Family Homelessness in New York City



As homelessness reaches record levels, it has a profound impact on New York City's families and children.

Homelessness and the affordability crisis are two sides of the same coin.

Median Monthly Rent, 2012 and 2017



Average number of families with children in shelter per day in New York City

9,480 FY13 12,619

↑28% Change, FY13-18

Homelessness is an increasingly time-consuming, and costly, condition for families with children.

Since 2013, the average length of stay for families in DHS shelters continues to rise, now standing at

438 days.

Meanwhile, the average daily cost of sheltering families has nearly doubled over the last 5 years.



Not all shelter facilities offer services for families with children.

Number of Families with Children, by Shelter Facility Type (Sept. 2018)

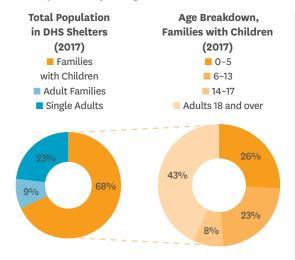
1,691 Cluster Sites 2,781 Commercial Hotels 8,644 Tier II Shelter

Cluster Sites: Private apartment buildings used as temporary shelter for families. Social services are not provided on site.

Commercial Hotels: Private, for-profit hotels used to shelter families. Social services are not provided on site.

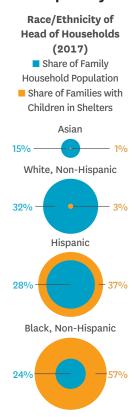
Tier II Shelter: Apartment or single-room shelters run by non-profit organizations and DHS. Social services are provided on site.

Homelessness is a citywide issue, but it has a disproportionate impact on young children and families of color in poverty.

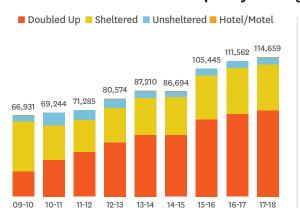


In 2017, more than two-thirds of the population in DHS shelters were families with children.
Within those families, approximately half were aged 13 and under.

The vast majority of homeless families are Black and Hispanic. Among the heads of families staying in DHS Shelters, 57 percent were Black and 37 percent were Hispanic in 2017, which exceeds their share of the family household population across NYC.



Family homelessness is increasingly felt in New York City classrooms. More students than ever before are in temporary housing.



This increase was driven by students who are 'Doubled up'—living temporarily with friends or relatives. Ten years ago, most homeless students were living in city shelters; for the 2017-2018 school year,

62%

of homeless students were doubled up.

Sources: American Community Survey. Median Contract Rent, 5-year estimates; Race/Ethnicity of Head of Households, 1-year estimates. Mayor's Office of Operations. Mayor's Management Report, September 2018. NYC Department of Homeless Services. Data Dashboard Tables Fiscal Year 2017; Case Census by Borough, Community District, and Facility Type, October 2018. NYS-TEACHS. Data on Student Homelessness in NYC, Student Information Repository System.