

# July 2018 Snapshot of Adults in Families

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## Experiencing Homelessness in the Richmond Region

The following data were collected in Homeward's 12<sup>th</sup> summer (July 19, 2018) count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the Richmond region. A total of 491 adults and 86 children were counted, and 79.4% of adults completed the Homeward point-in-time survey. The statistics below represent the 9.0% of individuals who indicated that they were accompanied by children.

- 91.2% of adults are females, and 5.9% are males. Most adults in families are single, never married adults (73.5%). 26.5% 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 (82.4%), followed by White (14.7%). None indicated that they are Hispanic.
- The average age for adults is 33.1 years.
- 69.7% have just a high school education or GED. 15.2% attended some college, and 6.1% have a college degree.
- 29.4% 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), 23.5% reported serving time in jail, and 5.9% indicated that they had served time in both jail and prison.
- 61.8% have experienced domestic violence in their lifetime. Of those experiencing domestic violence, 47.4% had experienced it in the past year.
- 6.7% report having a problem with alcohol sometime in their lifetime, and 15.2% have reported having a problem with drugs sometime in their lifetime.
- 27.3% report having a mental health problem sometime in their lifetime. Of these, 44.4% are currently being treated, and 44.4% are taking medication for mental health problems.
- 12.1% report having a long-term disability.
- 50.0% are employed. Of those who are employed, 58.8 work full-time, and 41.2 work part-time.
- The median length of time respondents have lived in Greater Richmond is 8.9 years. 41.4% have lived in the area for 17 years or more.
- The majority of respondents (58.8%) reported having their last housing in Richmond. Others indicated previous housing in Henrico (11.8%), Chesterfield (11.8%), and Hanover (2.9%). 2.9% of respondents last lived elsewhere in Virginia, and 5.9% lived in other states.
- In the past three years, most homeless adults in families have been homeless once (66.7%) or twice (18.2%); 15.1% have been homeless three or more times during this time period.
- More than half (59.4%) have been homeless for four months or less.

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