

EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Remote Meeting

**Thursday, November 18, 2021
8:30 AM**

AGENDA

- 1. Introductions**
 - a. Review and Approval of Minutes
- 2. Updates on Funding for Hotels from Federal Government**
 - a. Overview of Resources Available to People Sheltered in Hotels
- 3. Updates on ERA Funding for Hotel Rooms**
- 4. Monthly Shelter Bed Usage Statistics**
 - a. October, 2021 Statistics
- 5. Winter Planning Update**
- 6. PIT Count Update**
- 7. Legislative Update**
- 8. Winter Vigil Update**

Next Meeting

December 16, 2021

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: Remote Meeting

If you should have any questions, please contact:

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Emergency Shelter Assessment Committee

Remote Meeting

Thursday, October 21, 2021

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Minutes

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Adam Harr	City of Portland	Norm Maze	Shalom House
Jim Devine	HVJ	Ben Martineau	HVJ
Bill Higgins	Ha4aLL	Dan Coyne	United Way
Jenny Stasio	Through These Doors	Sarah Michniewitz	BNA
Anna Brewer	Preble Street/HVJ	Brian Townsend	Amistad
Sara Fleurant	City of Portland Oxford Street Shelter	Wendy Harmon	Keller Williams Realty
Terence Miller	Preble Street	Hannah Bryer	United Way
Amy Geren	Portland Downtown	George Rheault	Resident
Kelly Walsh	City of Portland	Randy Billings	Press Herald
Peter McLaughlin	People's Housing Coalition	Mie Guthrie	CoP Family Shelter

Meeting Summary

This shorter meeting started by discussing if ESAC should take a position on the shelter referendum questions and no motion to do so was made. During the shelter bed usage statistic discussion, the public expressed confusion about how the GA hotels and OSS capacity are displayed and the process for entering the Oxford Street Shelter and GA hotels. It was explained that singles presenting for shelter stay at OSS if there is capacity and would go to the contracted FEMA hotel when the shelter is full; when the contracted hotel is also full, clients are referred to GA hotels.

- **September Meeting Minutes**
 - Norm moved to approve the minutes and Brian seconded. The motion passed with none opposed.
- **Shelter Referendum Discussion**
 - The goal is to discuss and decide if ESAC will take a position.
 - We have a quorum.

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- o United Way has not taken a public position on the referenda..
- o Some HVJ members are strongly supporting C and some strongly supporting A so they will not be taking a position and encourage ESAC to do the same since there is not consensus.
- o Point of order: there is no motion on the table.
- o Members have taken positions; does ESAC have the capacity to take a position?
- o Providing the space for a motion as members expressed strong interest at the last meeting. No motion was ultimately made.
- o ESAC took a position in August supporting multiple referendum questions.
- **September Statistics.**
 - o Increase in GA hotels.
 - o At the last HHS&PS meeting, HHS Director Dow mentioned violent individuals around the shelter but we are not seeing an increase in the CTOs; is there a change being observed at the shelter?
 - The PD could better speak to increases in violence in the neighborhood.
 - It is not just the Oxford Street Shelter's clients in the neighborhood.
 - A who lives close to the shelter agrees with the observation in increased violent behavior in the neighborhood.
 - Some people are housed and not necessarily guests of the shelter.
 - o How do the numbers reconcile with what is shared at HHS&PS?
 - HHS&PS reports the singles and families in GA hotels separately, these slides report the unduplicated total of all GA hotels granted in the month.
 - o Why are GA hotels on a separate slide from the shelter numbers?
 - The slides are confusing for the public and it is unclear that the individuals being sheltered in GA hotels are experiencing homelessness.
 - The GA hotel numbers were originally on the first slide with the average nightly shelter counts but the group decided it was confusing and for GA hotels to be on their own slide.
 - GA hotels are cases granted not a nightly average and are not mutually exclusive; people move from GA hotels into shelter.
 - GA hotels are not staffed and people staying at them do not receive shelter services.
 - o People in the hotels and shelters are experiencing homelessness.
 - o We hope the FEMA funding continues after the first of January.
 - o Increase in asylum seekers.
 - 2 individuals from Afghanistan have resettled in Portland to date out of the 100 coming to the state.
 - o OSS takes guests into the shelter as capacity allows.
 - How does the shelter determine if someone who presents will stay in the shelter or at the contracted hotel?
 - Capacity: When the shelter and FEMA hotels are full, they go to GA.
 - o Clients sheltered at OSS sleep on mats on the floor, not in cots.

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- o Shelter staff have capacity to support clients at the shelters and in the FEMA hotel but there is not capacity to staff the multiple GA hotels.
- **Other Business**
 - o HVJ is having a candidates' forum today.
 - It is open to the public; the forum at Florence house was private due to the nature of its program.
 - o OSS and FS need winter clothing donations.
 - o Noted:
 - OSS donations can be coordinated with its director, Sara Fleurant:
 - skf@portlandmaine.gov
 - For families in hotels:
 - **“WINTER ITEMS NEEDED**
 - Clean new, or gently used and sorted clothing items: warm casual clothes only (sweaters, pants, long sleeves), closed toed shoes (no heels or dress shoes), winter jackets, snow pants, hats, gloves, mittens, and boots. All sizes needed from babies up to sizes XXL.
 - Drop off days and times are the Quality Inn located at 738 Main Street in South Portland, Maine 04106 on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9am-2pm (October 20th, 21st, 22nd, 27th, 28th and 29th.)
 - If anyone you know may wish to order items for the clothing distribution they can be shipped to the Quality Inn directly at 738 Main St. South Portland, Me 04106."

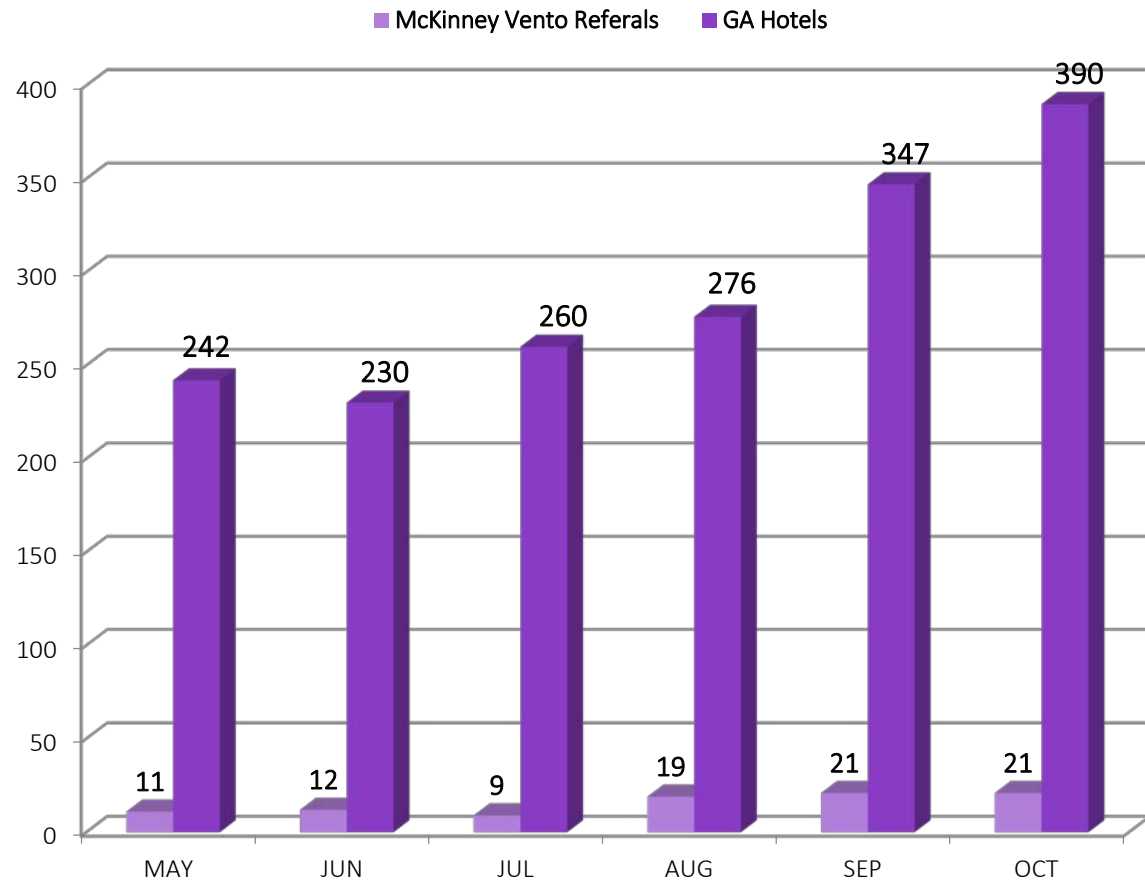
PORTLAND HOMELESS SHELTERS

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

	October 2020	October 2021
ADOLESCENTS	13 Individuals	14 Individuals
FAMILIES	216 Individuals 71 Average Families	104 Individuals 39 Average Families
ADULTS	174 Individuals	254 Individuals
Total	403 Individuals	371 Individuals

*GA hotels are on the next slide.

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE OCTOBER 2021 General Assistance Hotels



	Month*	Total
Families with School Aged Children	21	146
Unduplicated GA Hotels	390	2,046

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.

OXFORD STREET SHELTER

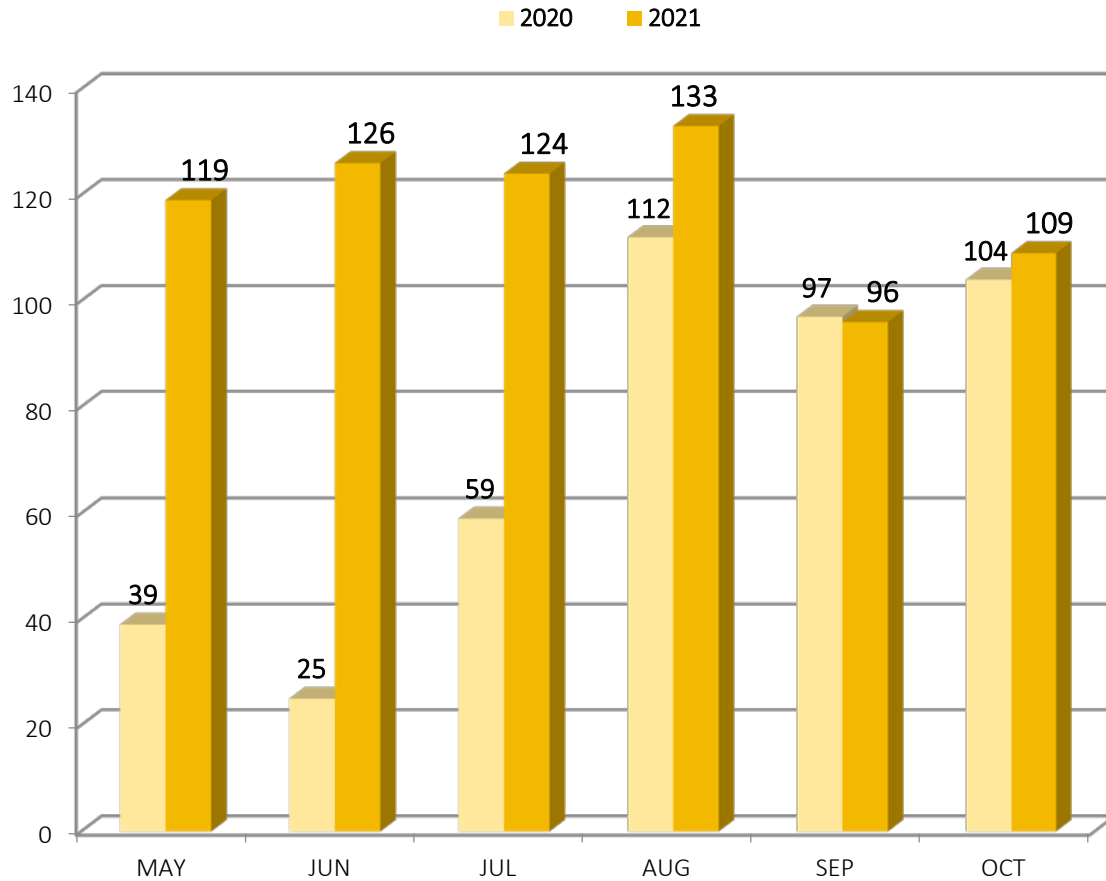
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Intakes by Residency

MAINE TOWN						OUT-OF-STATE						OUT-OF-COUNTRY*	
Bangor	2	Palmyra	1			AZ	1	SC	1			Angola	1
Berwick	3	Rockland	1			CT	2	TX	3			Germany	1
Biddeford	1	Scarborough	3			FL	1	VA	1			Honduras	1
Boothbay Harbor	1	Searsmont	1			LA	1						
Bradford	1	Searsport	1			MA	3						
Falmouth	1	South Portland	4			MD	1						
Garland	1	St. Albans	1			MI	2						
Gorham	1	Westbrook	2			NC	1						
Gray	1	Winthrop	1			NH	1						
Lewiston	3					NJ	1						
OOB	2					NV	1						
Orono	1					OH	1						

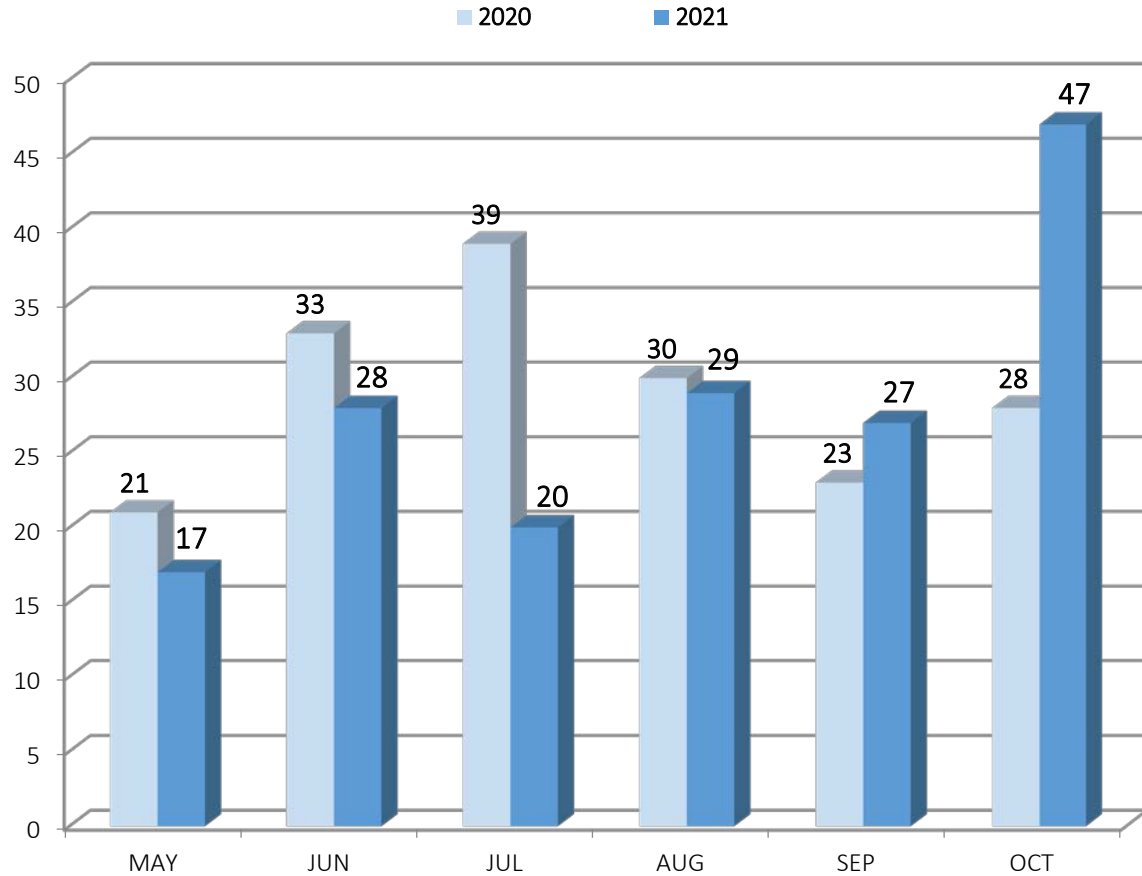
MAINE TOWN:	33	OUT-OF-STATE:	21	OUT-OF-COUNTRY:	3	PORTLAND:	26	Unknown:		TOTAL:	83
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PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE OCTOBER 2021 SHELTER INTAKES BY MONTH



	INTAKES	Pre-COVID Bed Capacity	Current Bed Capacity
Through These Doors	5/6	16	16+ at shelter and hotel overflow
Family Shelter	6/18	146	136
Joe Kreisler	7	24	24
Milestone	1	41	34
Oxford Street (Men)	65	154 at OSS, 75 at PSRC overflow	75 at OSS, 149 at contracted hotel
Oxford Street (Women)	18		
Florence House	7	25 at Shelter, 15 at Safe Haven	25 at Shelter, 15 at Safe Haven
TOTAL	109	496	474+

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE OCTOBER 2021 HOUSING PLACEMENTS BY MONTH



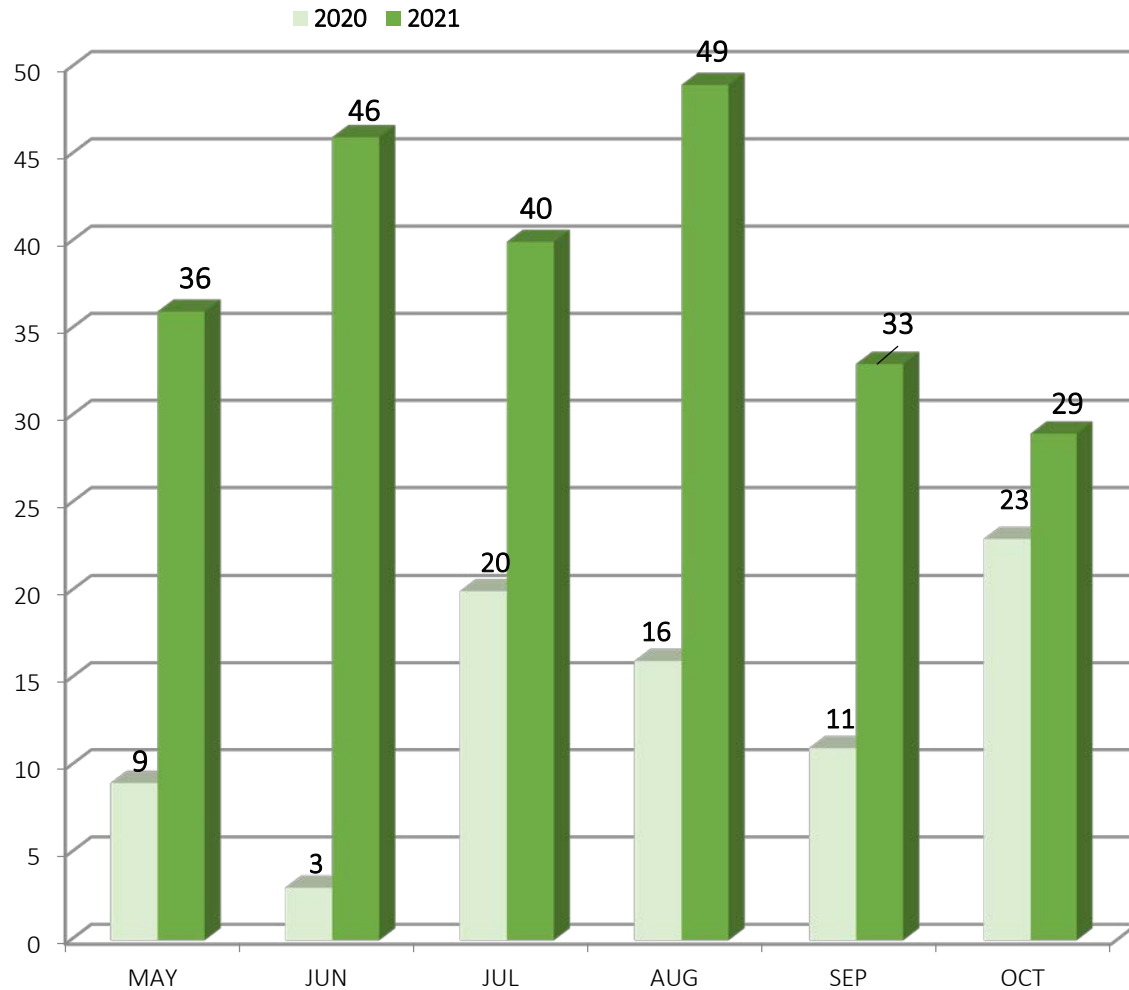
*Starting October, 2013, Oxford Street Shelter shifted prioritization of housing placements to their 30 longest-term stayers.

	TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	TEMPORARY	PERMANENT
Through These Doors	10/20	2/2	8/18
Family Shelter	6/19		6/19
Joe Kreisler	11	2	9
Milestone	0		
Oxford Street (Men)	12		12
Oxford Street (Women)	5		5
Florence House	3		3
TOTAL	47	4	43

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



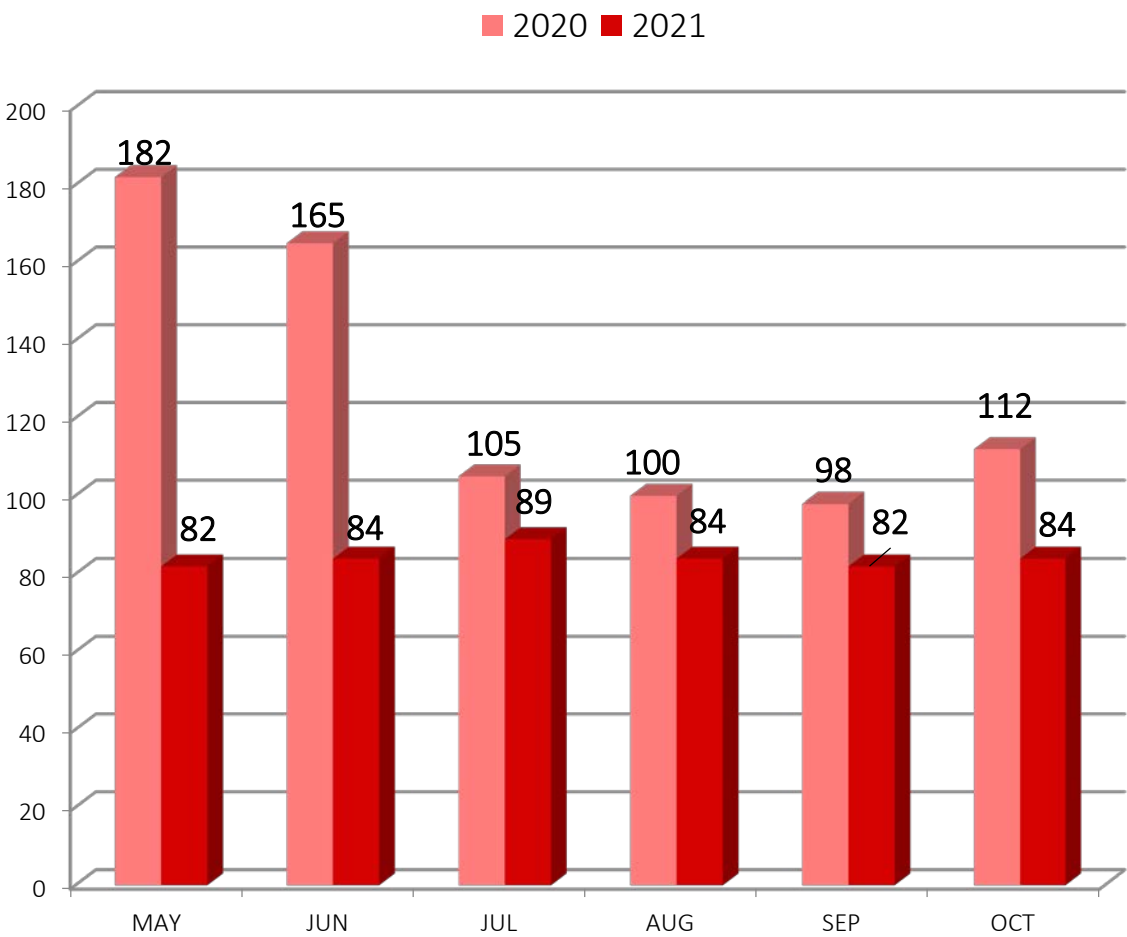
1 ST TIME HOMELESSNESS STATISTICS	1 st Time Homeless Intakes	% of the Shelter's Intakes	% of All Intake	% of Portland First Time Homeless Intakes
Through These Doors	0			
Family Shelter	6/18	100%	6%	21%
Joe Kreisler	4	57%	4%	14%
Milestone	1	100%	1%	3%
Oxford Street (Men)	14	82%	13%	48%
Oxford Street (Women)	3	18%	3%	10%
Florence House	1	14%	1%	3%
TOTAL	29		27%	100%

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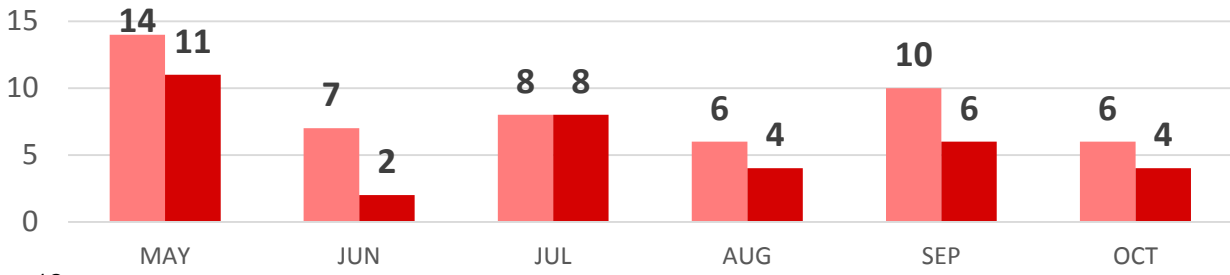
CTOs FROM SHELTER

Total Current CTOs

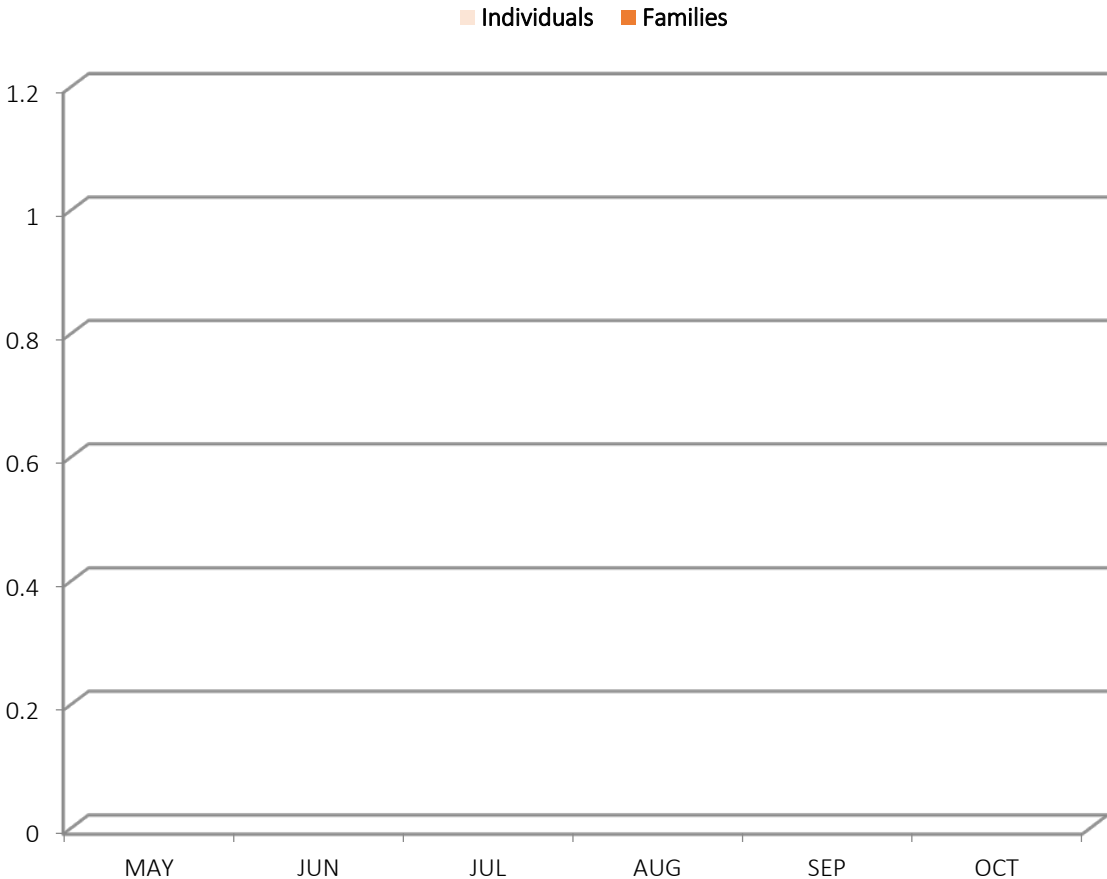


CTO STATISTICS	CTOs in the Month	Medical Restrictions in Month	Current CTOs
Family Shelter	0	0	0
Joe Kreisler	0	0	1
Milestone	0	0	16
Oxford Street Shelter	4	0	64
Florence House	0	0	3
TOTAL	4	0	84

CTOs Issued in the Month



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



Warming Center	
Intakes	0*
Housing Placements	
Family Promise	

*In GA hotels.

Date	Families	Individuals
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PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE OCTOBER 2021 HOUSING PLACEMENTS BY TYPE

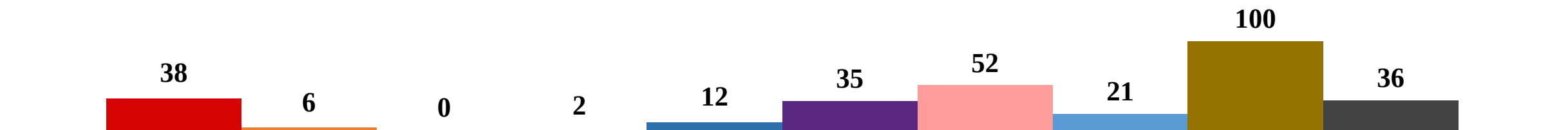
	S+C	BRAP	Sober House	Public Housing	STEP	Family Reunification	Sect. 8/HCV	OTHER	GA	No Subsidy
Through These Doors					1	2	6			1
Family Shelter					1				5	
Joe Kreisler							3	3*	5	
Milestone										
Oxford Street (Men)	1								11	
Oxford Street (Women)	1					1	2		1	
Florence House	2							1*		
TOTAL	4				2	3	11	4	22	1

*2 TLP, 1 EHV, & 1 Preble Street Housing First.

Distribution of Placements in the Month:



2021 Placements: 302

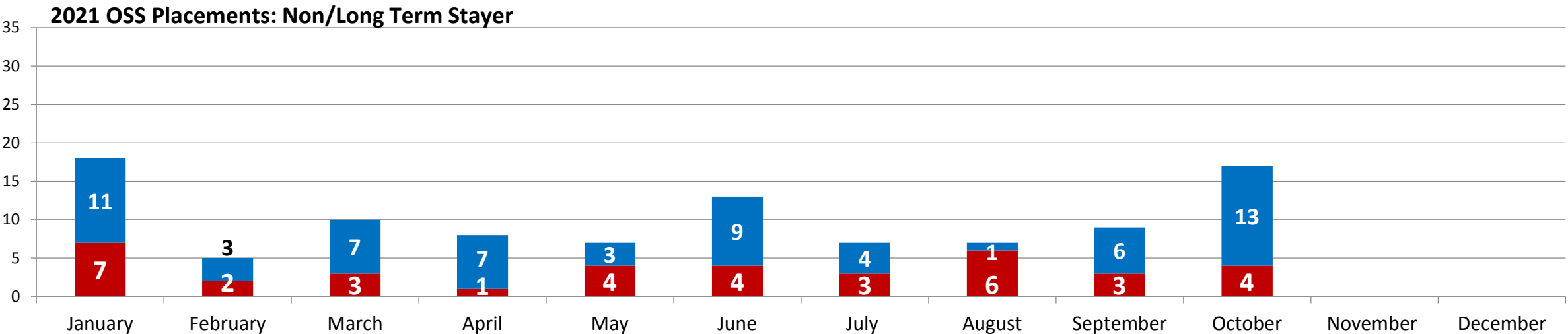
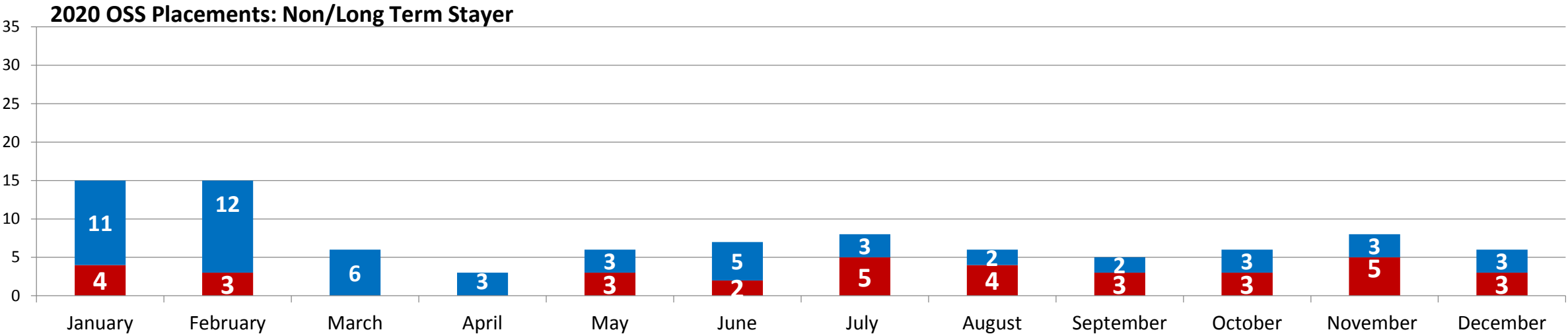
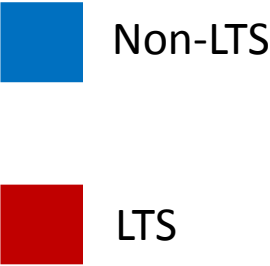


PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE OCTOBER 2021 SHELTER COUNT BY NIGHT

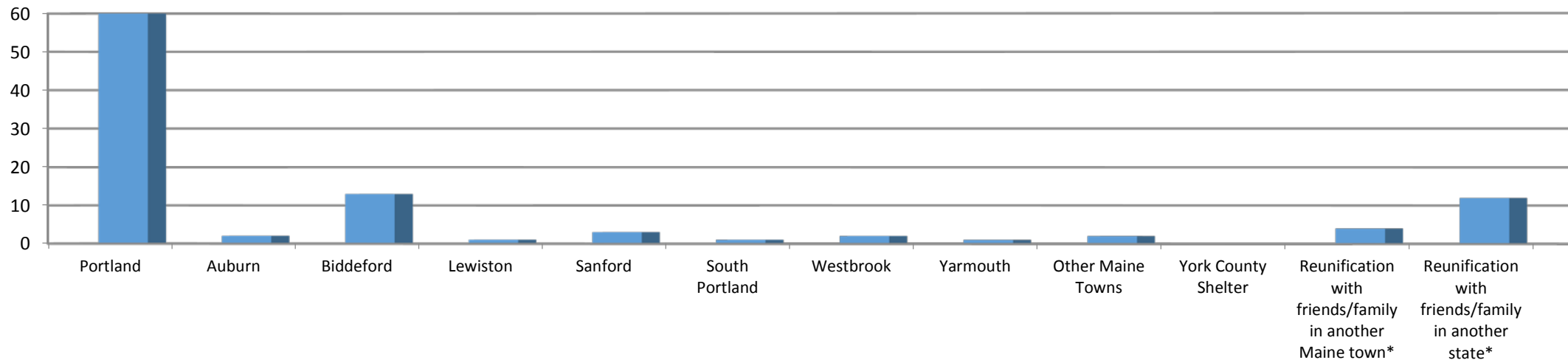
On October: 1st
393 individuals
(including families)
were utilizing shelter services in
Portland

Calendar Day	Through These Doors	Family Shelter	Florence House	Joe Kreisler	Milestone	OSS Beds	OSS Chairs	Total Bed Nights
1	26	87	38	13	20	209	0	393
2	26	87	39	11	16	199	0	378
3	26	87	39	12	19	193	0	376
4	26	90	35	16	17	193	0	377
5	26	90	40	15	26	193	0	390
6	24	83	38	13	19	190	0	367
7	24	83	37	11	15	203	0	373
8	24	80	38	10	17	209	0	378
9	24	80	39	13	16	200	0	372
10	24	80	37	15	16	205	0	377
11	24	80	38	14	17	206	0	379
12	24	80	36	14	19	204	0	377
13	24	80	40	12	21	190	0	367
14	24	80	38	13	18	207	0	380
15	23	80	38	10	18	197	0	366
16	20	80	37	13	20	199	0	369
17	20	80	36	10	23	200	0	369
18	19	80	36	14	26	209	0	384
19	19	80	35	16	22	182	0	354
20	19	84	35	17	24	174	0	353
21	19	84	35	15	22	182	0	357
22	19	87	37	14	29	184	0	370
23	19	84	38	14	23	192	0	370
24	15	84	35	15	25	191	0	365
25	14	84	37	14	21	191	0	361
26	12	84	36	18	21	197	0	368
27	12	84	37	17	23	199	0	372
28	12	86	35	15	19	202	0	369
29	13	84	37	16	17	206	0	373
30	14	84	36	16	19	199	0	368
31	14	84	31	17	20	198	0	364
Total	629	2,580	1,143	433	628	6,103	0	11,516
Avg/night	20	83	37	14	20	197	0	371
Highest	26	90	40	18	29	209	0	393
Lowest	12	80	31	10	15	174	0	353

OXFORD STREET SHELTER & COMMUNITY OVERFLOW HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA



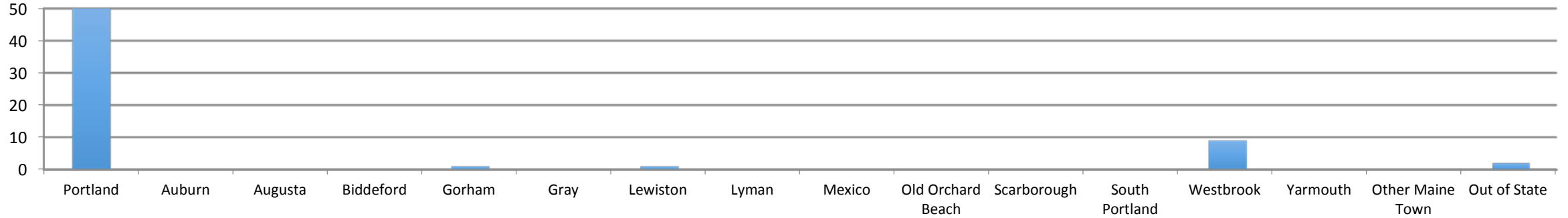
OXFORD STREET SHELTER & COMMUNITY OVERFLOW PERMANENT AND TRANSITIONAL 2021 HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	%
TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	18	5	10	8	7	13	7	7	9	17			101	100%
Portland	12	4	9	4	2	8	5	6	4	6			60	59.4%
Auburn				1	1								2	2.0%
Biddeford									4	9			13	12.9%
Lewiston	1												1	1.0%
Sanford						3							3	3.0%
South Portland				1									1	1.0%
Westbrook	1							1					2	2.0%
Yarmouth			1										1	1.0%
Other Maine Towns	1				1								2	2.0%
York County Shelter														0.0%
Reunification with friends/family in another Maine town*					2		1			1			4	4.0%
Reunification with friends/family in another state*	3	1		2	1	2	1		1	1			12	11.9%

FAMILY SHELTER PERMANENT AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	October	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	100%
TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	6	5	9	13	5	4	7	6	2	6			63	
Portland	2	5	8	12	5	2	6	3	2	5			50	79.4%
Auburn														0.0%
Augusta														0.0%
Biddeford														0.0%
Gorham	1												1	1.6%
Gray														0.0%
Lewiston							1						1	1.6%
Lyman														0.0%
Mexico														0.0%
Old Orchard Beach														0.0%
Scarborough														0.0%
South Portland														0.0%
Westbrook	1		1	1		2		3		1			9	14.3%
Yarmouth														0.0%
Other Maine Town														0.0%
Out of State	2												2	3.2%