

Student Homelessness in PA

5 Year Data Trends in PA's Educating Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program

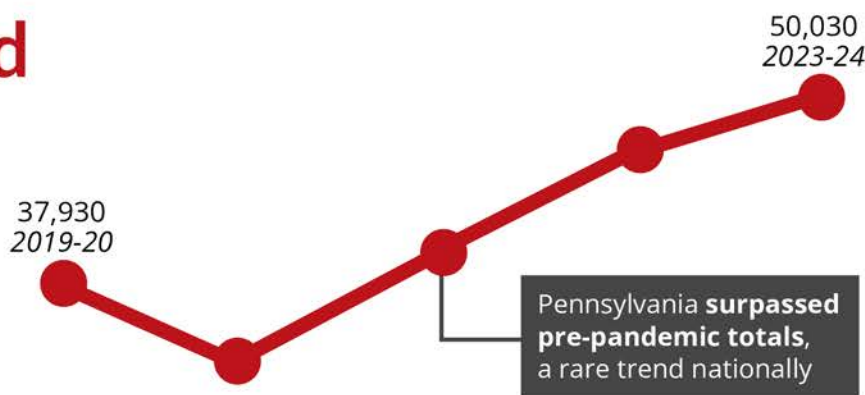
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A Growing Need

Between 2019-20 and 2023-24, the **number of students identified as experiencing homelessness** rose by

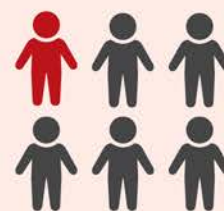
32%



The percentage of all students experiencing homelessness in PA **rose to 2.4% in 2022-23 and 2.6% in 2023-24**, after holding steady at 2% for nearly a decade

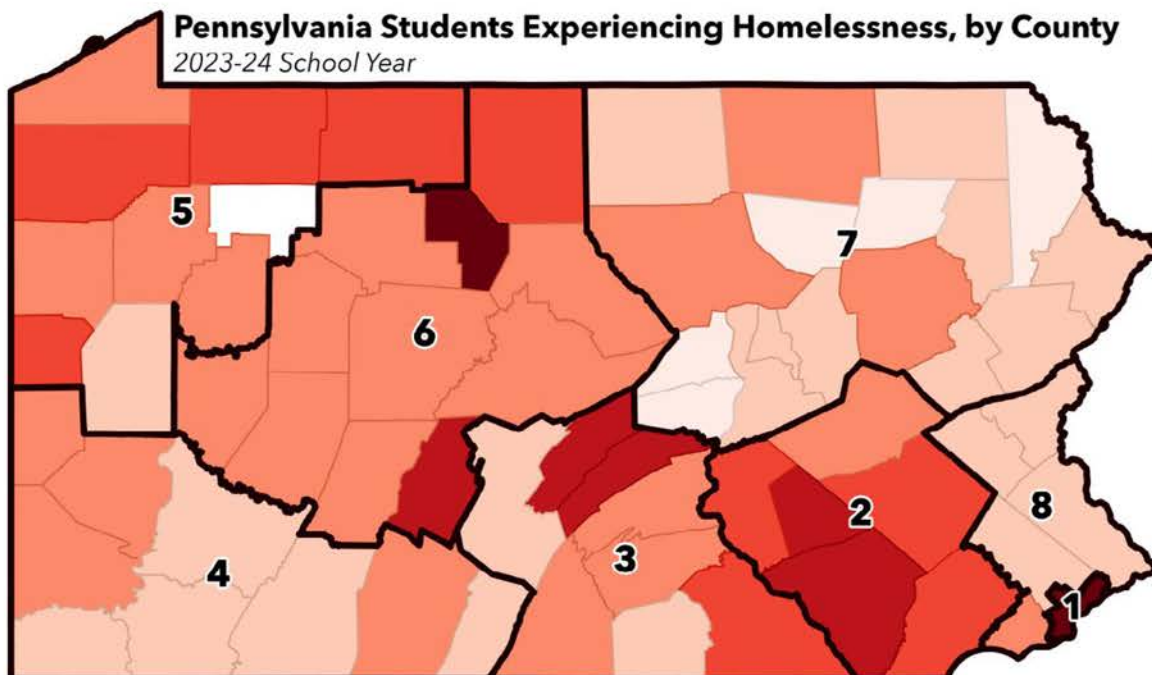
Did you know?

1 in 6 children experiencing homelessness in PA is **5 years of age or younger**



Pennsylvania Students Experiencing Homelessness, by County

2023-24 School Year



In 2023-24, **more than 50,000** students experienced homelessness in Pennsylvania

Students Experiencing Homelessness (%)



PA ECYEH Regions



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All results based on students included in analysis. All students may not have data for all areas. Source: 2023-24 Pennsylvania Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness State Evaluation Report

Shifting Demographics

The characteristics of students experiencing homelessness in Pennsylvania has changed over the past 5 years. On average:

1 in 4

students have a disability, higher than the state and national average



11%

of students are English Learners, increasing from 9% to 15% over 5 years



3%

are migrant students, with an increase to 4.5% in 2023-24



1 in 6

are unaccompanied, with this population increasing over 5 years



Over the last 5 years, the percentages of students who are **unsheltered or staying in hotels/motels increased**, while a lower percent of students are staying in shelters or transitional housing

Positive Trends

Support for students experiencing homelessness is improving and meets a critical need.

Over the last 5 years...

% Change between
2019-20 & 2023-24

Grade 12 Graduation Rate

67.9% in 2019-20 to 70.3% in 2023-24

↑ 4%

Grade 12 Dropout Rate

7.5% in 2019-20 to 6.6% in 2023-24

↓ 11%

% Receiving Individualized Services

74% in 2019-20 to 85% in 2023-24

↑ 14%

Remain in School of Origin

81% on average over 5 years

— Sustained Impact

Score Advanced/Proficient in Math

12.8% in 2020-21* to 13.6% in 2023-24

↑ 6%

* Note: data were not available in 2019-20; percent change is calculated over 4 years, not five.