



While the number of persons in shelter decreased by 99 between 2017 and 2018, there was a significant increase over the past two years in the number of children in shelter, as a proportion of total shelter guests. Some of this increase is due to expanded capacity through emergency apartments in areas where no shelter capacity for families had previously existed. Anecdotally, we hear from providers that the trend since 2015 of seeing more children in shelter may relate to the rapid impact of opioid use by parents and the longer recovery period required.