

Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness in Minneapolis, MN

Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS)

2016-17 School Year Report

During the 2016-17 School Year (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017)

5,834

identified children and youth experienced homelessness in Minneapolis

3,586

were enrolled in Minneapolis Public Schools

8.2%

of MPS enrolled students experienced homelessness at some point during the year

Who are our children and youth experiencing homelessness?

Race/Ethnicity	%	Age/Grade	%	MPS enrolled only	%
Asian	2	Preschool	27	English Learners	14
Black	74	K-2 nd	22	Special Education	22
Hispanic	2	3 rd -5 th	20	Location when identified	%
Native American	10	6 th -8 th	15	Shelters and hotels	56
White	12	9 th -12 th +	16	Other temporary locations	44

How we ensure school success

- Immediate enrollment in school and access to transportation and school supplies per McKinney-Vento Education Act
- Professional development throughout MPS to improve identification and services
- Early Childhood Screening and connection to services, ECFE, and kindergarten transition activities at shelters
- School support teams at all MPS high schools, including alternatives
- Supports to increase school attendance and extended day participation at K-5 and K-8 schools
- *Building Bridges*, a professional development project for school social workers
- Research collaboration with the University of Minnesota's Institute of Child Development and Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare
- Advocacy with City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and State of Minnesota

Homelessness defined

Homelessness in this report is defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as:

"children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence."

This includes children and youth living in the following situations:

- shelters or transitional housing programs
- motels, hotels or weekly rate housing
- doubled up with friends or relatives because family cannot find or afford housing
- abandoned buildings, public space, car or other inadequate accommodation



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