



Barriers to Leaving Homelessness

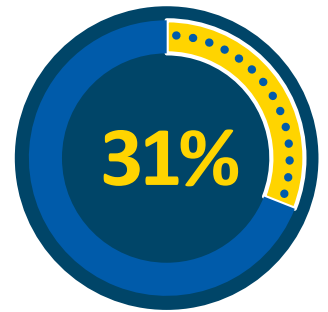
in Charlottesville, Virginia

It is easy to fall into homelessness, but much more difficult to make it out. Many factors can combine to keep someone from leaving homelessness.

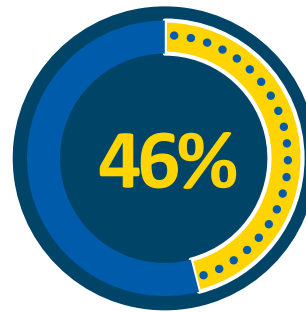
Guests from our 2016-17 season reported experiencing:

Alcohol or drug addiction in the last year*

*Only 4 of these 68 guests came to us from a substance abuse facility



Serious mental health issues in the last year



Domestic violence in the last year



Many also struggle to navigate the complex social systems that could help them leave homelessness.



Only 1 in 15 veteran guests was receiving VA benefits



Only 1 in 12 retirement-eligible guests was receiving social security benefits