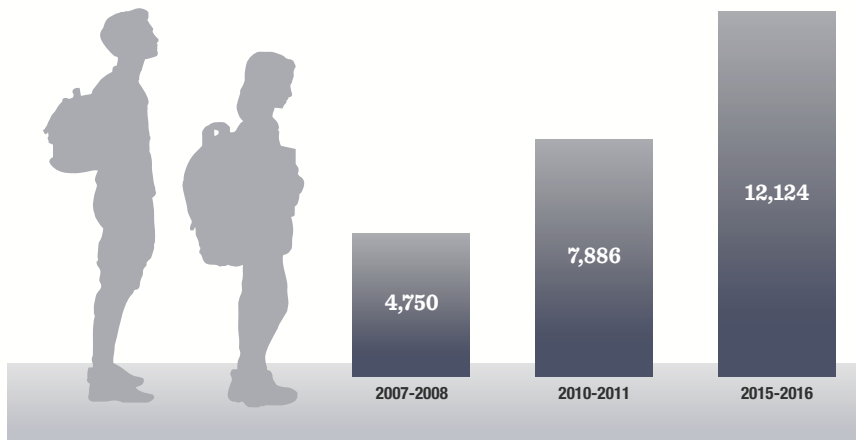


## Fact Sheet

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

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

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



Source: Florida Department of Education.

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

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

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

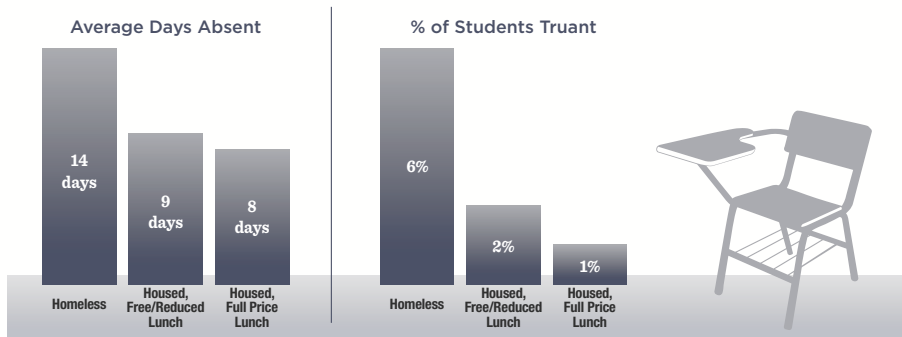
School District	Shelter/ Transitional Housing	Doubled Up	Unsheltered	Hotels/ Motels	Awaiting Foster Care	Total
Broward	513	1,448	52	233	16	2,262
Miami-Dade	1,109	4,476	213	295	10	6,103
Palm Beach	387	2,556	123	281	412	3,759
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>8,480</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>12,124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

Source: Florida Department of Education.

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

## Homeless students are at higher risk of absenteeism and truancy.

### Absenteeism and Truancy, 2015-16 School Year



Source: Florida Department of Education.

- Homeless students missed more school days per year on average than students who are housed. This includes housed students receiving free and reduced price lunch (a proxy for low-income students) and housed students receiving full price lunch.
- Homeless students were also more likely to be identified as truant than housed/free-reduced lunch students and housed/full price lunch students. Truant students are those with at least 15 unexcused absences within a 90-day period.

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