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Homeless Shelter Use information  
based on data collected in October  
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# Fact Sheet

## On Homelessness in Regina



### Did you know?

According to studies conducted by US researchers:  
Over the course of ten years, it can cost more than \$1million to provide a homeless (or hidden homeless) person with emergency support services

### By Comparison

#### Since January:

**Close to 2000 different people have stayed at shelters in Regina**

**On average, shelters have more clients per night with longer stays**

**The average length of stay in Regina shelters has increased by almost 30%**

### Quick Facts

**Based on current and past data:**

**303 adults slept in emergency and transitional shelters in October 2009**

**171 people slept in emergency and transitional shelters every night.**

**Shelters operated at an average 87% capacity**

#### Youth & Senior Homelessness

Since January 2009: at least 167 youth under the age of 18 have stayed at shelters.

Since January 2009: 168 adults over the age of 55 have stayed at shelters.

### Emergency Shelters

#### Overall

- 201 people stayed in emergency shelters
- Shelters were usually at 80% capacity

#### Women's Shelters

- 80 people stayed in shelters for women
- Women's shelters were usually at 100% capacity
- Although occupancy is down, women are staying for longer periods of time

#### Men Shelters

- 121 people stayed in men's shelters
- Men's shelters were on average at 57% capacity, a 15% drop since September
- The average stay dropped from 4 days to 3.2 days since September

### Transitional Shelters

#### Women's Shelters

- There are only 8 transitional shelter spaces in Regina for women who are not victims of domestic violence
- These 8 beds have been full almost every night in 2009

#### Men's Shelters

- About 95 men stayed in transitional shelters
- On average, these shelters operated at 96% capacity

This information is made available through use of the Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (**HIFIS**)

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