

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



**Emergency Assistance  
Fiscal Year 2021  
First Quarterly Report**

Department of Housing and Community Development  
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**EA Shelter Exits by Type**

	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>FY 21 Q1</b>
<b>Shelter and Hotel/Motel Exits</b>				
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>564</b>
Abandoned	20	24	17	61
Criminal Activity/Fraud	0	0	1	1
Feasible Alt. Housing with HomeBASE	130	127	121	378
Feasible Alt. Housing without HomeBASE	28	29	19	76
Ineligible	5	2	1	8
No Show/Rejected Placement	0	2	0	2
Non-Compliance/Termination for Cause	0	1	0	1
Temporary Shelter Interruption	11	17	9	37
Other/Unknown	0	0	0	0

	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>FY21 Q1</b>
<b>Total Households Receiving Subsidies</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>420</b>
ESG	0	0	0	0
HomeBASE	130	127	121	378
HUD CoC	3	2	2	7
MRVP	3	6	0	9
Private Subsidized Housing	13	10	10	33
Section 8 Mobile Voucher	49	60	57	166
Section 8 Project-Based Voucher	8	4	11	23
Other Public Housing	5	15	9	29
Transportation	0	1	1	2

**Note:** A household may receive multiple subsidy types.

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**Cost of EA Assistance Per Household**

	<b>FY21 Q1</b>
Average	\$51,465
Minimum	\$355
Maximum	\$329,257

**Note:** Costs are based on complete episodes of homelessness for households ending EA during the quarter.

**Households in EA Shelters Who Required Assistance at a Later Date**

	<b>FY21 Q1</b>
Total Households Requiring Later Assistance	76 (0.5%)
Shelter Entries	66
HomeBASE Diversions	10

**Note:** Data include households who received EA within 5 years of the reporting quarter who required later assistance during that quarter.

**Households Entering Shelter Who Received HomeBASE During the Previous 3 Years**

	<b>FY21 Q1</b>
Households Entering EA After Receiving HomeBASE	26 (0.8%)

**Children Served in EA Shelters and Hotels**

	<b>FY 21 Q1 (9/30/2020)</b>
<b>Total Children</b>	5,874
0-2 yrs.	1,212
3-4 yrs.	792
5-8 yrs.	1,399
9-11 yrs.	897
12-14 yrs.	709
15-18 yrs.	688
19-20 yrs.	177

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**EA Applications From Households Within 12 Months of Ending HomeBASE**

	<b>FY21 Q1</b>
<b>Applications from Household Ending HomeBASE</b>	30
Percent of Households Ending HomeBASE	1.1%
<b>Reasons for Homelessness</b>	
Domestic Violence	5
Eviction	1
Health and Safety Risk/Asked to Leave/Threatened Eviction	13
Natural Disaster, Fire or Flood	2
Other	9
<b>Applications that Were Denied</b>	8
<b>Reasons for Denial</b>	
Alternative Feasible Housing Was Available	1
Application Not Completed Within 30 Days	5
Over Income Limit	2

**Health and Safety Assessments**

	<b>FY21 Q1</b>
Households Receiving HAS Assessments	321
Households at Substantial Risk	275
Households with Multiple HAS Assessments in Previous 6 Months	31

**Note:** The standard used to determine substantial health and safety risk is at the following link:  
<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/07/oe/healthandsafetyassessmentinitiativeadministrativeplan.pdf>

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**Disability Accommodation**

	<b>FY21 Q1</b>
<b>Households Who Applied for an ADA Accommodation</b>	184
<b>Types of Accommodation(s) Requested</b>	
Scattered Site Unit	93
Placement Region	50
First Floor/Elevator Accessible	20
Assistance Animals	23
Air Conditioning	16
Multiple Bedrooms	13
Others	10
Average Days Until Transfer	20
Maximum Days Until Transfer	91

**Note:** A household may request multiple types of accommodation.

**Shelter Placement and Home Community**

	<b>FY21 Q1 (9/30/2020)</b>
Households Sheltered More than 20 Miles From Their Home Community	37

**Note:** Data excludes households indicating that they do not want to transfer to a shelter within 20 miles of their home community.

**School Enrollment**

	<b>FY21 Q1</b>
Households with at Least One Child Who Does Not Attend Their School of Origin Due to Shelter Placement	224
Average Days	515
Maximum Days	2,058