

Early Childhood Homelessness in Hawaii

Early childhood experiences with homelessness have long-lasting impacts on a child's well-being, but access to educational services can help mitigate some of these negative effects.¹ However, federally-funded early childhood education (ECE) programs only serve a small portion of children who experience homelessness. Taking action to mitigate the impacts of early childhood homelessness is critical to ensuring all young children have the opportunity to thrive.

Early Childhood Homelessness in My State

109,833

children under age 6 live in Hawaii

3,362

children under age 6 experienced homelessness in 2015 in Hawaii²

1 out of every 32

Hawaii children

EXPERIENCED
HOMELESSNESS
in 2015

Early Childhood Education for Children Experiencing Homelessness

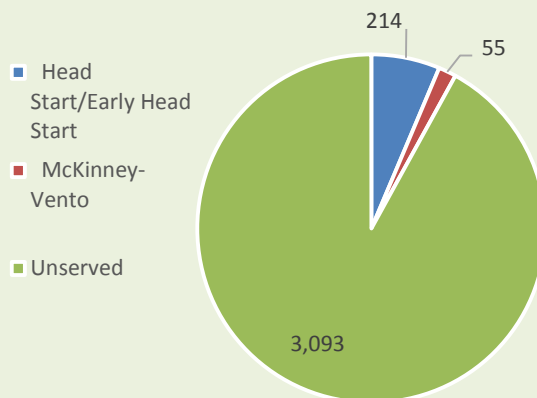
8%

of children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start/Early Head Start or McKinney-Vento-funded ECE programs

92%

of children experiencing homelessness were unserved by federally-funded ECE programs

Number of children under 6 served by federally-funded education programs for which data was available in 2015⁴



For detailed information on indicator definitions, data sources, and methodology, please see appendix.

Notes:

1. McCoy-Roth, M., Mackintosh, B.B., & Murphey, D. (2013). When the bough breaks: The effects of homelessness on young children. Early Childhood Highlights, 3.
2. Calculations by authors using methodology established by Bassuk, et al. (2014) and 2015 data from U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
3. Data from the Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT data center.
4. Data from U.S. Department of Education. (2015). *Consolidated State Performance Reports, Part I* and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. (2015). *Program Information Reports*. Data on children under 6 experiencing homelessness served through federally funded child care & home visiting programs will be collected for the first time in 2017.

Related Factors

Families experiencing homelessness, whether chronic or episodic, often face other barriers to affordable housing. By understanding these related challenges, states can create sustainable and proactive policy solutions that better address homelessness in their communities.



38% of families with children under 18 have a high housing cost burden³



17% of families with children under age 6 are working, but remain low income³