

Persistent Homelessness:

Thousands of NYC Students Cycle In and Out of Homelessness

Over 172,000 students currently attending New York City public schools have experienced homelessness since the 2010–11 school year. For many of these students, housing instability is not an isolated event, but a **prolonged** and **recurring** experience throughout their education.

Of the 44,000 students who experienced homelessness and were enrolled consecutively since SY 2010–11:

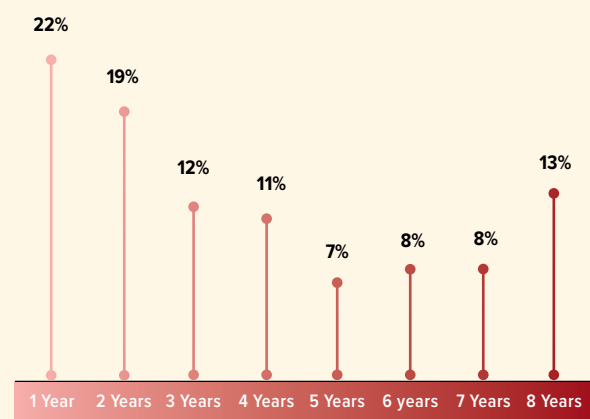


3 in 4 experienced homelessness during more than one school year.



1 in 3 experienced homelessness during five or more years.

Overall Number of School Years Students Experienced Homelessness
SY 2010–11 to SY 2017–18



Note: Years of homelessness are not necessarily consecutive.

In addition to experiencing multiple years of homelessness, many students **cycle in and out of homelessness**.

Among the nearly 6,000 students who were housed in between episodes of homelessness:

48% experienced homelessness again after being housed for just 1 year.

15% experienced homelessness again after being housed for four or more years.

Percent of Students Who Reexperienced Homelessness by Number of Years Housed



Note: Percentages do not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Repeated or prolonged experiences of homelessness can have a detrimental effect on a student’s health and well-being, as well as their ability to perform academically. Multiple episodes of homelessness illustrate that housing stability is not always achieved once students become housed and indicate the need for continued support services for formerly homeless students.

Note: Data does not include episodes of homelessness students may have experienced prior to SY 2010–11, after SY 2017-18, or while not enrolled in a New York City non-charter public school.

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