



Barriers to Leaving Homelessness

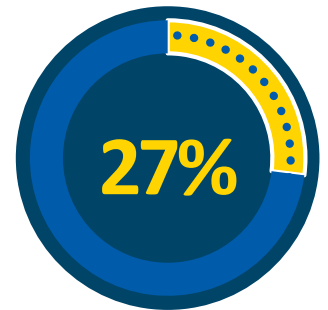
in Charlottesville, Virginia

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 2017-18 season reported experiencing:

Alcohol or drug addiction in the last year*

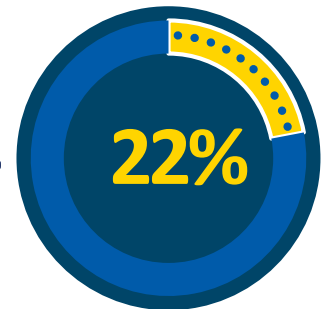
*None of these 66 guests came to us from a substance abuse facility



Serious mental health issues in the last year



Domestic violence in the last year



A range of physical and mental health issues stymie our guests' efforts to reach the income level required to access our region's independent housing options.



One in three guests received **federal disability income**, meaning they are found **ineligible to hold a stable job** based on physical or mental health

Only **1 in 2** veteran guests received **income** – and **only half of those** did so through **paid employment**

