

# Housing Stability Data Summary 2016/2017



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This Housing Stability Data Summary captures key indicators related to housing and homelessness in Waterloo Region. The data is organized into five areas including: 1) emergency shelter, 2) income, 3) rental housing, 4) community housing, and 5) supportive housing. Changes between 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 are shown in the final column.

Demand for Emergency Shelter	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	Change Since Last Year
Number of beds nights	74,447	78,678	78,787	+0.1%
Number of people who stayed	3,219	2,878	2,726	-5%

Demographic Trends in Emergency Shelter	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	Change Since Last Year
Men	67%	66%	69%	+3%
Women	32%	33%	31%	-2%
Other gender identity	0.4%	0.5%	1%	+0.5%
Families	112	108	130	+20%
Dependents ages 0-15	186	220	204	-7%
All dependents	201	262	246	-6%
Unaccompanied youth(16-24)	826	776	607	-22%
Adults (ages 25-64)	1,694	1,722	1,682	-2%
Older adults (ages 65+)	53	45	60	+33%
First Nations/Metis/Inuit	286	299	303	+1%
Immigrants/Permanent Res.	147	146	108	-26%
Refugees	5	6	9	+50%
Refugee claimants	17	18	45	+150%
Veterans	21	30	27	-10%

Emergency Shelter Stay Trends	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	Change Since Last Year
Episodic homelessness <sup>1</sup>	182	178	186	+4%
Chronic homelessness <sup>2</sup>	43	61	67	+10%
Singles' length of stay (avg.)	25 days	28 days	29 days	+4%
Families' length of stay (avg.)	23 days	36 days	43 days	+19%
First time in emergency shelter	48%	51%	51%	0%
Returning within the year	25%	27%	28%	+1%

<sup>1</sup> Chronic homelessness refers to people with shelter stays of 180 days or more (cumulative) in the past year.

<sup>2</sup> Episodic homelessness refers to people with three or more shelter intakes 30 days apart in the past year.

Income	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	2016/ 2017	Change Since Last Year
Ontario Works (OW) allowance for single person:	\$656	\$681	\$706	+4%
Basic allowance portion <sup>3</sup>	\$280	\$305	\$330	+8%
Shelter allowance portion <sup>4</sup>	\$376	\$376	\$376	0%
Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) allowance for single person:	\$1,098	\$1,110	\$1,128	+2%
Basic allowance portion <sup>3</sup>	\$619	\$631	\$649	+3%
Shelter allowance portion <sup>4</sup>	\$479	\$479	\$479	0%
Minimum wage (hourly)	\$11.00	\$11.25	\$11.40	+1%
Average hourly wage needed to afford rent for a bachelor	\$12.83	\$13.54	\$13.65	+1%
Average hourly wage needed to afford rent for a one bedroom	\$15.67	\$16.35	\$16.77	+3%
Average hourly wage needed to afford rent for a two bedrooms	\$18.75	\$19.17	\$20.19	+5%
Average hourly wage needed to afford rent for three or more bedrooms	\$21.27	\$22.19	\$28.46	+28%

Rental Housing <sup>5</sup>	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	2016/ 2017	Change Since Last Year
Average monthly market rent for a bachelor	\$667	\$704	\$710	+1%
Average monthly market rent for a one bedroom	\$815	\$850	\$872	+3%
Average monthly market rent for two bedrooms	\$975	\$997	\$1,050	+5%
Average monthly market rent for three or more bedrooms	\$1,106	\$1,154	\$1,480	+28%
Vacancy rate for private market rent units	2.3%	2.4%	2.2%	-0.2%
Private market rent units	31,680	32,334	33,746	+4%

Community Housing <sup>5</sup>	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	2016/ 2017	Change Since Last Year
Capacity (number of units)	10,381	10,403	10,410	+0.7%
Waiting list (number of households)	2,962	3,004	3,432	+14%
Waiting time for seniors	2+ years	2+ years	2+ years	0%
Waiting time for non-seniors (bachelor/1 bedroom)	6+ years	6+ years	6+ years	0%
Waiting time for small families (2-3 bedrooms)	3+ years	3+ years	3+ years	0%
Waiting time for large families (4-5 bedrooms)	3+ years	3+ years	3+ years	0%

Supportive Housing	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	2016/ 2017	Change Since Last Year
Housed from PATHS <sup>6</sup>	N/A	96	115	+20%
Remaining on PATHS (as of March 31, 2017)	N/A	125	243	+94%

<sup>3</sup> Basic allowance is for all other personal costs (e.g., food, toiletries, transportation, and telephone).

<sup>4</sup> Shelter allowance is the amount provided to cover rent, utilities and tenant insurance.

<sup>5</sup> These figures represent point in time information provided in December in each year.

<sup>6</sup> Prioritized Access to Housing Support (PATHS) is the coordinated waiting list for supportive housing programs funded through the Region of Waterloo.