Shelter Bed Capacity in Whatcom County

2019-2020 Winter Season

- 280* Shelter Beds
- 35 Civic Field Beds
 - 20 Youth Beds
- 33 motel vouchers COB
- 14 motel vouchers WCHD
- 382 total beds for winter

- Actions taken to increase capacity
- Base Camp- 50 more beds added
- Year round funding dedicated to YWCA and Lydia Place
- City and County winter motel funds increased

2020-2021 Winter Season

330 Shelter Beds

5 new beds at YWCA

4 motel rooms for Lydia Place

39 overflow beds (CTK/LMM)

48 motel vouchers COB

96 motel vouchers WCHD

522 total beds for the winter

Swift Haven

25 additional beds

This winter season, there are over 500 shelter beds operational, of those beds 239 are low barrier beds that do not require enrolling in any programs.

During the 2019-20 winter season severe weather shelters were activated for 9 nights total.

During that time the highest capacity of shelter use of all available shelters was 212 people on 01/13/20.

The City of Bellingham spent \$50,000 on motel stays for the 2019-20 winter season and has designated \$100,000 for the 2020-21 season. WCHD increased their winter motel stay totals from \$21,300 in 2019-20 to \$200,000 in 2020-21.

*The **280 beds** is a conservative estimate of the year-round emergency shelter beds provided by DVSAS, Interfaith Coalition, LMM, NWYS, Sun Community Services, and the YWCA. These beds are available regardless of the season.