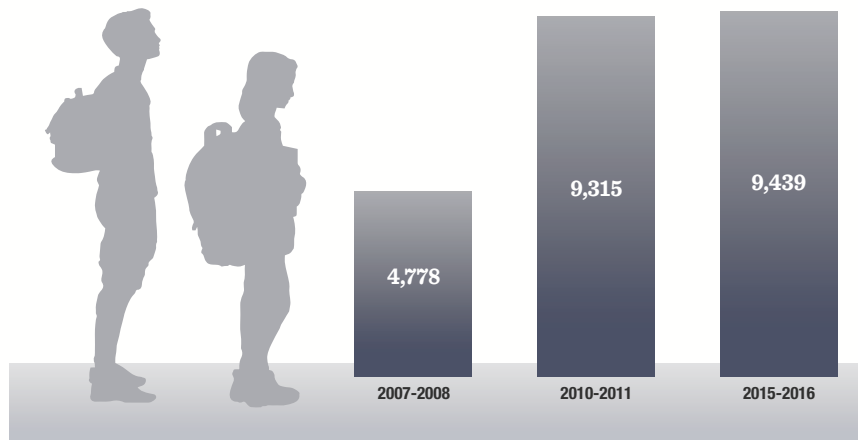


## Fact Sheet

### Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater Metropolitan Area Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties

**Over 9,400 students were identified as homeless in the four-county area in 2015-16.**

*Students Identified as Homeless by School Year,  
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)*



*Source: Florida Department of Education.*

- The number of students identified as lacking permanent housing nearly doubled between the 2007-08 and 2015-16 school years, increasing by 98 percent.
- In 2015-16, 88 percent of students were accompanied by their families. Twelve percent were unaccompanied youth.

**Most homeless students were doubled up with others.**

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

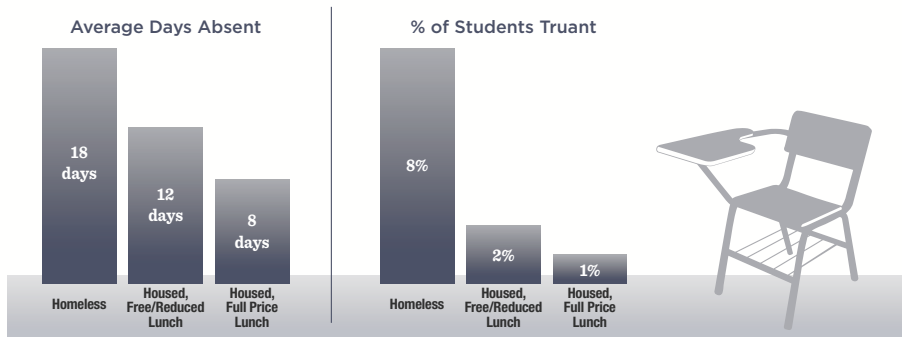
School District	Shelter/ Transitional Housing	Doubled Up	Unsheltered	Hotels/ Motels	Awaiting Foster Care	Total
Hernando	70	401	12	32	--	522
Hillsborough	413	2,351	108	424	20	3,316
Pasco	232	1,518	42	224	76	2,092
Pinellas	518	2,391	82	480	38	3,509
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>6,661</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>9,439</b>
<b>Percent of Students</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>100%</b>

*Source: Florida Department of Education.*

- Most students (71 percent) were doubled up with family and friends.
- Approximately equal numbers were living in shelters and transitional housing (13 percent) and in hotels and motels (12 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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