

July 1, 2024

The Honorable Michael J. Rodrigues
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 212
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Aaron Michlewitz
Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 243
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairs Rodrigues and Michlewitz:

Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024, we are transmitting to you this bi-weekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program.

Sincerely,

Secretary Matthew J. Gorzkowicz,
Executive Office for Administration
and Finance

Secretary Edward Augustus,
Executive Office for Housing and
Livable Communities

MEMORANDUM

TO: House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means
FR: Executive Office for Administration and Finance, Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities
DT: July 1, 2024
RE: Bi-weekly EA report

Background/Narrative

The table below includes key datapoints outlined in Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024. The data is updated as of June 27, 2024. The Administration continues to pursue key activities related to these datapoints below.

Caseload

Datapoint	Value as of 06/27/24	Notes
Total families in EA who entered as migrants, refugees, or asylum seekers	3,815	Estimate based on family head of household citizenship status and primary language spoken.
Total families currently in shelters, hotels or motels, by municipality	See Appendix A	Families are supported across traditional EA shelters and hotels/motels.
Number of families applying for shelter in the previous 14 days	482	Not all families that apply for shelter are eligible.
Number of families in overflow	417	
Number of exits from EA in the previous 14 days (families)	125	
Average length of stay in the EA program	351 days	Based on families active in EA shelters/hotels on 6/27/2024
Number of new student enrollments associated with the EA program	15	Data includes newly enrolled students in K-12 districts from hotel EA sites and overflow shelter sites between June 13, 2024 and June 25, 2024. Future reports will include new enrollment for previous two weeks. There may be a lag in data reporting to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education from school districts.
Number of families certified pursuant to G.L. Chapter 23B Section 30 paragraph G	N/A	Reporting will begin when 60-day rehousing assessment policy is implemented

Number of families not certified pursuant to G.L. Chapter 23B Section 30 paragraph G	N/A	Reporting will begin when 60-day rehousing plan compliance policy is implemented
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Waitlist

Datapoint	Value as of 06/27/24	Notes
Number of families on the EA waitlist	699	
Number of families on the waitlist who have been placed in the last 14 days	200	
Services provided to families on the EA waitlist		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shelter diversion services, including HomeBASE - Family Welcome Center services, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Basic needs provisions, including but not limited to diapers, wipes, hygiene products, baby formula, and meals ○ Employment authorization legal assistance ○ Public benefits enrollment ○ Vaccinations and health screenings ○ Referrals to other services such as ESOL courses, legal assistance, mental health services, health care services - Overflow and safety net shelter and services including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Temporary shelter ○ Case management and wraparound services ○ ESOL courses ○ Legal assistance for work authorization applications ○ Diversion services, including but not limited to job training and employment assistance, housing search, and application assistance for housing programs ○ School enrollment - Clinical and Safety Risk Assessment site services for eligible families on the waitlist, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clinical supports and connections to care - Case management services

Work Authorizations

- Work Authorization Clinics:** In partnership with the Department of Homeland Security and multiple Massachusetts state agencies, the Administration successfully ran two weeks of work authorization clinics for migrants staying in emergency family shelter (November 13-17 and November 27-30). In total, the work authorization clinics supported 2,910 individuals, completed 1,951 biometrics with USCIS, vaccinated 1,031 adults and children, and facilitated 734 visits to MassHire stations.

Datapoint	Value as of 06/27/24	Notes
Total number of individuals in EA who entered as migrants, refugees, or asylum seekers who have work authorizations	2,713	<p>Adults who entered as migrants, refugees, or asylum seekers in EA shelter system who have self-reported that they have confirmed work authorization plus the number of approved work authorizations resulting from the work authorization clinic as reported by USCIS. This excludes (1) US citizens, green card holders, and other categories of individuals who have not recently migrated but are eligible to work; and (2) those who entered as migrants, refugees, or asylum seekers who have applied for work authorization but who have not reported confirmation of approved work authorization.</p> <p>While this number is unchanged from the last biweekly report, the Administration continues to partner with the Department of Homeland Security to verify additional work authorizations granted via the November work authorization clinic.</p>
Total number of individuals in EA who entered as migrants, refugees, or asylum seekers who have filed for work authorizations	3,794	In addition to the approved work authorization efforts, the Administration is working with local legal services providers to file additional work authorization applications for migrants staying in emergency shelter.

Fiscal

Datapoint	Value as of 06/27/24	Notes
Total amount expended on the emergency housing assistance program in FY24	\$715 M	Spending to date includes shelter & associated services, National Guard activation, Clinical and Safety Risk Assessment Sites, Temporary Emergency Shelters, Family Welcome Centers, municipal payments, and overflow spending.

		Because the Commonwealth typically pays service providers and vendors monthly, spending to date is largely reflective of costs through mid-March; March invoices are currently being received and processed.
Total amount expended on supplemental school district costs, by district	See Appendix B	FY23 and FY24 school district per-pupil emergency aid payments detailed in Appendix B.
Total amount expended on municipal supports, by municipality	\$25.9 M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$24.2 M spent on FY24 school district per-pupil emergency aid payments detailed in Appendix B; • \$1.7 M spent on Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4 municipal room occupancy tax reimbursements.
Total amount spent for any other purpose from 1599-0514 and 1599-1213	\$271.6 M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$210.6 M spent to pay shelter providers • \$24.2 M for emergency per-pupil student aid • \$21.7 M spent to pay service providers at Clinical and Safety Risk Assessment and overflow sites • \$8.7 M spent for National Guard payroll; • \$2.7 M for additional educational supports for homeless student transportation and multi-lingual faculty • \$1.7 M for municipal reimbursements • \$1.1 M spent for life safety improvements to overflow shelters • \$381 K for vaccine record reviews • \$359 K spent for Regional Response Team Leads • \$138 K for Neighborhood Villages Pilot Program • \$28 K spent for nursing staff supporting overflow sites • \$9 K spent for Immigrant Family Services Institute <p><i>Note:</i> Figure is inclusive of municipal payments reported above.</p>
Projected FY24 deficiency	\$0	The recently signed supplemental budget will address all spending needs for the remainder of FY24, which includes shelter & associated services, staffing, Clinical and Safety Risk Assessment Sites, Family Welcome Centers, school district reimbursements, immigration and refugee health, community, and workforce supports, and municipal support.

Projected FY25 costs through the end of FY25	\$915 M	While \$915 M represents projected FY25 costs, when one subtracts assumed FY25 resources consistent with the FY25 House and SWM budgets and recently signed supp, the gap between projected FY25 costs and assumed resources is \$415 M. Estimate includes shelter & associated services, staffing, Clinical and Safety Risk Assessment Sites, Family Welcome Centers, school district reimbursements, immigration and refugee health, community, and workforce supports, and municipal support.
Current funded capacity of the EA program	7,500	Sufficient funding exists to support a capacity of 7,500 through the end of FY24.
Expenditures from TEF consistent with Section 25 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024 in the previous 14 days, delineated by purpose	\$0	No transfer from TEF to 1599-0514 in accordance with Section 25 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024 has yet occurred. We have been in conversations on some potential clarifications to ensure timely transfers when they are needed.
Total expenditures from TEF consistent with Section 25 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024 since July 1, 2024, delineated by purpose	\$0	Not applicable at this time.
Efforts by A&F to maximize federal support and reimbursement for funds spent on EA	<p>A&F and other executive branch agencies continue to aggressively pursue federal support for the EA program. So far, the following have been secured:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of revised 1115 waiver, which may bring additional reimbursements on HHS-related EA program costs directly to the General Fund • \$1.8 M portion of joint City of Boston-Commonwealth of Massachusetts award within FEMA Shelter and Services Program (SSP-A) in 2023 • \$7 M award for additional FEMA SSP-A grant via the first 2024 funding round <p>HLC, in collaboration with A&F and EHS, submitted a \$34.5 M application for FEMA's SSP-C grant on June 12, 2024.</p>	

Appendix A: Total Families Currently in Shelters, Hotels or Motels by Municipality

Town	Total Families
Acton	28
Amherst	6

Andover	17
Attleboro	14
Auburn	86
Ayer	49
Barnstable	33
Beverly	26
Boston	1,310
Bourne	47
Braintree	3
Bridgewater	4
Brockton	173
Brookline	33
Burlington	35
Cambridge	32
Chelmsford	3
Chelsea	31
Chicopee	126
Concord	95
Danvers	176
Dedham	166
Devens	11
Everett	102
Fall River	94
Falmouth	9
Fitchburg	9
Foxborough	88
Framingham	190
Franklin	90
Gardner	37
Gloucester	7
Great Barrington	14
Greenfield	58
Hanson	1
Haverhill	75
Holyoke	174
Hudson	49
Kingston	97
Lawrence	57
Leicester	40
Lexington	26
Lowell	381
Ludlow	1
Lynn	285
Malden	64

Marlborough	156
Marshfield	21
Medford	43
Medway	12
Melrose	1
Methuen	76
Middleborough	53
Milford	79
Milton	2
New Bedford	30
North Attleboro	1
Northampton	20
Northborough	13
Norton	24
Norwell	14
Norwood	87
Peabody	244
Pittsfield	16
Plainville	52
Plymouth	34
Raynham	84
Revere	26
Rockland	56
Salem	88
Saugus	73
Sharon	72
Shrewsbury	80
South Hadley	7
Southbridge	1
Springfield	287
Stoneham	1
Stoughton	233
Taunton	189
Tewksbury	29
Wakefield	2
Waltham	53
Watertown	41
West Springfield	99
Westborough	78
Westminster	30
Weymouth	7
Woburn	131
Worcester	366
Total	7,463

Appendix B: Amount Expended on Supplemental School District Costs by District

District	<i>FY23 – First Tranche</i>		<i>FY23 – Second Tranche</i>		<i>FY24 – First Tranche</i>		<i>FY24 – Second Tranche</i>		Total to Date
	Amount (Oct. 1, 2022 – Mar. 1, 2023)	Date	Amount (Mar 2, 2023 – end of school year)	Date	Amount (Sept. 1, 2023 – Nov. 30, 2023)	Date	Amount (Dec. 1, 2023 – Feb. 29, 2024)	Date	
Acton-Boxborough							\$49,193	5/16/2024	\$49,193
Andover					\$16,048	1/29/2024	\$72,374	5/16/2024	\$88,422
Arlington							\$114,645	5/16/2024	\$114,645
Ashburnham- Westminster					\$61,570	1/29/2024	\$81,395	5/16/2024	\$142,965
Auburn					\$121,568	1/29/2024	\$152,478	5/16/2024	\$274,046
Ayer Shirley School District					\$61,570	1/29/2024	\$92,408	5/16/2024	\$153,978
Bedford					\$284,252	1/29/2024	\$260,547	5/16/2024	\$544,799
Billerica					\$94,611	1/29/2024	\$114,993	5/16/2024	\$209,604
Boston							\$633,944	5/16/2024	\$633,944
Bourne					\$221,737	1/29/2024	\$214,710	5/16/2024	\$436,447
Braintree					\$40,488	1/29/2024	\$47,934	5/16/2024	\$88,422
Bridgewater-Raynham							\$223,557	5/16/2024	\$223,557

Burlington			\$44,200	8/30/2023	\$142,021	1/29/2024	\$147,895	5/16/2024	\$334,116
Cambridge			\$11,648	8/30/2023			\$180,281	5/16/2024	\$191,929
Chelsea							\$154,713	5/16/2024	\$154,713
Chicopee			\$52,416	8/30/2023	\$101,009	1/29/2024	\$394,177	5/16/2024	\$547,602
Concord			\$39,832	8/30/2023	\$148,944	1/29/2024	\$139,713	5/16/2024	\$328,489
Concord-Carlisle			\$13,312	8/30/2023			\$46,991	5/16/2024	\$60,303
Danvers					\$251,946	1/29/2024	\$517,057	5/16/2024	\$769,003
Dartmouth					\$62,514	1/29/2024	\$72,060	5/16/2024	\$134,574
Dedham			\$5,824	8/30/2023	\$477,354	1/29/2024	\$280,791	5/16/2024	\$763,969
Dennis-Yarmouth					\$112,652	1/29/2024	\$177,474	5/16/2024	\$290,126
Everett							\$595,461	5/16/2024	\$595,461
Fairhaven					\$30,418	1/29/2024	\$44,473	5/16/2024	\$74,891
Foxborough					\$214,710	1/29/2024	\$275,231	5/16/2024	\$489,941
Framingham					\$231,387	1/29/2024	\$269,079	5/16/2024	\$500,466
Franklin					\$198,557	1/29/2024	\$385,575	5/16/2024	\$584,132
Gardner					\$163,628	1/29/2024	\$145,482	5/16/2024	\$309,110
Greenfield			\$18,200	8/30/2023	\$68,598	1/29/2024	\$205,060	5/16/2024	\$291,858
Hadley					\$22,237	1/29/2024	\$47,725	5/16/2024	\$69,962
Holyoke					\$75,626				\$75,626
Hudson					\$83,283	1/29/2024	\$115,798	5/16/2024	\$199,081
King Philip					\$64,717	1/29/2024	\$90,835	5/16/2024	\$155,552
Kingston	\$87,984	6/22/2023	\$130,416	8/30/2023	\$101,848	1/29/2024	\$248,170	5/16/2024	\$568,418
Leicester					\$81,604	1/29/2024	\$87,479	5/16/2024	\$169,083
Lexington					\$24,964	1/29/2024	\$81,919	5/16/2024	\$106,883
Lowell							\$147,273	5/16/2024	\$147,273

Malden					\$420	1/29/2024	\$104,155	5/16/2024	\$104,575
Mansfield					\$48,249	1/29/2024	\$54,630	5/16/2024	\$102,879
Marlborough	\$38,064	6/22/2023	\$104,832	8/30/2023	\$423,756	1/29/2024	\$684,532	5/16/2024	\$1,251,184
Methuen	\$237,952	6/22/2023	\$376,480	8/30/2023	\$277,959	1/29/2024	\$454,803	5/16/2024	\$1,347,194
Middleborough					\$116,743	1/29/2024	\$186,599	5/16/2024	\$303,342
Milford					\$40,907	1/29/2024	\$161,321	5/16/2024	\$202,228
North Attleborough					\$113,806	1/29/2024	\$185,840	5/16/2024	\$299,646
Northboro-Southboro					\$25,488	1/29/2024	\$39,439	5/16/2024	\$64,927
Northborough					\$46,152	1/29/2024	\$72,920	5/16/2024	\$119,072
Norton					\$3,147	1/29/2024	\$35,453	5/16/2024	\$38,600
Norwood			\$3,432	8/30/2023	\$12,692	1/29/2024	\$141,407	5/16/2024	\$157,531
Oxford	\$21,320	6/22/2023	\$50,232	8/30/2023					\$71,552
Peabody			\$43,472	8/30/2023	\$183,348	1/29/2024	\$542,334	5/16/2024	\$769,154
Pittsfield					\$8,916	1/29/2024	\$38,494	5/16/2024	\$47,410
Plainville					\$111,183	1/29/2024	\$124,924	5/16/2024	\$236,107
Plymouth	\$93,496	6/22/2023	\$123,864	8/30/2023	\$135,728	1/29/2024	\$202,081	5/16/2024	\$555,169
Revere			\$11,544	8/30/2023			\$339,384	5/16/2024	\$350,928
Rockland					\$36,082	1/29/2024	\$63,878	5/16/2024	\$99,960
Salem	\$52,936	7/10/2023	\$231,504	8/30/2023	\$388,303	1/29/2024	\$336,694	5/16/2024	\$1,009,437
Saugus					\$98,072	1/29/2024	\$124,400	5/16/2024	\$222,472
Seekonk					\$84,751	1/29/2024	\$34,299	5/16/2024	\$119,050
Sharon					\$6,503	1/29/2024	\$306,214	5/16/2024	\$312,717
Shrewsbury			\$102,648	8/30/2023	\$310,055	1/29/2024	\$261,805	5/16/2024	\$674,508
Silver Lake	\$27,248	6/22/2023	\$64,584	8/30/2023	\$77,409	1/29/2024	\$66,500	5/16/2024	\$235,741
Somerset					\$43,949	1/29/2024	\$111,813	5/16/2024	\$155,762

Somerset Berkley Regional School District					\$5,245	1/29/2024	\$34,928	5/16/2024	\$40,173
Stoughton					\$43,949	1/29/2024	\$715,970	5/16/2024	\$759,919
Sturbridge					\$302,398	1/29/2024	\$61,361	5/16/2024	\$363,759
Sutton					\$90,625	1/29/2024	\$79,297	5/16/2024	\$169,922
Swansea					\$59,158	1/29/2024	\$79,507	5/16/2024	\$138,665
Tantasqua					\$37,865	1/29/2024	\$19,720	5/16/2024	\$57,585
Taunton			\$61,672	8/30/2023	\$345,508	1/29/2024	\$324,949	5/16/2024	\$732,129
Waltham					\$58,214	1/29/2024	\$74,262	5/16/2024	\$132,476
Wareham					\$58,843	1/29/2024	\$106,477	5/16/2024	\$165,320
Watertown							\$152,930	5/16/2024	\$152,930
West Springfield	\$71,864	6/22/2023	\$295,360	8/30/2023	\$383,058	1/29/2024	\$785,836	5/16/2024	\$1,536,118
Westborough	\$44,928	6/22/2023	\$142,064	8/30/2023	\$194,256	1/29/2024	\$191,739	5/16/2024	\$572,987
Woburn					\$464,348	1/29/2024	\$443,475	5/16/2024	\$907,823
Worcester	\$201,240	6/21/2023	\$235,040	8/30/2023	\$586,020	1/29/2024	\$745,034	5/16/2024	\$1,767,334
Total	\$877,032		\$2,162,576		\$8,782,966		\$15,398,294		\$27,220,868