

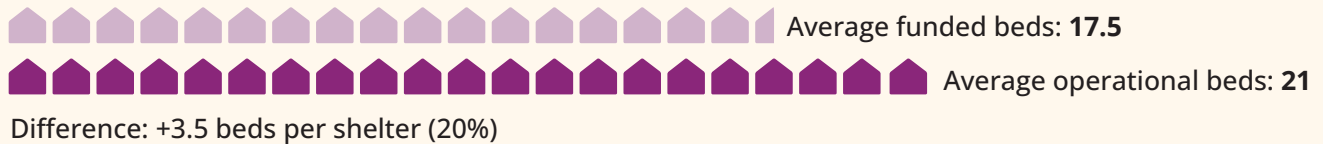


Sheltering Under Pressure:

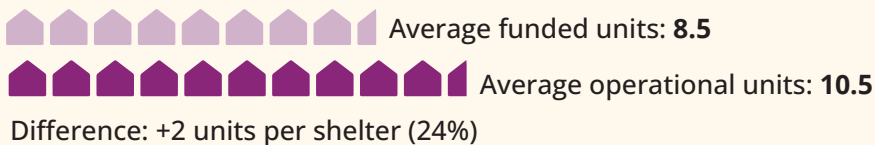
Doing More with Less in the Face of Overcapacity

Beds funded vs. Beds in use

Emergency Shelters /Transition Houses: Operating 20% above what they're funded for.



Second Stage Shelters: Operating 24% above what they're funded for.



Survivors are staying longer because there's nowhere safe to go" – Shelter staff, 2025 National Shelter Survey

80% of emergency shelters/TH extend stays beyond maximum.

65% of second stage shelters extend stays beyond maximum.

66% of shelters identify capacity issues as a major challenge.

On an average day, **hundreds** of women and children are turned away from domestic violence shelters because they are full.

Sources: CBC News analysis of Canadian domestic violence shelters, 2019; Women's National Housing & Homelessness Network

➔ What's driving this?

Canada's affordable housing crisis, rising cost of living, and a lack of safe, affordable exit options for survivors following shelter stay.

