



Department of Correction Re-entry Housing Assistance Program

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Intersection of Homelessness and Criminal Justice

- 48% (8,187) of people who used a homeless shelter in the last 3 years had a DOC record
- 21% (3,562) of people who used a homeless shelter in the last 3 years was released from DOC within the last 3 years
- Of these, 66% were homeless prior to DOC
- 34% became homeless after their last DOC release
- The intersection of incarceration and homelessness is substantial – 20% of homeless population and 8% of DOC releases
- The pattern of DOC involvement among this cohort appears to entail multiple repeated short stays for relatively minor charges
- There is a revolving door between homelessness and prisons, but incarceration is also growing the ranks of homelessness
- CT has had steady trend of prison population reductions
 - Focusing on homeless sub-population may help to continue trend
- CT has an effective homelessness response system involving triage/assessment to provide early intervention and tailor housing and services assistance to need levels

D-RHAP Program Goals

Improve housing outcomes for individuals re-entering the community from DOC

Reduce inflows into shelter/homelessness from DOC

Decrease overlap between homelessness and incarceration

Decrease recidivism

Core Partnerships

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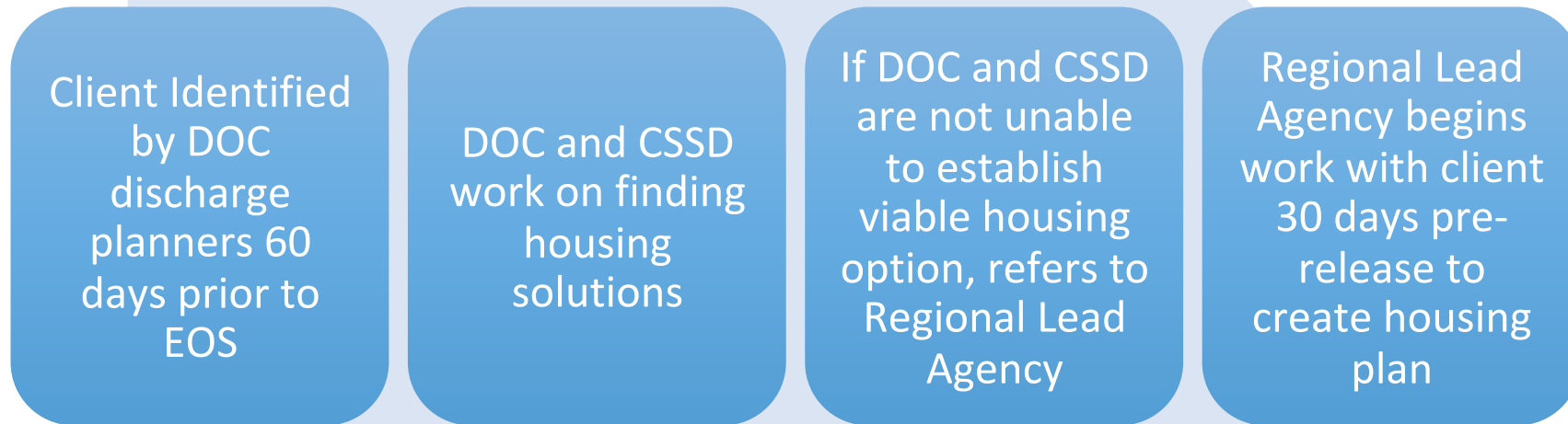
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Regional Lead
Agencies

Community-based
Re-entry Programs

Court Support Services Division of
Judicial Branch (Probation)

Program Logistics



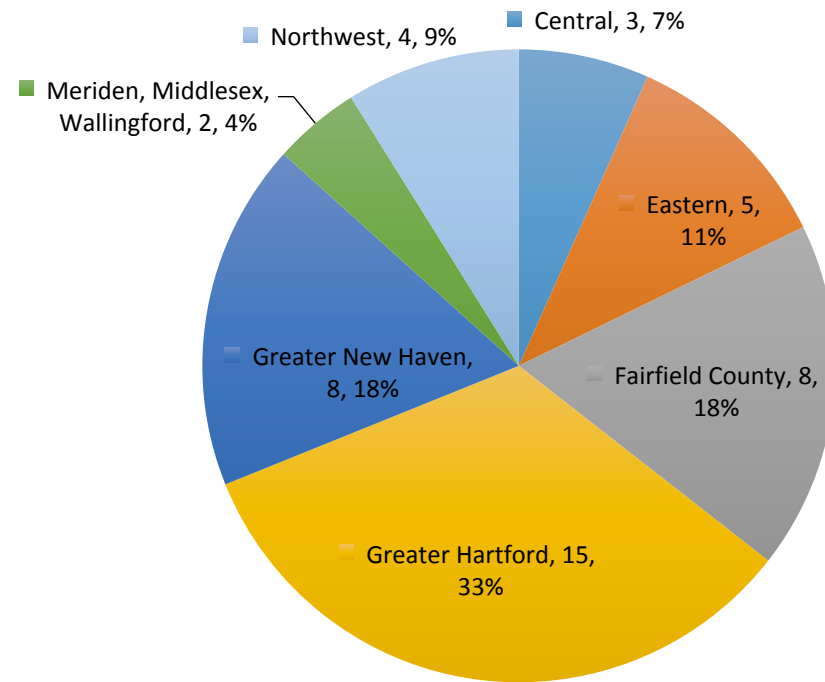
CCEH tracks referrals and progress, facilitates connections to community re-entry support programs, and administers flexible funding through regional lead agencies

Flexible Use of Funds

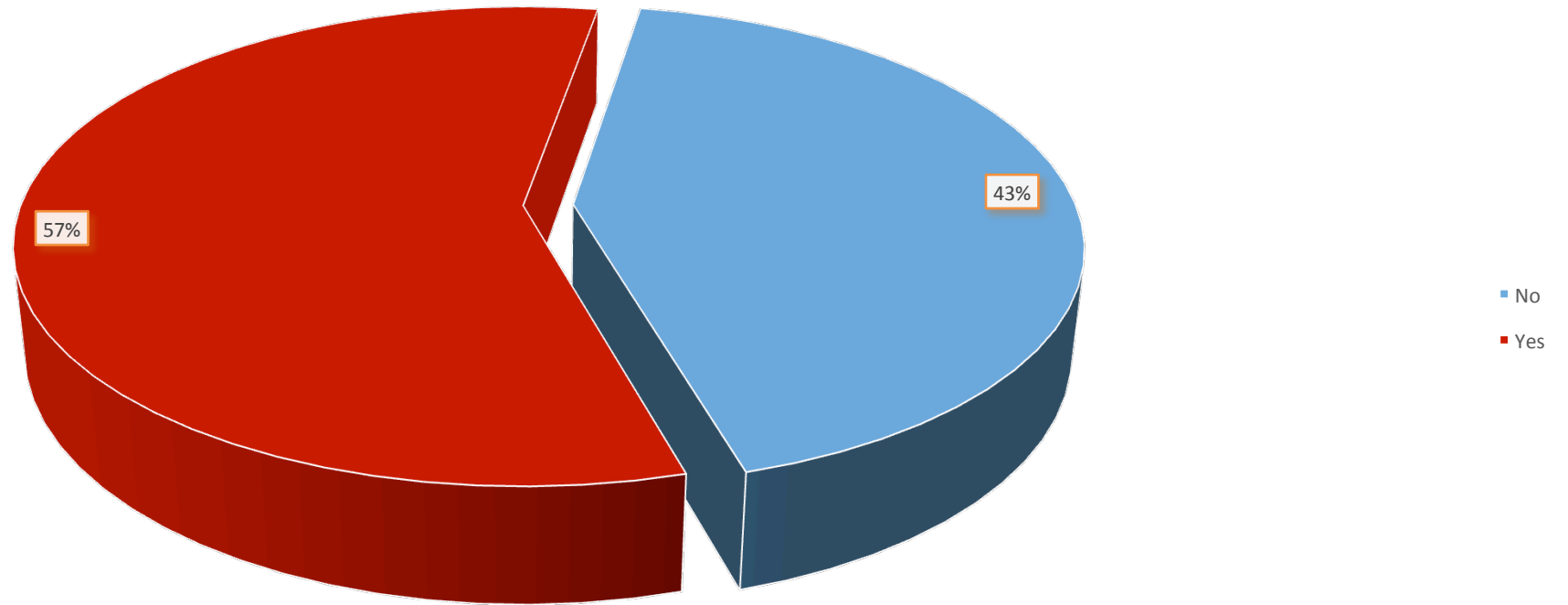
- Security deposits
- Partial rent subsidy
- Rental application fees
- Motel/Hotel expenses (limited)
- Cell phone/services
- Utility deposits
- Transportation expenses
- Other costs associated with achieving shelter diversion as long as included in Housing Stabilization Plan

DOC EOS Discharges by CAN Region

**DOC Re-Entry Housing Assistance Clients Assisted,
30 day period (referrals and/or case management)**

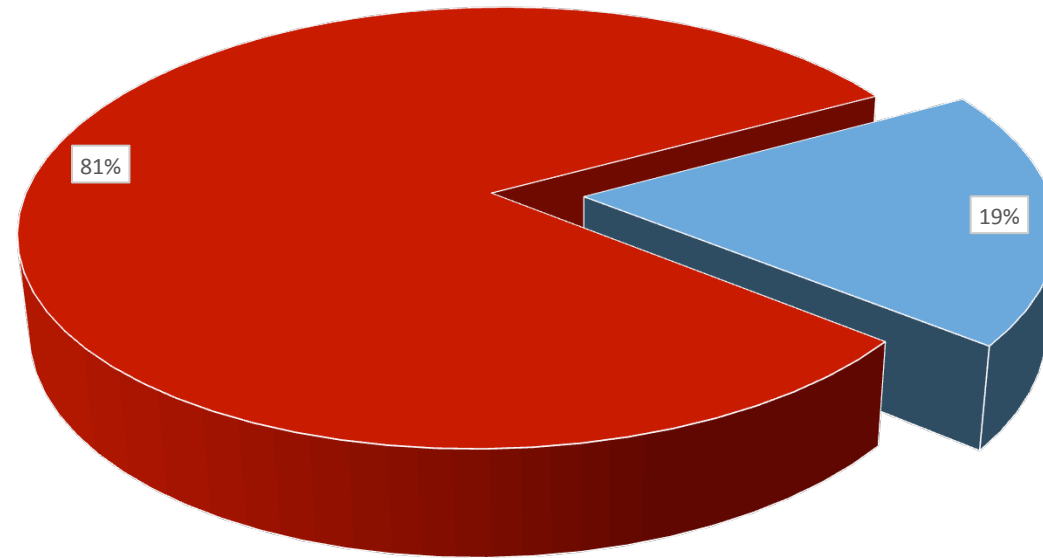


Clients with HMIS ID



About half of the inmates had HMIS ID prior to release

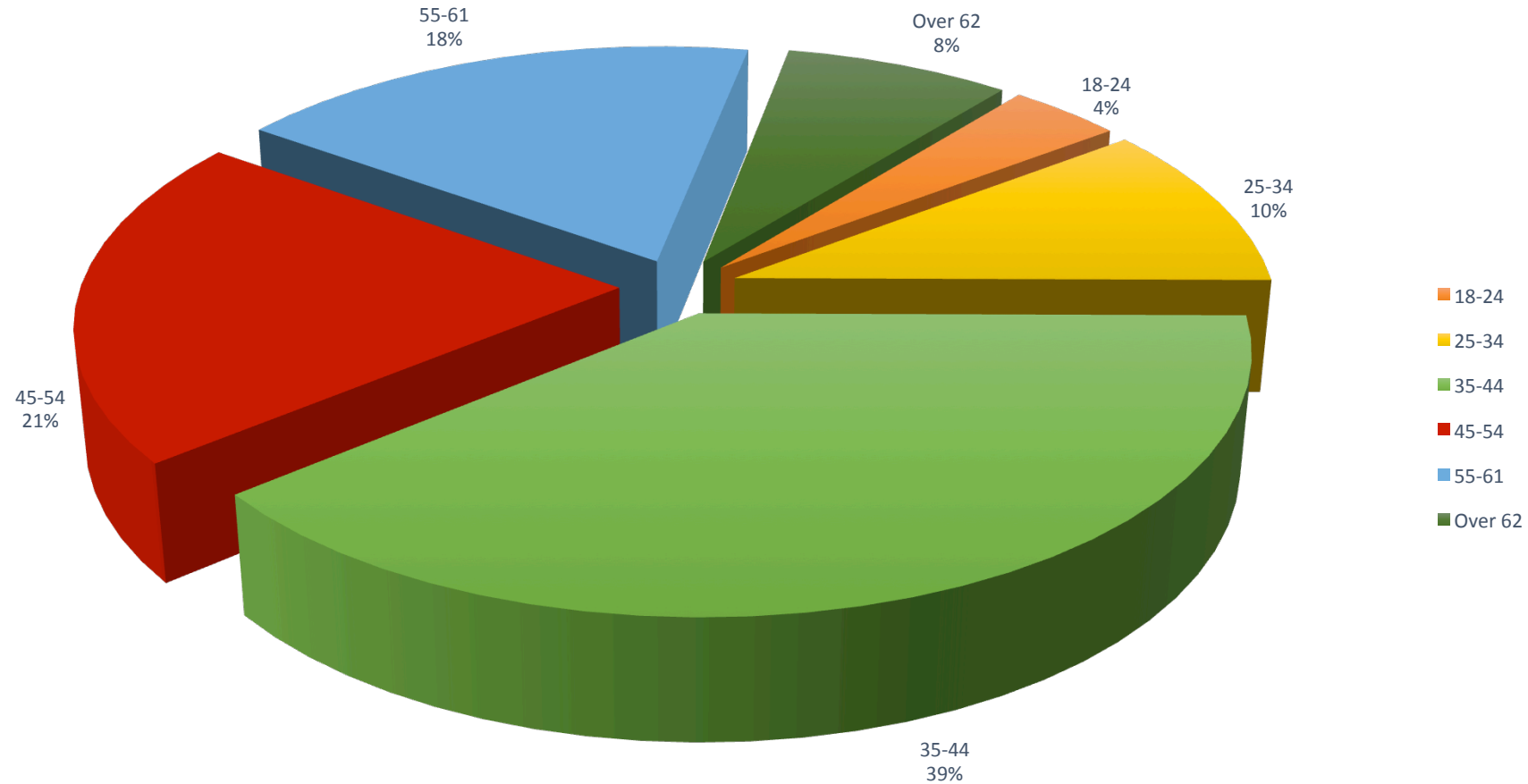
Already on By-Name List for Housing



■ BNL record ■ No BNL record

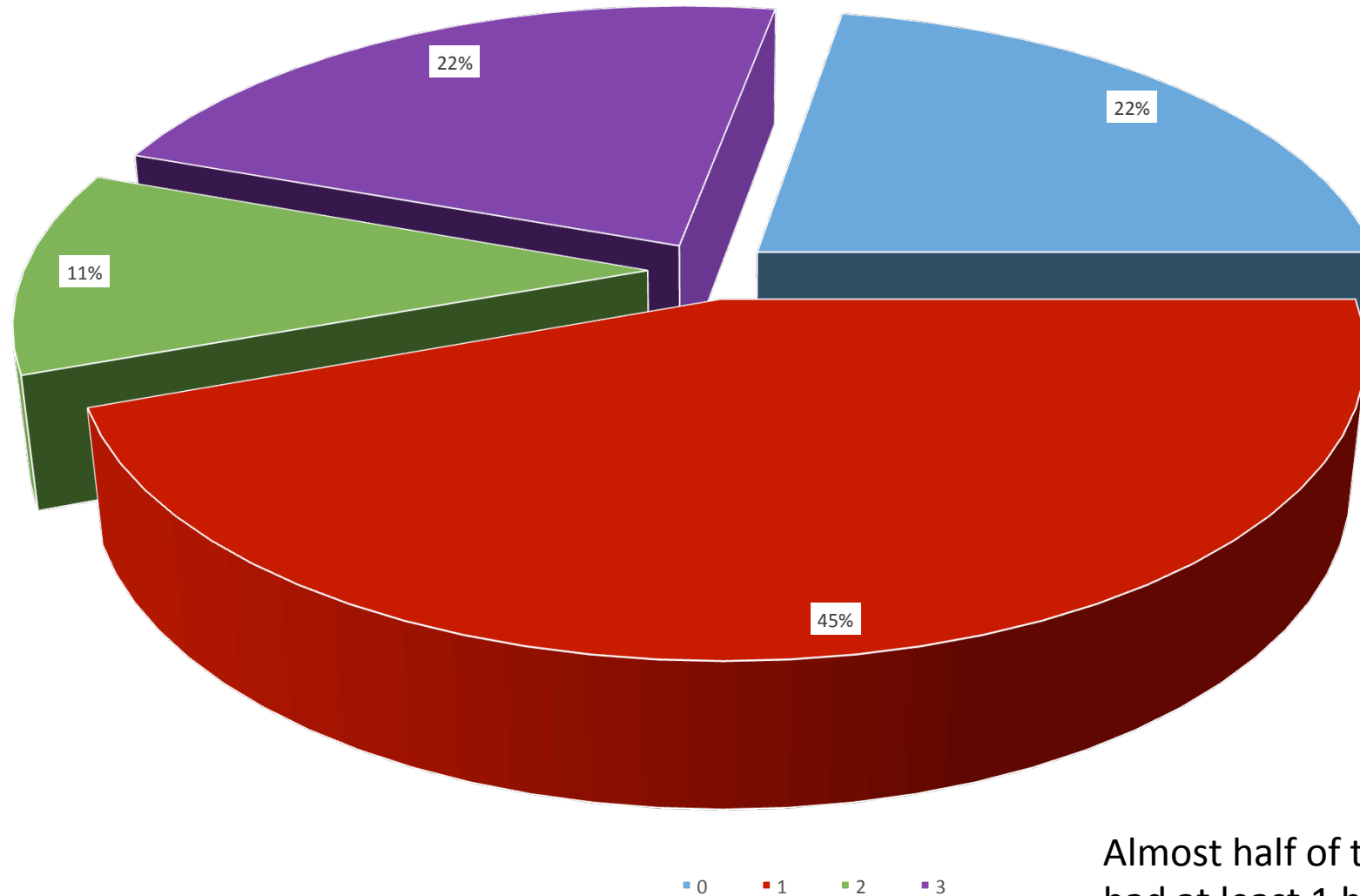
19% of client with HMIS IDs are on CT BNL

Age Distribution



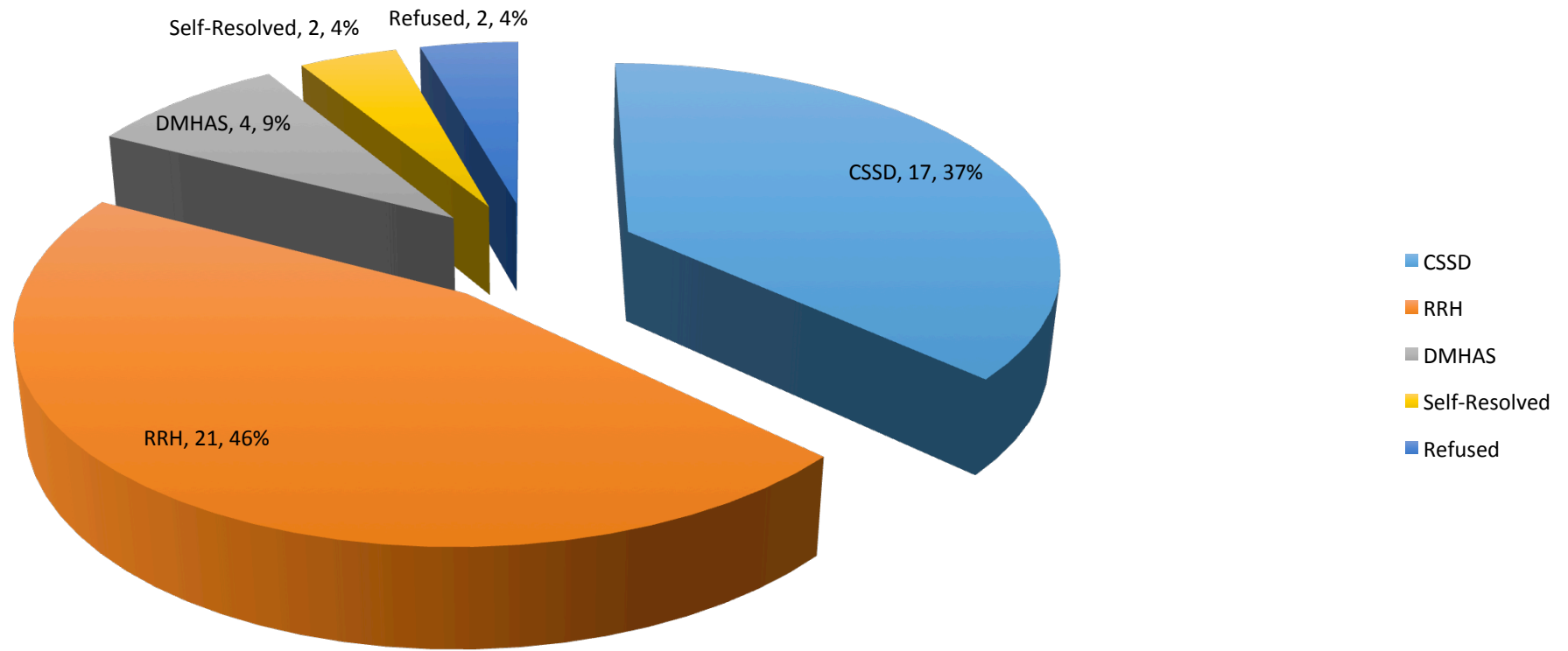
60% of the inmates are between 35 – 54 years old

Number of Homeless Episodes



Almost half of the inmates on BNL
had at least 1 homeless episode

Current Breakdown of DOC RHAP Housing Solutions, 46 Individuals over 30 day period



Note: 61 referrals have been made in a 45 day period. Some of these individuals have not been released yet and are in the process of finding a housing solutions.

D-RHAP Preliminary Results

- Established housing partners in every CAN region
- Opened CAN window to 30 days pre-release in 6 out of 7 CANs and 14 days in remaining CAN (previously only 48 hours in 6 CANs)
- Created collaborations with OPM, regional re-entry councils, CT Re-Entry Collaborative, cities, CSSD, DOC, DOH, housing providers, shelters, CT United Way, HGPG, and many others to improve housing outcomes for EOS individuals.
- Received over 61 referrals over 45 days, reduced discharges to homelessness dramatically.
- 21 enrolled in RRH or housed, 14 hoteled.
- Improved housing discharge planning process between DOC, CSSD, and housing partners
- Conducted trainings for providers and provided technical assistance
- Implemented system of referrals and application for funding
- Developed and rolled out new HMIS program enrollment to track clients

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