

## Understanding Metro Vancouver's Shelter System

1. Year-round Shelter Beds	
<b>Description</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide temporary accommodation for people with no fixed address.</li> <li>• Provide support services such as food, clothing, counselling and referrals to other services and longer term housing.</li> </ul>
<b>Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BC Housing</li> <li>• Homelessness Partnering Strategy in partnership with the Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness (RSCH) and Aboriginal Homelessness Steering Committee (AHSC).</li> <li>• Others (private funders).</li> </ul>
<b>Regional Bed Count</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 1,360 year-round shelter beds in Metro Vancouver, including 340 temporary spaces in Vancouver (extended to March 2010).</li> </ul>
2. Cold/Wet Weather Shelter Beds (Seasonal)	
<b>Description</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operated on a seasonal basis, typically from November through March.</li> <li>• Support services are typically on a more limited basis than in year-round services.</li> </ul>
<b>Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homelessness Partnering Strategy in partnership with the RSCH and AHSC.</li> <li>• Private funders.</li> </ul>
<b>Regional Bed Count</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 270 CWW shelter spaces provided in Metro Vancouver – including 55 spaces outside the City of Vancouver.</li> </ul>
3. Extreme Weather Response Shelter Spaces	
<b>Description</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides extra overnight shelter spaces for people with no fixed address during periods of extreme weather.</li> <li>• Heavily dependent on volunteers with limited support services provided.</li> <li>• A crisis response to extreme weather occurrences, to augment ongoing shelter programs.</li> </ul>
<b>Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BC Housing</li> <li>• Homelessness Partnering Strategy in partnership with the RSCH and AHSC.</li> <li>• Others (non-profits, private funders).</li> </ul>
<b>Regional Bed Count</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 600 additional shelter spaces.</li> <li>• 8 Extreme Weather Response plans are in place covering 13 municipalities.</li> </ul>

Shelter Spaces by Community (Jan. 2010)*	
<b>Vancouver</b>	Year-round 1,074 CWW 217 Total <b>1,291</b>
<b>Surrey</b>	Year-round 117 CWW 0 Total <b>117</b>
<b>Maple Ridge</b>	Year-round 30 CWW 25 Total <b>55</b>
<b>North Shore</b>	Year-round 49 CWW 0 Total <b>49</b>
<b>New Westminister</b>	Year-round 53 CWW 0 Total <b>53</b>
<b>Tri-Cities</b>	Year-round 0 CWW 30 Total <b>30</b>
<b>Langley</b>	Year-round 30 CWW 0 Total <b>30</b>
<b>Richmond</b>	Year-round 10 CWW 0 Total <b>10</b>
<b>Regional Total</b>	Year-round <b>1,363</b> CWW <b>272</b> Total <b>1,635</b>

\* Excludes transition houses.



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