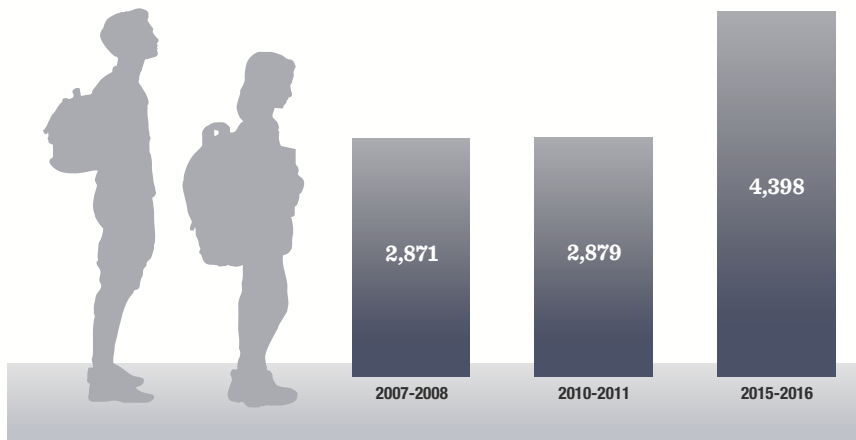


Fact Sheet

Jacksonville Metropolitan Area Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns Counties

Nearly 4,400 students were identified as homeless in the five-county area in 2015-16.

*Students Identified as Homeless by School Year,
Jacksonville Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)*



Source: Florida Department of Education.

- The number of students identified as homeless increased by 53 percent between the 2007-08 and 2015-16 school years.
- In 2015-16, 84 percent of homeless students were accompanied by their families. Sixteen percent were unaccompanied youth.

Most homeless students were doubled up with others.

Homeless Students by Place of Nighttime Residence, 2015-16 School Year

School District	Shelter/ Transitional Housing	Doubled Up	Unsheltered	Hotels/ Motels	Awaiting Foster Care	Total
Baker	0	40	—	0	0	41
Clay	54	656	15	108	—	840
Duval	192	1,845	17	161	41	2,256
Nassau	13	371	45	14	—	445
St. Johns	102	581	25	96	12	816
Total	361	3,493	102	379	53	4,398
Percent of Students	8%	79%	2%	9%	1%	100%

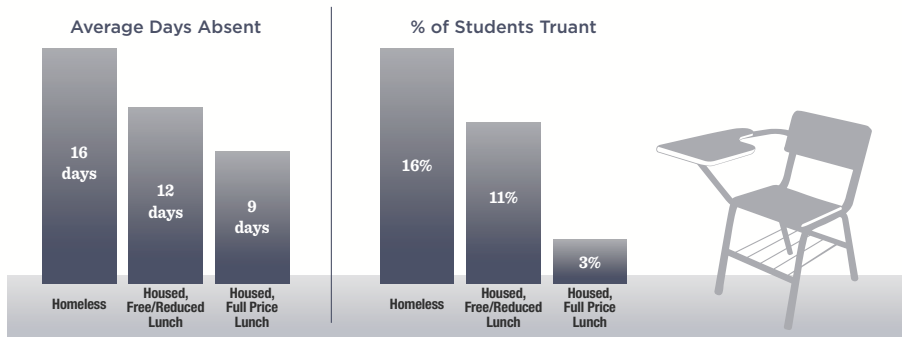
Source: Florida Department of Education.

“—” denotes category with 1-10 students; data are suppressed for student privacy.

- Most homeless students (79 percent) were doubled up with family and friends.
- Approximately equal numbers were living in shelters and transitional housing (8 percent) and in hotels and motels (9 percent).

Homeless students are at higher risk of absenteeism and truancy.

Absenteeism and Truancy, 2015-16 School Year



Source: Florida Department of Education.

- Homeless students missed more school days per year on average than students who are housed. This includes housed students receiving free and reduced price lunch (a proxy for low-income students) and housed students receiving full price lunch.
- Homeless students were also more likely to be identified as truant than housed/free-reduced lunch students and housed/full price lunch students. Truant students are those with at least 15 unexcused absences within a 90-day period.

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