Education Leads Home
Snapshot on Student Homelessness

The number of students identified as homeless in the United States has increased by nearly 100% since 2007-2008

These numbers do not capture homeless children and youth who were not identified as homeless; who were not enrolled in school; or who dropped out of school. Nor do they include young children who were not enrolled in preschool programs administered by local educational agencies.

On average, just 64 percent of homeless students graduated high school on-time, well below both the national average of 84.1 percent and their low-income peers at 77.6 percent. Without a high school diploma, youth are 4.5 times more likely to experience homelessness as young adults. Education Leads Home is helping students, schools, and communities break this cycle of homelessness by supporting a 90 percent high school graduation rate for homeless students by 2030.

As of the 2017-2018 school year, ESSA requires all states to submit graduation rate data for students experiencing homelessness. However, 44 states submitted data for the 2016-2017 school year, which is the source of the national graduation rate. The individual state data shown here were provided voluntarily to Education Leads Home by state education agencies.