

EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

One City Center

**Thursday, January 17, 2019
9:00 AM**

AGENDA

- 1. Introductions**
 - a. December 20 Draft Minutes
- 2. Monthly Shelter Bed Usage Statistics & New Slides**
 - a. December Shelter Statistics
- 3. Long Term Stayers Update**
- 4. Federal, State and Local Legislation**
- 5. Homeless Services Center**
- 6. Point in Time Count**
- 7. Other Business**

Next Meeting

February 21, 2019

Time: 9:00AM

Location: One City Center

If you should have any questions, please contact:

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Emergency Shelter Assessment Committee

One City Center

Thursday, December 20, 2018

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Minutes

Attendees:

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Adam Harr	City of Portland	Harrison Deah	City of Westbrook
Brian Townsend	Amistad	Norm Maze	Shalom House
Carol Hutchins	Bayside	Vickey Rand	CHOM
Joanie Klayman	Preble Street	Cullen Ryan	CHOM
Ginny Dill	Shalom House	Amanda Methot	City of Portland
Sara Fleurant	City of Portland	Dave MacLean	City of Portland
Meaghan Void	City of Portland	Amy Geren	Portland Downtown
Sara Ewing Meril	Family Promise	Chelsea Hoskins	City of Portland
Jim Divine	HVJ	Colin Ayer	Portland Fire Department
Kelley Walsh	Trough These Doors	Chelsea Hoskins	City of Portland

Monthly Statistics: The August shelter statistics are available here:
<https://www.portlandmaine.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/940>

Monthly Stats:

- OSS Record High Census at 239 and 66
 - When under 80 family shelter will move to the resource center
- More families are being paroled at the southern border
 - Paroled status
 - Qualifies for 24 months of General Assistance coverage, avoiding the GAP (PCSF)
- Mat to lie on still, but chairs may be needed to all space available approaching capacity
 - The numbers are too great and there is not enough housing to open space at the shelter for those coming

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- Dave introduced Chelsea Hoskins who has worked with PCSF clients in order to increase the shelter's capacity to triage and refer people utilizing the warming center for food and shelter.

HVJ:

- Memorial Vigil
- Don't exclude us; include us
- Homeless Bill of Rights Sponsored by Rachel Talbot Ross
 - Access to public space

CTO

December 28th 10:30 in room 209

Community Outreach lieutenant

- Winter: when resources and shelter are exhausted on dangerously cold nights, how does the continuum serve this population?
 - Some are Criminal Trespassed from the hospital
 - Once they are seen; they must leave and cannot wait in the warmth of the building.
- Unified plan across all City departments that touch this population.
- City staff will meet initially then invite the wider service provider community.
 - Each department will explain their policies and how they operate with this population
 - Laws (What can and cannot be done by program)
 - Delivering services to this population is difficult without training or knowledge of what options may exist, or who can be contacted.
 - They will analyze offenses that lead to CTOs to see if there is opportunity to understand the need and process better and keep this population safe.

Include the long-term stayer update in new template

Legislation

Federal:

Continuing resolution to fund at 2017 levels

Bills being followed have no activity

- Opioid recover and treatment monies have started to come into the State
- A federal Judge deemed the Affordable Care Act (ACA, commonly known as Obamacare)
- Fair Housing Act of 2018 would prohibit housing discrimination based on veterans status and financial/economic status

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Agriculture and nutrition act

- Originally had significant cuts to snap (formerly food stamps) but those have been received in the current version

State:

Janet Mills nominated a former Obama administration deputy for health policy to lead DHHS.

- DHHS restricted BRAP over the past 12 months
 - There is a sense that some individuals experiencing homelessness will still be able to receive BRAPs
 - Dick Farnsworth is spear heading
 - It is the right time to reach out to state representatives
- Long Term Stayer Update
 - 94.9% success rate of individuals remaining in housing
 - BRAP and Section 8 have minimal
 - Over 200 individuals have been housed
 - Started a new list including people who are not yet LTS but are trending towards the long length of stay.
- Pathway from the criminal justice system into stable housing
- Systemwide view of resources
- 2018 was a great year for housing clients

Potential legislation: Legislative committee meets bi-weekly with state reps and state senators

Legislation to be proposed and suggested re changes

- Reinstate the reimbursement formula; if met a spending cap with GA, the reimbursement would jump from 50/50 to 90/10
 - This formula was to reimburse service center areas to serve statewide populations
 - Current is 70/30
- Looking to expand the narrow reading of the asylum seeker assistance law which granted 24 months of assistance to those seeking a lawful process.
 - Hoping to provide assistance from when an individual's visa expired and when they apply for asylum

Point in Time

- There will be a call for those who have volunteered before
- Other types of community providers are coming
- January 22nd is the point in time day with three service days where case workers inquire where people slept on the night of the PIT
 - Names captured from service provider days will deduplicate name from the list
 - Those who provide the required information will be counted (Individuals must provide certain personally identifiable information)
- The process is the same as last years, including the youth addendum

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Coordinated Entry: Messaging around “the pause”

- Coordinated Entry and the Triage and Diversion element we conflated with each other
- Everyone in the Coordinated Entry EDA have been existed
 - o These exists will have no negative affect on the NOFA application
 - o It will only affect our own ability to look at the data
- Continue business as usual.

Homeless Services Center

- One City-Owned and Operated Homeless Services Center will of up to 150 beds will be part of the recommendation made to the full council
 - o Community partners who shared proposals: TOA Avesta and Preble Street.
- We hope to come to a plan that serves the need
 - o There is a disparity between current need 150 beds as realistic
 - o This capacity becomes more viable as partner agencies add beds in new programs that the City supports in some to be determined capacity
- Jim has not felt consumers have been part of the process.

Vickey recognized Joanie Klayman’s service in the community and that this is her last meeting. Dave thanked her on behalf of the City.

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PORTLAND HOMELESS SHELTERS

Average Total Number of Individuals Residing in Shelters per Night:

	December 2017	December 2018
ADOLESCENTS	10 Individuals	12 Individuals
FAMILIES	153 Individuals* 54 Average Families*	219 Individuals* 66 Average Families*
ADULTS	286 Individuals	306 Individuals
Total	449 Individuals	537 Individuals

31 Days in the Month of December

*Numbers now FS Warming Center

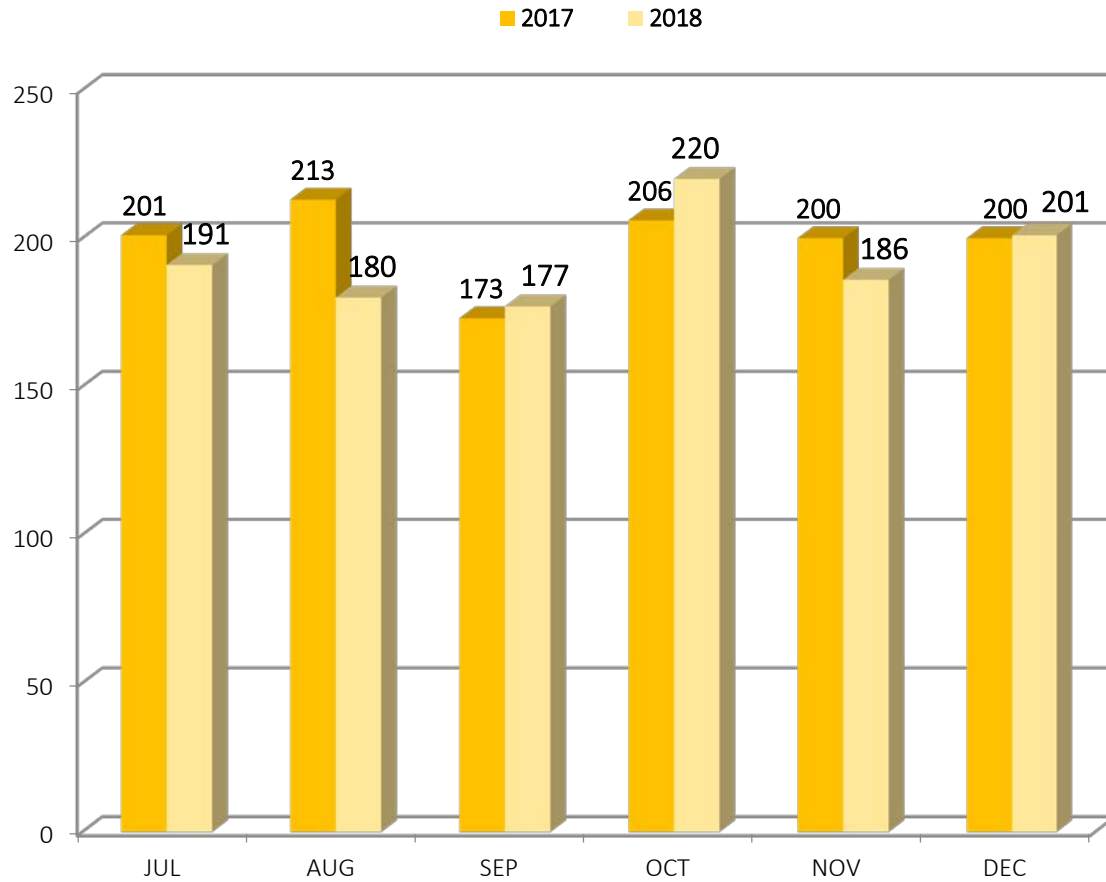
OXFORD STREET SHELTER

DECEMBER 2018

Intakes by Residency

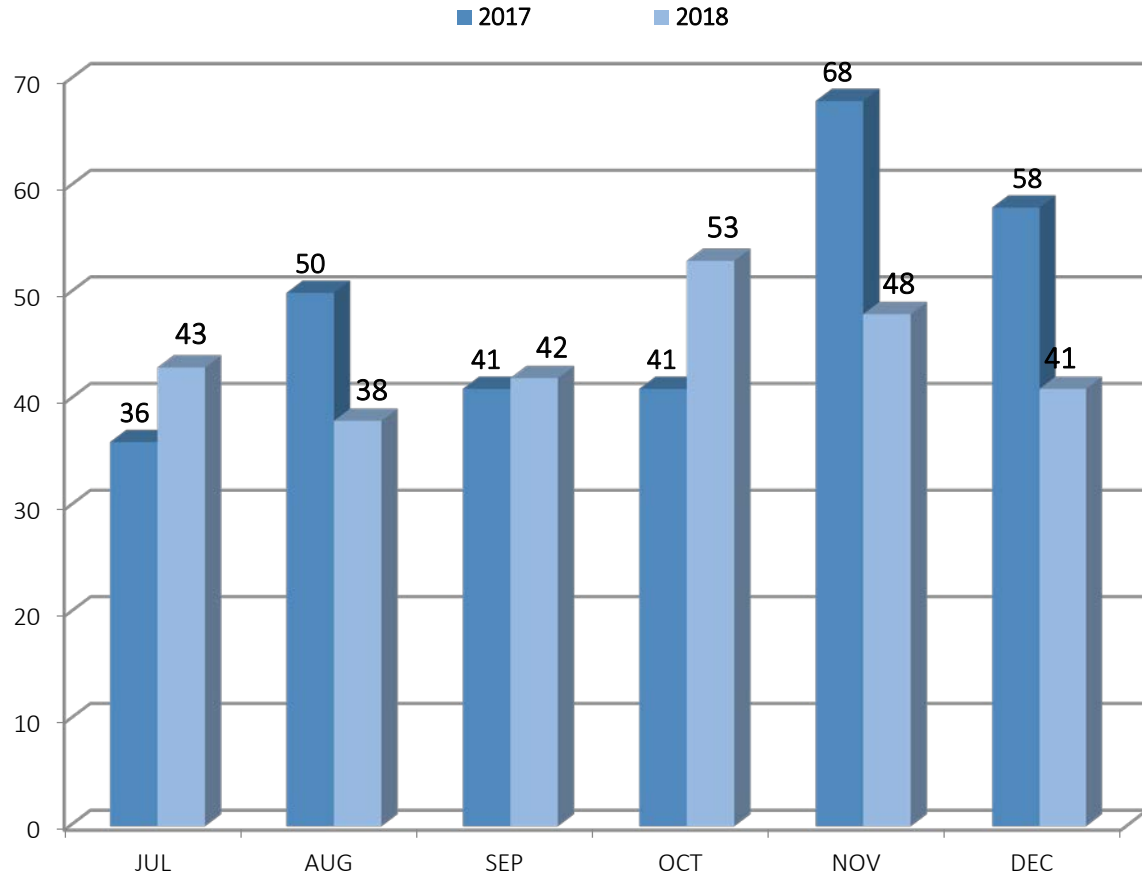
MAINE TOWN						OUT-OF-STATE				OUT-OF-COUNTRY	
Alfred	1	Jay	1	Waterville	1	AR	1	NV	1	Angola	5
Auburn	3	Kennebunk	1	West Newfield	1	CA	1	NY	1	DRC	2
Augusta	3	Lewiston	5	Westbrook	6	CT	2	PA	1	Rwanda	3
Bangor	2	Livermore Falls	2	Windham	3	FL	4	TX	1		
Biddeford	4	Oxford	1	Winterport	1	IA	1	VA	1		
Bridgton	2	Presque Isle	1	Wiscasset	1	KS	1	VT	2		
Brunswick	2	Saco	1			KY	1	WI	1		
Cape Elizabeth	1	Sanford	2			MA	2	WV	1		
Charleston	1	South Portland	7			NC	1				
Cumberland	1	Vasselboro	1			ND	1				
Falmouth	1	Waldoboro	1			NH	6				
Gorham	2	Warren	1			NJ	1				
MAINE TOWN:	60	OUT-OF-STATE:	31	OUT-OF-COUNTRY:	10	PORTLAND:	30	Unknown:	2	TOTAL:	133

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE DECEMBER 2018 SHELTER INTAKES BY MONTH



	INTAKES
Through These Doors	2/2
Family Shelter	23/78
Joe Kreisler	7
Milestone	17
Oxford Street (Men)	102
Oxford Street (Women)	33
Florence House	17
TOTAL	201

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE DECEMBER 2018 HOUSING PLACEMENTS BY MONTH



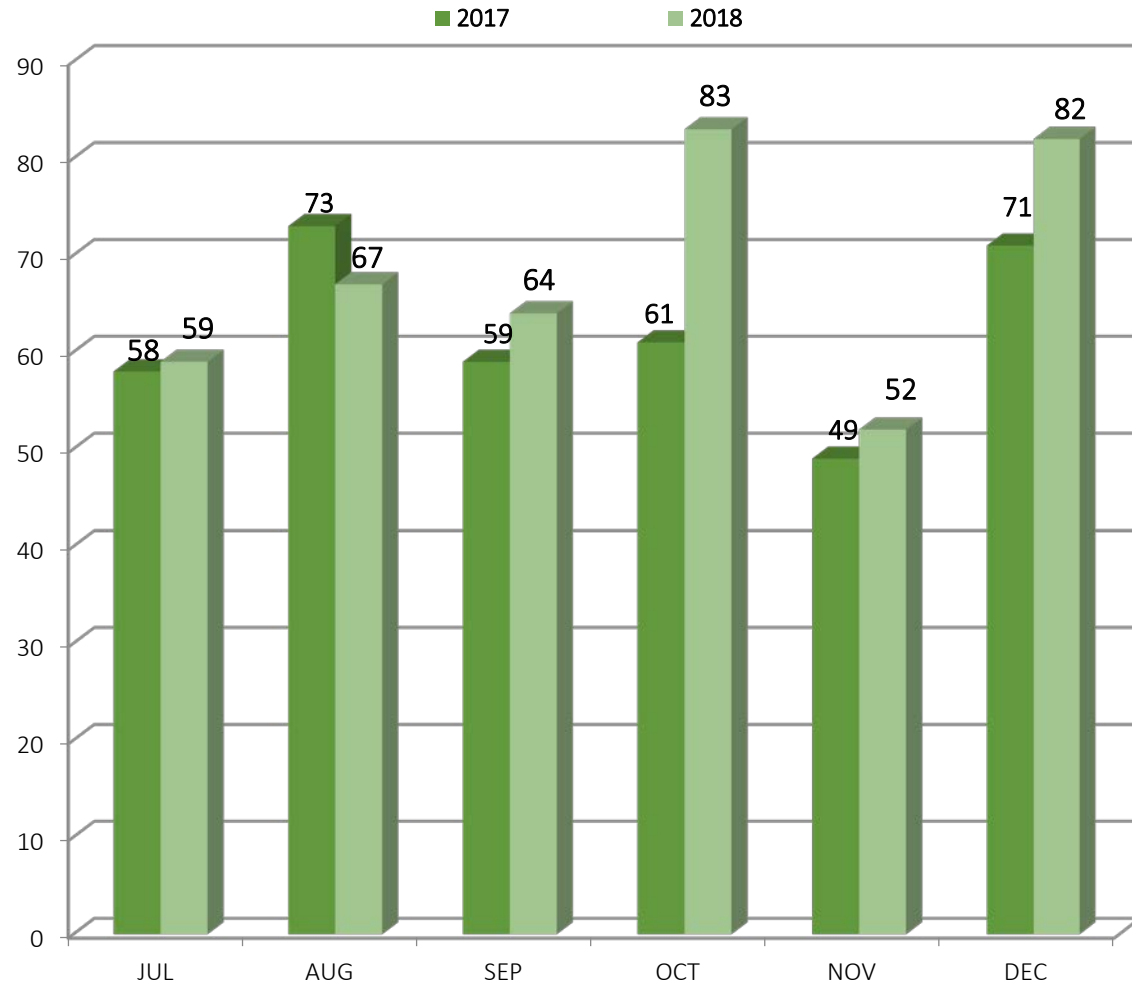
*Starting November, 2013, Oxford Street Shelter shifted prioritization of housing placements to their 30 longest-term stayers.

	TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	TRANSITIONAL	PERMANENT
Through These Doors	0		
Family Shelter	19/65		19/65
Joe Kreisler	5	3	2
Milestone	2		2
Oxford Street (Men)	11		11
Oxford Street (Women)	2		2
Florence House	2		2
TOTAL	41	3	38

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE

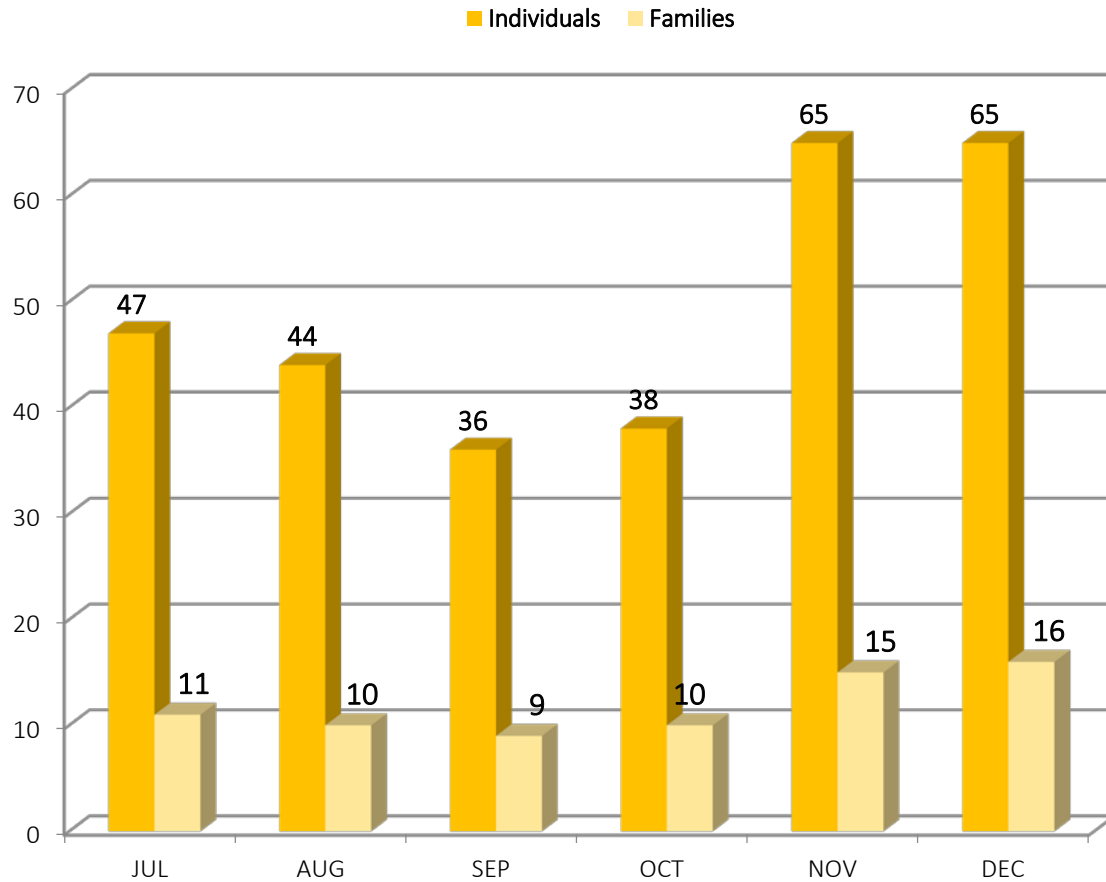
DECEMBER 2018

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	1/1	1% (1%)
Family Shelter	20/71	24% (52%)
Joe Kreisler	3	4% (2%)
Milestone	11	13% (8%)
Oxford Street (Men)	32	39% (24%)
Oxford Street (Women)	5	6% (4%)
Florence House	10	12% (8%)
TOTAL	82 (133)	100%

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



Warming Center Location	Nights Used
Family Shelter only	
Salvation Army only	10
FS & SA	9
FS & Yarmouth	
FS & Preble	12
FS & GA	

Date	Families	Individuals
1	21	88
2	20	79
3	24	96
4	18	74
5	17	69
6	17	69
7	18	62
8	15	62
9	16	67
10	17	71
11	17	72
12	18	77
13	19	79
14	17	73
15	17	73
16	18	75
17	18	76
18	16	72
19	15	66
20	15	65
21	13	55
22	12	50
23	12	50
24	12	50
25	12	50
26	12	49
27	11	47
28	11	50
29	11	50
30	12	53
31	11	49

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE DECEMBER 2018 SHELTER COUNT BY NIGHT

On December 18:

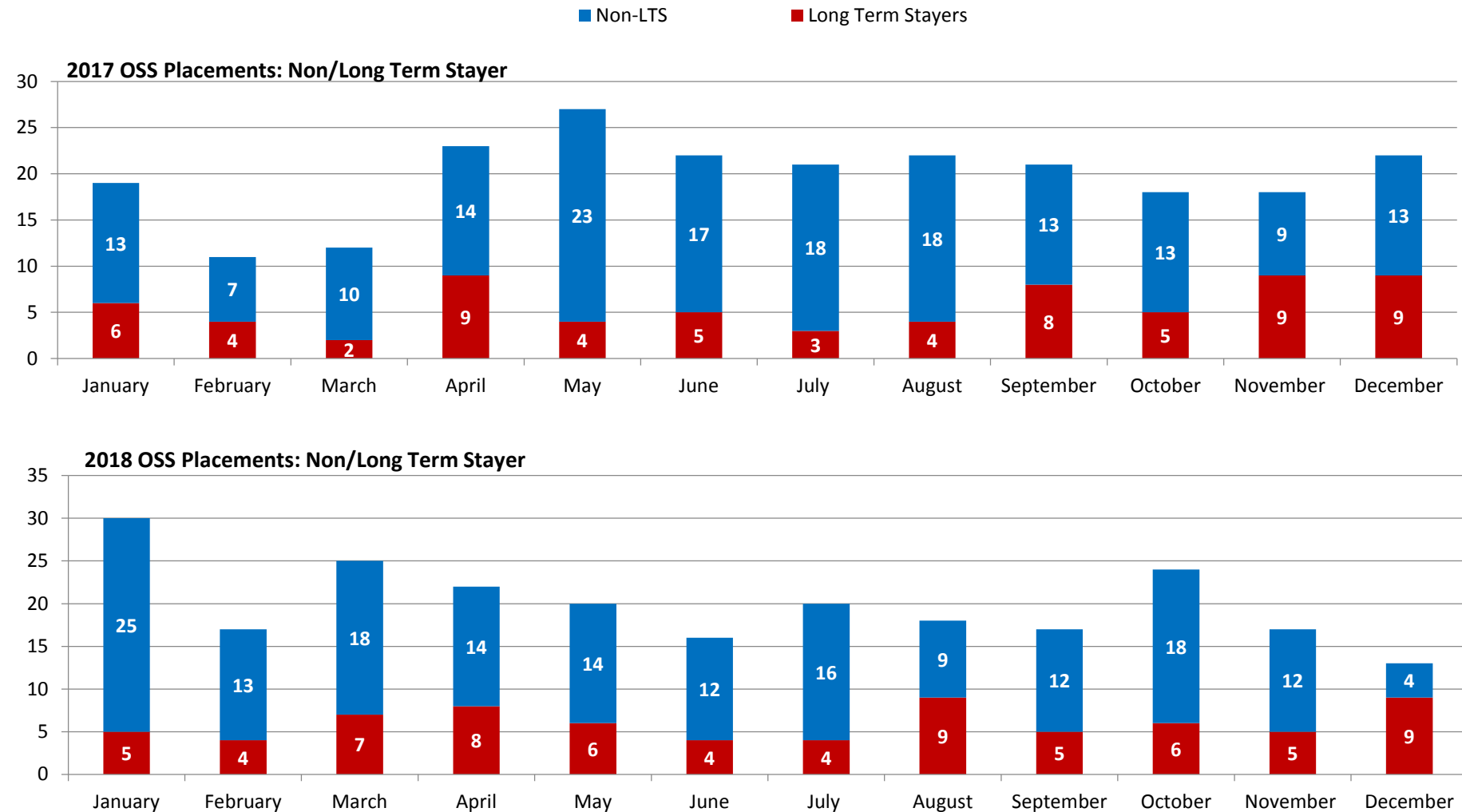
574 individuals

(including families)

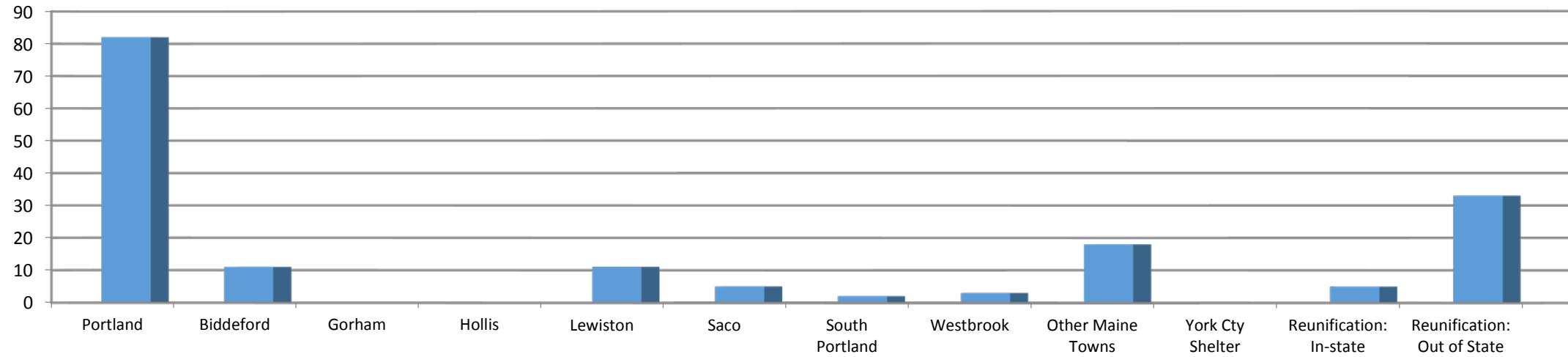
were utilizing shelter services in
Portland

Calendar Day	Through These Doors	Family Shelter	Florence House	Joe Kreisler	Milestone	OSS Beds	OSS Chairs	Total Bed Nights
1	17	224	38	8	40	205	0	532
2	17	215	40	10	44	214	0	540
3	17	232	41	9	38	232	0	569
4	15	215	40	17	39	224	0	550
5	16	210	39	18	39	234	0	556
6	16	210	40	14	39	224	0	543
7	16	202	41	12	33	228	0	532
8	16	202	40	12	36	230	0	536
9	16	207	40	12	38	234	0	547
10	16	206	39	15	44	249	0	569
11	16	210	40	14	38	237	0	555
12	16	211	39	15	41	246	0	568
13	16	211	40	13	37	238	0	555
14	16	216	41	6	45	227	0	551
15	16	211	38	11	40	226	0	542
16	16	213	40	10	41	224	0	544
17	16	214	39	13	45	240	0	567
18	16	207	40	17	40	254	0	574
19	16	204	38	17	41	250	0	566
20	16	193	37	11	36	248	0	541
21	16	195	40	11	40	223	0	525
22	16	192	38	10	41	211	0	508
23	16	192	40	11	38	216	0	513
24	16	192	40	7	27	208	0	490
25	16	192	35	6	31	199	0	479
26	16	188	37	11	44	223	0	519
27	16	185	38	13	38	231	0	521
28	16	191	41	8	42	231	0	529
29	16	186	39	11	42	231	0	525
30	16	189	38	9	36	231	0	519
31	16	187	39	9	41	199	0	491
Total*	498	6,302	1,215	360	1,214	7,067	0	16,656
Avg/night*	16	203	39	12	39	228	0	537
Highest*	17	232	41	18	45	254	0	574
Lowest*	15	185	35	6	27	199	0	479

OXFORD STREET SHELTER & COMMUNITY OVERFLOW HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA



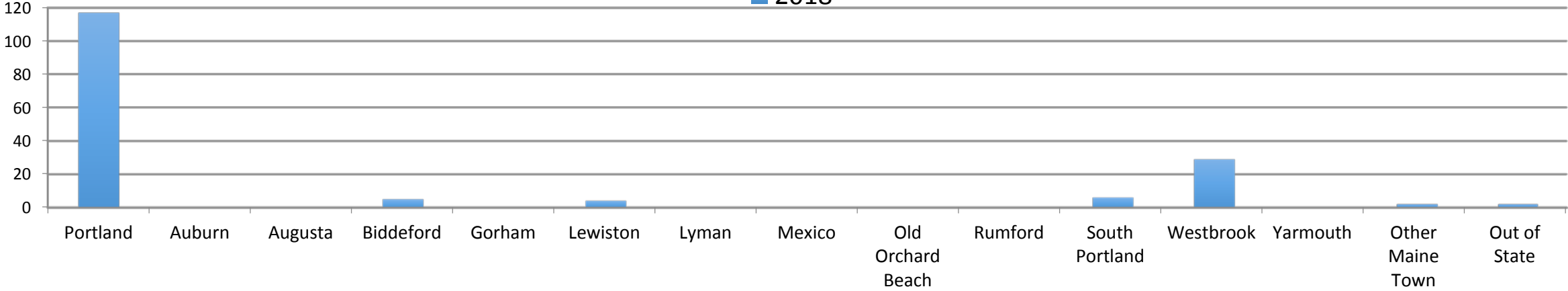
OXFORD STREET SHELTER & COMMUNITY OVERFLOW PERMANENT AND TRANSITIONAL 2018 HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA



	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	13	240	100%
Portland	9	4	12	14	12	10	8	12	10	13	6	5	116	48%
Biddeford	6	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	15	6%
Gorham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	
Hollis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	
Lewiston	1	3	2	1	3	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	13	5%
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	9%
York County Shelter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	
Reunification with friends/family in another Maine town*	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	3%
Reunification with friends/family in another state*	8	2	4	4	3	3	4	5	5	10	6	4	58	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	19	165	100%
Portland	12	6	9	13	7	10	7	6	12	8	12	15	117	71%
Auburn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0%
Augusta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0%
Biddeford	1	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3%
Gorham	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0%
Lewiston	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	2%
Lyman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0%
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0%
Old Orchard Beach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0%
Rumford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0%
South Portland	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	6	4%
Westbrook	3	1	2	3	2	-	4	3	1	1	6	3	29	18%
Yarmouth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0%
Other Maine Town	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1%
Out of State	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1%