

Housing Stability Data Summary 2017/2018



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The Housing Stability Data Summary reports on indicators related to housing and homelessness in five areas: 1) emergency shelter, 2) income, 3) rental housing, 4) Community Housing and 5) housing support. Changes between 2016/2017 and 2017/18 are identified in the final column.

Demand for Emergency Shelter	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	Change
Beds nights	78,678	78,787	88,511	+12%
People who stayed	2,878	2,726	2,652	-3%
Daily bed occupancy (avg.)	215	215	242	+13%
Youth shelters occupied (avg.)	78%	56%	60%	-4%
Adult shelters occupied (avg.)	88%	96%	95%	-1%

Demographic Trends in Emergency Shelter	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	Change
Men	66%	69%	71%	+2%
Women	33%	31%	28%	-3%
Other gender identity	0.5%	1%	0.8%	-0.2%
Families	108	130	114	-12%
Dependents ages 0-15	220	204	186	-9%
All dependents	262	246	217	-12%
Unaccompanied youth (16-24) ¹	776	607	656	+8%
Adults (ages 25-64)	1,722	1,682	1,684	0%
Older adults (ages 65+)	45	60	59	-2%
First Nations/Metis/Inuit	299	303	293	-3%
Immigrants/Permanent Res.	146	108	63	-42%
Refugees	6	9	8	-11%
Refugee claimants	18	45	3	-93%
Veterans	30	27	28	+4%

Emergency Shelter Stay Trends	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	Change
First time in emergency shelter	49%	49%	47%	-2%
Episodic homelessness ²	178	186	175	-6%
Chronic homelessness ³	61	67	94	+40%
Singles' length of stay (avg.)	33 days	34 days	42 days	+24%
Families' length of stay (avg.)	40 days	35 days	29 days	-17%

¹ Almost all unaccompanied youth are over the age of 16. Youth under the age of 16 are served at Safe Haven.

² Episodic homelessness refers to people with three or more shelter intakes 30 days apart in the past year.

³ Chronic homelessness refers to people with shelter stays of 180 days or more (cumulative) in the past year.

Income	2015/ 2016	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change
Ontario Works (OW) allowance for single person:	\$681	\$706	\$721	+2%
Basic allowance portion ⁴	\$305	\$330	\$337	+2%
Shelter allowance portion ⁵	\$376	\$376	\$384	+2%
Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) allowance for single person:	\$1,110	\$1,128	\$1,151	+2%
Basic allowance portion ⁴	\$631	\$649	\$662	+2%
Shelter allowance portion ⁵	\$479	\$479	\$489	+2%
Minimum wage (hourly)	\$11.25	\$11.40	\$14	+23%
Hourly wage needed to afford rent for bachelor (avg.)	\$13.54	\$13.65	\$14.15	+4%
Hourly wage needed to afford rent for 1 bedroom (avg.)	\$16.35	\$16.77	\$17.63	+5%
Hourly wage needed to afford rent for 2 bedrooms (avg.)	\$19.17	\$20.19	\$21.02	+4%
Hourly wage needed to afford rent for 3+ bedrooms (avg.)	\$22.19	\$28.46	\$24.83	-13%

Rental Housing ⁶	Dec 2015	Dec 2016	Dec 2017	Change
Monthly market rent for bachelor (avg.)	\$704	\$710	\$736	+4%
Monthly market rent for 1 bedroom (avg.)	\$850	\$872	\$917	+5%
Monthly market rent for 2 bedrooms (avg.)	\$997	\$1,050	\$1,093	+4%
Monthly market rent for 3+ bedrooms (avg.)	\$1,154	\$1,480	\$1,291	-13%
Vacancy rate for private market rent units	2.4%	2.2%	1.9%	-0.3%
Private market rent units	32,334	33,746	35,936	+6%

Community Housing ⁶	Dec 2015	Dec 2016	Dec 2017	Change
Capacity (number of units)	10,403	10,410	10,457	+0.5%
Waiting list (households as of December 31)	2,680	2,994	4,178	+40%
Waiting time for seniors	2+ years	2+ years	3 years	+50%
Waiting time for non-seniors (bachelor/1 bedroom)	6+ years	6+ years	7+ years	+1 year
Waiting time for small families (2-3 bedrooms)	3+ years	3+ years	3+ years	0%
Waiting time for large families (4-5 bedrooms)	3+ years	3+ years	3+ years	0%

Housing Support (for People Experiencing Homelessness)	2015/ 2016	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change
Housed from PATHS Waiting List ⁷	96	115	215	+87%
Self-Resolved/Family Reconnect	N/A	N/A	49%	N/A
Portable Home-Based Support	N/A	N/A	28%	N/A
Supportive Housing	N/A	N/A	18%	N/A
Housing Options in other Community Systems	N/A	N/A	5%	N/A
Remaining on PATHS Waiting List (as of March 31)	125	243	288	+19%
Highest acuity/level of need	N/A	53%	17%	-36%

⁴ Basic allowance is for all other personal costs (e.g., food, toiletries, transportation, and telephone).

⁵ Shelter allowance is the amount provided to cover rent, utilities and tenant insurance.

⁶ These figures represent point in time information provided in December in each year.

⁷ Prioritized Access to Housing Support (PATHS) is the coordinated access process for housing support where offers are prioritized for people experiencing homelessness with greater depth of need.