

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



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

Department of Housing and Community Development



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EA Shelter Exits by Type

Shelter and Hotel/Motel Exits	Apr	May	Jun	Q4	FY21
Total	174	140	144	458	2,148
Abandoned	16	26	15	57	200
Criminal Activity/Fraud	1	0	0	1	2
Feasible Alternative Housing with HB	118	86	90	294	1,485
Feasible Alternative Housing without HB	26	14	32	72	294
Ineligible	5	4	0	9	36
No Show/Rejected Placement	0	1	0	1	9
NonCompliance/Termination for Cause	0	1	0	1	3
Temporary Shelter Interruption	7	8	7	22	118
Other/Unknown	1	0	0	1	1

	Apr	May	Jun	Q4	FY21
Total Families Receiving Subsidies	127	89	117	333	1,659
ESG	0	1	0	1	8
HomeBASE	118	86	90	294	1,485
MRVP	11	23	31	65	99
Private Subsidized Housing	6	5	11	22	120
Section 8 (Mobile and Project-Based)	42	24	15	81	81
Federal Public Housing	7	2	3	12	12
State Public Housing	18	8	13	39	39
Other Public Housing	0	0	0	0	108
LHA-THP	4	1	2	7	7
Transitional Housing (non-LHA_THP	0	3	2	5	5
Transportation	0	1	3	4	15
Other	15	3	11	29	29

Note: A household may receive multiple subsidy types.

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Cost of EA Assistance per Household

	FY21 Q4
Average	\$63,059
Minimum	\$237
Maximum	\$349,724

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 Q4
Total Households Requiring Later Assistance	146 (0.3%)
Shelter Entries	145
HomeBASE Diversions	1

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 Q4
Households Entering EA After Receiving HomeBASE	41

Note: 0.4% of households ending HomeBASE within the previous 3 years entered an EA shelter during FY21 Q4.

Children Served in EA Shelters and Hotels

	FY 21 Q4 (6/30/2021)
Total Children	5,354
0-2 yrs.	1,179
3-4 yrs.	716
5-8 yrs.	1,250
9-11 yrs.	764
12-14 yrs.	668
15-18 yrs.	625
19-20 yrs.	152

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EA Applications From Households Within 12 Months of Ending HomeBASE

	FY21 Q4
Applications from Household Ending HomeBASE	31
Percent of Households Ending HomeBASE	0.6%
Reasons for Homelessness	
Domestic Violence	2
Eviction	13
Health and Safety Risk/Asked to Leave/Threatened Eviction	8
Natural Disaster, Fire or Flood	1
Other	7
Applications that Were Denied	5
Reasons for Denial	
Application Not Completed Within 30 Days	3
Alternative Feasible Housing Available	1
No Qualifying Reason for Homelessness	1

Health and Safety Assessments

	FY21 Q4
Households Receiving HAS Assessments	290
Households at Substantial Risk	277
Households with Multiple HAS Assessments in Previous 6 Months	13

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 Q4
Households Who Applied for an ADA Accommodation	199
Types of Accommodation(s) Requested	
Scattered Site Unit	108
Placement Region	43
First Floor/Elevator Accessible	24
Assistance Animals	14
Air Conditioning	0
Multiple Bedrooms	8
Accessible Unit	4
Other	39
Average Days Until Transfer	14.5
Maximum Days Until Transfer	92

Note: A household may request multiple types of accommodation.

Shelter Placement and Home Community

	FY21 Q4
Households Sheltered More than 20 Miles From Their Home Community	23
Average Days	560
Maximum Days	1,474

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 Q4
Households with at Least One Child Who Does Not Attend Their School of Origin Due to Shelter Placement	153
Average Days	733
Maximum Days	2,331