

FAMILY HOMELESSNESS IN NYC

Keeping Track of Housing Insecurity in 2020



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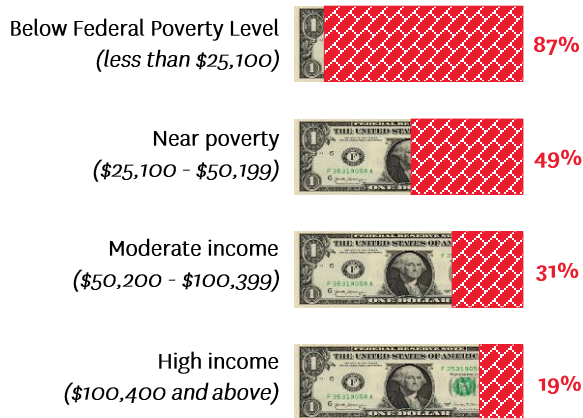
New York City is on the brink of an eviction crisis. There were already over 43,000 people living in family shelters in New York City, including close to 25,000 children and teens. As the end of the eviction ban looms, thousands more vulnerable women and children of color are at risk of experiencing the trauma of homelessness.

New York's housing affordability crisis is pushing low-income families to the brink of homelessness

The median rent burden among households in poverty was 87% in 2018 – meaning that for every dollar earned in these households, rental payments took up 87 cents.

Median rent burden by income

(average share of household income spent on rent)



Source: American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) 2018 1-year estimate. Margin of error of ± 3%

32%

Share of NY Metro Area renters with children who report **they did not pay or deferred payment of rent** in recent months.

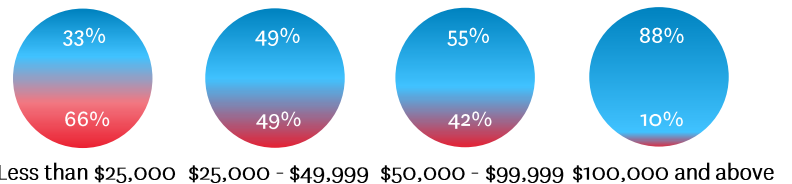
Source: Household Pulse Survey, Public Use Files April 23 – July 21, 2020. MoE ± 3%

66%

Share of low-income renters with children in the NY Metro Area who report **slight or no confidence** in making their next rental payment on time.

Confidence in making next rental payment on time, adults living with children in the NY Metro Area by income

● Slight / No confidence ● Moderate / High confidence

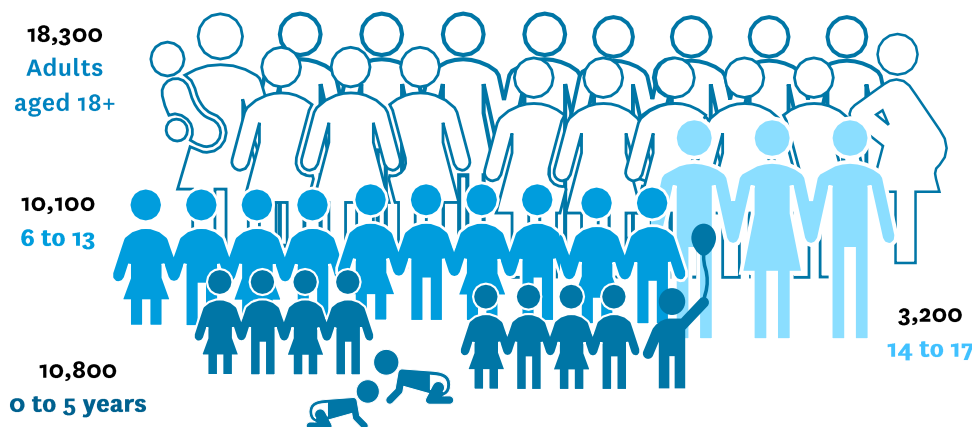


Source: Household Pulse Survey, Public Use Files April 23 – July 21, 2020. MoE ± 5%

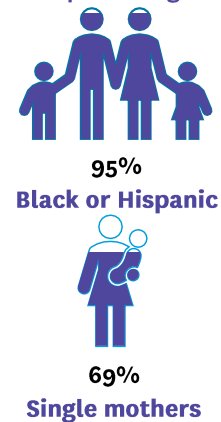
Black and Hispanic single mothers and their children bear a disproportionate share of the homelessness crisis

1 out of every 100 NYC children is sleeping in a shelter every night. Families with children – who make up two-thirds of the shelter population – are 95% Black and Hispanic and 69% are headed by single mothers.

Among the 40,000-plus individuals in families with children served in DHS shelters, half are children aged 13 or younger



Among the heads of families with children in DHS shelters, a majority are Black and Hispanic single mothers



Sources: DHS Data Dashboard, Fiscal Year 2019; DHS unpublished data for FY 2019.

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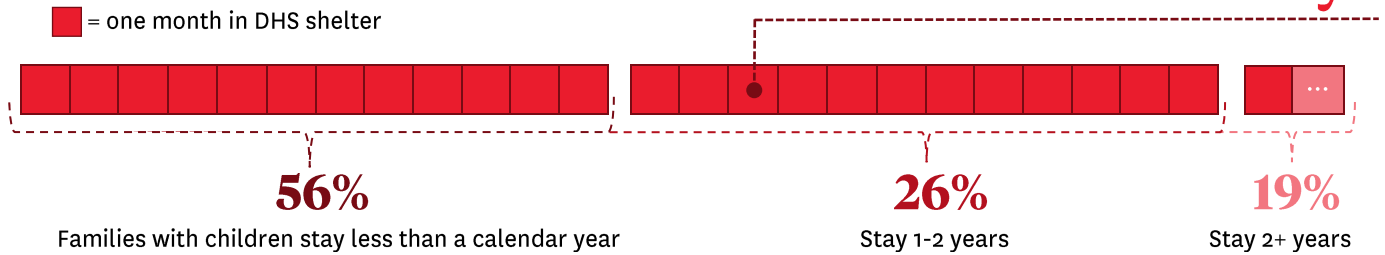


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Homelessness is a time-consuming and challenging condition for families with children

Almost half of all families with children in shelter stay for at least a year, and the average length of stay is **446 days**



Sources: Mayor's Management Report, Fiscal Year 2019; DHS unpublished data for FY 2019.

Without government action, housing insecurities threaten to set back a generation of children

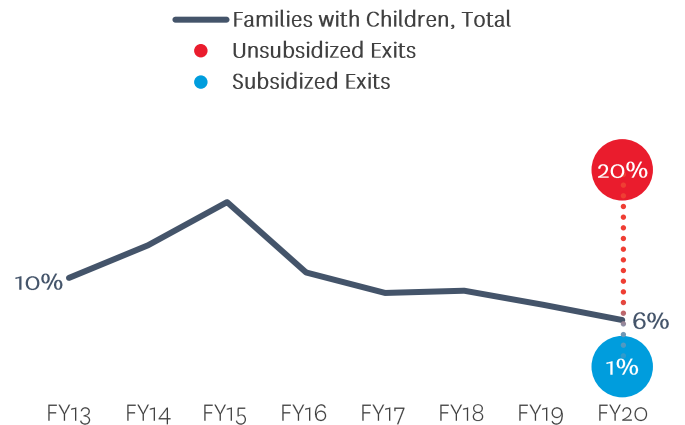
As housing insecurity reaches unprecedented levels, the role of government support and intervention is critical to overcoming the consequences of the affordability and homelessness crisis.

New York City and State leaders must strengthen **prevention** and **housing stability** for families with children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. They can do this by:

- **Supporting a statewide rent subsidy program** for very low-income families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- **Ensuring local and state rental assistance programs are competitive** in the private market, bringing payments up to the fair market rate used for federal rental subsidies.
- **Expanding neighborhood-based services** including eviction prevention counseling, aftercare supports and expanded resources for short and long-term rental assistance.
- **Increasing rapid rehousing options** to help domestic violence survivors remain safely in place or move quickly to permanent housing.
- **Advancing policies to expand the supply of affordable housing**, both through new construction and conversion of underutilized spaces. This work should include increasing the development of both deeply affordable housing and supportive housing for families exiting shelter or at risk of homelessness, especially in projects receiving zoning bonuses, and/or tax abatements and exemptions.

As families exit shelter, housing subsidies prove indispensable to ensuring a sustainable transition to permanent housing. In recent years, the share of families with children who return to DHS shelter within one year of exiting has declined – but **among families who leave without subsidies, one in five return to shelter** within 12 months.

Rate of re-entry to DHS shelter within a year of exiting



Source: Mayor's Management Reports, Fiscal Years 2013-2020.