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As of today, 164 people have spent at least one night at the shelter.

November saw 80 guests, 70 males and 10 females. Of this 80, 38 were white, 29 black; 9 hispanic; 3 American Indian, and one Asian.

12 were veterans.

Most, (48 of the 80) were between 35 and 50 years old, but two were under 20, and 5 were over 60. Fourteen people were between 51 and 59.

Of the 80, 23 had some college or a college degree; 28 had a hs diploma or ged; 25 had "some" hs, only 4 had no hs.

The stated reasons for homelessness included substance abuse - 46; unemployment-36; mental illness-25; physical illness-13; and divorce or separation- 10.

28 of the 80 were deinstitutionalized from prison/ jail/ treatment centers or hospitals.

In November, 684 cots were used--averaging 23 people per night.

30 of the 80 people spent at least 8 nights in the shelter in November. 20 people spent at least 15. 11 people spent at least 20 nights.

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In December, 96 people spent at least one night at the shelter. Of these, 41 were "new" people, who had not been with us in November.

Of the 41 new people, 3 were vets and 9 were women.

19 were white, 16 black, 4 hispanic, and 2 American Indian.

Unemployment, substance abuse, mental and physical illnesses and divorce/separation continue to be the most often referred to reasons for homelessness--but 2 people, (5%) listed gambling as a cause of their homelessness.

Of the 96 December guests, 33 people spent 10 nights or more in the shelter  
 18 of them spent more than 20.

1047 cot nights were occupied, which meant that we averaged 34 people per night.

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As of the 24th of January, we saw 47 new intakes, 13 of whom are female. 5 are veterans.

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In all, with the 164 total guests, our stats are as follows:

just over 50% white  
just under 40% black  
10% hispanic and other

12% vets  
15% women.

Over 80% of our guests have ties to towns outside New London including: Manchester, Oakdale, Groton, Mystic, Ledyard, Gales Ferry, Bridgeport, Niantic, W. Hartford, Hartford, Norwich, New Haven, Meriden, Waterbury, Colchester, Derby, Lebanon, Jewett City, Griswold, Baltic, Coventry, Old Lyme, E. Lyme, Glastonbury, Willimantic, and Waterford

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