



HOUSING MATTERS BC

Housing Investments: Metro Vancouver

Across Metro Vancouver, the province invests \$240 million annually in provincial housing programs helping more than 56,300 households with subsidized housing and rent supplements.

- The number of people living unsheltered, on the street in Metro Vancouver has declined by 52 per cent since 2008. In Vancouver, street homelessness has declined from 815 people in 2008, to 145 in the 2011 homeless count— an 82-per-cent reduction.
- Since 2008, more than 4,100 homeless people have been connected to permanent housing in Metro Vancouver by provincially funded-outreach programs.
- Approximately 3,540 new supportive housing units have been created in Metro Vancouver since 2008. This includes 25 Single Room Occupancy Hotels in Vancouver and New Westminster as well as new supportive housing being built in partnership with local governments:
 - Vancouver – more than 1,500 apartments at 14 sites
 - Abbotsford – up to 70 apartments at 2 sites
 - Maple Ridge – 46 apartments on 1 site
 - Surrey – up to 128 apartments at 2 sites

Emergency Shelters and Homeless Outreach

- Shelters play an important role - meeting short-term needs of vulnerable individuals. In Metro Vancouver there are 912 permanent year-round shelter spaces open on a 24/7 basis, supported by around \$30 million in provincial funding.
- Up to 683 Extreme Weather shelter spaces are available in the winter when the community issues a weather alert.
- The province also funds 340 temporary year-round HEAT shelters in Vancouver. As new supportive housing units open residents in these temporary shelters will transition to the new housing.