

January 2019 Snapshot of Adults in Families

Experiencing Homelessness in the Richmond Region

The following data were collected in Homeward's 21st winter (January 23, 2019) count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the Richmond region. A total of 429 adults and 68 children were counted, and 80.9% of adults completed the Homeward point-in-time survey. The statistics below represent the 8.7% of individuals who indicated that they were accompanied by children.

- 73.3% of adults are females, and 26.7% are males. Most adults in families are single, never married adults (70.0%). 30.0% are or have been in families, including those who are married, as well as those who are partnered, separated, widowed, or divorced.
- A majority of persons in families report that they are African-American (82.1%). 13.3 indicated that they are Hispanic.
- The average age for adults is 37.8 years.
- 60.0% have just a high school education or GED. 13.3% attended some college, and 10.0% have a college degree.
- 46.7% served some time in jail and/or prison. Out of all individuals surveyed (including those who have not served time in jail and/or prison), 23.3% reported serving time in jail, 6.7% reported serving time in prison, and 16.7% indicated that they had served time in both jail and prison.
- 40.0% have experienced domestic violence in their lifetime. Of those experiencing domestic violence, 50.0% had experienced it in the past year.
- 21.4% report having a problem with alcohol sometime in their lifetime, and 28.6% have reported having a problem with drugs sometime in their lifetime.
- 35.7% report having received counseling or treatment for a mental health problem sometime in their lifetime. Of these, 60.0% are currently being treated, and 50.0% are taking medication for mental health problems.
- 10.0% report having a long-term disability.
- 44.8% are employed. Of those who are employed, 30.8% work full-time, 38.5% work part-time, and 30.8% do day labor or temporary work.
- The median length of time respondents have lived in Greater Richmond is around four months. 19.2% have lived in the area for 17 years or more.
- The majority of respondents (60.0%) reported having their last housing in Richmond. Others indicated previous housing in Henrico (6.7%), Chesterfield (3.3%), and Hanover (3.3%) counties. 13.3% of respondents last lived elsewhere in Virginia, and 13.3% lived in other states.
- In the past three years, most homeless adults in families have been homeless once (60.7%) or twice (25.0%); 14.3% have been homeless three or more times during this time period.
- Around one third (37.5%) have been homeless for four months or less.

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