

EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Remote Meeting

**Thursday, April 21, 2022
8:30 AM**

AGENDA

1. **Introductions**

- a. Topic: Remote Emergency Shelter Assessment Committee
Time: Apr 21, 2022 08:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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- b. Review and Approval of Minutes

2. **Monthly Shelter Bed Usage Statistics & New Slides**

- a. March Statistics

3. **Isabelle McDevitt from Work Works: presentation and group discussion**

- 4. **Group discussion: Hotel update, including assessment of the outcome of South Portland's city council vote on license renewals for shelters currently housing families (held on 4/19); relevant legislative information and updates (Cullen, others)**

5. **Update on Cumberland County Homeless Response Service Hub (Dan Coyne)**
6. **Federal, State, and Local Legislation update (Cullen Ryan, others); update on ESAC letter to Lewiston regarding proposed shelter moratorium**
7. **Other Items and Updates**

Next Meeting

May 19, 2022

Time: 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Location: Remote Meeting

If you should have any questions, please contact:

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Emergency Shelter Assessment Committee

Remote Meeting

Thursday, March 17, 2022

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Minutes

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Adam Harr	City of Portland	Norm Maze	Shalom House
Jim Devine	HVJ	Ben Martineau	HVJ
Jenny Stasio	Through These Doors	Dan Coyne	United Way
Terence Miller	Preble Street	Brian Townsend	Amistad
Amy Geren	Portland Downtown	Vickey Rand	CHOM
Aaron Geyer	City of Portland	Ben Strick	Spurwink
Bill Higgins	HA4All	Anne Marie Brown	United Way
Johnathan Sarbeck	District Attorney	Mary Davis	CoP
Sarah Michniewicz	BNA	Isabell McDevitt	Work Works America
Ginny Dill	Office of Behavioral Health	Cullen Ryan	CHOM
Amber Bowman	Cop FS	Anne Prinlge	
Mike	HVJ		

Meeting Summary

After the statistics, the group discussed the closure of the Days Inn and the Comfort in to sheltering about 300 single adults at the end of May. A location is needed to absorb those displaced. The City presented on the proposed budget for City ESG dollars, \$164,857. The City manager recommended fully funding the following CDBG projects: Preble Street food program, Amistad day program, and Catherine Morril Day Nursery. United Way was selected for two hubs: the Cumberland County and Mid-Coast Hubs and are recruiting coordinators now. Isabelle McDevitt presented to the ESAC executive committee on the Work Works model. Affordable housing caucus and behavioral health caucus working on the supplemental budget on housing and homelessness and we continue to monitor legislation that would make changes to single family zoning. MCoC is working on implementing Coordinated Entry.

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January Meeting Minutes

- Aaron moved to approve the January minutes, Brian second and the minutes were approved with none opposed.

February Statistics

- Through These Doors saw zero households experiencing homelessness for the first time.
 - This is typical for survivors of domestic violence.
- **Hotel Update and Discussion**
 - The owner of the Days Inn and Comfort Inn decided to not renew their contract with MaineHousing due the calls for service jeopardizing their business license.
 - Ends May 31st.
 - Businesses around the hotels are having issues.
 - Around 300 individuals will be displaced.
 - City HHS has met weekly with the Deputy Commissioner since the announcement with service providers joining.
 - Finding alternatives and increasing services.
 - Amistad and Preble Street using RRH for the displaced individuals.
 - Presented to the Southern Maine Landlord Association.
 - Some increases activity around this outreach.
- **ESG Presentation**
 - Mary Davis of Housing and Community Development presented on the proposed budget for Emergency Solutions Grand funds the City receives.
 - Exactly the same as last year.
 - \$164,857
 - Brought to ESAC annually.
 - First public hearing Monday night 3/11/22.
 - Second public meeting is April 11th when the Council will debate and take public comment on this budget and the consolidated plan.
 - Cullen moved to approve the budget, Ben Strick seconded and the ESG budget was approved unanimously.
- **Update on local ARPA funding directions and opportunities**
 - Three pronged funding approach.
 - City Manager made recommendations for CDBG funding.
 - Full funding for Preble Street.
 - Emergency food
 - Full funding for Amistad day program
 - Extension and expansion of street outreach; the expansion will allow extension into evenings and weekends as well as the number of people engaged.

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- Ramping up in the absence of significant day space.
 - Full funding for Catherine Morril Day Nursery.
- **Update on Cumberland County Homeless Response Service Hub:** Introduction of Work Works opportunity for discussion
 - United Way of Southern Maine selected for two hubs: the Cumberland County and Mid-Coast Hubs.
 - Recruiting now.
 - Please reach out to be a part of the interview team.
 - Community Solutions will onboard HUB coordinators from across the state.
 - Hoping to hear back on Built for Zero application.
 - Application came from the Hub itself, a group of Cumberland county providers; the to-be-hired Hub coordinator would be the point person tasked with getting engagement from providers seeking to be involved. More providers are welcome to join.
 - MaineHousing put out an RFP for housing navigators within the hubs; how does this work connect with the hub coordinators?
 - Will ask MaineHousing for clarity.
 - Isabelle McDevitt presented to the ESAC executive committee on the Work Works model.
 - Employment based model that provides paid work that complements emergency shelter and RRH.
 - Group of stakeholders interested in exploring this opportunity, a feasibility study on adding to the existing strategy.
 - What is this option and what would it look like?
 - Exits for people ineligible for PSH.
 - The executive committee wanted to bring it to the full group as we could be well positioned for this.
 - The ask is to explore this option not implement it.
 - Will come to the full meeting in April.
 - Is there an emergency shelter solution geared towards the working homeless?
 - There is an affiliate network of shelter providers that have employment as an expressed part of the program design of have employers working with them for people to have income to afford housing.
 - Questions about intake schedules not ideal for working people.
- **Legislative Update**
 - **Federal**
 - FEMA hotel funding through July first.
 - Sending a thank you letter to our federal delegation.
 - Movement on an omnibus spending package funded at 2022 levels.
 - HUD budget higher by \$4 billion.

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- New vouchers including for DV.
 - \$200 million for homelessness assistance which funds CoC.
- Build Back Better is completely stalled.
- Housing for All Act of 2022
 - National Housing trust would increase to \$45 billion up from \$1 billion.
- HR 6693 Asylum Seeker Work Authorization Act
 - Change wait time to apply from 365 days down to 30 days.
 - Has a companion Bill in the Senate from Senator King.
- **State**
 - Affordable housing caucus and behavioral health caucus working on the supplemental budget on housing and homelessness.
 - Push for intensive case management.
 - LD 1995 An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023
 - LD1881
 - LD 1968 An Act To Expand Access to Mental Health and Crisis Care for Individuals in Jails and Individuals Experiencing Homelessness
 - With FUSE would create permanent supportive housing and emergency beds at residential treatment centers. Limited 30 day window for people getting placed out of jail.
 - People languishing in jail past their sentences due to lack of housing.
 - 1822 voted ought to pass. Helps with health insurance
 - 1848 ACT Team services passed. .
 - LD 1871
 - LD 1822 An Act To Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services by Limiting Cost Sharing by Insurers
 - voted ought to pass. Helps with health insurance
 - LD 1910 An Act To Improve Children's Mental Health by Requiring Insurance Coverage for Certain Mental Health Treatment
 - Voted ought to pass
 - LD 1961 An Act to Help Alleviate Maine's Housing Shortage and Change the Membership of the Maine State Housing Authority
 - LD 2003 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions
 - Moved forward from the Labor & Housing Committee.

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- Would help Portland allow apartments in more of the City which is mostly zoned for single family homes.
 - Carry over bills are unlikely to move forward.
- **Other Business**
 - HVJ Summer Solstice Vigil is June 21st at Tommy's Park in the Old Port 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
 - Homelessness is an emergency in the winter and the summer.
 - Lewiston City Council is exploring a moratorium on new shelter.
 - Adam moved that ESAC write a letter to City of Lewiston urging they proceed exploring homelessness on expediently. Terrence seconded and the motion passed with none opposed.
 - Sarah M. and her partner sent a letter prior to last night's meeting.
 - Cullen to draft a letter that will be approved by the tri chairs before sending.
- HVJ members want housing on undeveloped land.
- MCoC Update
 - Meets today 1-3PM.
 - Funding for programs across the state: awarded all of our current projects.
 - All renewals funded.
 - 4 of 7 new projects awarded funding.
 - 3 DV
 - 1 PSH
 - Coordinated Entry
 - Working towards implementation.
 - Two four-hour session in the first week of April.
 - Friday April 8th training on learning from people with lived experience on racial disparity.
- Maine Unclaimed Property
 - Is there any attempt for looking if people have unclaimed money on the table.
 - Organizations can have unclaimed property
 - Amistad has unclaimed property.

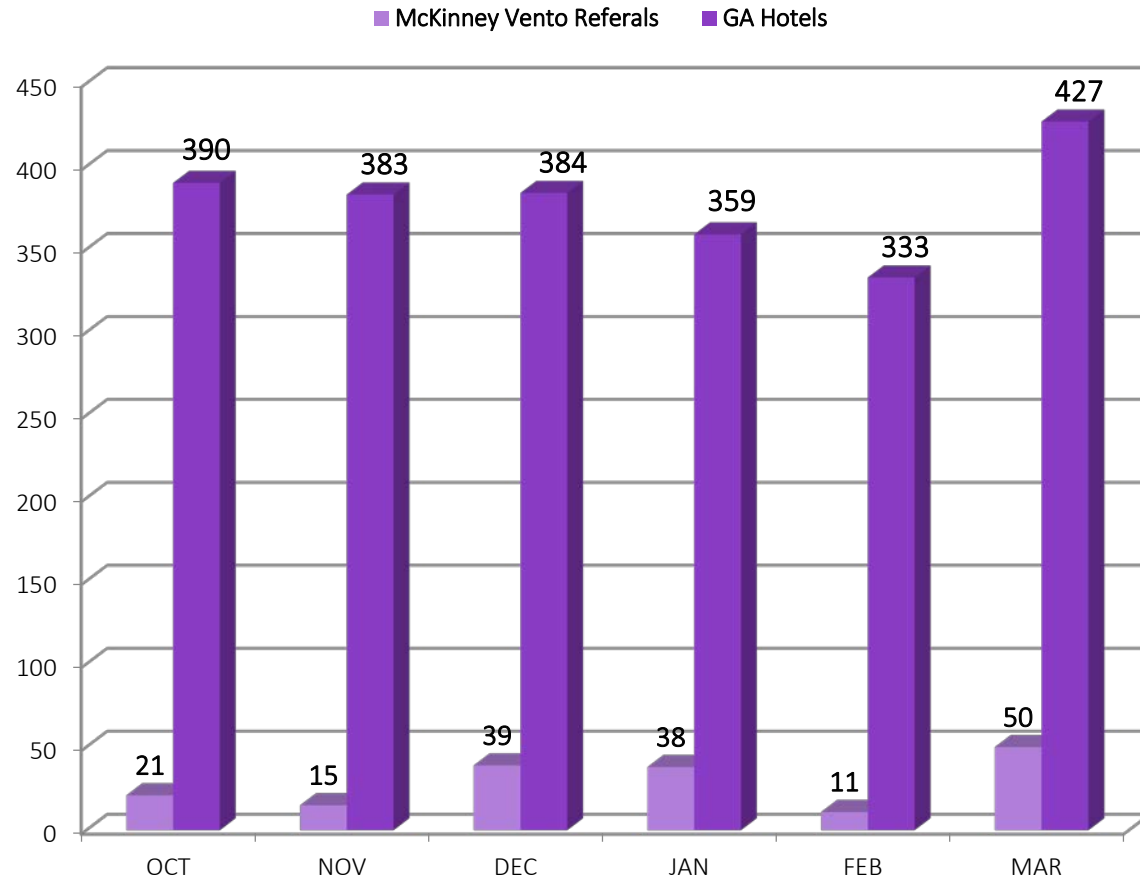
PORTLAND HOMELESS SHELTERS

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

	March 2021	March 2022
ADOLESCENTS	11 Individuals	16 Individuals
FAMILIES	96 Individuals 34 Average Families	79 Individuals 32 Average Families
ADULTS	158 Individuals	275 Individuals
Total	265 Individuals	369 Individuals

*GA hotels are on the next slide.

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE MARCH, 2022 General Assistance Hotels



	Month*	Total
Families with School Aged Children	50	299
Unduplicated GA Hotels	427	2,633

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 December, 2020.

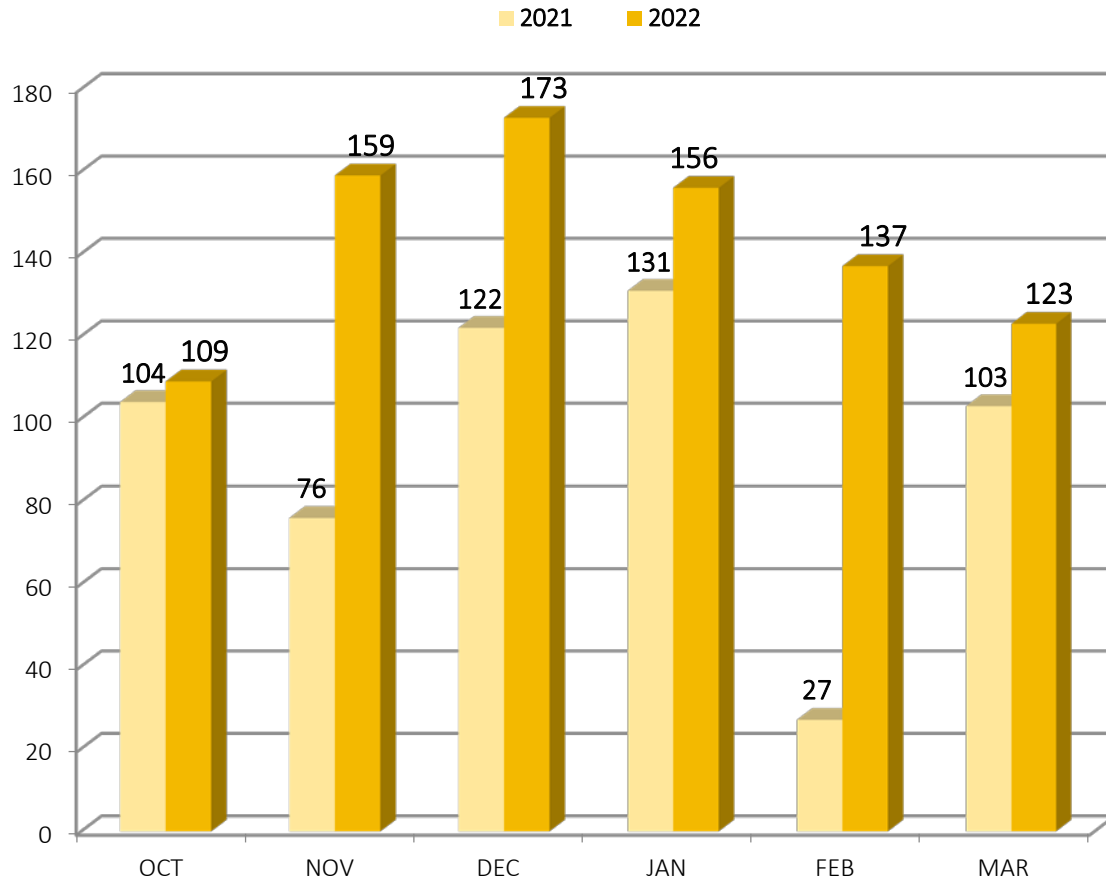
OXFORD STREET SHELTER

MARCH, 2022

Intakes by Residency

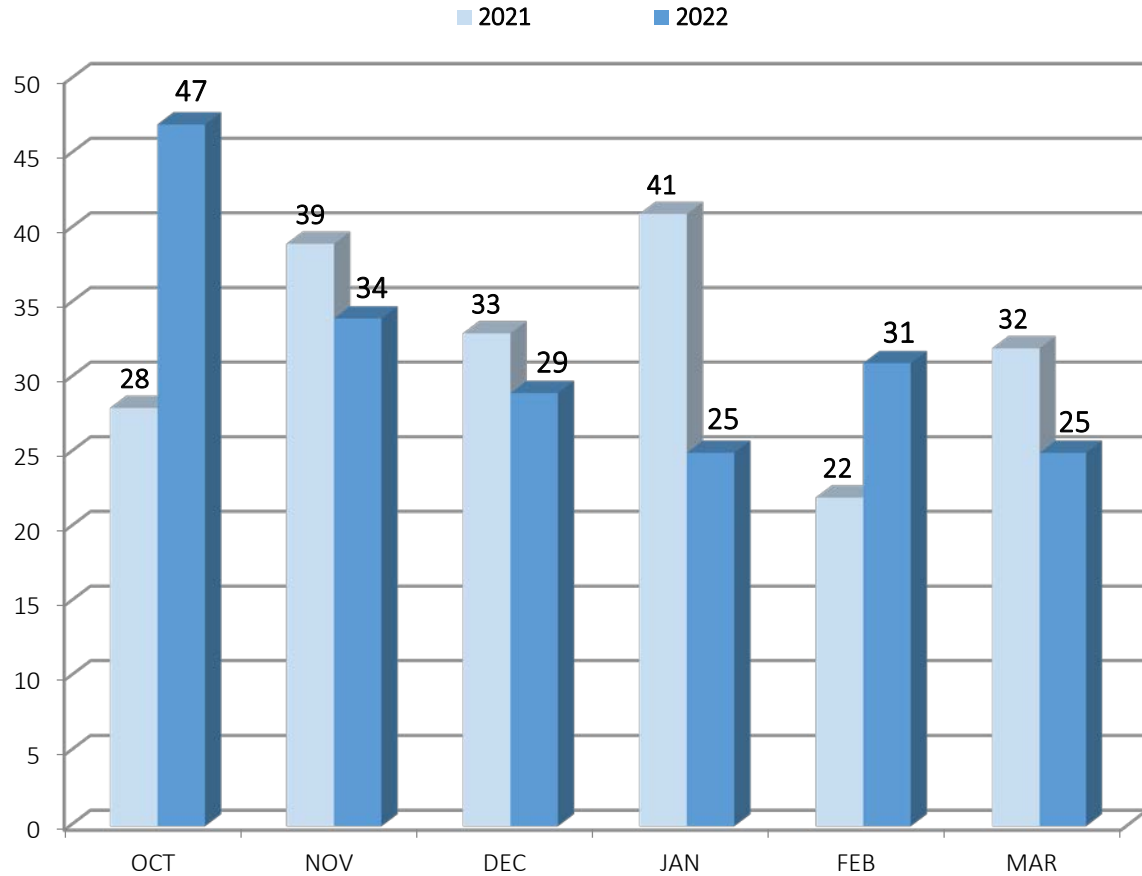
MAINE TOWN						OUT-OF-STATE						OUT-OF-COUNTRY	
Augusta	1	Gray	1			MA	1	NY	2			Angola	1
Bangor	1	Lewiston	3			AZ	1	TX	2			DRC	3
Biddeford	1	Lovell	1			CA	1	VT	1				
Bowdoinham	1	Milbridge	1			CT	2	WA	1				
Buckfield	1	Naples	1			FL	1						
Buxton	1	Rumford	1			ID	1						
Casco	1	Standish	1			MA	1						
Cornish	1	Topsham	1			MO	1						
Dayton	1	Vanceboro	1			NC	2						
Freeport	2	Westbrook	6			NE	1						
Gorham	1	Windham	1			NH	3						
MAINE TOWN:	30	OUT-OF-STATE:	21	OUT-OF-COUNTRY:	4	PORTLAND:	20	Unknown:	4	TOTAL:	79		

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE MARCH, 2022 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	3/15	146	136
Joe Kreisler	7	24	24
Milestone	1	41	34
Oxford Street (Men)	54	154 at OSS, 75 at PSRC overflow	75 at OSS, 149 at contracted hotel
Oxford Street (Women)	25		
Florence House	20	25 at Shelter, 15 at Safe Haven	25 at Shelter, 15 at Safe Haven
TOTAL	123	496	474+

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE MARCH, 2022 HOUSING PLACEMENTS BY MONTH



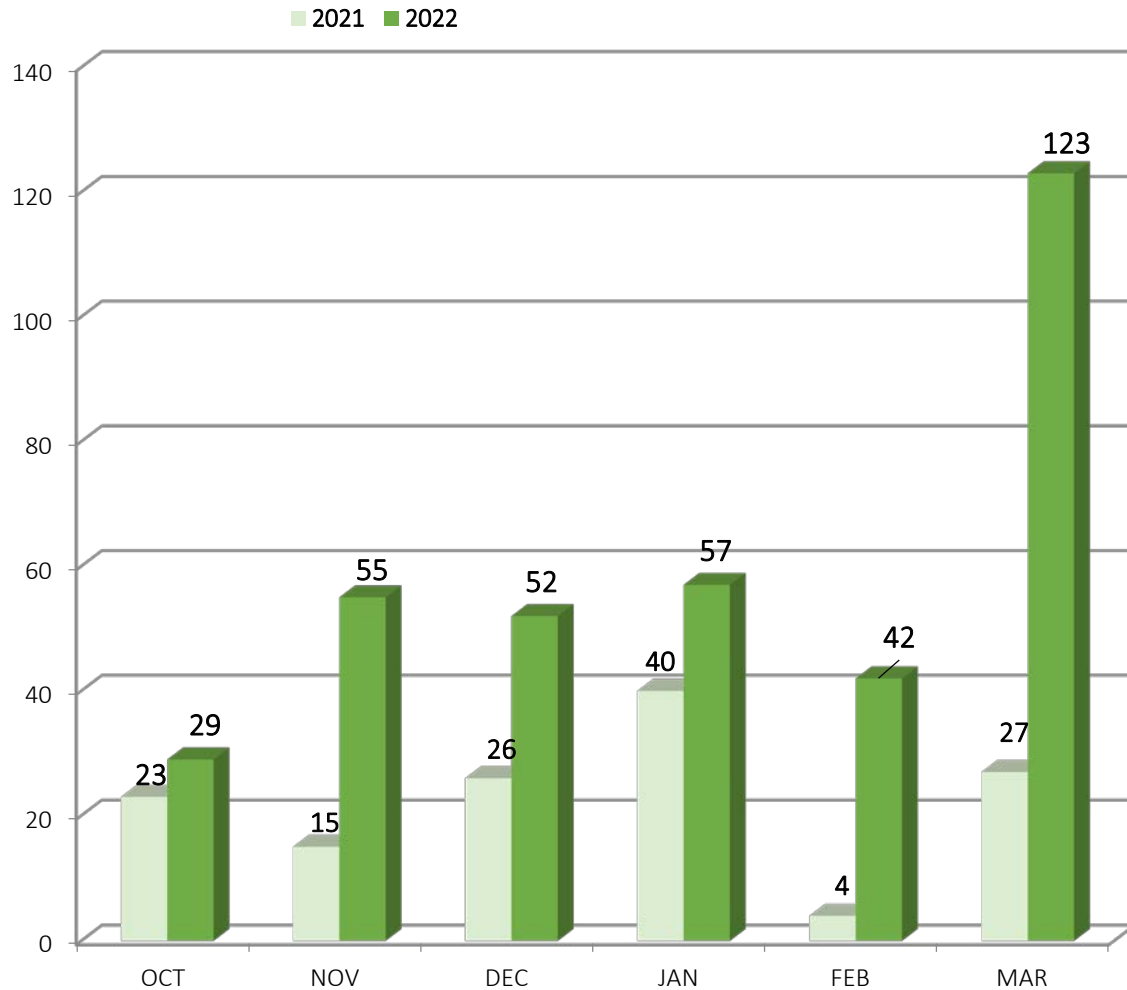
*Starting October, 2013, Oxford Street Shelter shifted prioritization of housing placements to their 30 longest-term stayers.

	TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	BED NIGHTS	TEMPORARY	PERMANENT
Through These Doors	7/9	831	3/3	4/6
Family Shelter	3/15	468		3/15
Joe Kreisler	4	229	4	
Milestone	1	488		1
Oxford Street (Men)	7	1,983		7
Oxford Street (Women)	2	65		2
Florence House	1	26		1
TOTAL	25/38	4,090	7	17/31

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MARCH, 2022

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



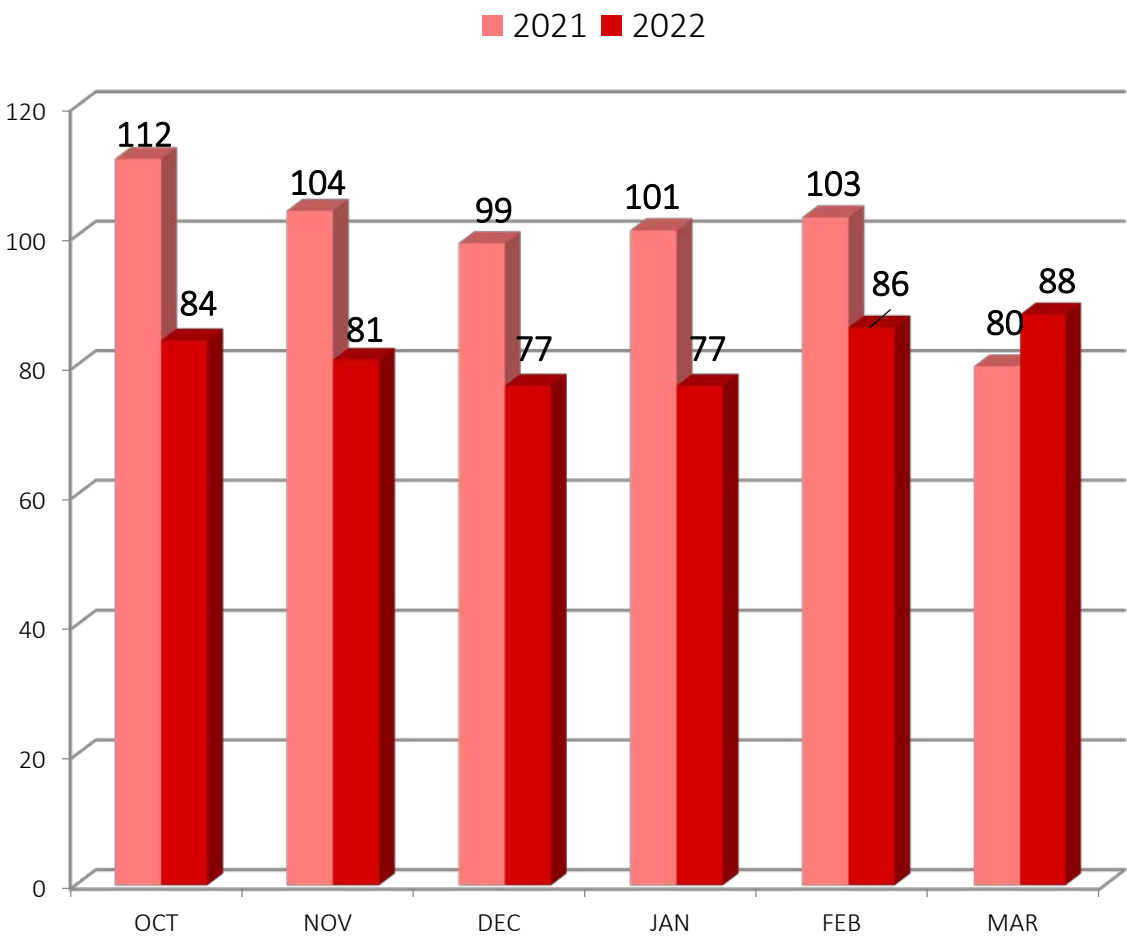
1 ST TIME HOMELESSNESS STATISTICS	All Intakes	1 st Time Homeless Intakes	% of the Shelter's Intakes	% of All Intake	% of Portland First Time Homeless Intakes
Through These Doors	5/6	1/1	20/17%	1/1%	3/2%
Family Shelter	11/38	10/34	90/89%	8/23%	29/59%
Joe Kreisler	7	5	71%	4%	15%
Milestone	1	0	-	-	-
Oxford Street (Men)	54	10	19%	8%	29%
Oxford Street (Women)	25	5	20%	4%	15%
Florence House	20	3	15%	2%	9%
TOTAL	123/151	34/58		28/34%	100%

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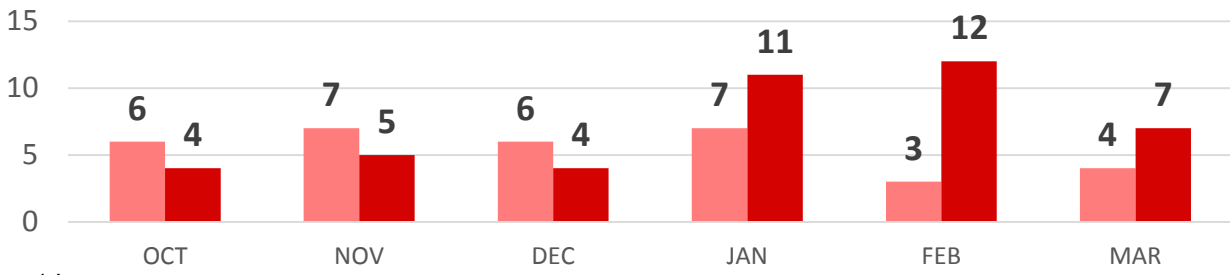
CTOs FROM SHELTER

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	1	0	21
Oxford Street Shelter	6	0	65
Florence House	0	0	1
TOTAL	7	0	88

CTOs Issued in the Month



PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE MARCH, 2022 HOUSING PLACEMENTS BY TYPE

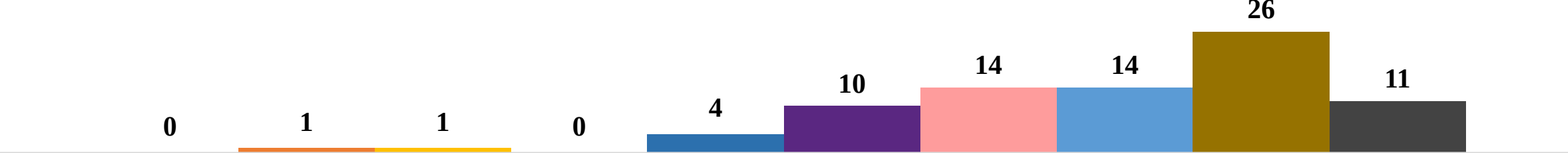
	S+C	BRAP	Recovery Home	Public Housing	STEP	Family Reunification	Sect. 8/HCV	OTHER	GA	No Subsidy
Through These Doors					1	2	2	1		1
Family Shelter									3	
Joe Kreisler								4		
Milestone								1		
Oxford Street (Men)						2	1		2	2
Oxford Street (Women)						1	1			
Florence House		1								
TOTAL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

*Other shelter, YHDP, 2First Place, TLP-DOC,

Distribution of Placements in the Month:



2022 Placements: 81

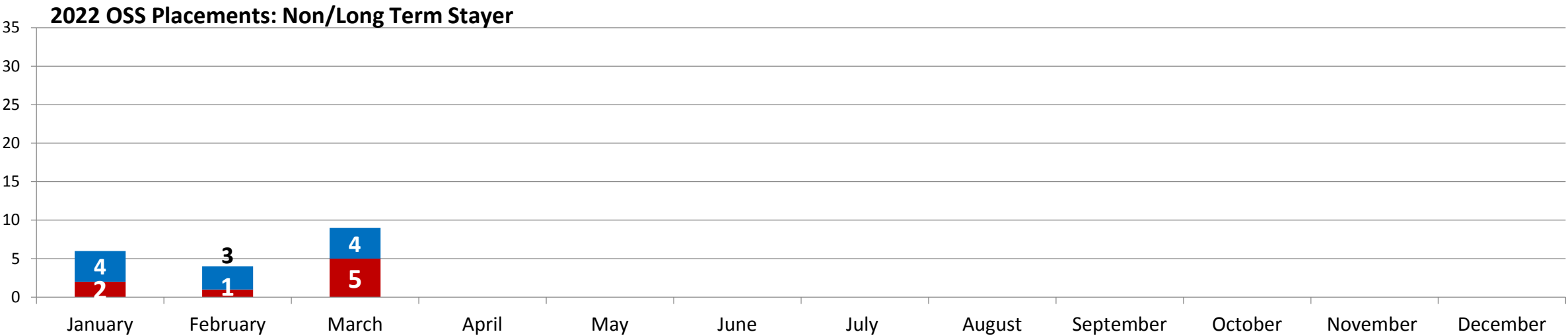
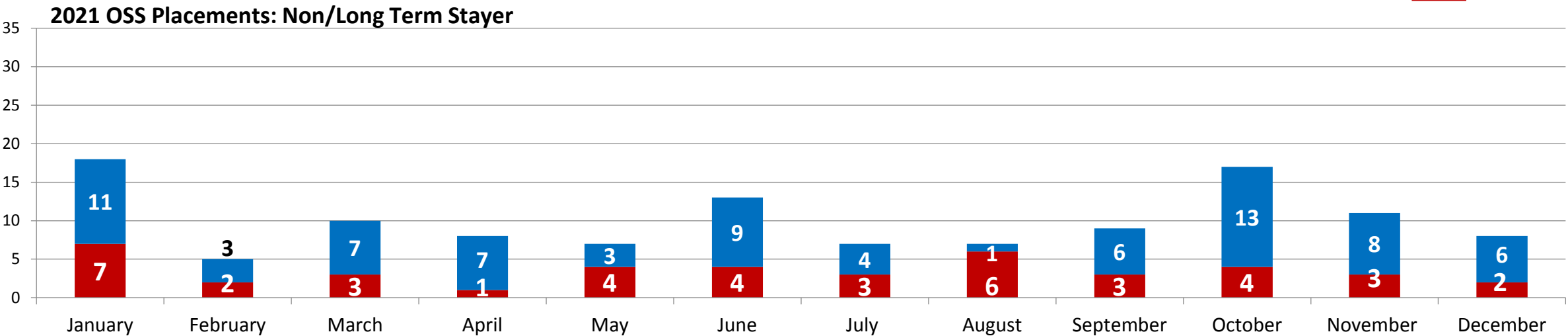
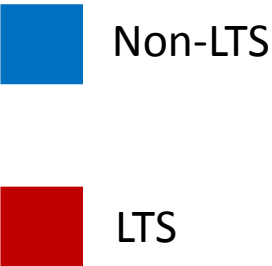


PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE MARCH, 2022 SHELTER COUNT BY NIGHT

On March: 1
389 individuals
(including families)
were utilizing shelter services in
Portland

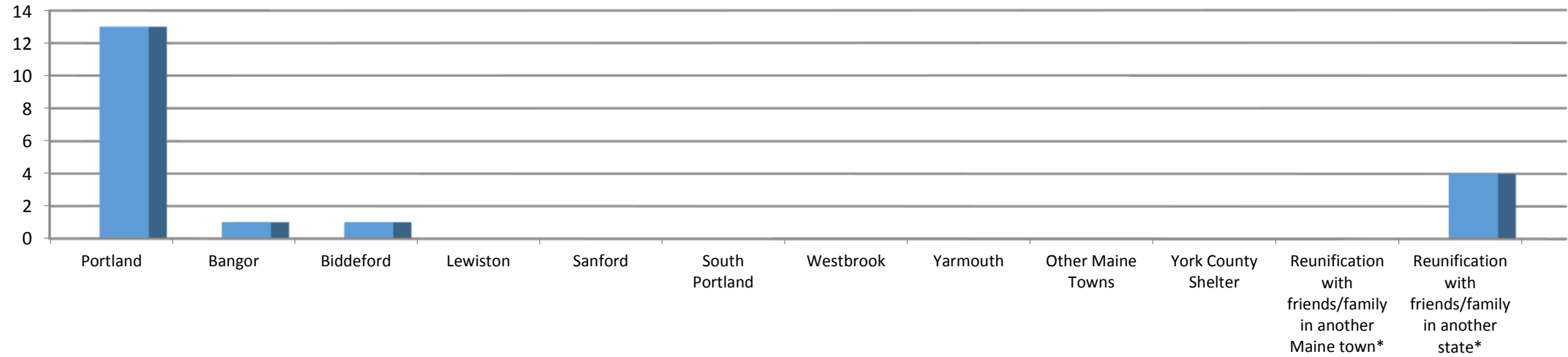
Calendar Day	Through These Doors	Family Shelter	Florence House	Joe Kreisler	Milestone	OSS Beds	OSS Chairs	Total Bed Nights
1	15	59	38	16	38	223	0	389
	16	56	36	15	32	212	0	367
	16	58	35	18	33	221	0	381
	16	58	35	14	37	213	0	373
2	14	58	34	15	29	207	0	357
3	14	58	34	13	30	215	0	364
4	14	58	33	18	29	211	0	363
5	14	52	34	17	35	213	0	365
6	14	54	34	14	30	217	0	363
7	16	58	34	16	33	212	0	369
8	16	61	33	16	35	204	0	365
9	16	61	35	16	39	208	0	375
10	16	61	37	17	35	203	0	369
11	16	61	34	15	35	211	0	372
12	16	61	34	18	38	207	0	374
13	16	55	34	19	31	203	0	358
14	16	55	34	20	32	195	0	352
15	16	63	36	17	30	194	0	356
16	15	63	36	13	31	204	0	362
17	15	63	36	12	29	209	0	364
18	16	63	37	17	36	204	0	373
19	17	63	39	19	36	204	0	378
20	17	67	33	19	38	191	0	365
21	17	71	34	16	37	195	0	370
22	18	71	35	17	31	199	0	371
23	16	71	35	15	32	200	0	369
24	16	71	33	20	38	188	0	366
25	16	71	32	16	36	200	0	371
26	16	76	37	14	39	205	0	387
27	16	76	32	12	38	203	0	377
28	16	78	33	18	38	205	0	388
Total	488	1951	1076	502	1060	6376	0	11453
Avg/night	15.7419	62.9355	34.7097	16.1935	34.1935	205.677	0	369.452
Highest	18	78	39	20	39	223	0	389
Lowest	14	52	32	12	29	188	0	352

OXFORD STREET SHELTER & COMMUNITY OVERFLOW HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA



5 Long Term Stayers housed in March for a total of 2,167 bed nights (including archived nights).

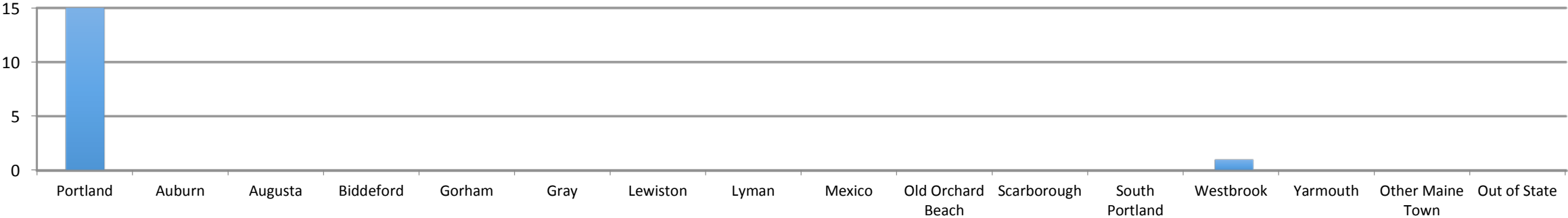
OXFORD STREET SHELTER & COMMUNITY OVERFLOW PERMANENT AND TRANSITIONAL 2022 HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	%
TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	6	4	9										19	100%
Portland	5	4	4										13	68.4%
Bangor			1										1	5.3%
Biddeford			1										1	5.3%
Lewiston														0.0%
Sanford														0.0%
South Portland														0.0%
Westbrook														0.0%
Yarmouth														0.0%
Other Maine Towns														0.0%
York County Shelter														0.0%
Reunification with friends/family in another Maine town*														0.0%
Reunification with friends/family in another state*	1		3										4	21.1%

FAMILY SHELTER
PERMANENT AND TRANSITIONAL
HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA

■ 2022



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	October	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	100%
TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	3	10	3										3	
Portland	3	9	3										15	93.8%
Auburn														0.0%
Augusta														0.0%
Biddeford														0.0%
Gorham														0.0%
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	6.3%
Yarmouth														0.0%
Other Maine Town														0.0%
Out of State														0.0%