

Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity

2011 Emergency Shelter One Night Census Count

The Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity conducts an annual survey of Vermont's homeless shelters and homeless services providers. Known as the one-night shelter count, the survey provides a snapshot into shelter utilization and the demographics of persons who are homeless in Vermont. Data are reported by all emergency shelters, transitional living programs and homelessness prevention or essential services programs receiving funding through the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program.

The following tables provide summary demographic information on persons who stayed in Emergency or Transitional Housing on that evening, or received Homelessness Prevention Services on that day.

The final page provides trends from the One Night Census Count over the past five years.

Emergency Shelter

On November 30, 2011 there were **438** persons staying in ESG-funded homeless shelters.

Gender		Ages	
Female	Male	Adults	Children
210	228	309	129

Age Breakdown					
0 - 5 years	6 - 17	18 - 29	30 - 45	46 - 62	63 or older
70	59	94	135	67	13

Household Type				
Single Person	1 Parent (Female)	1 Parent (Male)	2 Parent Household	Couple (No Children)
227	51	9	12	4

- **140** shelter residents were identified as having a disability:
- **52** identified themselves as veterans.
- **33** were without health insurance.
- **183** households had applied for state assistance.

- The average length of stay of persons in shelter is: **34 Days***
- **80** residents had had a previous stay at the shelter.
- **37** had stayed at another shelter this year.

**Average length of stay data is taken from the 2011 ESGP annual report.*

Transitional Housing

On November 30, 2011, there were **202** persons living in ESG-funded transitional programs.

Gender		Ages	
Female	Male	Adults	Children
88	114	144	58

Age Breakdown					
0 - 5 years	6 - 17	18 - 29	30 - 45	46 - 62	63 or older
28	30	61	32	47	4

Household Type				
Single Person	1 Parent (Female)	1 Parent (Male)	2 Parent Household	Couple (No Children)
92	21	5	9	4

- **60** transitional housing participants were identified as having a disability:
- **39** identified themselves as veterans.
- **2** were without health insurance.
- **64** households had applied for + assistance.
- **65** participants had had a previous stay at the program.
- **46** had stayed at another shelter this year.

Homelessness Prevention / Services*

On November 30, 2011, **590** persons (who were homeless or at-risk of homelessness) were served by an ESG-supported prevention/services program.

Gender		Ages	
Female	Male	Adults	Children
272	318	421	169

Age Breakdown					
0 - 5 years	6 - 17	18 - 29	30 - 45	46 - 62	63 or older
85	84	181	120	103	17

Household Type				
Single Person	1 Parent (Female)	1 Parent (Male)	2 Parent Household	Couple (No Children)
159	57	13	32	7

*Homelessness Prevention and Services includes: assistance with back rent or back mortgage; placement in a short-term motel; served meals for the homeless; day sheltering; and case-management.

Vermont One Night Census Counts - Five Year Trend

OEO One-Night Counts - Emergency Shelter

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total Persons	302	342	391	382	438
Children	78	93	118	121	129
% children	25.8%	27.2%	30.2%	31.7%	29.5%
ages 0-5	44	48	65	59	70
ages 6-17	34	45	53	62	59
Adults	224	249	273	261	309
Male	174	198	228	204	228
Female	128	144	163	178	210

OEO One-Night Counts - Transitional Housing

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total Persons	<i>Prior to 2010, the Transitional Housing report was combined with Emergency Shelter. The chart below shows the total figures, re-combined.</i>			146	202
Children				54	58
% children				37.0%	28.7%
ages 0-5				20	28
ages 6-17				34	30
Adults				92	144
Male				78	114
Female				68	88

OEO One-Night Counts - Data Re-Combined

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total Persons	302	342	391	528	640
Children	78	93	118	175	187
% children	25.8%	27.2%	30.2%	33.1%	29.2%
ages 0-5	44	48	65	79	98
ages 6-17	34	45	53	96	89
Adults	224	249	273	353	453
Male	174	198	228	282	342
Female	128	144	163	246	298

Fiscal Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
*length of stay	32.5	29.0	33.8	34.2	31.4

*Average length of shelter stay (in days) taken from ESGP annual reports.