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FY 18 Data Snapshot from the Philadelphia Office of Homeless Services

Data listed below is found in the Philadelphia Office of Homeless Services' "FY 18 Data Snapshot" with the exception on the charts and graphs, and other data points as noted.

The data was released to December 7, 2018 in meeting attended by the Philadelphia Office of Homeless Services (OHS) and providers. The data is presented to show progress on the City's goals of making homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring. Readers are referred to OHS's original document for more details and explanations.

PEC summarized the data for staff and interested parties.

Housing categories below are identified by abbreviations, i.e, Emergency Housing = EH; Transitional Housing = TH; Safe Havens = SH; RR – Rapid Rehousing; Permanent Supportive Housing = PSH; Permanent Housing = PH.

OHS writes that the data "... was pulled from the reports submitted by OHS to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or directly from OHS's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)." Most of the reporting period corresponds to the City fiscal year of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, and also includes "Point in Time Count" data that was collected on one night in January, 2018.

PEC Note: The OHS "FY 18 Snapshot" is a step in the right direction, providing key baseline data that is managed by OHS. The report is not inclusive of data on all persons who experience homelessness in Philadelphia. It does not include the number of households provided with OHS' prevention or 'diversion' services, School District of Philadelphia data on children and youth who experience homelessness, children in the child welfare system, families served by home visiting and other programs, the number of households requesting emergency housing, the number of families living doubled up due to economic situations or substandard housing, and other data sources. It is recognized that gathering this data is difficult to obtain and could be outside the mandate of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, which sets standards and reporting requirements imposed on the City.

Key Findings:

- **Overall:**

- **16,549 persons** were served in projects reporting to OHS' data system in FY18
- 8,884 persons entered emergency housing in FY18
- 5,788 persons were counted as homeless **on a single day** in January, 2018, and reported in the HMIS. This total included:
 - 1,083 were 'unsheltered', an increase of 413 since FY 15
 - 264 unaccompanied (not with family) youth ages 18-24 were counted
 - 1,454 children ages 0-17 were counted
 - 1,482 adults were categorized as 'seriously mentally ill,' or 34% of all adults
 - 239 adults were veterans, or 6% of all adults
- **10,303** persons entering emergency, transitional, safe haven, or permanent supportive housing in previous 24 months. Of these persons:
 - 7,524 persons, or 73%, entered for first time (no entry in previous 24 months)
 - 2,779 persons, or 27%, entered a homeless project a second time in previous 24 months
- Of the 6,818 who exited from EH, SH, TH, and RR, 2,008 persons, or **29%, exited to permanent housing**

- **Families (at least one adult and one child):**

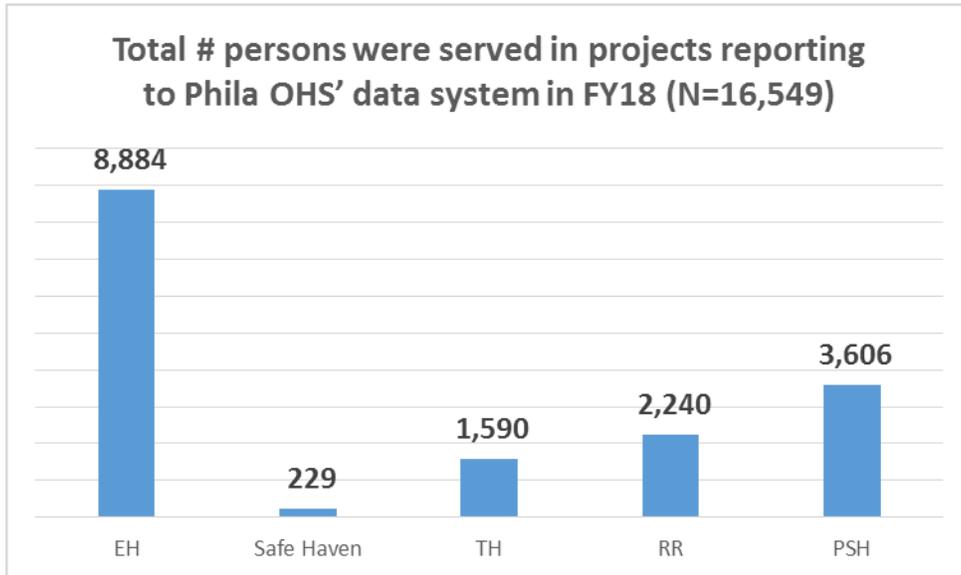
- **2,611 families** served by all housing types
 - 1,164 families were in EH
 - 384 families were in TH
 - 571 families served in RR
 - 492 families served in PSH
- On one night in January, there were 744 families sheltered and unsheltered in FY 18, compared to 825 in FY 17
- Only 34 families qualified as being "chronically homeless" on one night in January

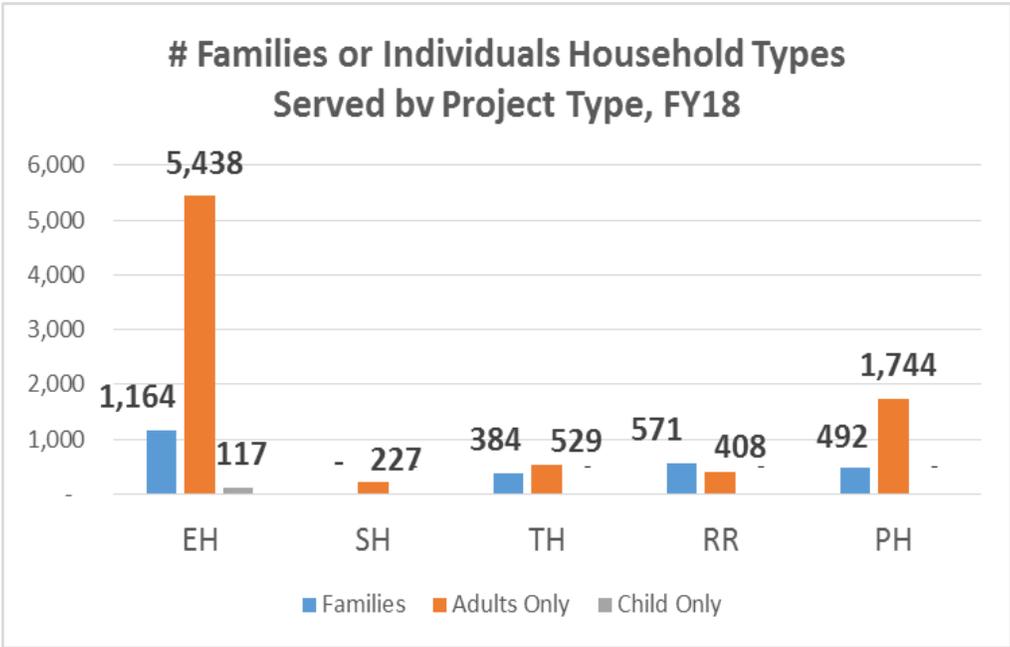
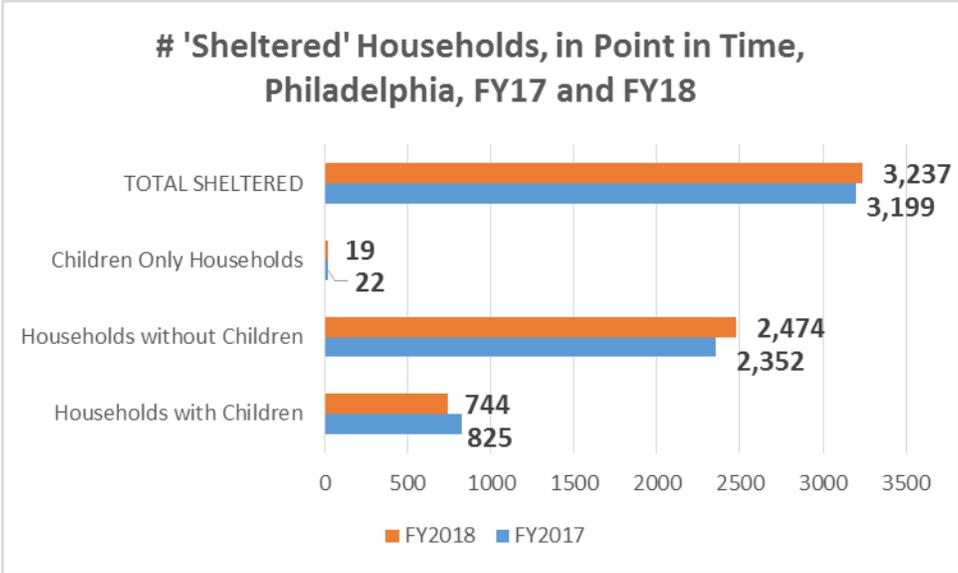
- **Children Ages 0-17:**

- **5,011 children** ages 0-17 were identified and served by **all of OHS housing types** for families throughout FY18 throughout the year, including Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing. *[note: these children are served by OHS but not all are homeless as RR and PSH are considered permanent housing]*

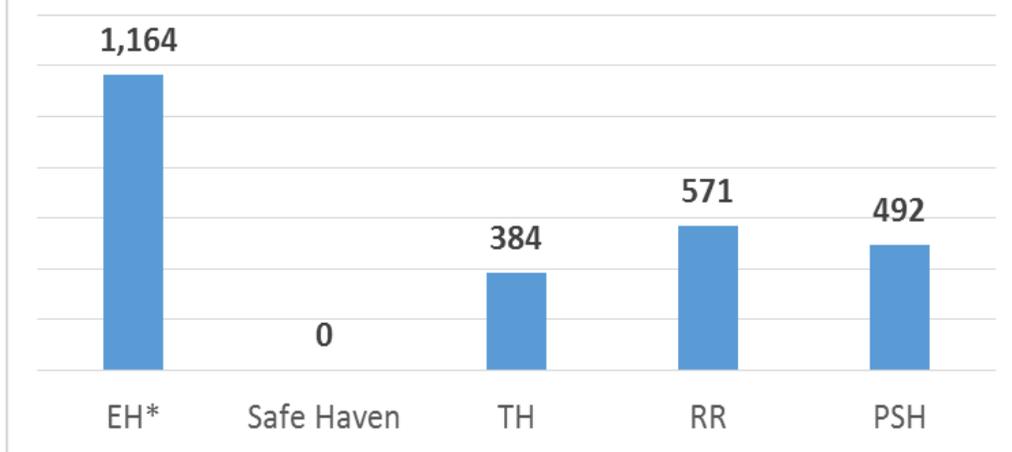
- 1,890 children were under age 5
 - 2,265 children were ages 5 to 12
 - 856 youth were ages 13 to 17
- Of the **children who were homeless** according to the HUD definition (i.e., in EH or TH):
 - 2,758 children were served in EH or TH
 - 1,173 children ages 5-12, i.e., school-age children, were EH or TH (43% of all children in EH/TH)
 - 407 youth ages 13-17 were in EH or TH (15% of all children in EH/TH)
- On **one night in January** (i.e., the Point in Time Count), there were 1,437 children ages 0-17 in shelter and 17 unsheltered, for a total of 1,454
- **Youth/Young Adults ages 18-24:**
 - Throughout FY18, 1,314 ‘unaccompanied’ youth (ages 18-24), or 4% of all adults, were identified in all housing types, including:
 - 832 in EH; 219 in TH; 208 in RR; 47 in PSH; 8 in SH
 - Throughout FY18, 589 parenting youth, were identified in all housing types, including:
 - 270 in EH; 181 in TH, 107 in RR, 31 in PSH
 - On one night in January, there were 385 youth/young adults ages 18-24 in shelter and 79 unsheltered, for a total of 464 youth/young adults
- **Other key categories:**
 - Length of Stay:
 - All persons in EH, SH have an average of 176 days
 - All persons in EH, SH, TH have an average of 233 days
 - Of the persons who **exited** to permanent housing in FY16, **8.1% returned**
 - Throughout FY18 for adults only:
 - 1,881 individuals listed as “chronic” in FY 2018 in all housing types, including:
 - 509 were veterans, including 195 in EH and 158 in PSH
 - 1,210 adults were in category of **Domestic Violence** including 614 in EH; 188 in TH; 110 in RR; 284 in PSH
 - 4,693 were listed as having a **mental health** condition
 - 2,924 were listed as having a **chronic health** condition
 - 45% of all adults who exited TH, SH, RR, or PSH **increased** their total income
 - OHS oversaw **10,989 beds in its inventory**. Of this total, there were 5,344 beds available for households without children, and 5,645 beds in 1,760 units for households with children (i.e., families)

CHARTS:

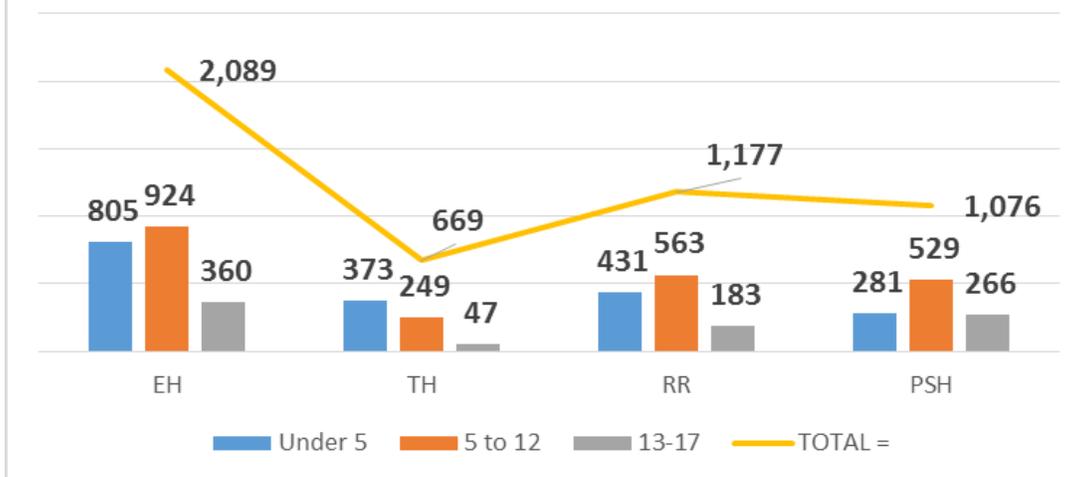




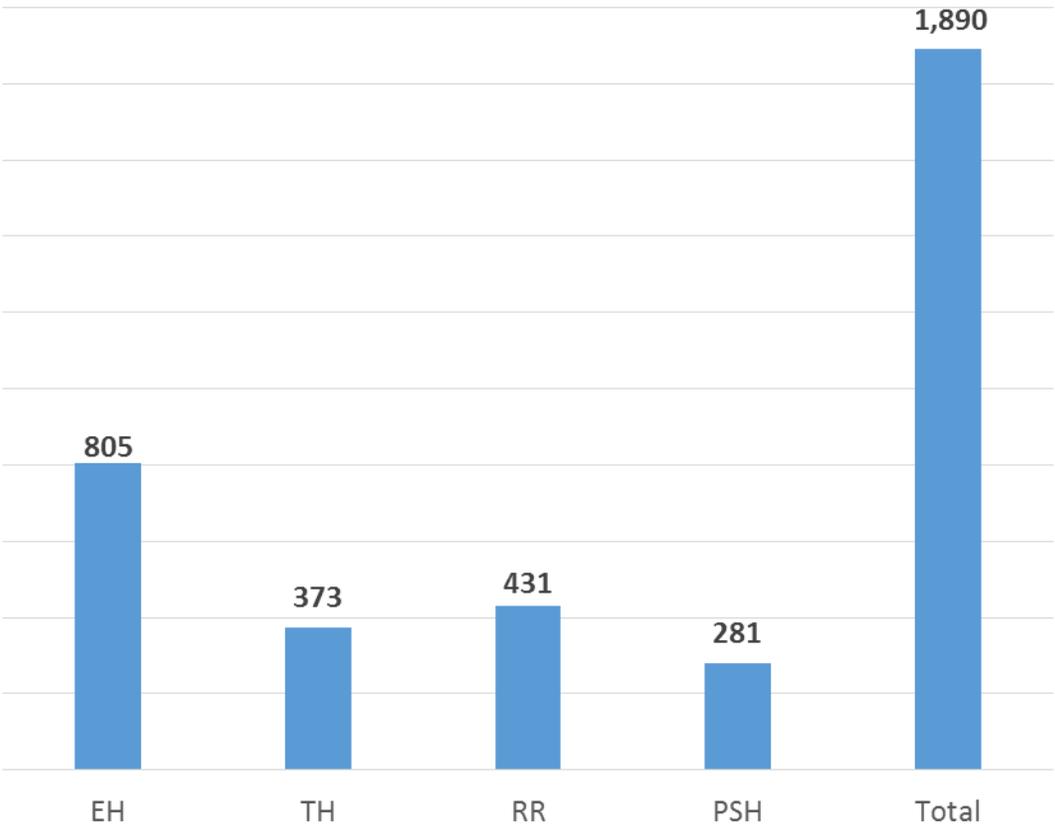
Total # Families were served in projects reporting to Phila. OHS' data system in FY18 (N=2,611)



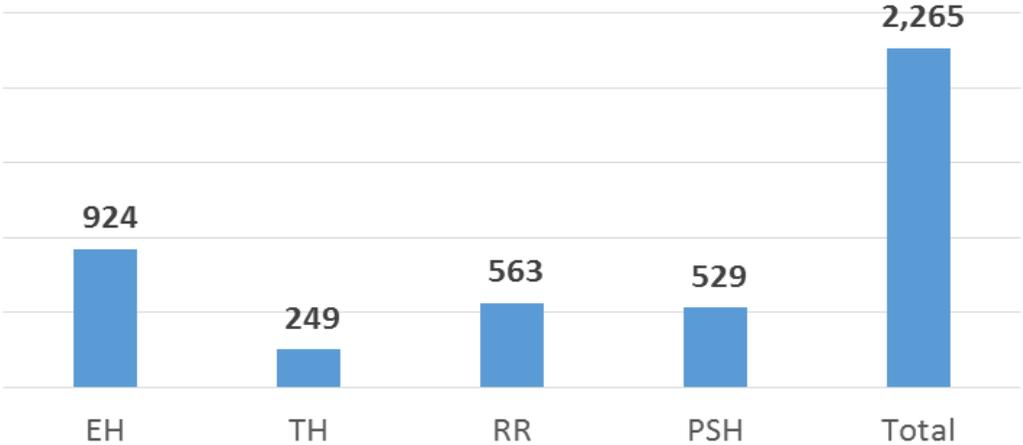
Children Served by Phila OHS by Housing Project Type, FY18



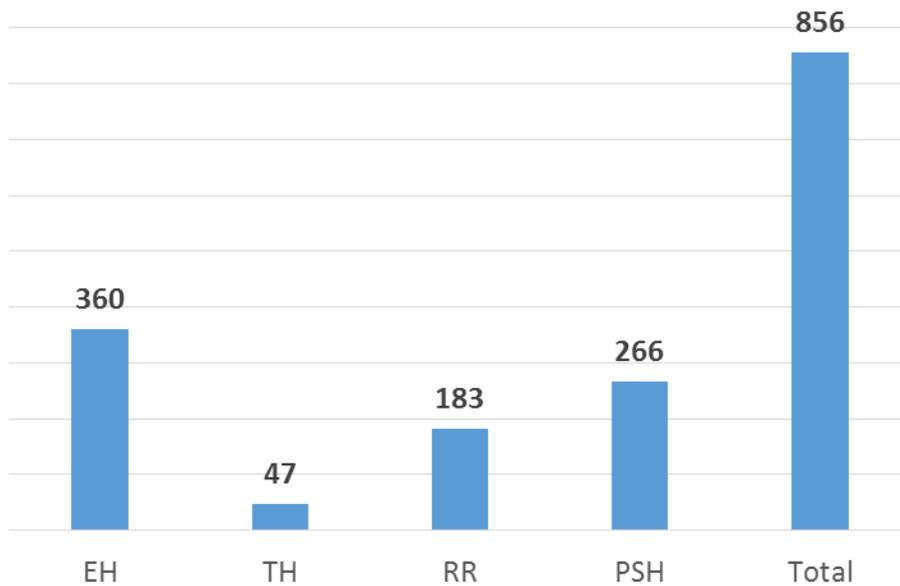
**Total # of children under age 5 experiencing homeless by housing category and included in Phila. HMIS system
FY18**



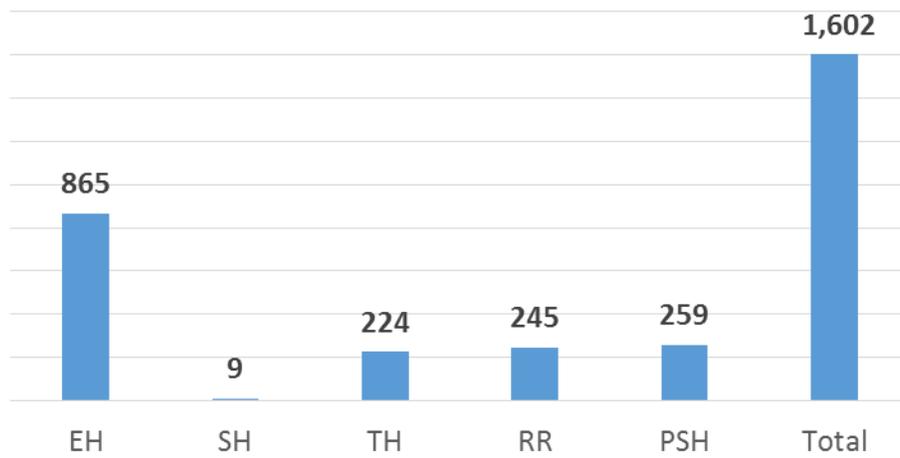
Children ages 5 to 12 Served by Phila OHS by Housing Type, and reported in Phila HMIS, FY18

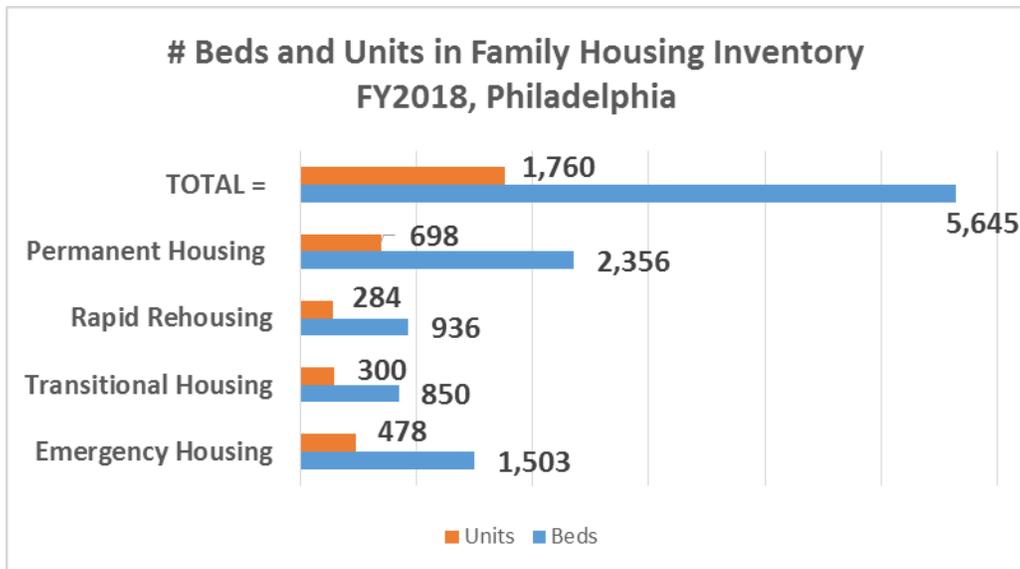


Youth ages 13-17 by housing category, and reported in Phila HMIS, FY18



Youth/Young Adults ages 18-24, by housing category, and reported in Phila HMIS, FY18





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# persons entering EH, safe haven, TH, PSH in the previous 24 months	10,303
# total persons who entered for the first time (did not have another entry within 2-yrs prior)	7,524
% of person who entered in a project for the first time	73%
% persons who entered a second time (this figure was calculated from above and not found in the OHS source document)	27%

Total # of persons exiting in FY 16 by Housing Type, Phila:			
Housing Type	# persons	# who returned to homelessness as of FY18	% of FY16 Exits who returned
From EH	769	103	13.4%
From TH	867	50	5.8%
From SH	35	3	8.6%
From Permanent Housing	607	29	4.8%