

Waterloo Region Council

Feedback regarding Proposed Amendments to 100 Victoria
Specific By-Law

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Waterloo Region System Data – October 2025

567

Average # of Individuals in System (including Motel & Family)

208

Average length of stay (Days)

423

Average # of people experiencing Chronic Homelessness (6-Months+)

Demographics in Adult Shelter, Bed Availability

	Total occupied beds/ total beds available; Oct. 14	Total occupied beds/ total beds available; Nov. 18
Cambridge Shelter	95%	100%
HoF Shelter Care	101%	102%
SHIP- Edith Mac	95%	100%
SHIP- 84 Frederick St	85%	91%
YW Cambridge	95%	95%
OneROOF	88%	75%
BridgeCare	86%	71%
Erb's Road	98%	98%
Total % of Chronicity in ES system	95%	95%

Cismen, transmen, 25/26+:
0 beds available

Ciswomen, transwomen, and gender diverse individuals, 25/26+:
5 beds available

All genders, 18-25:
6 beds available

All genders, 26+, medically complex:
4 beds available* no intakes

All genders, 25+, outdoor shelter:
1 bed available

2024 Point in Time Count Findings*

2371 people experiencing **any type of homelessness**

1009 people living rough (encampments, on the street, in vehicle)

446 people staying in an emergency shelter

353 people experiencing hidden homelessness (couch surfing, paying for motel)

221 people staying in transitional housing

153 people in Regional funded motels as emergency shelter overflow

100 people in institutions (hospital, police custody)

89 people staying in unknown or undisclosed locations

* as per Region of Waterloo infographic

2025 Point in Time Count Findings - Mock-up

1829? people living rough or in the shelter system

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Note: Individuals in Red were not counted in the 2025 PIT count due to change in methodology so it appears there are less homeless individuals.