

Understanding Metro Vancouver's Shelter System

1. Year-round Shelter Beds	
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide temporary accommodation for people with no fixed address. • Provide support services such as food, clothing, counselling and referrals to other services and longer term housing.
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Housing • Homelessness Partnering Strategy in partnership with the Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness (RSCH) and Aboriginal Homelessness Steering Committee (AHSC). • Others (private funders).
Regional Bed Count	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 1,360 year-round shelter beds in Metro Vancouver, including 340 temporary spaces in Vancouver (extended to March 2010).
2. Cold/Wet Weather Shelter Beds (Seasonal)	
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operated on a seasonal basis, typically from November through March. • Support services are typically on a more limited basis than in year-round services.
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homelessness Partnering Strategy in partnership with the RSCH and AHSC. • Private funders.
Regional Bed Count	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 250 CWW shelter spaces provided in Metro Vancouver – including 55 spaces outside the City of Vancouver.
3. Extreme Weather Response Shelter Spaces	
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides extra overnight shelter spaces for people with no fixed address during periods of extreme weather. • Heavily dependent on volunteers with limited support services provided. • A crisis response to extreme weather occurrences, to augment ongoing shelter programs.
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Housing • Homelessness Partnering Strategy in partnership with the RSCH and AHSC. • Others (non-profits, private funders).
Regional Bed Count	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 600 additional shelter spaces. • 8 Extreme Weather Response plans are in place covering 13 municipalities.

Shelter Spaces by Community (Jan. 2010)*	
Vancouver	Year-round 1,074 CWW 217 Total 1,291
Surrey	Year-round 117 CWW 0 Total 117
Maple Ridge	Year-round 30 CWW 25 Total 55
North Shore	Year-round 49 CWW 0 Total 49
New Westminister	Year-round 53 CWW 0 Total 53
Tri-Cities	Year-round 0 CWW 30 Total 30
Langley	Year-round 0 CWW 30 Total 30
Richmond	Year-round 10 CWW 0 Total 10
Regional Total	Year-round 1,363 CWW 252 Total 1,635

* Excludes transition houses.



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