

# A Look at Early Childhood Homelessness Connecticut



TOTAL CHILDREN  
POPULATION UNDER 6  
in 2013:

230,200<sup>1</sup>

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF  
CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6  
IDENTIFIED as HOMELESS:

2,809<sup>2</sup>

CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6  
EXPERIENCING  
HOMELESSNESS:

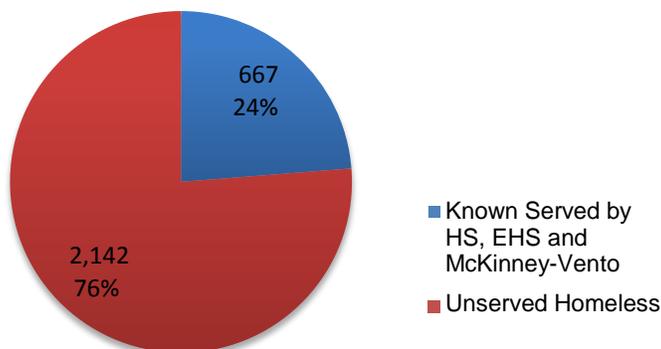
1 in 100 CHILDREN



NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS  
SERVED BY PROGRAMS

Head Start and Early Head Start (Total Cumulative Enrollment in Head Start/Early Head Start	540 <sup>3</sup> 8,956
EHCY (McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act)	127 <sup>4</sup>
Child Care Development Fund	Available in 2017
HUD Homelessness Early Childhood data by State (HMIS)	Not Available by State
Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting	Planning for 2017

CHILDREN IN EARLY  
LEARNING PROGRAMS



STATE STATISTICS &  
STATE EFFORTS

- Average number of children 18 and under who receive meals in emergency shelters daily is 104 (CACFP/USDA).
- About 19 percent of children 18 and under lived in households that lacked access to adequate food in 2013 (Children's Defense Fund).
- Nearly one in five children (17.2 percent) under 6 years old lived below the Federal Poverty Level in 2013.
- Connecticut has a state funded program administered through Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness that provides financial assistance for child care to homeless families living in emergency shelter or enrolled in the CT Rapid Rehousing Program.
- In the reauthorization of Head Start by the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-134), age-eligible children whose families are determined to be homeless are categorically eligible for Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Connecticut has 230 Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership and Expansion (EHS-CCP) slots that could expand assistance to homeless children.
- Connecticut has a Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) with no Medicaid expansion. Current Medicaid covers children under 6 years old up to 196 percent of Federal Poverty Level. CHIP covers children up to 318 percent of Federal Poverty Level (CMS).



<sup>1</sup> United States Census Bureau/American FactFinder, "B17024: AGE BY RATIO OF INCOME TO POVERTY LEVEL IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS," 2013 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey Office, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> Bassuk, et al., "America's Youngest Outcasts: A Report Card on Child Homelessness," The National Center on Family Homelessness, 2013. Published in November 2014.

<sup>3</sup> Department of Health and Human Services, "Program Information Report Data 2013", Office of Head Start, Administration of Children and Families, 2014.

<sup>4</sup> Department of Education, "Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program School Years 2010-2011 through 2012-2013 Consolidated State Performance Report," National Center for Homeless Education, 2013.