



Emergency Shelter

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Fast facts

- ▲ Each month, Hennepin provides emergency shelter for about 175 families.
- ▲ In 2007, the average length of shelter stay for a family in Hennepin was 34.7 days.
- ▲ In 2007, Hennepin spent \$6.5 million for emergency homeless sheltering. Of that amount, about \$1.3 million came from property taxes and the remainder came from federal and state sources.
- ▲ Generally, the demand for family emergency shelter is higher in summer months while the demand for individual adult emergency shelter is higher in winter months.
- ▲ Homeless families and adults without children who need emergency shelter may call 612-596-1300 or apply for assistance at 330 S. 12th St., Minneapolis.

What are Hennepin County's emergency shelters?

On any given day, Hennepin County provides shelter to hundreds of men, women and children. The Human Services and Public Health Department contracts with providers who staff and manage the shelters.

Who uses the shelters and at what cost?

Hennepin provides approximately 115 rooms for families and 170 beds for individual adults.

In 2007, Hennepin sheltered an average of 175 families each month. The two facilities that shelter families for Hennepin are People Serving People and St. Anne's, both in Minneapolis. Together, they can shelter 115 families each night.

Hennepin contracts with Salvation Army and Catholic Charities to provide emergency shelter for adults without children. Together, they provide approximately 170 beds. Overnight Secure Waiting is also available for approximately 450 adults without children.

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What services are provided at emergency shelters?

Residents who seek emergency shelter must meet with Hennepin staff, who assess need and connect residents to appropriate services. The county's goal is to help those experiencing homelessness to secure permanent housing, so referrals may include employment services, food support, assistance with housing searches and more.

Since the needs of those experiencing homelessness are varied, staff draw upon expertise and support of other agencies, such as Legal Aid, which may assist in a landlord dispute, or women's shelters, which may be more appropriate housing for women and children fleeing domestic violence.

Who can stay at a Hennepin homeless shelter?

Any Hennepin County family who seeks emergency shelter will be provided for.

Single adults without children seeking emergency shelter must meet certain eligibility criteria, such as disabled, eligible for cash assistance or being vulnerable.