

# July 2012 Snapshot of Adults in Families

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## Experiencing Homelessness in the Richmond Region

The following data were collected in Homeward's sixth summer (July 26, 2012) count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the Richmond region. A total of 772 adults and 135 children were counted, and 83.5% of adults completed the Homeward point-in-time survey. The statistics below represent the 10.2% of individuals who indicated that they were accompanied by children.

- 92.4% of adults are females, 7.6% are males. Most adults in families are single, never married adults (63.6%). 36.4% are or have been in families, including those who are married, as well as those who are separated, widowed, or divorced.
- A majority of persons in families report that they are African-American (60.6%), followed by White (27.3%). 3.3% indicated that they are Hispanic.
- The average age for adults is 32.9 years.
- 31.3% have just a high school education or GED. 43.8% attended some college, and 15.6% have a college degree or higher.
- 4.8% are veterans.
- Less than half (35.4%) 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), 32.3% reported serving time in jail, and 3.1% indicated that they had served time in both jail and prison.
- 55.6% have experienced domestic violence in their lifetime. Of those experiencing domestic violence, 48.6% had experienced it in the past year.
- 21.2% report having a problem with alcohol sometime in their lifetime. Of those reporting a problem with alcohol, 57.1% are currently in recovery.
- 29.2% report having a problem with drug abuse sometime in their lifetime. Of those reporting a problem, 57.9% are currently in recovery.
- 33.3% report having a mental health problem sometime in their lifetime. Of these, 63.6% are currently being treated, and 63.6% are taking medication for mental health problems.
- 20.7% report having a long-term disability. Of those reporting a long-term disability, 45.5% indicated that their disability was drug or alcohol abuse; 81.8% indicated that their disability was a mental illness; and 30.0% indicated that their disability was a physical disability. (Note that respondents could select all, some, or none of these options.)
- 45.5% are employed. Of those who are employed, 48.3% work full-time, 44.8% work part-time, and 6.9% do day labor or temp work.
- The median length of time respondents have lived in Greater Richmond is 3.1 years. 32.8% have lived in the area for 20 years or more.
- Most (43.9%) reported having their last housing in Richmond. Others indicated previous housing in Henrico (21.2%), Chesterfield (15.2%), and Hanover (1.5%). 4.5% of respondents last lived elsewhere in Virginia, and 12.1% lived in other states.
- In the past three years, most homeless adults in families have been homeless once (72.3%) or twice (16.9%); 10.8% have been homeless three or more times during this time period.
- Half (50.0%) have been homeless for four months or less.

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