Table 556. **Number of Emergency and Transitional Beds in Homeless Assistance Systems Nationwide: 2005**

[The data are based on a nationally representative sample of 80 jurisdictions that collect data from emergency shelters and transitional providers. The data estimate homeless persons who used emergency shelters or transitional housing from February 2 through April 30, 2005. As a compliment to the survey, a "Continuum of Care" community was derived from each jurisdiction in order to estimate the number of unsheltered homeless persons and the number of emergency shelter and transitional housing beds available on a single night in January 2005. The data do not include homeless individuals living outside a sampled jurisdiction or homeless individuals not using an emergency shelter or a transitional housing program. For more information on data collection and methodology, see Appendix B of source]

Homeless programs	Year-round units/beds [1]			Total year-round beds	Other beds	
	Family units	Family beds	Individual beds		Seasonal beds [2]	Overflow/voucher [3]
Emergency Shelters	30,593	100,730	117,217	217,947	24,923	48,622
Transitional Housing	33,580	115,225	105,140	220,365	(NA)	(NA)
Total Inventory	64,173	215,955	222,357	438,312	24,923	48,622
Permanent Supportive Housing.	32,159	84,051	124,602	208,653	(NA)	(NA)

NA Not available.   [1] Year-round beds are available for use throughout the year and are considered part of the stable inventory of beds for homeless persons.   [2] Seasonal beds are typically available during particularly high-demand seasons of the year (e.g. winter months in the North or summer months in the South) to accommodate increased need for emergency shelters to prevent illness or death due to the weather.   [3] Overflow beds are typically used during unanticipated emergencies (e.g. precipitously temperature drops or a natural disaster displaces residents). Voucher beds are made available in a hotel or motel, and often function like overflow beds.

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, *Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress* (released February 2007). See also <http://huduser.org/publications/povsoc/annual_assess.html>.