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Table V-4-b: Number of 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	4	2	0	6	4	2	0	6	0.0
Fredericton	4	2	0	6	4	2	0	6	0.0
Montreal	60	4	26	90	62	27	5	94	4.4
Ottawa	17	3	0	20	18	5	0	23	15.0
Toronto	56	21	0	77	55	20	0	75	-2.6
Sudbury	3	1	0	4	5	0	0	5	25.0
Kitchener (Waterloo Region)	9	4	0	13	13	4	0	17	30.8
Guelph (Wellington Guelph)	8	2	0	10	8	2	0	10	0.0
London	8	0	0	8	9	1	0	10	25.0
Oakville	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Saskatoon	7	7	0	14	9	17	1	27	92.9
Calgary	15	34	0	49	15	36	0	51	4.1
Medicine Hat	3	1	0	4	3	1	0	4	0.0
Red Deer	4	0	0	4	6	2	0	8	100.0
Lethbridge	3	1	0	4	3	1	0	4	0.0
Vancouver	36	28	0	64	43	31	0	74	15.6
Victoria	5	3	0	8	6	5	0	11	37.5

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 may 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 CMAAs. 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.