

Racial Disparities in Vermont Balance of State Homeless Population

VT-500 Balance of State Continuum of Care – FY18

Race	VT-500 Total Population %	VT-500 % Homeless Population	Average Length of Time Homeless (days)	% Successful Exits/Retention from ES,SH,TH, RHH who exited	% Returns to Homelessness in 2 Years
2 or more Races	1.65%	4%	123	60.53%	9.09%
American Indian or Alaska Native (HUD)	0.38%	2%	121	28.57%	33.33%
Asian (HUD)	0.76%	0%	57	50.00%	0%
Black or African American (HUD)	0.63%	5%	147	59.26%	8.33%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (HUD)	0.02%	0%	630	60.00%	0%
Unknown	N/A	N/A	601	22.22%	0%
White (HUD)	96%	84%	111	63.54%	13%
Hispanic/Latino (HUD)	1.35%	5%	94	61.95%	8.82%
Total Average			118	62.35%	12.77%

Key Findings:

- 16% of total persons experiencing homelessness identify as persons of color (Black, Multi-Racial, Asian, American Indian/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Latinx) compared to 4.79% of the general population in the State of Vermont.
- Persons of color on average are homeless for more days than those who are white, and have less than average successful exits or maintain housing.

Next Steps:

- Seek to understand the reason(s) persons of color disproportionately homeless.
- Explore and use data to identify why persons of color are experiencing less success than their White counterparts.