Los Angeles County Office of Education

HOMELESS EDUCATION PROGRAM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS SERVED[1] IN 2025-26

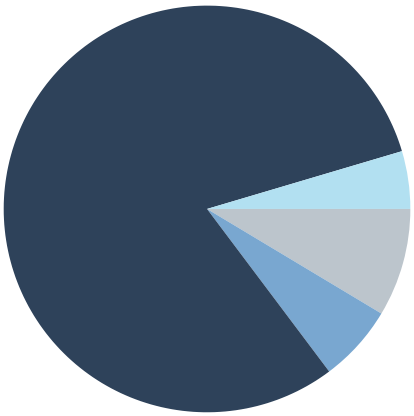
OVERVIEW



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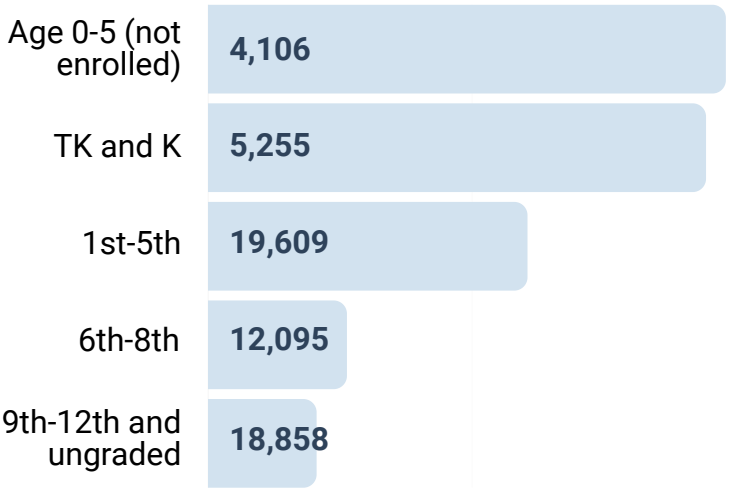
Homeless children and youth, from birth through grade 12 were identified and served across the 80 school districts and 195 charters who responded to LACOE's annual data collection.

BY DWELLING TYPE

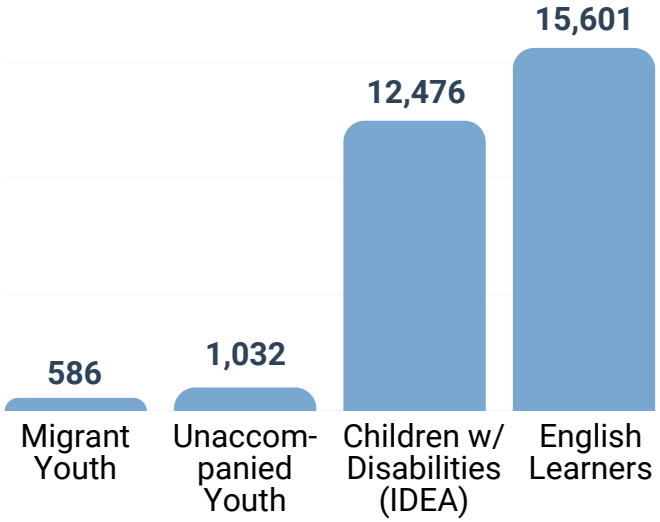


- Temporarily Doubled Up **81%**
- Temporarily Unsheltered **4%**
- Temporary Shelter **9%**
- Hotel/Motel **6%**

BY AGE AND GRADE SPAN



BY STUDENT GROUP



Note: Data are not mutually exclusive and therefore not summative to the total served.

[1] The definition of "served" includes homeless children who have been served in any way through McKinney-Vento funds. Services would include both direct services, as outlined in Section 723 of the McKinney-Vento Act and indirect services, such as those provided by a staff member whose position is supported through the EHCY.

Note: The data presented in this infographic is sourced from the California Annual Homeless Education Data Collection, reported by Local Educational Agencies (LEAs). It is crucial to acknowledge that the reported number of children and youth may be an undercount, due to the complexities of identifying and documenting homelessness among students. This issue is highlighted in the 2019 California State Auditor's report, which also revealed that many LEAs identified less than five percent of economically disadvantaged youth as homeless, a benchmark frequently used by homeless education experts to estimate the likely number of students experiencing homelessness at any given time.