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Table V-4-a: Number of Beds in Homeless Shelters in Vital Signs Communities on June 1st, 2007 and 2008

	2007				2008				Per cent change in total number of beds, 2007-2008
	Emergency	Transitional	Emergency and Transitional	Total number	Emergency	Transitional	Emergency and Transitional	Total number	
Saint John	75	44	0	119	75	44	0	119	0.0
Fredericton	104	24	0	128	104	24	0	128	0.0
Montreal	1,581	916	368	2,865	1,592	1,110	392	3,094	8.0
Ottawa*	632	41	0	673	636	64	0	700	4.0
Toronto*	3,744	698	0	4,442	3,402	686	0	4,088	-8.0
Sudbury	59	7	0	66	235	0	0	235	256.1
Kitchener (Waterloo Region)	243	40	0	283	388	55	0	443	56.5
Guelph (Wellington Guelph)	108	14	0	122	108	14	0	122	0.0
London	485	0	0	485	425	92	0	517	6.6
Oakville**	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	52	0	0	52	n.a.
Saskatoon	120	111	0	231	142	236	81	459	98.7
Calgary	2,004	1,140	0	3,144	1,724	1,304	0	3,028	-3.7
Medicine Hat	66	9	0	75	66	9	0	75	0.0
Red Deer*	83	0	0	83	93	43	0	136	63.9
Lethbridge	112	13	0	125	112	13	0	125	0.0
Vancouver*	1,162	640	0	1,802	1,050	776	0	1,826	1.3
Victoria	167	40	0	207	212	122	0	334	61.4

Note: These data represents year-round shelters and beds. It does not include overflow or seasonal shelters and beds. For this reason, these numbers are an under-representation of the shelter capacity in each of the designated communities. They include Violence Against Women shelters. They are included in both the emergency and transitional shelter statistics, depending on the services and accommodations provided. "Emergency Shelter" is defined as: a facility providing temporary and short-term accommodation for homeless individuals and/or families, and which include essential services such as food, clothing and counselling. "Transitional Shelter" is defined as: a facility that provides services beyond basic needs and, while not permanent, generally provides a longer length of stay than emergency housing facilities. Transitional shelters include the provision of structure, support, and skill-building to move from homelessness to housing stability. "Emergency and Transitional Shelter" is defined as: a facility that provides accommodations for both emergency and transitional purposes. These types of shelters do not make a distinction between which beds in their facility are for emergency use, and which are for transitional use.

Note 2: Year-over-year changes may reflect increases in the number of shelters participating in the Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) Initiative.

Note 3: Data refer to municipalities, not CMAs. Kitchener is included in the Waterloo Region and Guelph is included in Wellington-Guelph.

Source: Shelter Capacity Statistics 2007 and 2008 Annual Report

http://www.hifis.ca/resources/hifis/ShelterCapacityStatistics-June2007_EN.pdf

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The data is current as of June 1, 2008.

* For 2008, the number of emergency beds does not include all shelters for the following cities: four emergency shelters are missing for Vancouver (out of 43), two in Toronto (out of 55), one in Red Deer (out of 6) and one in Ottawa (out of 18).

** Data for Oakville as of April 21, 2008 from Homeless Individuals and Families Information System. Special Request.