**Data Dictionary: National Service Provider List**

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| **Variable Name** | **Description** | **Values and Value Labels** |
| Shelter Type | Shelter facilities are categorized by the type of service provided to clients. | **Emergency**: Emergency shelter facilities provide temporary, short-term accommodation for homeless individuals and families. Other services, such as food, clothing or counselling, may or may not be provided.  **Transitional**: Transitional housing provides temporary shelter, but is differentiated from emergency shelters by longer lengths of stay and greater intensity of support services offered to clients. Transitional housing is an intermediate step between emergency shelter and permanent housing. |
| Province Code | Canadian provincial code. | **AB** - Alberta  **BC** – British Columbia  **MB** - Manitoba  **NB** – New Brunswick  **NL** – Newfoundland  **NS** – Nova Scotia  **NT** – Northwest Territories  **NU** - Nunavut  **ON** - Ontario  **PI** – Prince Edward Island  **QC** - Quebec  **SK** - Saskatchewan  **YT** – Yukon |
| City | Municipality or community. | Text |
| Target Clientele | Emergency shelters and transitional housing are further categorized by the clients they serve. | **General**:Provide services to adult males and/or females. Some accept youth.  **Family**:Provide services to families and adults with dependants. Some also accept single adult women without dependents.  **Youth**:Provide services to youth. Shelters have varying definitions of youth, which may include a range of ages between 12 and 29 years. |
| Gender(s) Served | General and youth shelters may or may not offer facilities for a specific gender. | **Males**: Provide services to males.  **Females**: Provide services to females.  **Both**: Provide services to both genders. |
| Shelter Name | The registered shelter name in the National Service Provider List for emergency shelters and transitional housing. | Text |
| Number of Beds | The number of permanent beds provided by each facility, which describes the shelter capacity. | Numeric |

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