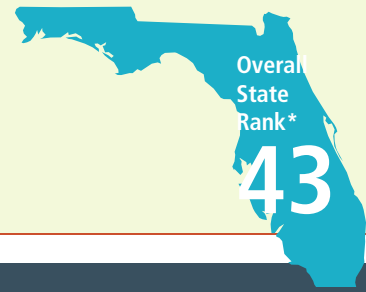


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## America's Youngest Outcasts: State Report Card on Child Homelessness

Florida ranks 43rd in the nation in child homelessness. This rank is a composite of the number of children currently homeless in the state, an assessment of how children are faring in various domains (i.e., food security, health, education), the risk of children becoming homeless, and the state's planning and policy efforts.

### Extent of Child Homelessness

More than 49,886 of Florida's children experience homelessness each year according to the data collected by the McKinney-Vento Educational Programs.<sup>1</sup> Florida ranks 46th in the number of homeless children and 29th in the percentage of children who are homeless.<sup>1</sup> Of the 800,000 children living in poverty in Florida, six out of every one hundred (6%) are homeless.<sup>2</sup>

### \* FLORIDA'S RANKS

Extent of child homelessness	29
Child well-being	36
Risk for child homelessness	37
State policy and planning	Moderate
<b>Overall rank</b>	<b>43</b>

\*States ranked 1–50 with 1 being best and 50 worst.

### Age and Race/Ethnicity

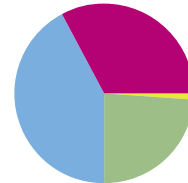
Florida has 800,000 children living in poverty. Forty-two percent of Florida's children living in families with incomes below the poverty level are White, non-Hispanic, 33 percent are Black, non-Hispanic, and 24 percent are Hispanic.<sup>5</sup>

#### Ages of Homeless Children<sup>1</sup>

Under 6 years <sup>3</sup>	20,952
Grades K–8 (enrolled)	23,404
Grades 9–12* (enrolled)	5,530
<b>Total Homeless Children</b>	<b>49,886</b>

#### Race/Ethnicity

\*Among children living in poverty. Not available for homeless children.



- White (42%)
- Black (33%)
- Asian (1%)
- Native American (0%)
- Hispanic (24%)

\*These totals DO NOT include approximately 250 homeless, unaccompanied youth.<sup>4</sup>

### Housing and Income

Housing is a basic right and essential for the healthy growth and development of children. However, in every state, housing costs outpace wages and public assistance for low income citizens.

- A two-bedroom unit priced at the Fair Market Rent (FMR) falls outside of the financial reach of a full-time worker earning minimum wage in Florida.<sup>6</sup> One wage earner earning the state's minimum wage (\$6.79) would need to work 107 hours per week for 52 weeks per year to afford a two-bedroom apartment at FMR.<sup>7</sup>
- Even with two full-time minimum-wage earners, affordable housing is not attainable in most places in Florida.
- The average-wage earner in Florida fares slightly better. One wage earner earning the state's average wage for renters (\$13.14/hour) would need to work 55 hours per week for 52 weeks per year to afford a two-bedroom apartment at FMR.<sup>7</sup>

For a typical homeless family, which consists of a single mother with two children, housing is even more difficult to attain:

- The average monthly income for a single mother in Florida who receives public assistance is less than \$489, or roughly 33% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).<sup>9</sup>
- This family can afford to pay \$165.60 per month in rent, leaving a deficit of \$775.40 from the amount needed to rent a two bedroom apartment at the state's average FMR.

For families in this situation, even a seemingly minor event can trigger a catastrophic outcome, pushing a family onto the streets.

#### Florida's Housing and Income Gap<sup>7</sup>

Minimum hourly wage:	\$.679 <sup>8</sup>
Average hourly wage for renters:	\$13.14 <sup>7</sup>
Hourly wage needed to afford 2-BR apartment:	\$18.10 <sup>7</sup>
Fair Market Rent for 2-BR apartment:	\$.941 <sup>7</sup>

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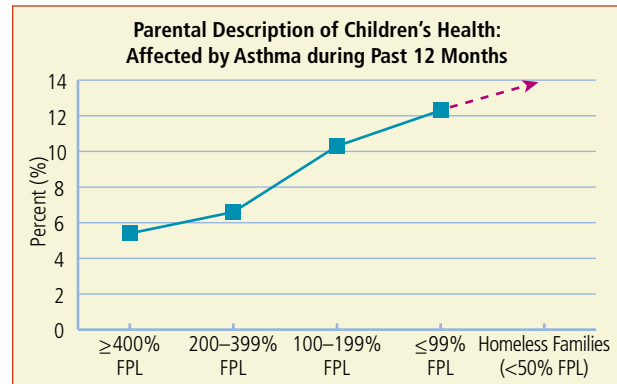
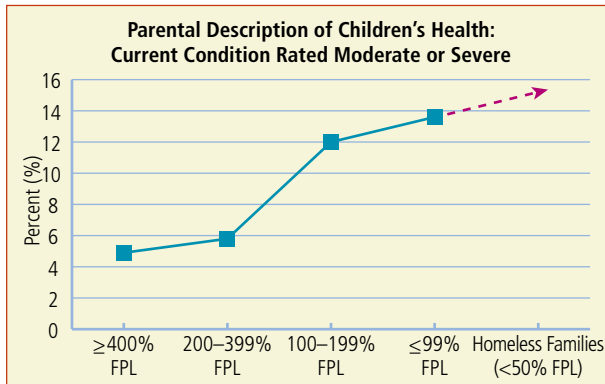
## Food Security

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that one in 29 of Florida's households have very low food security, indicating that they have experienced hunger.<sup>10</sup> The prevalence of very low food security in Florida is lower than the national average of one in 26. Households living in poverty and headed by a single woman with children are especially vulnerable to very low food security. When these households become homeless, they represent the extreme end of the food insecurity range in Florida.<sup>10</sup>



## Health

Compared to middle-income families, homeless families in Florida suffer proportionately more moderate to severe health problems, as well as more asthma, traumatic stress, and emotional disturbances:

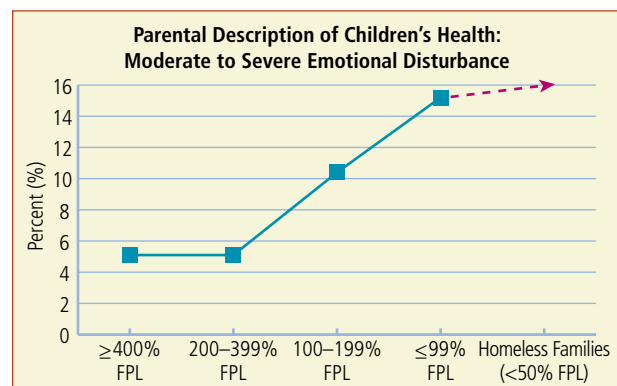
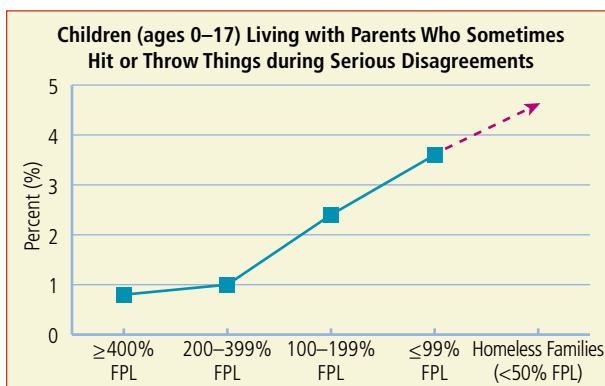


### Overall Health Problems

Homeless families are three times as likely as middle-income families (15% vs. 5%) to report that their children have moderate or severe health problems such as asthma, dental problems, and emotional difficulties.<sup>11</sup>

### Asthma

Florida's children without homes are more than twice as likely to have asthma than those from middle-income families. While six percent of Florida's middle-income families report that their children have been affected by asthma in the past year, 14% or more of homeless families include a child who had asthma during the past 12 months.<sup>12</sup>



### Traumatic Stress and Violence

Homeless children are four times more likely to witness violent behavior by their parents as children in middle-income families (4% vs. 1%).<sup>12</sup>

### Emotional Disturbances

Five percent of children in middle-income families are described by their parents as having moderate to severe emotional disturbances. More than three times as many children in homeless families in Florida (16%) were reported as having moderate or severe difficulties with emotions, concentration, behavior, and getting along with other people as compared to children from middle-income families.<sup>12</sup>



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## Education

The reading and math proficiency of homeless students in Florida is measured by state assessments, which can be converted into standardized National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) scores. These scores suggest that homeless students in Florida have significant deficiencies as compared to non-homeless students:

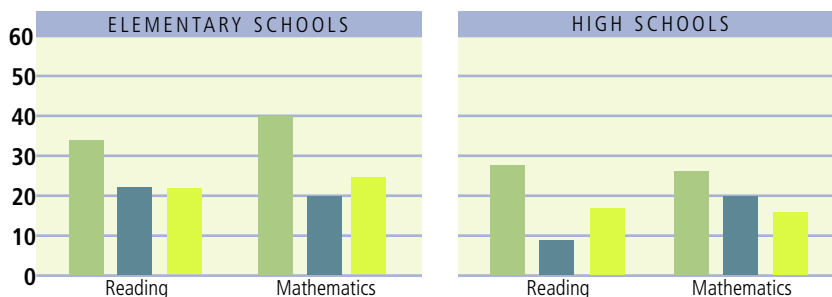
- Sixty percent of Florida's homeless students enrolled in grades three through eight took the 2005 state reading assessment.<sup>13</sup> Of those, 23% were proficient in reading, by the NAEP standards. These students were located in districts that received McKinney-Vento subgrants.<sup>13</sup>
- Similarly, approximately 50% of Florida's 5,530 homeless high school students were tested and just 9% of those were judged proficient in reading.<sup>13</sup>
- Approximately 60% of homeless students in grades three through eight were tested in mathematics. Of those, 20% were proficient in mathematics by NAEP standards.<sup>13</sup>
- Fifty percent of homeless high school students were tested in mathematics. Of those, 20% were judged proficient by NAEP standards.<sup>13</sup>

Measured by the federal National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) standards, the state's homeless children and children who are eligible for the National School Lunch Program (185% of the Federal Poverty Level and

### Educational Achievement

Reading and math proficiency using the Federal NAEP standard

- All students NAEP scores
- Homeless children NAEP scores
- School lunch children NAEP scores



below) scored below all children in Florida in reading and mathematics proficiency.<sup>13</sup>

Severe economic consequences accompany the lack of educational achievement among Florida's homeless children. Poverty strongly correlates with educational deficiencies. Homeless women with children are often not well-educated themselves and childhood homelessness has profoundly negative effects on educational opportunities. Researchers at Columbia University have found that:

One of the best documented relationships in economics is the link between education and income: more highly educated people have higher incomes. Failure to graduate from high school has both private and public consequences: income is lower, which means lower tax contributions to finance public services.<sup>14</sup>

The difference in lifetime earnings between those with a high school degree and those without is, on average, approximately \$200,000. Researchers have calculated the additional costs of education necessary to achieve higher high school graduation rates and the increases in amounts paid back to society in the form of taxes and the like. The results suggest that net lifetime increased contributions to society associated with high school graduation are about \$127,000 per student.<sup>14</sup>

If we assume on the basis of their test scores a high school graduation rate of less than 25%, then the 5,530 homeless high school students in Florida, as a group, will lose \$830 million in lifetime earnings and society will lose \$530 million in potential contributions from them.<sup>14</sup> Other studies have shown that they will have shorter and less healthy lives, and are very likely to pass on to their own children the diminished opportunities that accompany poverty.<sup>14</sup>

Difference in lifetime earnings: HS degree vs. without	..... \$200,000
Net lifetime increased contributions to society with HS degree	... (per student) \$127,000
Number of homeless HS students in Florida	..... 5,530
High school graduation rate for homeless children	..... <25%

**FL loss in lifetime earnings** ..... **\$830 million**  
**FL loss in contributions to society** ..... **\$530 million**



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## Risk Factors for Child Homelessness in Florida

To determine the risk of a child becoming homeless in each state, we designed an index that takes into account various state indicators associated with family homelessness. When we consider risk factors for homelessness, we often focus on individual vulnerabilities, such as a recent pregnancy or a hospitalization of a parent for a mental health or substance use problem. However, these individual factors only tell us *who* is more likely to be affected by adverse economic and housing factors. *Why* someone becomes homeless is determined by structural factors such as the lack of affordable housing and employment opportunities. As a result, we designed a risk index to focus on the structural determinants of family homelessness. The index is comprised of state-level indicators in three domains: socio-economic descriptors, housing market factors, and generosity of benefits.

Florida ranks 37 out of the 50 states on their vulnerability to high rates of child homelessness.

To construct the index, nine factors within the three domains were ranked and then states were scored according to their quintile (one point for the top fifth of the states and up to five points for the worst fifth of the states). Domain scores were then combined to create an overall score from five to 45 based on the total of the one to five rankings for the nine factors. The final step was to rank the states by their overall score. The final ranking provides a picture of which states have structural characteristics that may make them more or less vulnerable to high rates of child homelessness. A lower ranking indicates less vulnerability, while a higher ranking indicates greater vulnerability.



## Florida's Planning and Policy Efforts

### STATE PLANNING

Over the past several years, federal, state and local governments have engaged in planning activities to address and end homelessness. These efforts have taken the form of developing state interagency councils on homelessness and 10-year plans to end homelessness, and are summarized below for Florida.

#### What, if any, are the state's interagency efforts on homelessness?

Established in 2001, the Office on Homelessness resides in the Department of Children and Families. The Council's mandate is to make policy recommendations to the Legislature and advise the state Office on Homelessness on its interagency coordination.<sup>32</sup> The Council is comprised of 15 members with two from designated educational agencies.<sup>33</sup> In 2004, representatives from Florida attended the Policy Academy on homeless families. Representatives developed the *Action Plan for State: All Families with Children in Florida will Live in Safe, Affordable, and Permanent Homes by 2010*. Included among the ten strategies of this report are developing prevention strategies to keep families housed, improving access to mainstream social service programs, and asking state and local governments to advocate for the plan.<sup>34</sup>

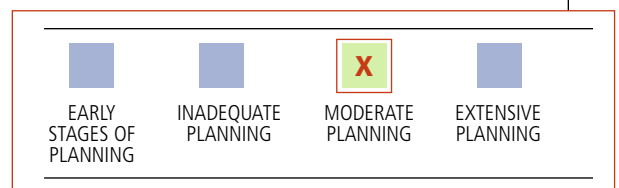
#### What statewide ten-year planning efforts have taken place?

The state does not seem to have a ten-year plan, but the Council has issued several reports. The *Council on Homelessness 2007 Report* includes policy recommendations such as reauthorization of the McKinney-Vento Act, developing policy proposals to reduce homelessness, and researching the costs of family homelessness.<sup>35</sup> In 2007, the Council also revised its *Council on Homelessness 2007 Strategic Plan*. The stated goal of the plan was "to coordinate and align state resources with the local continuums of care to support the delivery of the services to assist those individuals and families who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless."<sup>36</sup> The revised strategic plan identified strategies in five categories: Education, Enhanced Capacity of the Continuum of Care, Housing, Employment, and Health Care.<sup>37</sup>

Strategies around "Education" focused mostly on raising public awareness. "Enhanced Capacity of the Continuum of Care" aimed to increase staff and service capacity in Florida's continuums of care. The third category, "Housing," included such goals as developing homeless prevention programs, increasing access to supportive housing, and creating a post-disaster housing plan. The "Employment" category aimed to increase employment opportunities, and the "Health Care" category included such goals as enhancing access to Medicaid, mental health, and substance abuse programs.<sup>38</sup>

In February 2008, the Council announced five new strategic priorities, which included increasing public awareness of homelessness, increasing access to affordable housing, increasing services for veterans who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless, and enhancing services that would prevent homelessness.<sup>39</sup>

#### State Planning Ranking:



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## STATE POLICIES



### Housing

States can address the housing needs of low-income families through short and long-term strategies. One measure of a state's ability to immediately house families in need is the supply of emergency shelter, transitional and permanent supportive housing slots. Florida currently has 815 units of emergency shelter, 1,538 units of transitional housing, and 1,134 units of permanent supportive housing designated for families.<sup>16</sup>

Section 8 vouchers and Public Housing are two of the primary ways for homeless families to secure affordable housing. An analysis of waiting list data from Public Housing Authority (PHA) annual plans submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development<sup>17</sup> reveals that over 80% of families on these lists have extremely low incomes and nearly all have children.<sup>18</sup>

- In Florida, approximately 78% of the people on the Section 8 waiting lists and 69% on the Public Housing waiting lists are families with extremely low incomes.<sup>17</sup>

PHAs may determine which subpopulations, if any, are given priority on their waiting lists. Giving priority to families experiencing homelessness and/or survivors of domestic violence may help to alleviate the negative impacts of homelessness on children and the strain on the shelter system.

- Most Public Housing Authorities in Florida currently give priority to survivors of domestic violence and to people experiencing homelessness on their Section 8 and public housing waiting lists.<sup>17</sup>

Over the long-term, local and state housing trust funds are one way that states can develop their affordable housing stock. Florida is one of 38 states that has a state housing trust fund.<sup>19</sup>

#### What would it cost for the state to house all homeless families at Fair Market Rent?<sup>15</sup>

Section 8 housing vouchers could, if generally available, fill the gap between family income and housing costs. Unfortunately, current funding for the voucher program meets the needs of only one-quarter of homeless families. Providing housing at FMR for homeless families in Florida would cost an additional \$8,400 per family, an annual total cost of \$173 million dollars, or less than one percent of the state budget.



### Income

#### Wages

Florida's minimum wage is \$6.79/hour.<sup>8</sup> This wage covers only 38% of the hourly wage needed to afford a two-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent in Florida. Families receiving the maximum monthly TANF benefit would have to spend 240% of their income on rent to afford a two-bedroom apartment at FMR. Obviously, this is an impossibility.<sup>20</sup>

An Earned Income Tax Credit can give families living in poverty an economic "boost" that may help reduce child poverty and increase a family's take-home earnings. Florida is one of 27 states that does not have a State Earned Income Tax Credit.<sup>21</sup>

#### Child Care

Child care is essential for families seeking to secure and maintain work, search for housing, attend school and job training opportunities and more. The average annual cost for child care for a four-year old in Florida is \$4,948, which is lower than the national average of \$5,719.<sup>22</sup>

Every state receives funding through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) to provide child care assistance to low-income families. Florida families report that they used their voucher for the following reasons:<sup>23</sup>

- Employment (76%)
- Training/education (4%)
- Both employment and training/education (6%)

These numbers demonstrate that child care vouchers help families engage in work and job training/education activities, a key component of a family's ability to exit homelessness.

Through the Child Care and Development Fund, states are given flexibility in determining how to prioritize the distribution of vouchers.<sup>24</sup> Florida currently does not prioritize children who are homeless when distributing its child care vouchers.



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## Food Security

States can help families by conducting outreach and enrollment efforts that help eligible individuals access food stamps, encourage schools to participate in school breakfast programs, and facilitate family enrollment into WIC. This chart describes how Florida compares to the rest of the country:

Florida lags below the national average in terms of the proportion of eligible children enrolled in food stamps, and is above the national average among schools participating in the school breakfast program.

### Florida Child Enrollment in Federal Nutrition Programs<sup>25</sup>

	Florida	National Average
Food Stamp Enrollment (among eligible children)	55%	61.9%
School Breakfast Participation (among schools providing lunch)	99%	84.2%

## Health

Children who are uninsured are more likely than their insured peers to lack a regular source of care, to delay care, or to have an unmet medical need.<sup>26</sup> Their families are more likely to incur medical debts that lead to difficulty paying other monthly expenses such as rent, food, and utilities.<sup>27</sup> Providing children with access to health insurance is essential to helping them grow up safe, healthy, and housed.

Approximately 19.5% of children in Florida are uninsured, compared to about 10% nationally. Florida spends 15.6% of its total Medicaid budget on children, compared to the national average of 19.3%. Children's eligibility for Medicaid changes based on their age (see box at right).<sup>27</sup>

### Medicaid Eligibility by % of FPL:

Infants: . . . . .	200%
Children ages 1–5 . . . . .	133%
Children ages 6–19 . . . . .	100%

## Education

Under the educational provisions of the McKinney-Vento Homelessness Assistance Act, states are required to remove barriers to the school enrollment and academic success of children experiencing homelessness.<sup>28</sup> The U.S. Department of Education has identified seven barriers that state McKinney-Vento subgrantees<sup>29</sup> must report on annually. This table illustrates which barriers Florida subgrantees encounter.

Florida receives \$56 per pupil from the federal government to address education for children and youth experiencing homelessness.<sup>31</sup> There is currently no state-level funding dedicated to the education of homeless children.

### Reported Barriers to Enrollment

Type of Barrier	% of Subgrantees Florida	% of Subgrantees National Average <sup>30</sup>
1. Eligibility for Homeless Services	15.2	27.4
2. Immunizations	15.2	28.4
3. Other Medical Records	24.2	18.7
4. Other Barriers	0	26.7
5. School Selection	9.1	23.3
6. School Records	12.1	28.2
7. Transportation	30.3	42.3

## Who is considered to be homeless in Florida?

Florida uses the Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of homelessness. However, in the Florida Council on Homelessness 2007 Report, the Florida Interagency Council on Homelessness recommended to the State Legislature and Governor that the federal definition be expanded to include doubled-up persons and those staying in hotels/motels due to lack of alternatives.<sup>35</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> American Community Survey. (2006).

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<sup>4</sup> This number was calculated by taking the total number of children enrolled in school and dividing that by 8.5 (given that kindergarten enrollments are typically half that of the other primary grades). Multiplying this number by 4 gives us the potential high school enrollment. Subtracting the McKinney Vento figure for homeless children enrolled in high school yields the approximate number of homeless, unaccompanied youth not enrolled in high school.

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<sup>19</sup> Brooks, M. (2007). *Housing Trust Fund Progress Report 2007*. Frazier Park, CA: Center for Community Change.

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