



Hypothermia FY 18 Debrief – Unaccompanied Persons Prepared for the District of Columbia Interagency Council on Homelessness

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- During Hypothermia FY18,¹ some **6,183** unaccompanied, single persons used the Low Barrier and Severe Weather Shelters named in the Winter Plan² – an increase of 5.2 percent from Hypothermia FY17.
- Part of the increase in persons in shelter is attributable to the increased number of Hypothermia alerts and cold emergency nights³ in FY18 as compared to FY17. There were 99 Hypothermia Alerts in Hypothermia FY 18 compared to 81 in FY 17. Additionally, the number of cold emergency nights increased between Hypothermia 2017 and 2018 - from nine (9) in FY17 to 23 in FY18.
- **22.4 percent** of the single persons served were women, **77.2 percent** were men, and **0.4 percent** did not identify as either gender.⁴
- **53.8 percent** of men spent seven nights or fewer in shelter over the course of the season (up from 43.9 percent last year), while **3.3 percent** of men spent the entire season in shelter (down from 9.7 percent last year).
- **40.1 percent** of women spent seven nights or fewer in shelter over the course of the season (down from 45.0 percent last year), while **19.3 percent** spent the entire season in shelter (up from 14.5 percent last year).
- Men served spent an average of **24 nights** in shelter over the course of the season while women spent an average of **49 nights** in shelter during the season – these numbers are both up from an average of 11 nights for men and 10 nights for women last year.

Nights in Low Barrier/Severe Weather Shelter, Hypothermia FY 18			
Men		Women	
1 to 7 nights	53.8%	1 to 7 nights	40.1%
8 to 30 nights	21.2%	8 to 30 nights	16.0%
31 to 60 nights	9.3%	31 to 60 nights	10.8%
61 to 90 nights	7.6%	61 to 90 nights	7.3%
91 to 120 nights	4.9%	91 to 120 nights	6.6%
121 to 151 nights	3.2%	121 to 151 nights	19.2%

¹ Between November 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018.

² <https://ich.dc.gov/page/winter-plan>

³ The activation of these resources is determined through consultation with the District’s Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) and the National Weather Service. A hypothermia alert is called when the actual or forecasted temperature is 32 degrees or below, though DHS will also call an alert when the temperature is forecasted to be 40 degrees or below with a 50 percent chance or greater or precipitation. Cold Weather Emergencies are called when the temperature or wind chill is 15 degrees or below (or 20 degrees with heavy snow, snow accumulation, or other meteorological threats as determined by HSEMA) (all temperatures listed are in Fahrenheit).

⁴ Transgender persons are counted in the gender category with which they identify.



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- The majority of women (**57.0 percent**) served during Hypothermia FY18 used only Hypothermia alert sites, whereas **half of the men** served used only Year-Round sites (though two of the year round sites have expanded capacity during the Hypothermia season). **Twelve (12) percent of men and 15.5 percent of women** used both types of sites at least once throughout the season.

Distribution of Use of Shelter Site Type, Hypothermia '18		
	Men	Women
Used only Hypothermia Sites	38.1%	57.0%
Used only Year Round Sites	50.0%	27.5%
Used both Hypo./ Year Round Sites	11.9%	15.5%

- The median age for men served in Low Barrier and Severe Weather Shelter during the season was **49 while the median age for women served was 48 years old**. The table below provides a breakdown by age category of the 6,183 persons who used shelter during Hypothermia '18.

Age Distribution for Men & Women Served in (Low Barrier/Severe Weather) Emergency Shelter, Hypothermia '18		
	Men	Women
Under 18	0.0%	0.0%
Age 18 - 24	2.2%	3.9%
Age 25 - 30	8.3%	9.0%
Age 31 - 40	18.3%	16.0%
Age 41 - 50	17.9%	19.4%
Age 51 - 60	27.7%	28.5%
Age 61 - 70	22.2%	18.1%
Age 71 & Over	3.4%	5.1%



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Additional demographic information on the single, unaccompanied persons served during Hypothermia FY18 is detailed in the two tables below.

<i>Subpopulation & History</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>
Domestic Violence (DV) History	10.6%	39.5%
<i>Homeless Due to DV (subset)</i>	31.2%	43.9%
Formerly Institutionalized	51.1%	36.9%
<i>Homeless Due to Institutionalization (subset)</i>	73.1%	60.6%
Formerly in Foster Care	7.5%	9.4%
U.S. Military Veteran	9.9%	3.0%
Chronically Homeless	51.7%	50.5%
Limited English Proficiency	4.2%	3.6%

<i>Disabling Conditions</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>
Chronic Substance Abuse (CSA) history	33.2%	19.7%
Severe Mental Illness (SMI) history	28.2%	44.8%
<i>Dual Diagnosis (Both CSA & SMI)</i>	14.0%	16.3%
Chronic Health Problem	23.2%	26.3%
Developmental Disability	4.8%	5.6%
Physical Disability	17.2%	20.3%
Living with HIV/AIDS	4.0%	3.9%



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Occupancy Tables – Men Served, Hypothermia '18

	Program	Max Occupancy	Min Occupancy	Median Occupancy	Mode Occupancy	Average Occupancy
Alert Nights	801 East	406	280	343	351	343
	Adam Place	180	150	180	180	175
	New York Ave	390	340	360	360	360
	CCNV Drop In	122	7	70	71	63
	Emery Men	79	11	51	50	50
	CCNV 3 South	44	18	44	44	43
	Greenleaf Men	33	7	20	33	21
	Sacred Heart	100	11	15	15	18
	Kennedy	115	8	93	100	84
	Salvation Army	45	2	32	45	30
	Banneker	50	9	39	40	35
	Raymond	64	4	26	30	26
	TOTALS*	1393	820	1184	1099	1169

	Program	Max Occupancy	Min Occupancy	Median Occupancy	Mode Occupancy	Average Occupancy
Non Alert Nights	801 East	395	264	338	298	337
	Adam Place	180	150	176	180	172
	New York Ave	360	340	360	360	359
	Emery Men	76	18	52	52	49
	CCNV 3 South	44	44	44	44	44
	Greenleaf Men	51	4	22	32	22
		TOTALS*	1045	758	941	860

*Total of all men served, not total of each column



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Occupancy Tables – Women Served, Hypothermia '18

	Program	Max Occupancy	Min Occupancy	Median Occupancy	Mode Occupancy	Average Occupancy
Alert Nights	CCNV 2 South	48	28	42	48	42
	Harriet Tubman	100	93	100	100	98
	Hermano Pedro	25	17	22	21	22
	Patricia Handy	152	97	147	98	137
	Emery Women	72	3	24	27	24
	Greenleaf Women	79	2	39	37	40
	New Covenant	26	1	6	3	7
	Community of Christ	19	1	6	6	6
	Sherwood Women	56	2	26	33	27
	TOTALS*	501	264	411	402	400

	Program	Max Occupancy	Min Occupancy	Median Occupancy	Mode Occupancy	Average Occupancy
Non Alert Nights	CCNV 2 South	48	25	41	47	40
	Harriet Tubman	100	91	99	100	98
	Hermano Pedro	25	18	22	21	22
	Patricia Handy	152	95	146	98	126
	Emery Women	47	11	25	25	23
	Greenleaf Women	79	10	50	42	48
	TOTALS*	484	269	373	385	355

*Total of all women served, not total of each column