

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



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

Department of Housing and Community Development
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EA Shelter Exits by Type

Shelter and Hotel/Motel Exits	Oct	Nov	Dec	FY21 Q2
Total Households	173	187	206	566
Abandoned	20	8	15	43
Criminal Activity/Fraud	0	0	0	0
Feasible Alt. Housing with HomeBASE	111	134	147	392
Feasible Alt. Housing without HomeBASE	23	28	32	83
Ineligible	4	4	3	11
No Show/Rejected Placement	1	1	1	3
Non-Compliance/Termination for Cause	0	0	1	1
Temporary Shelter Interruption	14	12	7	33
Other/Unknown	0	0	0	0

	Oct	Nov	Dec	FY21 Q2
Total Households Receiving Subsidies	125	147	169	441
ESG	0	0	0	0
HomeBASE	111	134	147	392
HUD CoC	3	5	4	12
MRVP	4	1	7	12
Private Subsidized Housing	12	9	11	32
Section 8 Mobile Voucher	42	66	65	173
Section 8 Project-Based Voucher	1	6	13	20
Other Public Housing	13	17	13	43
Transportation	4	1	1	6

Note: A household may receive multiple subsidy types.

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Cost of EA Assistance per Household

	FY21 Q2
Average	\$55.842
Minimum	\$237
Maximum	\$299,088

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

	FY21 Q2
Total Households Requiring Later Assistance	92 (0.6%)
Shelter Entries	80
HomeBASE Diversions	12

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

	FY21 Q2
Households Entering EA After Receiving HomeBASE	30 (1.1%)

Children Served in EA Shelters and Hotels

	FY 21 Q2 (12/31/2020)
Total Children	5,691
0-2 yrs.	1,148
3-4 yrs.	763
5-8 yrs.	1,371
9-11 yrs.	830
12-14 yrs.	745
15-18 yrs.	666
19-20 yrs.	168

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EA Applications From Households Within 12 Months of Ending HomeBASE

	FY21 Q2
Applications from Household Ending HomeBASE	32
Percent of Households Ending HomeBASE	1.1%
Reasons for Homelessness	
Domestic Violence	10
Eviction	7
Health and Safety Risk/Asked to Leave/Threatened Eviction	12
Natural Disaster, Fire or Flood	1
Other	2
Applications that Were Denied	
	11
Reasons for Denial	
No Qualifying Reason for Homelessness	2
Application Not Completed Within 30 Days	5
Over Income Limit	3
Multiple Reasons for Denial	1

Health and Safety Assessments

	FY21 Q2
Households Receiving HAS Assessments	371
Households at Substantial Risk	308
Households with Multiple HAS Assessments in Previous 6 Months	58

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

	FY21 Q2
Households Who Applied for an ADA Accommodation	213
Types of Accommodation(s) Requested	
Scattered Site Unit	121
Placement Region	46
First Floor/Elevator Accessible	31
Assistance Animals	21
Air Conditioning	0
Multiple Bedrooms	25
Others	23
Average Days Until Transfer	11
Maximum Days Until Transfer	80

Note: A household may request multiple types of accommodation.

Shelter Placement and Home Community

	FY21 Q2 (12/31/2020)
Households Sheltered More than 20 Miles From Their Home Community	23

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

School Enrollment

	FY21 Q2
Households with at Least One Child Who Does Not Attend Their School of Origin Due to Shelter Placement	210
Average Days	545
Maximum Days	2,149