

A Look at Early Childhood Homelessness Pennsylvania



TOTAL CHILDREN
POPULATION UNDER 6
in 2013:

853,657¹

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF
CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6
IDENTIFIED as HOMELESS:

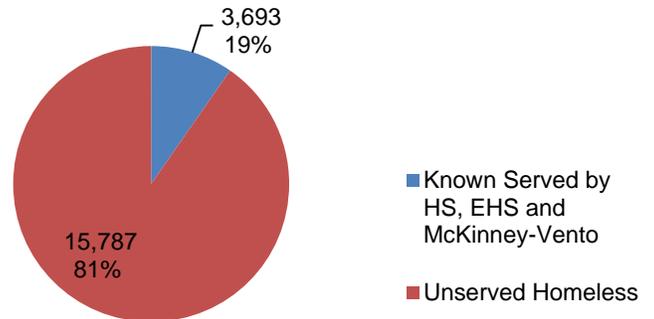
19,480²

CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6
EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS:

1 in 44 CHILDREN



CHILDREN IN EARLY
LEARNING PROGRAMS



STATE STATISTICS &
STATE EFFORTS

- Average number of children 18 and under who receive meals in emergency shelters daily is 865 (CACFP/USDA).
- More than 20 percent of children 18 and under lived in households that lacked access to adequate food in 2013 (Children's Defense Fund).
- More than one in five children (22.8 percent) under 6 years old lived below the Federal Poverty Level in 2013.
- 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. Pennsylvania has 965 Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership and Expansion (EHS-CCP) slots that could expand necessary assistance to homeless children.
- Pennsylvania is considered to have a separate Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), but has a combination of Medicaid expansion and a separate programs. Current Medicaid covers children ages 0 to 1 up to 215 percent of Federal Poverty Level (FPL), and covers children ages 1 to 5 up to 157 percent of FPL. CHIP covers children up to 314 percent of FPL (CMS).

NUMBER OF CHILDREN
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
SERVED BY PROGRAMS

Head Start and Early Head Start (Total Cumulative Enrollment in Head Start/Early Head Start	1,926 ³ 43,797)
EHCY (McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act)	1,767 ⁴
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



¹ 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.

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

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

⁴ 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.