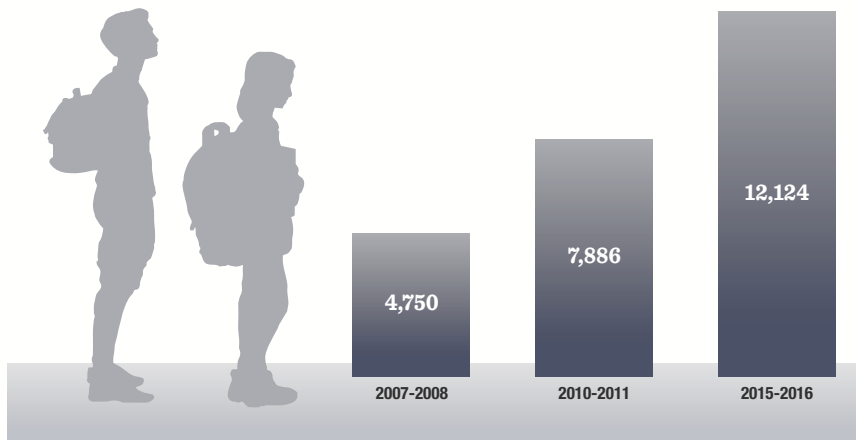


Fact Sheet

Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach Metropolitan Area Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties

Over 12,000 students were identified as homeless in the three-county area in 2015-16.

*Students Identified as Homeless by School Year,
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)*



Source: Florida Department of Education.

- The number of students identified as homeless more than doubled between the 2007-08 and 2015-16 school years, increasing by 154 percent.
- In 2015-16, 92 percent of homeless students were accompanied by their families. Eight percent were unaccompanied youth.

Most homeless students were doubled up with others or living in shelters and transitional housing.

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

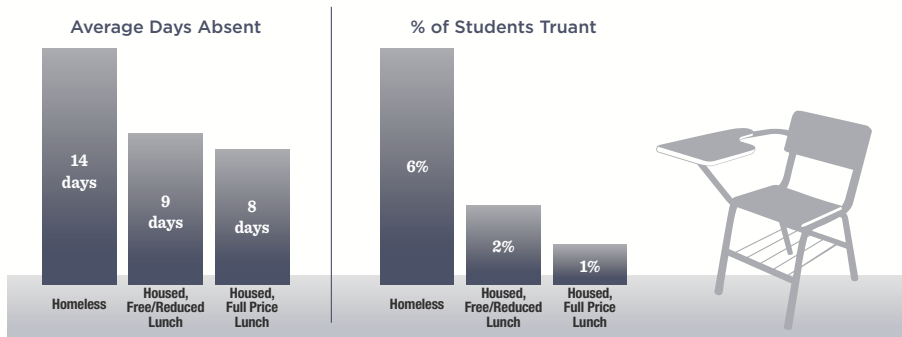
School District	Shelter/ Transitional Housing	Doubled Up	Unsheltered	Hotels/ Motels	Awaiting Foster Care	Total
Broward	513	1,448	52	233	16	2,262
Miami-Dade	1,109	4,476	213	295	10	6,103
Palm Beach	387	2,556	123	281	412	3,759
Total	2,009	8,480	388	809	438	12,124
Percent of Students	17%	70%	3%	7%	4%	100%

Source: Florida Department of Education.

- Most homeless students (70 percent) were doubled up with family and friends.
- More students were housed in shelters and transitional housing (17 percent) than in hotels and motels (7 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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