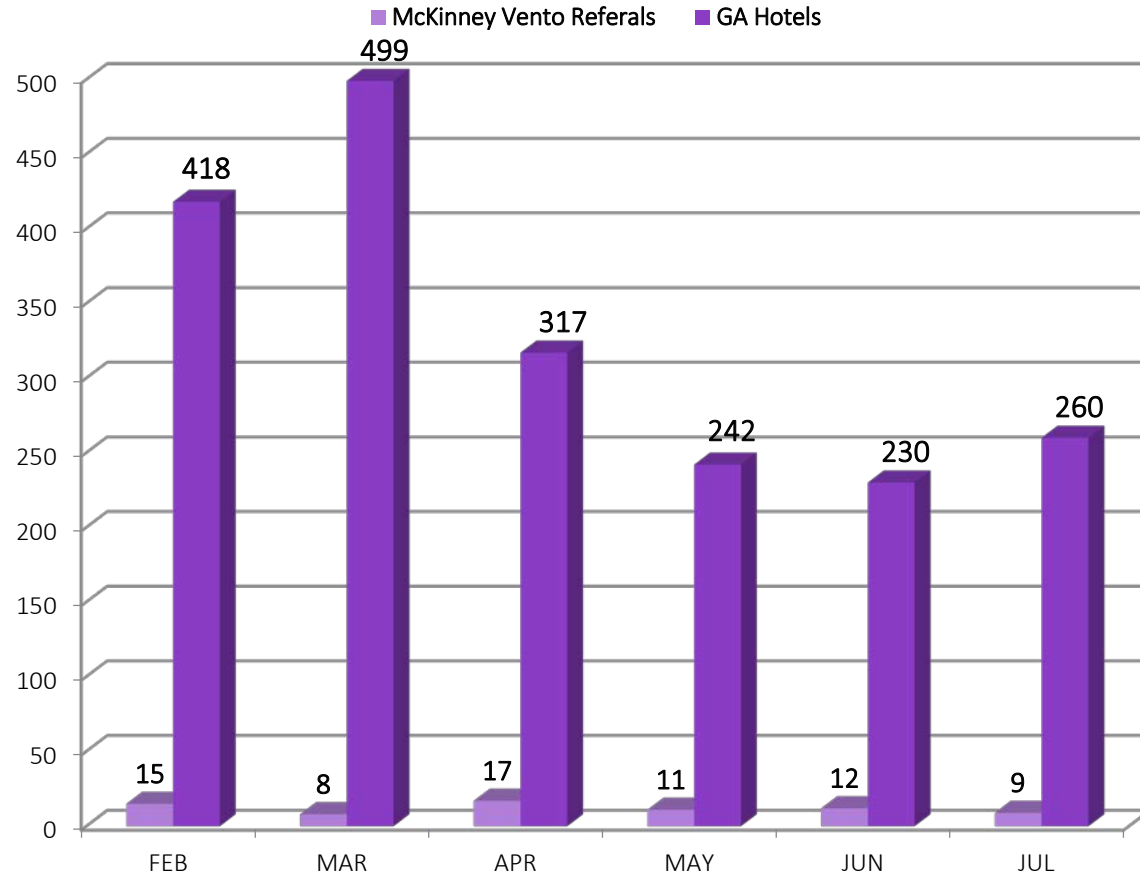
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WARMING CENTER STATISTICS BY MONTH



Warming Center	
Intakes	0
Housing Placements	
Family Promise	

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



	Month*	Total
Families with School Aged Children	9	85
Unduplicated GA Hotels	260	1,735

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 JULY 2021 HOUSING PLACEMENTS BY TYPE

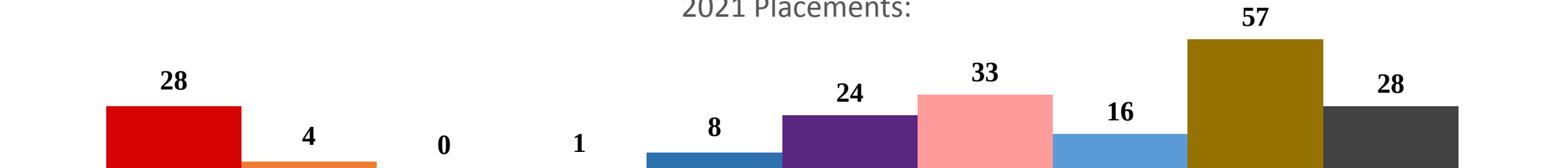
	S+C	BRAP	Sober House	Public Housing	STEP	Family Reunification	Sect. 8/HCV	OTHER	GA	No Subsidy
Through These Doors										
Family Shelter						1			6	
Joe Kreisler									2	1
Milestone							1			1
Oxford Street (Men)						2	1		2	
Oxford Street (Women)						1	1			
Florence House	1									
TOTAL	1					4	3		10	2

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Distribution of Placements in the Month:



2021 Placements:

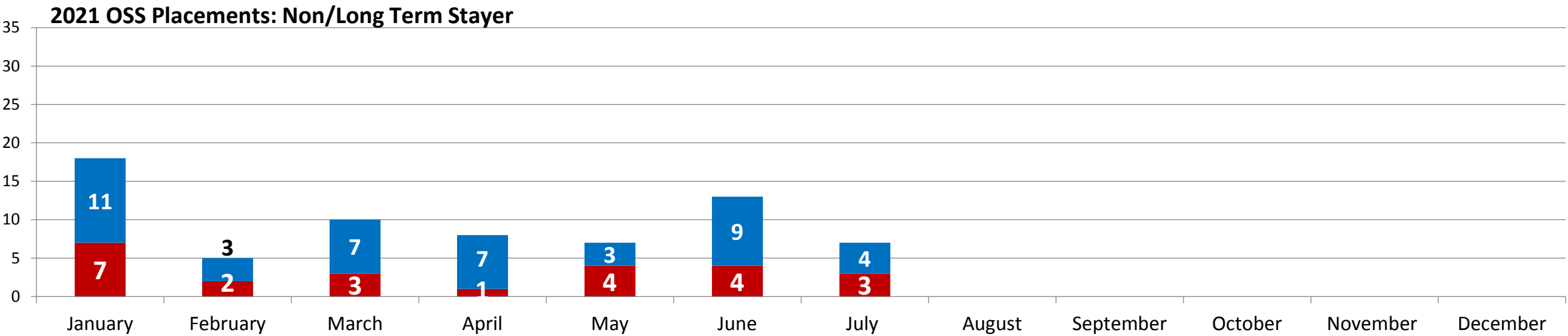
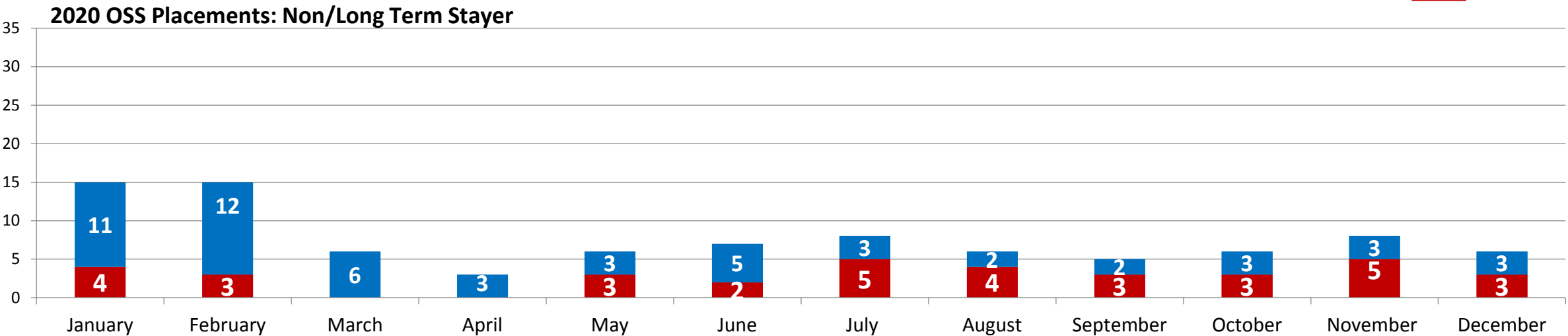
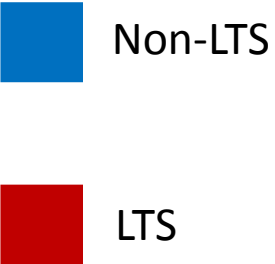


PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE JULY 2021 SHELTER COUNT BY NIGHT

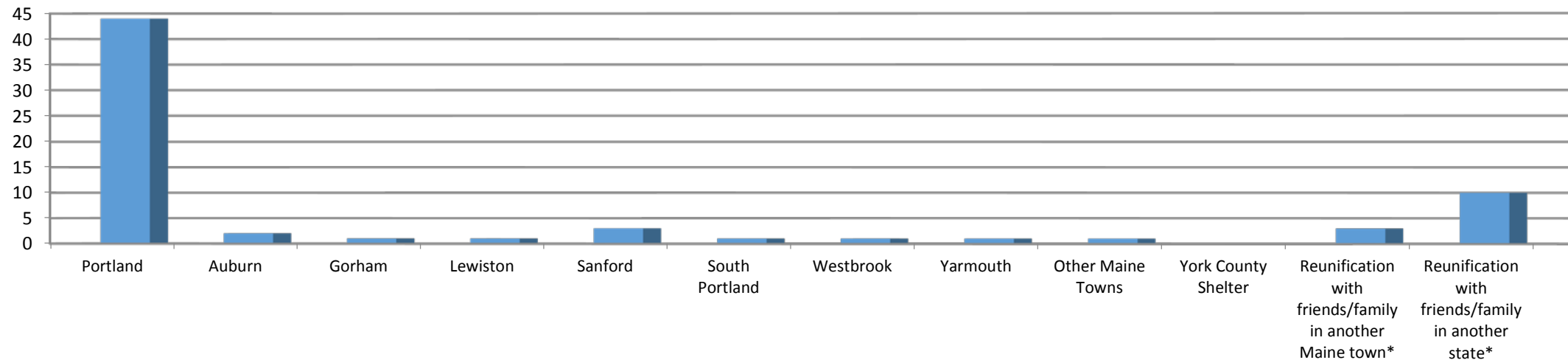
On July: 8th
391 individuals
(including families)
were utilizing shelter services in
Portland

Calendar Day	Through These Doors	Family Shelter	Florence House	Joe Kreisler	Milestone	OSS Beds	OSS Chairs	Total Bed Nights
1	25	80	35	13	27	182	0	362
2	25	77	35	12	35	181	0	365
3	25	75	33	9	42	183	0	367
4	25	75	36	11	40	188	0	375
5	25	75	35	11	41	183	0	370
6	28	75	34	14	36	191	0	378
7	28	75	36	12	35	184	0	370
8	28	69	35	17	40	202	0	391
9	32	69	36	13	41	186	0	377
10	32	69	33	12	26	179	0	351
11	32	66	34	12	39	172	0	355
12	32	71	32	13	33	178	0	359
13	32	74	36	15	36	183	0	376
14	32	74	34	13	30	183	0	366
15	32	74	33	16	35	184	0	374
16	32	74	34	14	36	175	0	365
17	32	74	36	10	37	169	0	358
18	32	74	37	13	40	184	0	380
19	32	76	37	15	33	182	0	375
20	32	78	38	12	36	173	0	369
21	32	78	37	13	33	180	0	373
22	32	78	39	14	37	175	0	375
23	32	78	39	12	34	180	0	375
24	32	78	39	11	34	178	0	372
25	32	78	40	16	37	168	0	371
26	32	75	38	16	33	176	0	370
27	32	78	36	15	35	182	0	378
28	37	78	34	16	31	178	0	374
29	34	75	36	15	41	179	0	380
30	34	75	36	15	36	169	0	365
31	34	75	33	13	32	168	0	355
Total	956	2,320	1,106	413	1,101	5,575	0	11,471
Avg/night	31	75	36	13	36	180	0	370
Highest	37	80	40	17	42	202	0	391
Lowest	25	66	32	9	26	168	0	351

OXFORD STREET SHELTER & COMMUNITY OVERFLOW HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA



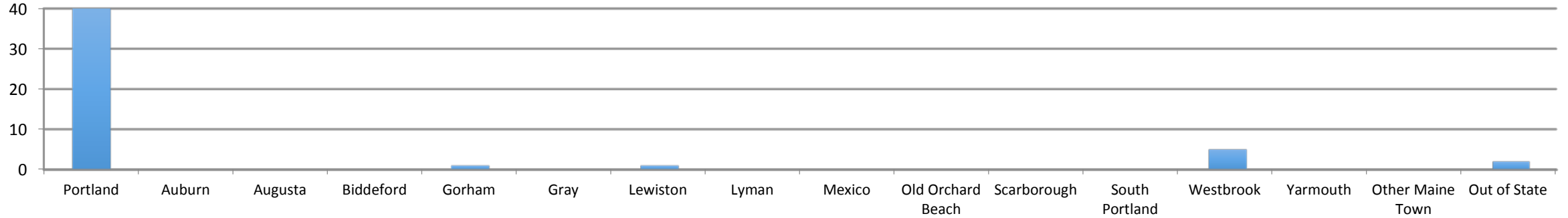
OXFORD STREET SHELTER & COMMUNITY OVERFLOW PERMANENT AND TRANSITIONAL 2021 HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	%
TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	18	5	10	8	7	13	7						68	100%
Portland	12	4	9	4	2	8	5						44	64.7%
Auburn				1	1								2	2.9%
Gorham	1												1	1.5%
Lewiston	1												1	1.5%
Sanford						3							3	4.4%
South Portland				1									1	1.5%
Westbrook	1												1	1.5%
Yarmouth			1										1	1.5%
Other Maine Towns					1								1	1.5%
York County Shelter														0.0%
Reunification with friends/family in another Maine town*					2		1						3	4.4%
Reunification with friends/family in another state*	3	1		2	1	2	1						10	14.7%

FAMILY SHELTER PERMANENT AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	July	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	100%
TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	6	5	9	13	5	4	7						49	
Portland	2	5	8	12	5	2	6						40	81.6%
Auburn														0.0%
Augusta														0.0%
Biddeford														0.0%
Gorham	1												1	2.0%
Gray														0.0%
Lewiston							1						1	2.0%
Lyman														0.0%
Mexico														0.0%
Old Orchard Beach														0.0%
Scarborough														0.0%
South Portland														0.0%
Westbrook	1		1	1		2							5	10.2%
Yarmouth														0.0%
Other Maine Town														0.0%
Out of State	2												2	4.1%