Bethel Winter House 2020-2021 Summary Data Report

**2020-2021 Season:** September 21, 2020-June 30, 2021; 283 nights

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<td>Number of Nights in Season</td>
<td>121</td>
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<td>196</td>
<td>283</td>
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<td>Total Number of Guests</td>
<td>157</td>
<td>216</td>
<td>277</td>
<td>291</td>
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<td>Overnights only</td>
<td>Not tracked</td>
<td>181</td>
<td>193</td>
<td>264</td>
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<td>Meal-only guests</td>
<td>Not tracked</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>84</td>
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<td>Highest census night</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>39</td>
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<td>Lowest census night</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>9</td>
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<td>Number of nights with 20+ guests</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>137</td>
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**2020-2021 Season Services**

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<th>Guest Count</th>
<th>Service Count</th>
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<td>Total Shelter Nights</td>
<td>264</td>
<td>5,415</td>
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<td>Total Meals (including dinner-only and dinners for overnight guests)</td>
<td>291</td>
<td>6,378</td>
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<td>Dinner-only (not including overnight dinners)</td>
<td>144</td>
<td>963</td>
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**Average Census per Month**

- **Average of Total Nightly Census**
- **Average of Overnight Census**
- **Average of Dinner-Only Census**

**Entry Dates**

- First Shelter Stay of Season
- First Meal-Only Service of Season

Just over half of all overnight guests’ first shelter stay for this season was between September and December. While the number of first stays decreased after November, it did not do so linearly, nor did it ever go below 13 per month. There were still guests who had their first shelter stay of the season every month of the season.

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**New vs. Returning Guests**
- Was a guest in 2019-2020: 42%
- Was not a guest in 2019-2020: 58%

**Average age:**
- Range: 15-80
- Most common age ranges:
  - 25-34 (29%)
  - 35-44 (26%)

**Gender**
- Female: 30%
- Male: 70%
- Other genders (0%) for 87% of guests

**Veteran status**
- Known for 83% of guests.
- Of those, 13% are veterans.
- 7 Veterans (not Guard)
- 24 Guests: both Veteran and Guard
- 1 Guard (but not Veteran)

**Sexual Orientation**
- Bisexual: 2%
- Gay (0.4%)
- Heterosexual: 92%
- Lesbian (0.4%)
- Other (not specified): 4%
- Other (none): 0.4%
- Doesn’t know: 0.4%

**Race**
- American Indian or Alaska Native: 94%
- American Indian or Alaska Native and Hispanic/Latínx (0.4%)
- American Indian or Alaska Native and White: 5%
- White: 1%

**Disabling Conditions among Guests who Responded**
- Alcohol Misuse: 43%
- Developmental: 24%
- Physical*: 23%
- Chronic Health Condition: 13%
- Drug Misuse: 12%
- Mental Health Condition: 11%
- None: 29%

*Physical includes 27 guests with traumatic brain injuries

**Disabling conditions status**
- Known for 82% of guests.

**Of those guests with known status, 71% have at least 1 disabling condition.**

**Of the people with disabling conditions, 48% have more than one condition.**

**Number of Overnights per Guest**
- Average overnights per guest: 21
- Range: 1-240 nights
- Median: 4 nights
- Mode: 1 night

**Domestic violence victimization rates and foster care experience**
- Of those guests who shared their experiences:
  - 27% are domestic violence survivors
  - 19% experienced foster care
The **HUD definition of homeless** is generally on the streets (i.e. places not meant for habitation, such as abandoned buildings, outside, and vehicles) or in emergency shelter.

84% of overnight guests provided responses for how many months they experienced HUD-defined homelessness (on the streets or in shelters) in the past 3 years.

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<th>Number of Months Overnight Guests Experienced HUD-defined Homelessness in Past 3 Years</th>
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<td>One month or less</td>
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<td>2-12 months</td>
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<td>More than 12 months</td>
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**At least 93% of all Winter House guests have experienced homelessness at some point in the last 3 years:** 100% of overnight guests and at least 30% of meal-only guests.

Separate **episodes of homelessness** are counted between **breaks** in HUD-defined homelessness:

- at least 7 days with family/friends or in their own place; or
- at least 90 days in an institution like hospital, prison, or treatment center.

### Overnight Guests: Episode of Homelessness at Entry

| Less than one night | 67% |
| Two to six nights | 4% |
| One month or more, but less than 90 days | 8% |
| One year or more | 2% |

Less than 1 night means their episode of homelessness began the night they first stayed overnight at Winter House.

**Average:** 95 days

**Range:** less than one night to 22 years

**Median and Mode:** less than one night

In Bethel, we are also interested in how long they have been staying temporarily with friends/family to understand overcrowding and “couch surfing” in our community. We are therefore using a broader understanding of **housing instability**, which would include these situations and may be longer than an episode of homelessness. A date of last stable housing was collected for 221 overnight guests at their first visit to Winter House this season.

### Overnight Guests: Housing Instability at Entry (including temporary but extended stays with friends, family, and/or institutions)

| Less than one night | 12% |
| Two to six nights | 9% |
| One month or more, but less than 90 days | 21% |
| One year or more | 9% |
| One night | 8% |
| One week or more, but less than one month | 14% |
| 90 days or more, but less than one year | 27% |

Of the guests who reported having housing instability for more than a year, 83% reported having a disabling condition.

**Average:** 1.3 years

**Range:** less than one night to 39.75 years

**Median:** 30 days  • **Mode:** less than one night
Among the guests seeking a permanent place to live, they were then asked whether they would prefer to live in Bethel, a Yukon Kuskokwim delta village, and/or Anchorage.

**Type of Assistance Wanted**

- A permanent place to live (in Bethel or somewhere else)
- Only relocation assistance (already has a place to live somewhere other than Bethel)
- Client Doesn’t Know
- Client Refused
- None: already owns or rents a place in Bethel (0.3%)  

76% of guests provided responses to the type of assistance they wanted.

**Estimated Costs**

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<td>Overnights (264 people, 5,415 overnights)</td>
<td>$40</td>
<td>$216,600</td>
<td>$820</td>
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<td>Breakfast after overnight stay (264 people, 5,415 breakfasts)</td>
<td>$3</td>
<td>$16,245</td>
<td>$62</td>
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<td>Dinners (291 people, 6,378 dinners, including during overnights)</td>
<td>$9</td>
<td>$57,402</td>
<td>$197</td>
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<td><strong>Total (291 people, 17,208 overnights and meals)</strong></td>
<td><strong>$59</strong></td>
<td><strong>$290,247</strong></td>
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People mostly want to live in Bethel:

- **83%** want to **only live in Bethel**
- **91%** willing to live in Bethel and/or somewhere else
- **8%** did not want to live in Bethel at all

Only 1 person (1%) who answered was not willing to live in at least one of the 3 areas (preferred other Alaska community). 1 person did not answer (1%).