Half of All New York City Homeless Students Are in Elementary School

Over 52,000 elementary school students experienced homelessness in SY 2016–17.

57% increase in the past six years.

Those who were homeless were over 2X as likely to be chronically absent...

...and over 3X as likely to transfer schools mid-year as housed students.

Over 52,000 elementary school students
54% Elementary school students
20% Middle school students
26% High school students

51% of homeless third graders with disabilities received their IEP late compared to 36% of housed students.

Over 25% of homeless students were English Language Learners compared to around 18% of housed students.

For homeless students, timely access to these EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS is paramount to overcoming the barriers to learning that coincide with housing instability.

Only 1 in 4 third graders who had ever been homeless were proficient in math and English Language Arts, compared to around 1 in 2 students who were housed.

A student’s ability to perform at grade level in the third grade correlates with future ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, including high school graduation.

For a glossary of terms and data notes, visit www.icphusa.org/ElementaryDataNotes.