

Migrant Placement – Westminster Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

The questions below have been submitted to Town officials via email, and answered by the pertinent staff members. Some questions have been modified for clarity and content.

Click here for a General Fact Sheet regarding the Emergency Assistance Program provided by State Officials.

- 1. How many migrant families and total headcount relocated to Westminster?

 The lease agreement between MOC, Inc and the State Executive Office of Housing and Livable Cities (EOHLC) is for up to 30 rooms, and up to 4 individuals per room.
- 2. What countries are the families/individuals from? *This is unknown to the Town.*
- 3. Are any "Single Males" relocated to Westminster? (if yes, what are the ages?)

 No, the Right to Shelter provision is only for pregnant women and families with children. Massachusetts is among the few states in the country with a "right to shelter" law guaranteeing emergency shelter for homeless families who meet certain eligibility requirements, subject to appropriation from the Legislature, per Section 30 of Part I, Title II, Chapter 23B of the Massachusetts General Laws.
- 4. Have all individuals relocated to Westminster had background screenings?

 Public Safety agents of the Town do not background check individuals without due cause.
- 5. Have there been any police related calls for service at the Rodeway Inn?

 As of this date (10/10/2023) there have been no police related calls for service at the Rodeway Inn.
 - Here is a link to the Westminster Police Department to submit an electronic record request: https://www.westminster-ma.gov/police-department/webforms/records-request
- 6. Is the Simplex Drive Location in Westminster the next site designated for Migrants? How many will be located there and when?
 - As of the date of this notice, it is not. The Simplex Corporate building was evaluated by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Association (MEMA) and other State Officials over a month ago.
- 7. Do the residents of the Rodeway Shelter have dogs? Are they required to register them and have vaccinations?
 - The Town has not been made aware of the status of any pets being housed at the Rodeway.