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2023-2024 DATA REPORT

Infant and Toddler Homelessness Across 50 States

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Executive Summary

A child's brain develops faster birth through age three than at any other time in life.[i] Homelessness during these years harms physical health,[ii] mental health,[iii] social-emotional growth,[iv] and learning.[v]

Since 2023, SchoolHouse Connection, in partnership with Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan, has gathered and analyzed data to estimate the number of infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness nationally and in each state. In addition, we report how many participate in Early Head Start, certain home visiting programs, and early childhood programs administered by local educational agencies.

This report presents national and state data from the 2023-2024 program year. Each state profile also summarizes state-level policies on infant and toddler homelessness. Finally, the report recommends local, state, and federal actions to connect infants, toddlers, and their families to early childhood development programs, homeless assistance, housing, and health services.

KEY FINDINGS

1 **More than half a million infants and toddlers experienced homelessness in 2023-2024.** SchoolHouse Connection estimates 513,539 children experienced homelessness from birth through age three, or roughly one in 29. This is the highest estimate in the three years of this analysis.

2 **Fewer than one in ten infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were enrolled in Early Head Start, a home visiting program, or a local educational agency early childhood program.** 20,428 were served by a local educational agency, 20,840 by Early Head Start, and 9,468 by a home visiting program. No individual program has reached more than 5% in any year of this analysis.

3 **Data on babies and expectant parents experiencing homelessness are inadequate and difficult to access across key federal and state data systems.**[vi] Some agencies collect this data and decline to release it, some do not report it by age, and some programs are not required to collect it at all.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendations for Action

Solving infant and toddler homelessness requires action across early childhood, housing, homelessness, health care, and data systems. Our recommendations follow the four priority areas of the Thrive from the Start initiative, a cross-sector effort led by *Housing Is*, the National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers, Prevent Child Abuse America, SchoolHouse Connection, and ZERO TO THREE. The full report provides specific examples and organizes the recommendations by local, state, and federal levels.

1 **Expand access to shelter and permanent housing.** Prioritize families with infants, toddlers, and expectant parents for housing assistance, and align the federal definition of homelessness used by housing programs with the definition used by schools, Early Head Start, and child care.

2 **Increase access to early childhood development programs.** Robustly implement existing requirements that Head Start, child care, and home visiting programs identify, prioritize, and enroll children experiencing homelessness, and fund those programs at levels that reach these families.

3 **Improve data collection and coordination.** Require HUD to report homelessness data by the age of children served, and direct the Office of Child Care to publish the homelessness data that states already report.

4 **Integrate health care and housing.** Connect families with infants and expectant parents to Medicaid, developmental screening, and a medical home at the point they seek shelter or housing assistance.

NEW IN THIS REPORT

State estimates are now broken down by age, from birth through age three.

Home visiting data cover more programs, including federally funded Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) programs.

Estimates of homelessness among infants and toddlers on tribal lands appear for the first time.

Introduction

Healthy development in the first three years of life depends on stability and consistent caregiving.[vii]

Infants form secure attachments through predictable interactions with the adults who care for them, and acquire language, motor, and social skills through daily routines in safe environments.[viii] Homelessness disrupts these conditions. Families experiencing homelessness move frequently, stay in places not designed for young children, and experience interruptions in services like pediatric care[ix], early childhood programs,[x] and community supports.[xi] Children experiencing homelessness are at increased risk for developmental delays, and frequent moves compound that risk by interrupting the screening and referral processes that might otherwise identify them and connect them to services.

These risks begin before birth. Women experiencing homelessness during pregnancy are less likely to receive early and consistent prenatal care,[xii] and are more likely to deliver preterm or low birth weight infants,[xiii, xiv] which carry lasting consequences for a child's health and development.

HOW HOMELESSNESS IS DEFINED

According to the education subtitle of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act,[xv] homelessness is defined as children and youth lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and includes:

Shelters/transitional housing, including domestic violence shelters, homeless shelters, youth shelters, and trailers provided by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

Staying in motels/hotels due to lack of adequate alternative accommodations, regardless of who pays for the motel/ hotel room.

Staying with other people due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (sometimes referred to as “doubledup,” or “couch-surfing”)

Staying in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.

Homelessness among families with infants and toddlers takes many forms. It can look like:

A toddler whose family is staying in a shelter with no place to crawl, no quiet place to sleep, and no routine from one night to the next.

A one-year-old who has never been screened for developmental delays because her family has moved frequently since she was born and no program has identified her as homeless.

A mother with a toddler turned away from apartment after apartment because of an eviction on her record that occurred during a period of unemployment.

A family with a newborn staying temporarily in the crowded living room of an acquaintance because the list for housing assistance in their community is long and closed to new applicants.

Solving infant and toddler homelessness begins with knowing how many children experience it, and whether early childhood development, homeless assistance, housing, and other programs are reaching them. This report lays out the most recent data on homelessness among infants, toddlers, and their families and provides recommendations to leaders at the local, state, and federal levels.

KEY FINDING 1

More than half a million infants and toddlers experienced homelessness in 2023–2024.

SchoolHouse Connection estimates that 513,539 children from birth through age three experienced homelessness during the 2023-2024 program year, or roughly one in 29 infants and toddlers nationwide.[1] This is the highest estimate since SHC began this analysis, and remains a conservative figure because homelessness among all children is still significantly under-identified.[xvi]

513,539
estimated infants and toddlers experienced homelessness

1 in 29
estimated infants and toddlers nationwide experiencing homelessness

3.48%
of 1st graders identified as experiencing homelessness, as the basis for the estimate

This year's estimate is higher than last year's for two reasons. First, public schools identified more students experiencing homelessness, aided by a one-time federal investment that more than doubled the number of school districts with dedicated funding to find and support these students.[xvii] Because SHC's estimate is based on the share of first graders identified as homeless, the estimate of babies experiencing homelessness rises when schools identify more students.[2]

However, even with improved outreach, schools identify only a portion of the students who meet the definition.[xviii] For these reasons, the estimate remains conservative. Second, worsening economic conditions during this time also likely contributed to the increase in first graders identified as homeless.[xix,xx] Families with young children faced the sharpest rise in rental costs in over a decade, rising child poverty, and natural disasters in many parts of the country.[xxi,xxii,xxiii]

> "The health of our future economy depends on the stability of our youngest citizens. Learning that over half a million infants and toddlers are estimated to have experienced homelessness, and that 90% are cut off from critical development services, is a profound economic red flag. If we fail to invest in these children today, we are actively undermining the foundation of our future workforce."
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> **Tonya Ware**
> **Mississippi State Director, ReadyNation**

[1] For the purposes of this report we include data on children ages 0, 1, 2, and 3 -- or children up to their fourth birthday.
[2] SHC bases our infant and toddler homelessness estimate on the share of first graders identified as experiencing homelessness. First grade is the earliest point at which nearly all children are enrolled in public school, and federal law requires public schools to identify children experiencing homelessness and report those counts. No comparable system or count exists for children from birth through age three; therefore, the first grade rate is the closest measure available.(see Methodology).

Homelessness Among Infants and Toddlers on Tribal Lands

Estimated homelessness among infants and toddlers on tribal lands is nearly double the national rate.

Tribal communities face some of the highest risks of homelessness.[xxiv] Data on infants and toddlers in these communities are limited, and Census figures for these areas come from five-year pooled estimates. This data also cannot be broken out by a single year of age. We therefore report one combined figure for infants and toddlers using the five year pooled data, rather than the year-by-year estimates we provide for states.

To our knowledge, no prior analysis has estimated the number of infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness in tribal communities. SHC and Poverty Solutions have produced this estimate as a starting point for discussion.

BIE schools identified 6.62% of their 1st graders as experiencing homelessness during the 2023-2024 school year (nearly double the national rate of 3.48%). Applying the BIE 1st grade homelessness rate to all children under age three living in tribal statistical areas, reservations, and off-reservation trust lands, and assuming that rate approximates the rate for younger children in the same communities, we estimate that 16,795 infants and toddlers experience homelessness in these communities. This estimated population is larger than that of 47 states.[3]

That figure is likely still low. Housing instability, overcrowding, and poverty in tribal communities exceed national averages.[xxv,xxvi] Families also face greater barriers to identification, including distrust of outside institutions, uncertainty about whether their housing situation meets the definition of homelessness, and fear that disclosure will bring child welfare involvement.[xxvii]

BIE schools serve a small share of Native students.[xxviii] Most American Indian and Alaska Native students attend state public schools, which do not report homelessness by tribal affiliation or reservation geography. Homelessness among Native infants and toddlers outside these communities cannot be measured with the data now available.

6.62%

of BIE 1st graders identified as experiencing homelessness

[3] BIE schools serve an almost exclusively Native student population, though some BIE students do not live on a reservation. Applying an identification rate drawn from BIE enrollment to a reservation-based population count is an approximation. See Methodology.

KEY FINDING 2

Fewer than one in ten infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were enrolled in Early Head Start, a home visiting program, or a local educational agency early childhood program.

As explained in the methodology section below, national data on the enrollment of infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness in early childhood development programs are only available for Early Head Start, local educational agency early childhood programs, and four out of twenty-four federally-approved home visiting models.[4]

Of the 513,539 infants and toddlers estimated to have experienced homelessness in 2023-2024, **only 50,736, or 9.88%**, participated in one of the following early childhood development programs:

Early childhood development programs reduce the developmental harms associated with homelessness and connect families to housing, health care, and other supports.[xxix] Yet families experiencing homelessness encounter persistent barriers to accessing these programs, including missing documentation such as birth certificates and immunization records, lack of reliable transportation, unawareness that they meet the definition of homelessness under federal law, and fear that identification will bring law enforcement or child welfare involvement.[xxx, xxxi, xxxii]

Barriers to access are compounded by limited supply, as federal funding for Early Head Start, home visiting, and child care assistance falls short of the number of eligible infants and toddlers.[xxxiii, xxxiv, xxxv]

> "Research shows that toxic stress, the kind that is experienced by young children from homeless families, causes negative impacts to the formation of the brain, which can prevent or impede learning. Access to high quality early childhood education such as Early Head Start and Head Start provides critical time intervention, allowing children experiencing homelessness their best chance to succeed in school. At the Center for Transforming Lives, 91% of children test ready for school – twice the rate of children entering our local school district!"
>
> **Carol Klocek**
> **President & CEO, Center for Transforming Lives (Ft. Worth, Texas)**

[4] For some programs, enrollment is reported for three-, four-, and five-year-olds combined and therefore cannot be disaggregated by age. Because we could not confirm how many three-year-olds specifically were enrolled, we excluded these figures. This means our findings understate enrollment among three-year-olds.
[5] LEAs only report data on infants and toddlers served if they receive a McKinney-Vento subgrant. Only 21% of LEAs receive subgrants. Additionally, data in this report are only inclusive of children ages birth through two. See methodology for additional information.
[6] Note that enrollment data only reflect the programs for which national data is publicly available or were provided to SHC (Early Head Start, infants and toddlers served by LEAs, and four home visiting models) and are not deduplicated across programs. This means that we do not know the total enrollment of young children experiencing homelessness in early child development programs. For example, programs whose data are not included such as child care subsidy (CCDF) would push the enrollment estimate higher, while duplicate enrollment across our sources would push the estimate lower, and the net effect is unknown.

KEY FINDING 3

Data on babies and expectant parents experiencing homelessness are inadequate and difficult to access across key federal and state data systems.

No federal agency publishes complete data on how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness receive services through federally-funded programs. Some agencies collect this information and decline to release it; others do not report it by age; and some programs are not required to collect it at all.

These data gaps have significant consequences for children and families.

Early childhood programs are required to identify and prioritize infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness for enrollment; however, without accurate data, they cannot know whether their outreach is reaching the families the law directs them to serve.

Shelter and housing providers may not design appropriate services or build effective partnerships when their own systems do not record the ages of children.

States may make funding and policy decisions based on documented needs, yet without data on expectant parents and infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness, these families are left out of those decisions.

Without disaggregated data, Congress cannot determine whether the policies it enacted are being carried out and the extent to which those policies are effective.

Early Childhood Development Program Data Challenges

Specific data challenges for early childhood development programs and homeless assistance programs are described below.

Home visiting programs that do not receive federal MIECHV funding are not required to collect data on homelessness.

An unknown number of families experiencing homelessness are served by home visiting programs that do not report on housing status. Among programs that do report on housing status, definitions, screening practices, and reporting fields differ by model. In 2022, the share of families identified as experiencing homelessness by federally funded Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting programs ranged from 0% to 9.3% across states, and from 1% to 47.4% across models.[xxxvi]

Data on expectant parents are the sparsest.

The Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) included a question on housing instability and was the only national source of information on homelessness during pregnancy. Data collection and sharing has been disrupted and some states have stopped data collection all together.[xxxvii] Some states may gather comparable information through maternal health surveillance or home visiting intake, but no central source identifies which states do so, what they ask, or how the information can be obtained.

Data are based on the number of children and families identified by a program.

Given the challenges associated with identifying children and families experiencing homelessness, even programs with the most robust data likely underidentify the true number of children experiencing homelessness.

Where Available, Child Care Data Change the Picture

Federal law requires states to report whether each child receiving a child care subsidy is experiencing homelessness, using the same definition of homelessness that public schools and Head Start use. States submit this information to the Office of Child Care quarterly, along with each child's age and county of residence, however the Office of Child Care does not publish it. Because no public federal source is available, SHC contacted Child Care and Development Fund Administrators in all fifty states. Nine responded with data. Because these data cover nine states, we report them in the state profiles and in Appendix B, but exclude them from the national enrollment counts and percentages.

The data available from nine states add an important lens to how infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are being served by early childhood development programs. In each of the nine states, child care data increase the number served, modestly in some cases, significantly in others. For example, in Florida 3.33% of infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in a program, excluding child care data. When that data is factored in, the number served nearly triples to 9.04%. In Minnesota, the inclusion of child care data increases the number of children served from 8.68% to 43.39%. As noted in the methodology, program data are reported in aggregate, so these combined figures may count some children more than once. Collectively across the nine states for which child care data is included, 7,671 additional infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are served. These children and the families they represent are significant. Although they are not included in the national data in this report, their absence means the national figures understate how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in early childhood programs, perhaps dramatically.

Congress requires this reporting so that it can determine whether children experiencing homelessness have access to federally-funded child care. As long as the data go unpublished, that question cannot be answered and decisionmakers will not have the data they need to improve policy and practice.

Housing and Homeless Assistance Data Challenges

Federal housing programs use a narrower definition of homelessness than early childhood programs and a homeless count methodology that excludes many families.[xxxviii]

Head Start, child care, and public schools identify and serve families under the definition in the education subtitle of the McKinney-Vento Act, which includes families staying temporarily with others and families staying in motels. Federal housing programs limit eligibility largely to people staying in shelters or in unsheltered locations. Most families with infants and toddlers who meet the definition used by early childhood programs are therefore ineligible for federal homeless assistance – and also absent from federal homelessness data. In addition, HUD's annual "point in time" count largely measures shelter capacity, which is in turn influenced by funding and policy decisions rather than an increase or decrease in need.[xxxix]

HUD does not report data on children in its homelessness programs by age.[xl]

HUD reports children who stay in federally-funded homeless assistance programs as a single group covering birth through age 17. As a result, the total number of infants and toddlers in these programs is unknown, as is the proportion served by specific programs (emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing).

"When infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are missing from our data, they are too often missing from our response. In Connecticut, Head Start on Housing starts with children and families already connected to Head Start and Early Head Start and uses that trusted connection as a pathway to long-term housing stability, recognizing that housing stability and early childhood development are deeply connected."

Dr. Shante Hanks
Director, Connecticut Head Start on Housing

Recommendations for Action

Solving infant and toddler homelessness requires early childhood development programs, homeless and housing programs, health care, and data systems to take specific and intentional action.

The recommendations below follow the four priority areas of the Thrive from the Start policy agenda, a cross-sector effort led by the *Housing Is*, the National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers, Prevent Child Abuse America, SchoolHouse Connection, and ZERO TO THREE. Within each area, recommendations are grouped by actor: local, state, and federal.

For fuller detail, see the Thrive from the Start Policy Agenda.

1

Expand access to shelter, permanent housing, and prevention services

Prioritization. Prevention. Connection.

2

Increase access to early childhood development programs and support services

Prioritization. Coordination. Elimination of barriers.

3

Improve data collection, analysis, use, and coordination

Consistency. Comprehensiveness. Disaggregation.

4

Integrate health care and housing services

Connection. Education. Support.

Recommendation #1

Expand access to shelter, permanent housing, and prevention services

Prioritization. Prevention. Connection.

LOCAL PROVIDERS AND COMMUNITIES	STATES	CONGRESS OR FEDERAL AGENCIES
Prioritize families with infants, toddlers, and expectant parents on housing waitlists.	Fund eviction prevention and legal services for families with children under three.	Align HUD's definition of homelessness with the early care and education definition by passing the bipartisan Homeless Children and Youth Act.
Extend the time families with young children can stay in emergency and transitional shelter.	Target state housing trust funds and rental assistance to families with infants and toddlers.	Increase housing support and services for families with young children by passing the bipartisan Family Stability and Opportunity Vouchers Act.
Review entry and eligibility policies that result in families with babies being turned away from shelter.	Ensure that expectant parents and families with infants and toddlers are prioritized for state-funded homelessness assistance.	Increase the supply of affordable family housing through tax credits and rental subsidies.
Dedicate local funding from public and private sources to increase access to housing and services.	Provide flexible cash assistance to families who meet broader early childhood definition of homelessness that can be used for rent, deposits, utilities, and motel stays.	Fund flexible emergency assistance that families can use for motels, utilities, and short-term rent.

Recommendation #2

Increase access to early childhood development programs and support services

Prioritization. Coordination. Elimination of barriers.

LOCAL PROVIDERS AND COMMUNITIES	STATES	CONGRESS OR FEDERAL AGENCIES
Partner with local educational agency homeless liaisons to identify and refer families.	Implement child care priority, waivers, and grace periods for families experiencing homelessness.	Support implementation of Head Start and Early Head Start requirements to identify, prioritize, and enroll children experiencing homelessness.
Enroll children immediately while families obtain documentation.	Include homelessness in federal grant programs, including Preschool Development Grant, IDEA Part C plans, and HRSA grants.	Increase funding for Early Head Start, MIECHV, child care, and IDEA Part C Early Intervention.
Fund navigators who help families reach programs across sectors.	Use Medicaid and Family First funds to reach families with infants and toddlers.	Increase McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth funding to expand identification of children not yet in school.
Connect shelter residents directly to early childhood programs and health and development programs.	As a condition of funding, require training on homelessness for early childhood staff, child care resource and referral agencies, and shelter staff.	Issue updated guidance and training on existing homelessness requirements across early childhood programs.

Recommendation #3

Improve data collection, analysis, use, and coordination

Consistency. Comprehensiveness. Disaggregation.

LOCAL PROVIDERS AND COMMUNITIES	STATES	CONGRESS OR FEDERAL AGENCIES
Disaggregate homeless management information system data by child age.	Include homelessness data from both early childhood development programs and HUD programs in any state-level reports on homelessness.	Require HUD to collect, disaggregate, and report data by the age of children served.
Share data across shelters, schools, and early childhood programs.	Require age disaggregation in state shelter and housing data.	Direct the Office of Child Care to publish the homelessness data states already report.
Revise intake and enrollment forms and housing questionnaires to ensure data on homelessness is accurate by ensuring the categories are aligned with the McKinney-Vento education definition: staying in shelter, unsheltered, staying in a motel, or sharing the housing of others temporarily due to loss of housing.	Publish state-level data on infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness, including child care subsidy participation.	Adopt the education subtitle definition of homelessness across federal programs.
Use McKinney-Vento liaison data on young children in local early childhood needs assessments.	Include infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness in statewide early childhood needs assessments, including Preschool Development Grant, MIECHV, and Head Start State Collaboration Office assessments.	Preserve requirements that Head Start programs assess community need, including homelessness.

Recommendation #4

Integrate health care and housing services

Connection. Education. Support.

LOCAL PROVIDERS AND COMMUNITIES	STATES	CONGRESS OR FEDERAL AGENCIES
Pair case management with shelter and housing to connect families to Medicaid and developmental services.	Include expectant parents and families with infants and toddlers in Medicaid presumptive and continuous eligibility.	Protect Medicaid coverage and access for families experiencing homelessness.
Ensure every infant and toddler has an assigned medical home.	Coordinate home visiting, Medicaid, and housing agencies at the state level.	Clarify guidance from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) on collecting home visiting data on families experiencing homelessness.
Implement housing questionnaires for pediatric care providers in order to more accurately identify families experiencing all forms of homelessness, including families temporarily sharing the housing of others.	Pair housing assistance for infants, toddlers, and their families with access to home visiting and health services, including mental health support.	Direct CMS and HRSA to align health care housing screening questions with the McKinney-Vento education definition of homelessness.

National & State Profiles

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

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SchoolHouse Connection | 2023-2024 NATIONAL DATA PROFILE

Infant and Toddler Homelessness in the United States

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

14,775,563

Children aged 0-3 in the United States

HOMELESSNESS

513,539

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 3.48% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

50,736

Identified as enrolled in a program — 9.88% of those experiencing homelessness, excluding child care enrollment

Fewer than 1 in 10 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program (excluding child care enrollment).

PROGRAM REACH | Estimated Homeless Children (0-3) Enrolled in Early Childhood Programs

9,468 Home Visiting

20,840 Early Head Start

20,428 Identified & Served by an LEA

50,736 Total identified as enrolled

462,803 Unserved/ Not Confirmed (excluding child care enrollment)

7,671* Child Care Subsidy Program

*Data only available from 9 states and therefore not included in the national figure

FEDERAL LAW | Prioritizing Infants & Toddlers Experiencing Homelessness through Federal Law

HOME VISITING

A subset of Home Visiting programs served 9,468 (1.84%) birth through three-year-olds experiencing homelessness. The Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program supports expectant parents and parents with young children who live in communities most at risk for negative health outcomes. MIECHV-funded providers are required to collect data on the number of families and children experiencing homelessness.

EARLY HEAD START

Early Head Start programs identified and served 20,840 (4.06%) birth through three-year-olds experiencing homelessness.

The Head Start statute and regulations specify that programs must identify and prioritize children experiencing homelessness and remove barriers to their participation.

CHILD CARE

Child Care and Development Fund law and regulations require homeless children to be prioritized; use funding for enrollment, outreach, and training to support children and families experiencing homelessness; and allow states to provide a number of additional accommodations for homeless families, such as waivers for work requirements and co-payments.

LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES

Local educational agencies identified 20,428 (3.97%) birth through two-year-olds experiencing homelessness. The McKinney-Vento Act requirements for immediate enrollment and school stability apply to all LEA-funded preschool programs. In addition, the US Department of Education collects data on children ages by 0-2 served by LEAs that receive McKinney-Vento subgrant funding (approximately 20% of all LEAs).

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

SchoolHouse Connection | 2023-2024 STATE DATA PROFILE

Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Alabama

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

235,229

Children aged 0-3 in Alabama

HOMELESSNESS

5,998

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.55% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

377

Identified as enrolled in a program — 6.29% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 16 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN ALABAMA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
1,460	1,509	1,516	1,513

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

81	Home Visiting
295	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
1	Identified & Served by an LEA
5,621	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	90 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Alaska

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POPULATION

36,266

Children aged 0-3 in Alaska

HOMELESSNESS

1,175

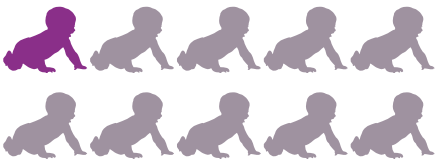
Estimated experiencing homelessness — 3.24% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

122

Identified as enrolled in a program — 10.38% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 10 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN ALASKA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
292	293	294	296

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

21	Home Visiting
97	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
4	Identified & Served by an LEA
1,053	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	30 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Arizona

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POPULATION

316,397

Children aged 0-3 in Arizona

HOMELESSNESS

6,804

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.15% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

580

Identified as enrolled in a program — 8.52% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 12 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN ARIZONA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
1,675	1,703	1,740	1,686

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

151	Home Visiting
414	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
15	Identified & Served by an LEA
6,224	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	30 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	15 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Arkansas

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POPULATION

142,312

Children aged 0-3 in Arkansas

HOMELESSNESS

6,446

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 4.53% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

886

Identified as enrolled in a program — 13.74% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 7 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.*

**Includes child care subsidy enrollment. Only nine states provided this data, so this figure is not comparable to states where it is unavailable.*

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN ARKANSAS BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
1,574	1,600	1,657	1,616

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

84	Home Visiting
405	Early Head Start
20	Child Care
377	Identified & Served by an LEA
5,560	Unserved/Not Confirmed

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	Yes, time not specified
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	15 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	Yes

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in California

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POPULATION

1,657,716

Children aged 0-3 in California

HOMELESSNESS

85,970

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 5.19% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

12,468

Identified as enrolled in a program — 14.50% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 7 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN CALIFORNIA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
20,945	21,547	22,163	21,314

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

1,010	Home Visiting
3,156	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
8,302	Identified & Served by an LEA
73,502	Unserved/Not Confirmed

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	30 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	YES

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Colorado

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POPULATION

249,370

Children aged 0-3 in Colorado

HOMELESSNESS

7,350

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.95% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

1,461

Identified as enrolled in a program — 19.88% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 5 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN COLORADO BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
1,835	1,838	1,850	1,827

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

181	Home Visiting
589	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
691	Identified & Served by an LEA
5,889	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	60 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	90 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	YES

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Connecticut

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POPULATION

145,951

Children aged 0-3 in Connecticut

HOMELESSNESS

1,621

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 1.11% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

501

Identified as enrolled in a program — 30.91% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 3 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN CONNECTICUT BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
388	405	420	408

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

208	Home Visiting
207	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
86	Identified & Served by an LEA
1,120	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	90 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	YES

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Delaware

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POPULATION

43,899

Children aged 0-3 in Delaware

HOMELESSNESS

1,225

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.79% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

201

Identified as enrolled in a program — 16.41% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 6 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN DELAWARE BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
293	308	322	301

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

159	Home Visiting
41	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
1	Identified & Served by an LEA
1,024	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness? No, however (11003.7.2) Income Eligible/Homeless Parent/caretakers who are homeless and whose incomes are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level can receive income eligible services exclusive of meeting any other need requirement.	
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	90 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	YES

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in the District of Columbia

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POPULATION

31,924

Children aged 0-3 in the District of Columbia

HOMELESSNESS

2,800

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 8.77% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

134

Identified as enrolled in a program — 4.79% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 21 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
703	708	704	685

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

24	Home Visiting
97	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
13	Identified & Served by an LEA
2,666	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	60 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	60 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	No

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Florida

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POPULATION

918,437

Children aged 0-3 in Florida

HOMELESSNESS

38,091

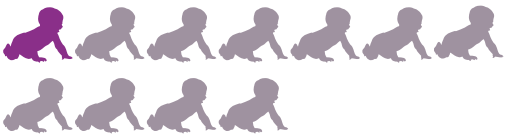
Estimated experiencing homelessness — 4.15% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

3,443

Identified as enrolled in a program — 9.04% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 11 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.*



Includes child care subsidy enrollment. Only nine states provided this data, so this figure is not comparable to states where it is unavailable.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN FLORIDA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
9,297	9,606	9,742	9,446

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

369	Home Visiting
852	Early Head Start
2,175**	Child Care **Data includes only birth—2 years 11 months
47	Identified & Served by an LEA
34,648	Unserved/Not Confirmed

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation? Yes, does not list length of time	
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Georgia

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POPULATION

507,302

Children aged 0-3 in Georgia

HOMELESSNESS

15,743

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 3.10% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

431

Identified as enrolled in a program — 2.74% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 37 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN GEORGIA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
3,870	3,951	3,996	3,926

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

91	Home Visiting
326	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
14	Identified & Served by an LEA
15,312	Unserved/Not Confirmed

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	45 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	45 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Hawaii

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POPULATION

60,837

Children aged 0-3 in Hawaii

HOMELESSNESS

2,320

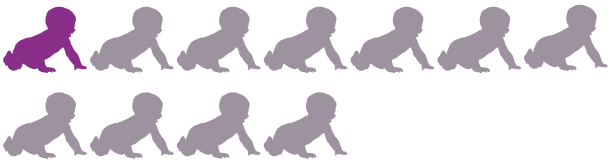
Estimated experiencing homelessness — 3.81% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

218

Identified as enrolled in a program — 9.40% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 11 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN HAWAII BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
558	578	597	587

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

154	Home Visiting
64	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
0	Identified & Served by an LEA
2,102	Unserved/Not Confirmed

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	NO
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	60 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	Up to 90 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	YES

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Idaho

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

90,995

Children aged 0-3 in Idaho

HOMELESSNESS

3,257

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 3.58% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

534

Identified as enrolled in a program — 16.40% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 6 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN IDAHO BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
811	813	817	815

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

51	Home Visiting
181	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
302	Identified & Served by an LEA
2,723	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	14 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	14 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Illinois

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POPULATION

519,840

Children aged 0-3 in Illinois

HOMELESSNESS

20,987

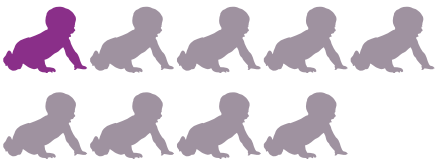
Estimated experiencing homelessness — 4.04% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

2,270

Identified as enrolled in a program — 10.82% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 9 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN ILLINOIS BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
5,088	5,206	5,317	5,376

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

1,409	Home Visiting
861	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
—	Identified & Served by an LEA (Data not reported)
18,717	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	NO
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	90 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	YES

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Indiana

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

321,582

Children aged 0-3 in Indiana

HOMELESSNESS

7,864

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.45% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

393

Identified as enrolled in a program — 5.00% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 20 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN INDIANA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
1,930	1,960	2,009	1,965

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

77	Home Visiting
315	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
1	Identified & Served by an LEA
7,471	Unserved/Not Confirmed

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES, on a case by case basis
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	90 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Iowa

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POPULATION

147,793

Children aged 0-3 in Iowa

HOMELESSNESS

2,328

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 1.58% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

525

Identified as enrolled in a program — 22.55% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 4 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN IOWA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
571	583	593	581

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

197	Home Visiting
294	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
34	Identified & Served by an LEA
1,803	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	60 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	60 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	YES

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Kansas

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POPULATION

137,967

Children aged 0-3 in Kansas

HOMELESSNESS

3,009

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.18% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

615

Identified as enrolled in a program — 20.44% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 5 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN KANSAS BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
739	756	755	759

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

158	Home Visiting
261	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
196	Identified & Served by an LEA
2,394	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	60 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	YES

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Kentucky

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POPULATION

212,437

Children aged 0-3 in Kentucky

HOMELESSNESS

8,685

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 4.09% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

376

Identified as enrolled in a program — 4.33% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 23 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN KENTUCKY BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
2,149	2,180	2,199	2,157

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

1	Home Visiting
360	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
15	Identified & Served by an LEA
8,309	Unserved/Not Confirmed

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Louisiana

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

222,384

Children aged 0-3 in Louisiana

HOMELESSNESS

6,399

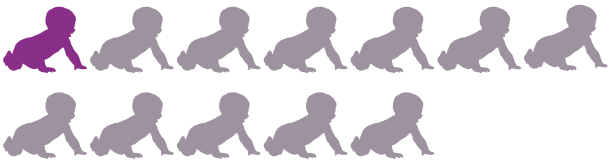
Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.88% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

550

Identified as enrolled in a program — 8.60% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 12 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN LOUISIANA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
1,536	1,623	1,623	1,617

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

44	Home Visiting
179	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
327	Identified & Served by an LEA
5,849	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	90 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	YES

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Maine

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

47,667

Children aged 0-3 in Maine

HOMELESSNESS

1,334

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.80% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

279

Identified as enrolled in a program — 20.91% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 5 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.*

**Includes child care subsidy enrollment. Only nine states provided this data, so this figure is not comparable to states where it is unavailable.*

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN MAINE BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
323	**336**	**341**	**334**

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

143	Home Visiting
112	Early Head Start
18**	Child Care **Data includes only birth—2 years 11 months
6	Identified & Served by an LEA
1,055	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements? 30 days. For license exempt providers, 90 days.	
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Maryland

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

276,061

Children aged 0-3 in Maryland

HOMELESSNESS

6,861

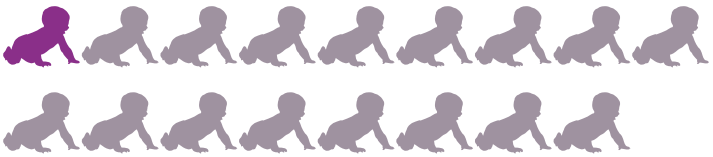
Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.49% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

398

Identified as enrolled in a program — 5.80% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 17 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN MARYLAND BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
1,640	1,714	1,778	1,729

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

54	Home Visiting
209	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
135	Identified & Served by an LEA
6,463	Unserved/Not Confirmed

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	60 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	60 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	YES

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Massachusetts

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POPULATION

279,011

Children aged 0-3 in Massachusetts

HOMELESSNESS

12,997

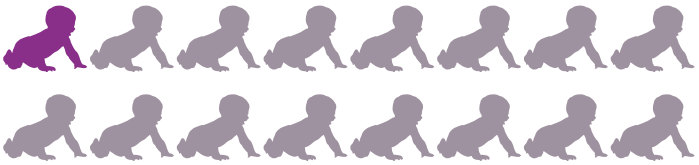
Estimated experiencing homelessness — 4.66% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

824

Identified as enrolled in a program — 6.34% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 16 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN MASSACHUSETTS BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
3,216	3,259	3,330	3,192

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

283	Home Visiting
541	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
—	Identified & Served by an LEA (Data not reported)
12,173	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	12 weeks
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	Yes, up to 6 months
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Michigan

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POPULATION

414,464

Children aged 0-3 in Michigan

HOMELESSNESS

11,776

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.84% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

2,043

Identified as enrolled in a program — 17.35% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 6 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN MICHIGAN BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
2,823	2,905	3,039	3,010

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

639	Home Visiting
693	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
711	Identified & Served by an LEA
9,733	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	45 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	12 months
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	YES

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Minnesota

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POPULATION

256,963

Children aged 0-3 in Minnesota

HOMELESSNESS

5,935

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.31% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

2,575

Identified as enrolled in a program — 43.39% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 2 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.*

**Includes child care subsidy enrollment. Only nine states provided this data, so this figure is not comparable to states where it is unavailable.*

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN MINNESOTA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
1,419	1,475	1,536	1,506

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

42	Home Visiting
387	Early Head Start
2,060	Child Care
86	Identified & Served by an LEA
3,360	Unserved/Not Confirmed

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	NO
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	YES

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Mississippi

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

138,250

Children aged 0-3 in Mississippi

HOMELESSNESS

2,609

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 1.89% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

70

Identified as enrolled in a program — 2.68% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 37 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN MISSISSIPPI BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
630	661	657	662

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

0	Home Visiting
70	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
—	Identified & Served by an LEA (Data not reported)
2,539	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	10 business days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	14 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Missouri

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

276,416

Children aged 0-3 in Missouri

HOMELESSNESS

11,654

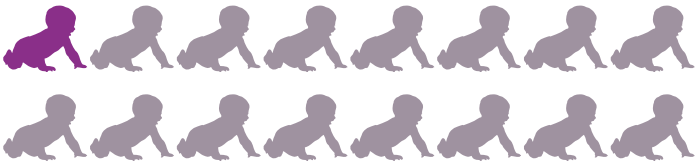
Estimated experiencing homelessness — 4.22% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

744

Identified as enrolled in a program — 6.38% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 16 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN MISSOURI BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
2,834	2,909	2,954	2,957

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

250	Home Visiting
494	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
—	Identified & Served by an LEA (Data not reported)
10,910	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	23 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Montana

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POPULATION

44,825

Children aged 0-3 in Montana

HOMELESSNESS

2,076

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 4.63% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

707

Identified as enrolled in a program — 34.06% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 3 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN MONTANA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
523	511	525	518

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

184	Home Visiting
285	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
238	Identified & Served by an LEA
1,369	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Nebraska

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POPULATION

99,092

Children aged 0-3 in Nebraska

HOMELESSNESS

1,541

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 1.56% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

298

Identified as enrolled in a program — 19.34% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 5 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN NEBRASKA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
379	387	385	390

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

41	Home Visiting
232	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
25	Identified & Served by an LEA
1,243	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation? Yes, "The Lead Agency will allow the amount of time it takes to obtain the out-of-state birth certificate request as long as the applicant continues to cooperate with the request."	
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Nevada

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POPULATION

134,831

Children aged 0-3 in Nevada

HOMELESSNESS

5,767

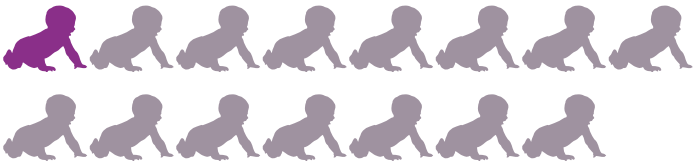
Estimated experiencing homelessness — 4.28% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

397

Identified as enrolled in a program — 6.88% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 15 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN NEVADA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
1,367	1,433	1,484	1,483

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

86	Home Visiting
208	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
103	Identified & Served by an LEA
5,370	Unserved/Not Confirmed

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	90 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in New Hampshire

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

49,243

Children aged 0-3 in New Hampshire

HOMELESSNESS

1,166

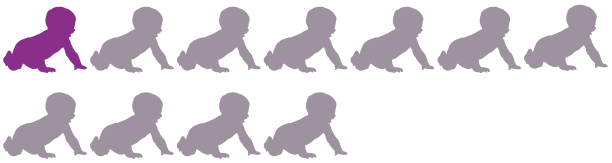
Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.37% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

105

Identified as enrolled in a program — 8.92% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 11 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
280	293	298	294

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

23	Home Visiting
76	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
6	Identified & Served by an LEA
1,062	Unserved/Not Confirmed

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	30 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in New Jersey

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

419,832

Children aged 0-3 in New Jersey

HOMELESSNESS

5,883

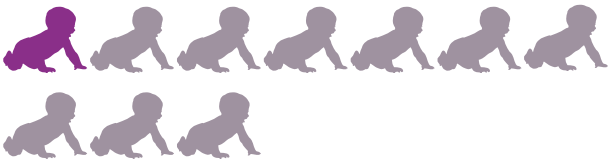
Estimated experiencing homelessness — 1.40% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

598

Identified as enrolled in a program — 10.16% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 10 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN NEW JERSEY BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
1,435	1,481	1,513	1,454

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

146	Home Visiting
452	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
—	Identified & Served by an LEA (Data not reported)
5,285	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	Yes, up to 6 months
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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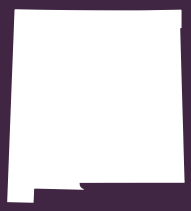
Infant and Toddler Homelessness in New Mexico



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POPULATION

85,298

Children aged 0-3 in New Mexico

HOMELESSNESS

3,388

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 3.97% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

1,293

Identified as enrolled in a program — 38.16% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 3 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.*

**Includes child care subsidy enrollment. Only nine states provided this data, so this figure is not comparable to states where it is unavailable.*

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN NEW MEXICO BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
821	862	848	857

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

126	Home Visiting
143	Early Head Start
439	Child Care
585	Identified & Served by an LEA
2,095	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	Up to 12 months
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in New York

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POPULATION

831,652

Children aged 0-3 in New York

HOMELESSNESS

63,728

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 7.66% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

3,183

Identified as enrolled in a program — 4.99% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 20 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.*

Includes child care subsidy enrollment. Only nine states provided this data, so this figure is not comparable to states where it is unavailable.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN NEW YORK BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
16,065	16,098	16,133	15,433

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

295	Home Visiting
1,211	Early Head Start
1,430	Child Care
247	Identified & Served by an LEA
60,545	Unserved/Not Confirmed

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	Up to 90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	14-30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in North Carolina

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POPULATION

493,320

Children aged 0-3 in North Carolina

HOMELESSNESS

12,338

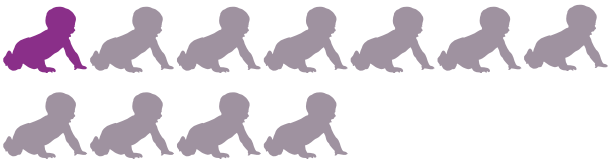
Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.50% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

1,074

Identified as enrolled in a program — 8.70% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 11 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN NORTH CAROLINA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
3,034	3,083	3,149	3,072

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

109	Home Visiting
521	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
444	Identified & Served by an LEA
11,264	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	30 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	YES

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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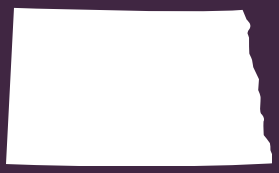
Infant and Toddler Homelessness in North Dakota



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POPULATION

38,888

Children aged 0-3 in North Dakota

HOMELESSNESS

979

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.52% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

159

Identified as enrolled in a program — 16.24% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 6 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN NORTH DAKOTA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
241	246	246	246

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

23	Home Visiting
65	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
71	Identified & Served by an LEA
820	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	YES

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Ohio

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POPULATION

518,429

Children aged 0-3 in Ohio

HOMELESSNESS

11,689

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.25% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

1,749

Identified as enrolled in a program — 14.96% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 7 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN OHIO BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
2,841	2,925	2,964	2,959

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

274	Home Visiting
526	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
949	Identified & Served by an LEA
9,940	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	Yes, length of time not specified
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Oklahoma

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POPULATION

193,993

Children aged 0-3 in Oklahoma

HOMELESSNESS

8,207

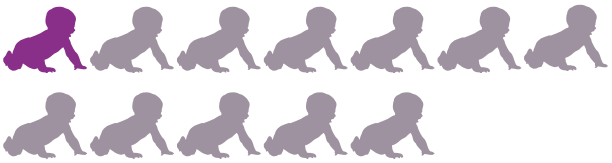
Estimated experiencing homelessness — 4.23% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

677

Identified as enrolled in a program — 8.25% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 12 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN OKLAHOMA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
1,999	2,072	2,075	2,061

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

75	Home Visiting
430	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
172	Identified & Served by an LEA
7,530	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	NO
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	30 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Oregon

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

159,264

Children aged 0-3 in Oregon

HOMELESSNESS

6,950

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 4.36% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

1,120

Identified as enrolled in a program — 16.12% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 6 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN OREGON BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
1,688	1,709	1,803	1,751

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

98	Home Visiting
650	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
372	Identified & Served by an LEA
5,830	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	45 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	Up to 3 months
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	YES

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Pennsylvania

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POPULATION

524,900

Children aged 0-3 in Pennsylvania

HOMELESSNESS

14,617

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.78% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

5,631

Identified as enrolled in a program — 38.52% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 3 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.*

**Includes child care subsidy enrollment. Only nine states provided this data, so this figure is not comparable to states where it is unavailable.*

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN PENNSYLVANIA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
3,545	3,631	3,728	3,713

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

433	Home Visiting
663	Early Head Start
950	Child Care
3,585	Identified & Served by an LEA
8,986	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness? Yes, waived to a $5 per week charge	
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	92 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	90 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Puerto Rico

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POPULATION

74,568

Children aged 0-3 in Puerto Rico

HOMELESSNESS

1,475

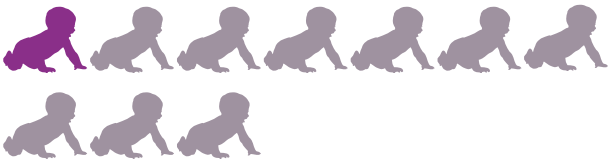
Estimated experiencing homelessness — 1.98% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

142

Identified as enrolled in a program — 9.63% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 10 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN PUERTO RICO BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
359	371	384	361

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

0	Home Visiting
134	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
8	Identified & Served by an LEA
1,333	Unserved/Not Confirmed

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements? 60 Days with potential 30 day additional extension	
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Rhode Island

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

41,503

Children aged 0-3 in Rhode Island

HOMELESSNESS

734

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 1.77% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

124

Identified as enrolled in a program — 16.89% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 6 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN RHODE ISLAND BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
176	181	192	185

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

46	Home Visiting
60	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
18	Identified & Served by an LEA
610	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	90 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in South Carolina

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POPULATION

235,750

Children aged 0-3 in South Carolina

HOMELESSNESS

5,406

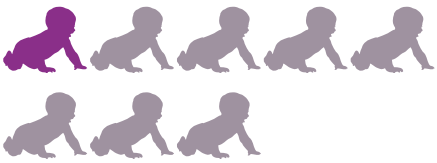
Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.29% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

712

Identified as enrolled in a program — 13.17% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 8 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN SOUTH CAROLINA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
1,325	1,351	1,368	1,363

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

181	Home Visiting
189	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
342	Identified & Served by an LEA
4,694	Unserved/Not Confirmed

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	90 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	YES

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in South Dakota

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

45,494

Children aged 0-3 in South Dakota

HOMELESSNESS

1,339

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.94% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

381

Identified as enrolled in a program — 28.45% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 4 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
335	335	338	331

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

12	Home Visiting
101	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
268	Identified & Served by an LEA
958	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	30 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements? 14 Days. Some additional time may be allowed if necessary	
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Tennessee

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

332,249

Children aged 0-3 in Tennessee

HOMELESSNESS

10,471

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 3.15% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

216

Identified as enrolled in a program — 2.06% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 48 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN TENNESSEE BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
2,617	2,629	2,640	2,586

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

48	Home Visiting
168	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
—	Identified & Served by an LEA (Data not reported)
10,255	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	60 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	60 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Texas

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

1,580,369

Children aged 0-3 in Texas

HOMELESSNESS

39,579

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.50% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

1,951

Identified as enrolled in a program — 4.93% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 20 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN TEXAS BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
9,742	10,005	10,069	9,763

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

317	Home Visiting
1,242	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
392	Identified & Served by an LEA
37,628	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	YES

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Utah

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

182,895

Children aged 0-3 in Utah

HOMELESSNESS

4,775

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.61% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

697

Identified as enrolled in a program — 14.60% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 7 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.*

Includes child care subsidy enrollment. Only nine states provided this data, so this figure is not comparable to states where it is unavailable.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN UTAH BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
1,194	1,186	1,202	1,193

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

115	Home Visiting
273	Early Head Start
309**	Child Care **Data includes only birth—2 years 11 months
—	Identified & Served by an LEA (Data not reported)
4,078	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	30 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	90 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Vermont

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

21,088

Children aged 0-3 in Vermont

HOMELESSNESS

547

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.59% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

402

Identified as enrolled in a program — 73.49% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 3 in 4 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.*

Includes child care subsidy enrollment. Only nine states provided this data, so this figure is not comparable to states where it is unavailable.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN VERMONT BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
131	135	144	138

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

12	Home Visiting
116	Early Head Start
270	Child Care
4	Identified & Served by an LEA
145	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	Up to 6 months
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	Up to 6 months
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Virginia

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

382,903

Children aged 0-3 in Virginia

HOMELESSNESS

7,102

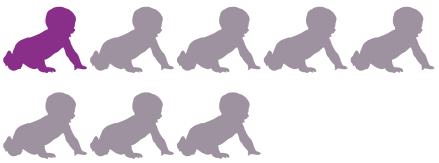
Estimated experiencing homelessness — 1.85% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

861

Identified as enrolled in a program — 12.12% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 8 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN VIRGINIA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
1,730	1,772	1,810	1,789

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

229	Home Visiting
250	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
382	Identified & Served by an LEA
6,241	Unserved/Not Confirmed

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	NO
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	90 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	YES

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Washington

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POPULATION

337,115

Children aged 0-3 in Washington

HOMELESSNESS

15,370

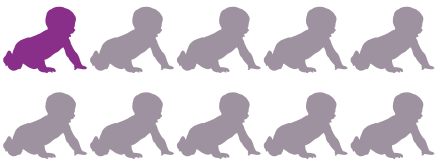
Estimated experiencing homelessness — 4.56% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

1,561

Identified as enrolled in a program — 10.16% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 10 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN WASHINGTON BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
3,777	3,818	3,908	3,867

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

416	Home Visiting
663	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
482	Identified & Served by an LEA
13,809	Unserved/Not Confirmed

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	Yes, indefinite
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	YES

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in West Virginia

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POPULATION

68,108

Children aged 0-3 in West Virginia

HOMELESSNESS

4,751

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 6.98% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

243

Identified as enrolled in a program — 5.11% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 20 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN WEST VIRGINIA BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
1,153	1,180	1,199	1,218

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

98	Home Visiting
145	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
0	Identified & Served by an LEA
4,508	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation? Yes, pending acceptance of verification from "an agency that provides services to families experiencing homelessness.	
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements? Yes, pending acceptance of waiver request	
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Wisconsin

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.

POPULATION

242,737

Children aged 0-3 in Wisconsin

HOMELESSNESS

7,239

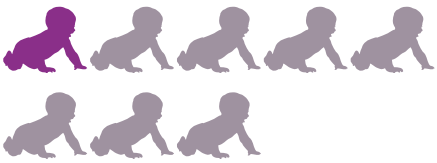
Estimated experiencing homelessness — 2.98% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

903

Identified as enrolled in a program — 12.47% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 8 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN WISCONSIN BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
1,763	1,803	1,843	1,831

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

167	Home Visiting
454	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
282	Identified & Served by an LEA
6,336	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	Yes, time not specified
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

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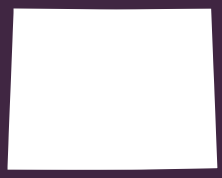
Infant and Toddler Homelessness in Wyoming



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POPULATION

24,345

Children aged 0-3 in Wyoming

HOMELESSNESS

758

Estimated experiencing homelessness — 3.11% of all infants & toddlers

ENROLLMENT

205

Identified as enrolled in a program — 27.04% of those experiencing homelessness

An estimated 1 in 4 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness were identified as enrolled in a program.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN WYOMING BY AGE:

Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
186	188	192	192

Note: Age estimates are calculated independently and may not sum to the state total.

ESTIMATED HOMELESS CHILDREN (0-3) IDENTIFIED AS ENROLLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

33	Home Visiting
83	Early Head Start
—	Child Care (Data not shared)
89	Identified & Served by an LEA
553	**Unserved/Not Confirmed**

PRIORITIZING CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STATE POLICIES

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	NO
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	30 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Data sources: U.S. Census Data, ED FS118, ED FS194, Head Start Program Information Report, Data reported from four home visiting models

Methodology

To better understand the prevalence of homelessness among expectant parents, infants, and toddlers, SchoolHouse Connection partnered with Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan to analyze census data and estimate the number of children ages birth through age three experiencing homelessness in all fifty states. This report is the third annual fifty-state analysis, building on the previous report, *Infant & Toddler Homelessness Across 50 States: 2022-2023*, and on an earlier twenty-state analysis.

ESTIMATING THE NUMBER OF YOUNG CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

SHC and Poverty Solutions used the percentage of 1st graders identified as homeless in each state during the 2023-2024 school year and applied that percentage to Census age groups for 0, 1, 2, and 3 year olds. Nationally, the first grade enrollment rate was 3.48% during the 2023-2024 school year. This yields a conservative estimate, since homelessness among all children is still under-identified and underreported by K12 school districts. New in this year's report, estimates are presented by age band within each state.

Data Sources

Population of 0,1, 2, and 3 year olds nationally and by state. We used 2024 data published by the Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Center (accessed during the Winter of 2026) which draws on single year U.S. Census Bureau data and analyzed by the Population Reference Bureau. Both national and state data were used in our analysis.

First graders identified as experiencing homelessness. We drew on data published by the U.S. Department of Education ED Data Facts website. Data on the number of first graders identified as experiencing homelessness are available under File Spec 118, data group 655. Both national and state data were used in our analysis.

Methodology

HOMELESSNESS ON TRIBAL LANDS

SHC and Poverty Solutions applied the same estimation method to Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools. During the 2023-2024 school year, 6.62% of BIE 1st graders were identified as experiencing homelessness. SHC and Poverty Solutions then used this percentage to calculate an estimated number of children under four experiencing homelessness in all tribal statistical areas, reservations, and off-reservation trust lands, regardless of whether a BIE school operated within their borders. Nationally, during the 2023-2024 program year, an estimated 25,657 children under six experienced homelessness in all tribal lands, approximately 16,795 of which were infants and toddlers. BIE schools serve an almost exclusively Native student population, though some BIE students live off reservation, and most American Indian and Alaska Native students attend state public schools where identification is not reported by tribal affiliation or reservation geography. This estimate applies only to children living in the tribal areas described above.

Data Sources

- *Population of 0-3 year olds, Tribal lands.* We used Social Explorer - American Community Survey (ACS) 2020-2024 (5-Year-Estimates). Table: ORG:B09001. Data are not available for single year age bands. Data are available for 0-2 year old and 3-4 year olds separately. To estimate the population 0-3, we assumed half of the children in the 3-4 year old age band were children age 3.
- *First graders identified as experiencing homelessness.* We drew on data published by the U.S. Department of Education ED Data Facts website. Data on the number of first graders identified as experiencing homelessness are available under File Spec 118, data group 655.

BIE schools serve a small share of Native students. The large majority of American Indian and Alaska Native students attend state public schools, which do not report identification by tribal affiliation or reservation geography. Homelessness among Native infants and toddlers outside these communities cannot be measured with currently available data.

ENROLLMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

To assess enrollment in early childhood development programs for the 2023-2024 program year, we included counts of the number of young children identified as experiencing homelessness using the following data:

Early Head Start Program Information Report: Data included the number of children identified as experiencing homelessness enrolled in Early Head Start programs during the 2023-2024 program year. Early Head Start programs largely serve expecting parents and children ages 0,1, and 2. Data are pulled from the Head Start Program Information Report and were accessed through the Head Start Enterprise System and include both state and national numbers.

Methodology

Local educational agency data on children experiencing homelessness ages birth through 2: Data include the total number of young children served by McKinney-Vento programs ages birth through 2. Local educational agencies (LEAs) are only required to report the number of young children experiencing homelessness aged 0-2 they identify and serve if they are a McKinney-Vento subgrantee. An estimated 21% of LEAs receive subgrants. Data accessed through EDFacts File Spec 194, data group 818 and include both state and national numbers.

Home visiting data: Home visiting data included in this report were accessed through a direct request to home visiting models. Home visiting data include the total number of children, within a particular model, that were identified as experiencing homelessness. Home visiting data in this report reflect data from the following models: Healthy Families America, Maternal Infant Health Program, Parents As Teachers, and SafeCare. Data include both state and national numbers.

The number of home visiting models sharing data with SHC has grown each year. Comparisons over time therefore reflect both changes in the field and changes in the number of models that provided data to SHC. Home visiting programs also identify and record homelessness differently depending on the model, and programs operating outside federal funding streams are not required to collect or report it.

It is important to note a few things about the enrollment data:

- Enrollment data included in this report do not reflect the full universe of early childhood programs. Children experiencing homelessness may be receiving early childhood services outside of those from which we had data available.
- We only included enrollment counts when they were able to be matched to the age bands included in this report. For example, we are not able to provide a count of the number of 3 year olds experiencing homelessness identified by Head Start programs. Head Start serves a substantial share of three-year-olds experiencing homelessness, and that enrollment is not included in this report's totals. We do not include Head Start program data in this report because publicly available data do not disaggregate by child age in Head Start. This means data on children experiencing homelessness enrolled in Head Start include 3, 4, and 5 year olds. Because we do not know if the share of 3 year olds experiencing homelessness is comparable to 4 and 5 year olds, we have not included these data in this report. The same is true for the number of young children served by McKinney-Vento grants.

This means that the true enrollment of three-year-olds is higher than these figures show. (Early Head Start enrollment by state appears in Appendix B.)

Methodology

- While children experiencing homelessness must be prioritized for child care subsidy, we do not have access to child care subsidy data for every state for this report. Federal law requires states to report the number of children and families experiencing homelessness participating in the child care subsidy program. The Office of Child Care does not make this data publicly available. In the absence of federal data, SHC contacted child care administrators in all fifty states directly. Nine states responded with data. Child care subsidy figures appear in the state profiles for those states and are not included in the national enrollment totals, because partial state data would distort national and year-over-year comparisons.

Because data are only reported in aggregate, we are not able to deduplicate enrollment data. Children enrolled in more than one program are therefore counted once in each. Combined enrollment figures, including those in the state profiles and in Appendix B, may count some children more than once.

COMPARISON TO PRIOR YEARS

The estimate for 2023-2024 is the highest in the four years of this analysis. Two conditions changed during this period. Families with young children faced worsening economic conditions, including the sharpest rise in real rental costs in over a decade and rising child poverty.[xli,xlii] Public schools also identified more students experiencing homelessness, aided by a one-time federal investment that more than doubled the number of school districts with dedicated funding to find and support these students.[xliii] When schools identify more students experiencing homelessness, the estimate of infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness also increases. However, we anticipate that this is still likely a conservative estimate as schools continue to face challenges with identifying students, and students and families continue to face fears about disclosing their housing status.[xliv,xlv]

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Appendix A

Infant & Toddler Homelessness, 2021–2024, by state

	Total 0-3 Homeless #			Total 0-3 Homeless %		
State	21-22 #	22-23 #	23-24 #	21-22 %	22-23 %	23-24 %
Alabama	3,350	4,199	5,998	1.45%	1.80%	2.55%
Alaska	797	915	1,175	2.14%	2.49%	3.24%
Arizona	4,804	5,731	6,804	1.54%	1.83%	2.15%
Arkansas	4,315	5,848	6,446	3.01%	4.07%	4.53%
California	55,187	74,076	85,970	3.27%	4.45%	5.19%
Colorado	4,529	5,681	7,350	1.84%	2.30%	2.95%
Connecticut	1,059	1,644	1,621	0.74%	1.15%	1.11%
Delaware	1,129	1,540	1,225	2.64%	3.55%	2.79%
District of Columbia	2,304	2,838	2,800	7.35%	9.12%	8.77%
Florida	28,407	35,788	38,091	3.24%	4.01%	4.15%
Georgia	11,415	13,692	15,743	2.28%	2.71%	3.10%
Hawaii	1,240	1,547	2,320	1.97%	2.51%	3.81%
Idaho	3,110	3,360	3,257	3.46%	3.73%	3.58%
Illinois	13,603	16,866	20,987	2.53%	3.22%	4.04%
Indiana	5,699	7,305	7,864	1.78%	2.27%	2.45%
Iowa	1,836	2,525	2,328	1.24%	1.71%	1.58%
Kansas	2,019	2,580	3,009	1.45%	1.86%	2.18%
Kentucky	6,804	7,611	8,685	3.26%	3.63%	4.09%
Louisiana	6,338	6,116	6,399	2.84%	2.74%	2.88%
Maine	780	1,157	1,334	1.59%	2.38%	2.80%
Maryland	5,668	6,073	6,861	2.04%	2.19%	2.49%
Massachusetts	6,245	7,962	12,997	2.28%	2.90%	4.66%
Michigan	7,595	10,883	11,776	1.79%	2.60%	2.84%
Minnesota	4,277	6,133	5,935	1.63%	2.36%	2.31%
Mississippi	1,930	1,592	2,609	1.39%	1.15%	1.89%
Missouri	9,915	10,966	11,654	3.53%	3.94%	4.22%

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Infant & Toddler Homelessness, 2021–2024, by state

	Total 0-3 Homeless #			Total 0-3 Homeless %		
State	**21-22 #**	**22-23 #**	**23-24 #**	**21-22 %**	**22-23 %**	**23-24 %**
Montana	1,285	1,960	2,076	2.82%	4.30%	4.63%
Nebraska	924	1,033	1,541	0.94%	1.05%	1.56%
Nevada	5,076	5,726	5,767	3.68%	4.23%	4.28%
New Hampshire	1,073	1,212	1,166	2.14%	2.44%	2.37%
New Jersey	3,503	5,163	5,883	0.86%	1.25%	1.40%
New Mexico	2,784	2,899	3,388	3.21%	3.43%	3.97%
New York	43,604	51,987	63,728	5.18%	6.30%	7.66%
North Carolina	9,225	11,620	12,338	1.94%	2.40%	2.50%
North Dakota	660	787	979	1.66%	2.01%	2.52%
Ohio	7,660	10,349	11,689	1.46%	1.98%	2.25%
Oklahoma	6,409	7,036	8,207	3.32%	3.63%	4.23%
Oregon	5,392	6,357	6,950	3.31%	3.96%	4.36%
Pennsylvania	11,313	14,223	14,617	2.13%	2.69%	2.78%
Puerto Rico	1,100	1,210	1,475	1.40%	1.59%	1.98%
Rhode Island	366	462	734	0.88%	1.12%	1.77%
South Carolina	4,120	4,697	5,406	1.81%	2.02%	2.29%
South Dakota	569	869	1,339	1.24%	1.89%	2.94%
Tennessee	6,080	8,593	10,471	1.88%	2.62%	3.15%
Texas	30,280	35,264	39,579	2.01%	2.28%	2.50%
Utah	3,185	3,666	4,775	1.72%	2.00%	2.61%
Vermont	385	476	547	1.77%	2.21%	2.59%
Virginia	5,418	6,355	7,102	1.40%	1.65%	1.85%
Washington	11,638	13,876	15,370	3.44%	4.14%	4.56%
West Virginia	2,869	4,517	4,751	4.10%	6.50%	6.98%
Wisconsin	5,619	6,482	7,239	2.27%	2.64%	2.98%
Wyoming	428	540	758	1.72%	2.22%	3.11%
National estimate	**364,390**	**446,696**	**513,539**	**2.46%**	**3.04%**	**3.48%**

Note: SHC and Poverty Solutions used the percentage of 1st graders identified as homeless in each state (data source: ED Data Express FS118) during the 2023-2024 school year and applied that percentage to Census age groups for 0, 1, 2, and 3 year olds (Data source: Annie E. Casey Kids Count).

Appendix B

Number of Infants and Toddlers Experiencing Homelessness Served by Early Head Start, Home Visiting, Local Educational Agency, and Child Care Subsidy, by State during the 2023-2024 program year

State	Early Head Start[a]	Home Visiting[b]	LEA[c]	Child Care Subsidy
Alabama	295	81	1	NS**
Alaska	97	21	4	NS**
Arizona	414	151	15	NS**
Arkansas	405	84	377	20
BIE	—	—	—	NS**
California	3,156	1,010	8,302	NS**
Colorado	589	181	691	NS**
Connecticut	207	208	86	NS**
Delaware	41	159	1	NS**
District of Columbia	97	24	13	NS**
Florida	852	369	47	2175
Georgia	326	91	14	NS**
Hawaii	64	154	0	NS**
Idaho	181	51	302	NS**
Illinois	861	1,409	NR*	NS**
Indiana	315	77	1	NS**
Iowa	294	197	34	NS**
Kansas	261	158	196	NS**
Kentucky	360	1	15	NS**
Louisiana	179	44	327	NS**
Maine	112	143	6	18
Maryland	209	54	135	NS**
Massachusetts	541	283	NR*	NS**
Michigan	693	639	711	NS**
Minnesota	387	42	86	2,060
Mississippi	70	0	NR*	NS**
Missouri	494	250	NR*	NS**
Montana	285	184	238	NS**

State	Early Head Start	Home Visiting	LEA	Child Care Subsidy
Nebraska	232	41	25	NS**
Nevada	208	86	103	NS**
New Hampshire	76	23	6	NS**
New Jersey	452	146	NR*	NS**
New Mexico	143	126	585	439
New York	1,211	295	247	1,430
North Carolina	521	109	444	NS**
North Dakota	65	23	71	NS**
Ohio	526	274	949	NS**
Oklahoma	430	75	172	NS**
Oregon	650	98	372	NS**
Pennsylvania	663	433	3,585	950
Puerto Rico	134	0	8	NS**
Rhode Island	60	46	18	NS**
South Carolina	189	181	342	NS**
South Dakota	101	12	268	NS**
Tennessee	168	48	NR*	NS**
Texas	1,242	317	392	NS**
Utah	273	115	NR*	309
Vermont	116	12	4	270
Virginia	250	229	382	NS**
Washington	663	416	482	NS**
West Virginia	145	98	0	NS**
Wisconsin	454	167	282	NS**
Wyoming	83	33	89	NS**

NATIONAL TOTAL Early Head Start **20,840** Home Visiting **9,468** LEA **20,428** Child Care Subsidy **7,671**

*NR = Not Reported
**NS = Not Shared
Data Sources: [a] Head Start Program Information Report, [b] Data provided by select home visiting models, [c] ED Data Express FS194

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