

TARGETS AND GRADING

THE ANNUAL *REPORT CARD ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN OTTAWA*

WHAT IS NEEDED TO END HOMELESSNESS IN 10 YEARS

The Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa (ATEH) assigns grades mathematically, starting with the 2010 Report Card on Ending Homelessness in Ottawa, for these indicators: *Affordable Housing*, *Housing Affordability*, *Homelessness (emergency shelter use)*, and *Length of Stay* in emergency shelter. ATEH uses the Annual Targets Table and the Indicator Table and compares gains or losses in one year. The data for subsequent years can then be compared to what would be required to end homelessness in 10 years. Many communities have adopted 10 year plans to end homelessness so this time span is a natural point of comparison for our City.

A grading process is conducted by the ATEH Steering Committee each year. All details remain **confidential** and are not released prior to the annual launch of the *Report Card on Ending Homelessness in Ottawa*.

ANNUAL TARGETS TABLE

ATEH set the annual targets in 2009, using them for the first time in the 2010 grading. The table below provides the **letter grades, their definition and the change associated with each of the different grades**.

- Annual target of 1000 new units / rent supplements per year (+ 10,000 over 10 years)
- Annual target of a decrease of 500 persons (- 5000 over 10 years)
- Annual target of a decrease in shelter stay 3 days (- 30 days over 10 years)
- Annual target of having no more than 30% of income being required of people on low incomes for housing

ATEH Annual Targets Table for Grading: Letter Grade, Definitions & Change				
Letter Grade	Affordable housing: new units plus rent supplements	Decrease in # of homeless people	Decrease in length of shelter stay	Affordability: % of income required for housing
A	700 – 1,000	- 500	- 3 days	30%
B	350 – 699	- 250	- 1.5 days	35%
C	200 – 349	0	0 days	40%
D	100 – 199	+ 250	+ 1.5 days	45%
F	0 – 99	+ 500	+ 3 days	50%

INDICATOR TABLE

The Indicator Table is updated yearly. It shows the ATEH Indicators areas, *Affordable Housing*, *Housing Affordability*, *Homelessness (emergency shelter use)*, and *Length of Stay in emergency shelter*, and the grades for each (see page 2). 'Table Notes' follow the data.

Indicators are reviewed for gains or losses compared to the previous year to assess the improvement or decline in relation to ATEH's "ending homelessness" targets that has occurred. In assigning the four grades, all of the indicators within each area are considered in relation to the annual targets.

The other years provide a broader context about these changes and are used to create trend charts.

Indicator Table – Report Card on Ending Homelessness in Ottawa¹

8 Year Trend Data for Indicators of the Alliance to End Homeless in Ottawa

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Difference 2010 → 2011	GRADE
Affordable Housing									Affordable housing	A
Affordable housing units since 2000 (i.e., Action Ottawa & NHI; includes supportive places)	509	521	760		967	1,055	1,386	1,589	203	
Rent supplements (City of Ottawa & Canadian Mental Health Association)	3,000	3,085	3,198	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,736	536	
Total	3,509	3,606	3,958	4,033	4,167	4,255	4,586	5,325	739	
Total stock (Comprised of 22,400 social housing units & rent supplements prior 1995, and stock and rent supplements added since 2000)	25,909	26,006	26,358	26,433	26,567	26,655	26,986	27,725	739	
Waiting Lists										
Households on social housing waiting list	10,500	9,914	10,055	9,370	9,692	10,235	10,502	9,977	-525	
Supportive housing waiting list	2,000	2,214	2,630	2,000	2,660	19,542	n/a	n/a		
Housing Market Indicators										
Rental vacancy rate	3.90%	3.30%	2.30%	2.30%	1.40%	1.50%	1.60%	1.40%		
Average rent for a bachelor apartment	623	\$628	\$633	\$643	\$671	\$688	\$715	\$727	1.68%	
Affordability (Income for Rent)									Income	F
Ontario Works for a single person	\$520	\$536	\$548	\$560	\$572	\$585	\$592	\$599	121% ³	
ODSP Assistance for a Single Person	\$930	\$959	\$979	\$999	\$1,020	\$1,042	\$1,053	\$1,064	68%	
Monthly average Ontario Works cases	17,879	17,552	16,541	15,296	14,329	14,818	15,563	16,138	745	
Minimum Wage	\$7.15	\$7.45	\$7.75	\$8.00	\$8.75	\$9.50	\$10.25	\$10.25	44% ³	
Increase in Consumer Price Index	1.80%	2.30%	1.10%	2.00%	1.70%	1.20%	3.50%	1.90%	N/A	
Emergency Shelter Use									People	D+
Number of Individuals	6,632	6,833	6,729	6,697	7,125	7,028	7,049	7,299	250	
# of Single men	3,331	3,372	3,443	3,444	3,557	3,361	3,284	3,223	-61	
# of Single women	962	998	1,142	1,051	1,017	1,001	1,010	1,087	77	
# of Youth	375	399	446	449	414	387	441	401	-40	
# of Families	639	675	622	636	766	785	807	841	34	
Family Members	1965	2064	1698	1753	2137	2,279	2,314	2,588	274	
Dependents under 18 in these families					1,276	1,380	1,382	1,499	117	
Length of Shelter Stay									Days	F
Average length of stay in days	49	47	43	51	53	60	63	67	4	
Single men stay	58	56	56	56	56	60	60	60	0	
Single women stay	40	41	36	42	44	50	52	55	3	
Youth stay	21	16	15	27	35	40	36	37	1	
Families stay	50	40	35	46	53	65	72	82	10	
Times shelter beds were used	320,311	306,789	320,213	339,205	380,793	423,400	444,476	491,808	47,332	

2011 NOTES FOLLOW –

Note 1 For the homelessness indicator (emergency shelter use, length of stay), the City of Ottawa has made further improvements in its centralized, fully electronic data system *resulting in a better ability to identify unique individuals*. In this table, we have adjusted numbers for the previous 2004-2007 report card data on homelessness indicators by weighting data based on a comparison of previous report card data and new data provided by City for 2008 to 2011.

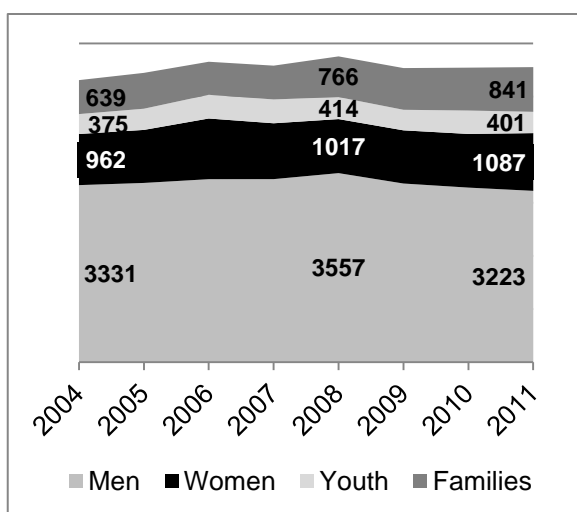
Note 2 Supportive Housing Waiting List: The Supportive Housing Network agencies are in the process of transferring their waiting lists to the Social Housing Registry.

Note 3 This is the percent of monthly income needed to cover 2011 average rent of \$727 for bachelor apartments in Ottawa. The 2010 average bachelor rent was \$715.

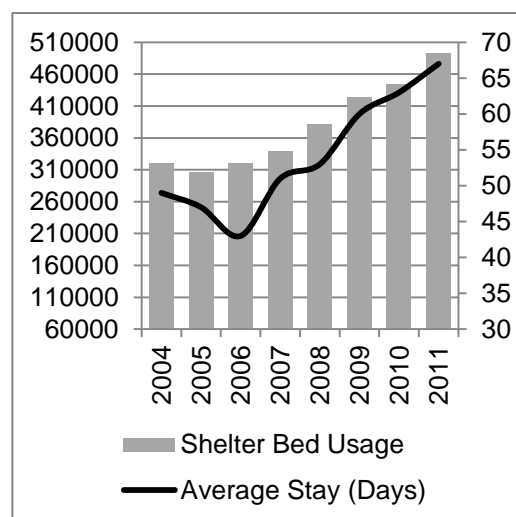
Report Card Trend Charts, 2004-2011

Shelter Usage by Subgroup Type Ottawa 2004-2011

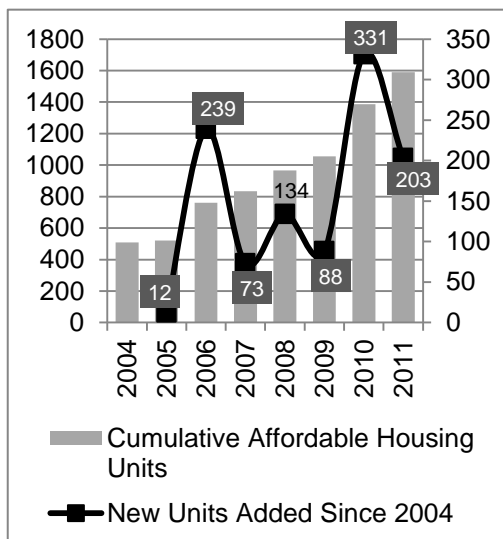
(Numbers within the graph are the 2004, the 2008 and the 2011 totals for each group; excludes "adults in families" as that data was not available for all of the years)



Number of Times Shelter Beds For Homeless Individuals and Family members are Used and Average Stay (Days), Ottawa, 2004-2011



1589 New Affordable Housing Units Added, Ottawa 2004-2011



Affordability / Income (Ontario Works, ODSP, Min. Wage) vs. Rent, Ottawa, 2004-2011

