



Local Law 79 Runaway and Homeless Youth Services Access Report

January 1 - June 30, 2018 Summary to the NYC Council

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There are currently 597 RHY beds available for youth, with 156 beds contracted and in the certification process toward the plan for 753 open RHY beds in FY19.* The average vacancy rate during the six-month time-period was 8%, or 45 beds not utilized on average per night.

During the first six months of 2018, 1,098 youth sought shelter. Of these:

- 998 youth were placed (91%)
- 19 young people (1.7%) were not able to access an RHY bed on the day they requested service. The 19 may include duplicated youth, or youth that were subsequently placed.
- 81 youth (7.3%) were offered an available bed, but changed their mind, or refused the service.

Breakdown by Month

	Bed unavailable	Refused
January	0	10
February	1	26
March	3	1
April	5	16
May	4	16
June	6	12
Total	19	81

*Since the reporting period ended, two additional sites have opened, making 38 more beds available. During the reporting period, a 12-bed TIL opened up on March 3. This may have contributed to lower numbers reported in March. Because this is a new process and our first reporting period, there are opportunities for improvement. We did not collect identifying information for this period, so it is possible that the youth on this list are duplicated during the time-period, or that they received a bed on a subsequent date. DYCD will continue to coach the providers to submit reasons for all youth who refused an available bed, and to inquire and report the LGBTQI+ status of reported youth. Based on provider feedback, the reporting tool was, as of April, updated to capture gender.

