



School Age Children Experiencing Homelessness

The total number of school age children experiencing homelessness has increased by 47.8%

There has been a 58.3% increase in the number of school age children living with a friend or relative because their family lost their home or cannot afford housing

Experiencing Homelessness	2011-2012	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008 Baseline Year
Total Number	1,895	1,717	1,581	1,282
Demographics	2011-2012	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008 Baseline Year
Pre-Kindergarten to 5th Grade	1,006	930	882	742
6th Grade to 8th Grade	434	387	371	305
9th Grade to 12th Grade	455	400	328	235
Living Status	2011-2012	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008 Baseline Year
Primary nighttime residence place not meant for human habitation	6	1	1	2
Emergency shelter, transitional shelter or a domestic violence shelter	158	253	225	176
Living with a friend or relative because family lost home or cannot afford housing	1,552	1,295	1,232	980
Staying in a hotel, motel or campground due to lack of adequate alternative accommodations	93	105	68	84
Custody of Department of Social Services and awaiting foster care placement	16	14	8	8
Unaccompanied youth (runaway or abandoned by parents/legal guardian)	70	49	47	32

Partners Ending Homelessness works with the Guilford County School System to collect data on the number of school age children experiencing homelessness over the course of the school year. This data, based on the US Department of Education's definition of homelessness, describes children and youth as experiencing homelessness when they lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and includes children and youth who are:

- Awaiting foster care placement
- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason
- Residing in a place not meant for human habitation
- Living in
 - motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations
 - emergency or transitional shelters
- Considered unaccompanied youth because they have:
 - runaway from their homes
 - been abandoned by their parent or legal guardian

This data is collected through the Students in Transition Information form provided by Guilford County Schools as a part of the McKinney-Vento Act. During the 2007-2008 school year, Partners Ending Homelessness established a baseline for comparing data compiled on school age children experiencing homelessness in Guilford County. Since establishing this baseline, we have noticed an increase in school age children experiencing homelessness due to education and training of school personnel in identifying and tracking these children, in addition to the economic hardship being suffered by many families.