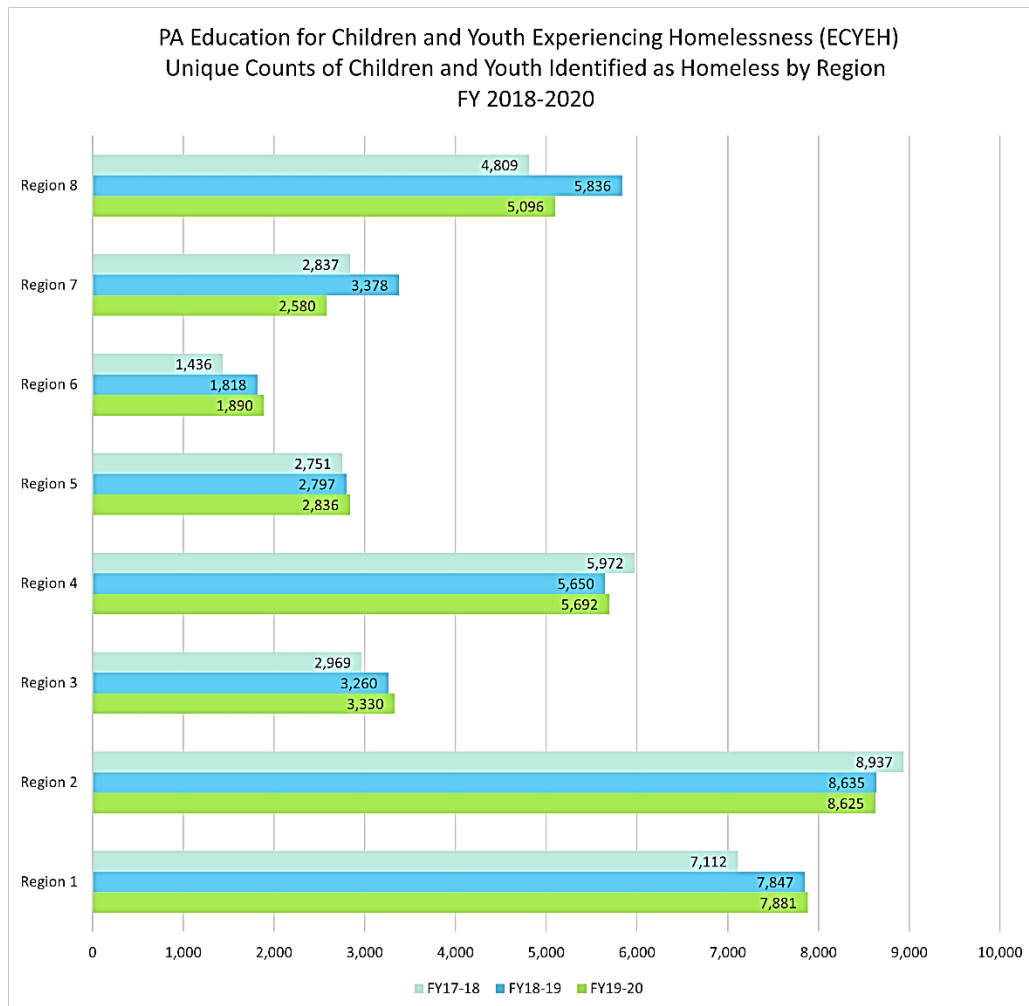




Counts of Pennsylvania's Children and Youth Identified as Homeless in Fiscal Years 2018- 20

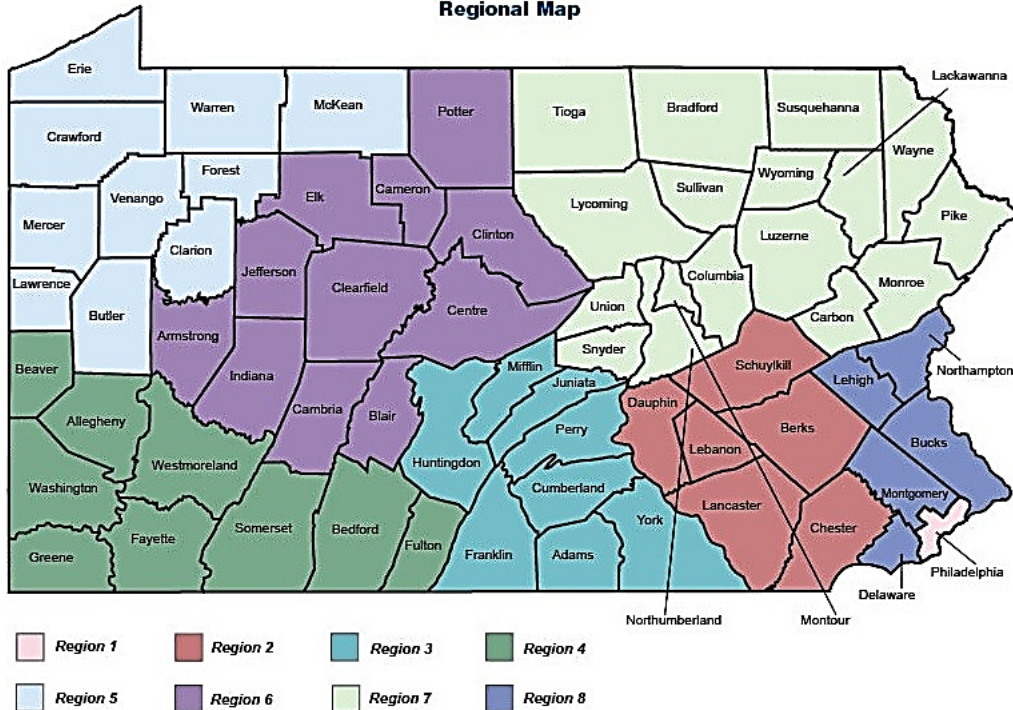
To provide data for local planners, PEC reviewed the Pennsylvania Department of Education's reports entitled *Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program 2019-2020 Counts by Entity*, and, *Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program 2019-2020 Counts by County*.

Pennsylvania's education and community agencies identified **37,390** children and youth experiencing homelessness and served by **Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH)** program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. The chart below shows the number of students **identified** by region for FYs 18-20. Region 1 is Philadelphia.



Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program

Regional Map



Find the original reports here: [Homeless Education \(pa.gov\)](https://www.pa.gov/homless-education).

Highlights

Children and youth experiencing homelessness are identified **throughout** the Commonwealth, **including rural, suburban, and urban** regions.

There was an overall 3% **increase** in the counts of children and youth identified as homeless in Pennsylvania between FYs 2018 and 2020, and a 3% **decrease** between FY19 and FY20.

The ECYEH report shows the school districts and charters identifying **more than 10** children as experiencing homelessness. School districts and charters identifying **less than 10** homeless students are not represented in the following breakdown data:

- o 379 school districts, intermediary units, and technical schools in Pennsylvania reported identifying homeless children and youth.

- o 75 charter schools in Pennsylvania reported identifying homeless children and youth.
- o Philadelphia City, identified more than one thousand homeless children and youth in FY 20. Pittsburgh school district reported more than one thousand homeless students in FY19 as well, but is now identifying fewer than one thousand students experiencing homeless.
- o Five school districts – Pittsburgh, Reading, York City, Lancaster, and Allentown City – identified from 500 to 999 homeless students.
- o 37 school districts and five charters identified between 100 and 499 homeless students. Charter schools in this category include Insight PA Cyber, Commonwealth Charter Academy, PA Cyber, Chester Community, and Angora Cyber.

According to the PA Department of Education’s report,

“For the 2019-20 program year, education and community agencies identified 37,930 children and youth experiencing homelessness served by Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program (unique, unduplicated count). The population includes children under the age of five and youth enrolled in prekindergarten through grade 12. The 'where attributed' (unique) count is based on where the child or youth was identified as homeless and attributed to the local education agency (LEA) (i.e., school district, comprehensive technical school, or charter/cyber charter school) or entity (i.e., shelter, non-LEA Early Intervention, prekindergarten program, non-LEA private school/institution).”

The Appendix at the end of this document includes data tables from the original reports.

Who Should Read This?

Policy makers and their staff, funders, youth-serving agencies including county human services, school personnel, family advocates, voters and concerned community members are encouraged to understand the data and consider expanding efforts to reach out to children and youth who experience homelessness. They are encouraged to understand that:

1. **Explanations** are not provided in the Pennsylvania Department of Education reports, nor does PEC offer that analysis.
2. In PEC's opinion, the **best use** of this data is to assist people who serve children and youth or address family homelessness to understand the trend, and for planners who are considering how best to use the new Covid and American Rescue Plan funds.

About People's Emergency Center (PEC)

People's Emergency Center (PEC) uplifts our community by providing housing, social services, and quality of life supports that empower people and encourage more prosperous and safer neighborhoods.

For families and youth experiencing homelessness, we offer housing, social services, access to early childhood education, and educational programs in career training, parenting, financial literacy, life skills, and technology.

The PEC Community Development Corporation programs respond to community needs and build on neighborhood assets to help bridge the digital divide, expand mixed-income housing opportunities, stimulate economic growth, create wealth, and improve the quality of life for all West Philadelphia residents.

PEC advocates for urgently needed public policy changes on behalf of families and youth experiencing homelessness and the neighborhoods we serve. We have worked successfully with local, state, and federal government agencies to advance legislation and budgets that prioritize these communities.

APPENDIX

PA ECYEH School Districts where between 100-499 children and youth experiencing homelessness were attributed in FY '20				
School District	# Homeless Students SY '17 - '18	# Homeless Students SY '18 - '19	# Homeless Students SY '19 - '20	% Change between SY 18 - 20
Altoona Area (Blair)	124	248	221	78%
Ambridge Area (Beaver)	48	80	102	113%
Armstrong (Armstrong)	62	93	107	73%
Avon Grove (Chester)	107	126	157	47%
Bensalem Township (Bucks)	170	156	114	-33%
Bethlehem Area (Northampton)	453	407	345	-24%
Bristol Township (Bucks)	150	190	156	4%
Butler Area (Butler)	82	95	136	66%
Central Dauphin (Dauphin)	242	259	235	-3%
Chambersburg Area (Franklin)	190	150	130	-32%
Coatesville Area (Chester)	189	194	115	-39%
Conestoga Valley (Lancaster)	142	157	144	1%
Conneaut (Crawford)	42	80	128	205%
East Stroudsburg Area (Monroe)	140	157	107	-24%
Easton Area (Northampton)	183	173	145	-21%
Erie City (Erie)	269	149	190	-29%
Exeter Township (Berks)	60	49	107	78%
Harrisburg City (Dauphin)	747	482	541	-28%
Kennett Consolidated (Chester)	158	263	248	57%
Highlands (Allegheny)	96	130	102	6%
Lebanon (Lebanon)	542	500	518	-4%
Manheim Township (Lancaster)	70	87	128	83%
Mifflin County (Mifflin)	86	110	118	37%
Norristown Area (Montgomery)	152	200	175	15%
Oxford Area (Chester)	65	111	112	72%
Penn Manor (Lancaster)	129	141	118	-9%
Pottstown (Montgomery)	151	161	130	-14%
Red Lion Area (York)	98	106	103	5%
Scranton (Lackawanna)	284	235	244	-14%
Solanco (Lancaster)	98	111	117	19%

Upper Darby (Delaware)	173	226	289	67%
Washington (Washington)	62	55	106	71%
West Chester Area (Chester)	90	120	117	30%
Wilkes-Barre Area (Luzerne)	214	142	168	-21%
William Penn (Delaware)	43	72	114	165%
Williamsport Area (Lycoming)	198	191	215	9%
Woodland Hills (Allegheny)	232	168	142	-39%

PA ECYEH School Districts where between 500-999 children and youth experiencing homelessness were attributed in FY '20				
School District	# Homeless Students SY '17 - '18	# Homeless Students SY '18 - '19	# Homeless Students SY '19 - '20	% Change between SY 18 - 20
Allentown City (Lehigh)	1,095	702	615	-44%
Lancaster (Lancaster)	1,093	889	717	-34%
Pittsburgh (Allegheny)	1,529	1,040	804	-47%
Reading (Berks)	1,273	960	733	-42%
York City (York)	608	494	721	19%

PA ECYEH School Districts where more than 1,000 children and youth experiencing homelessness were attributed in FY '20				
School District	# Homeless Students SY '17 - '18	# Homeless Students SY '18 - '19	# Homeless Students SY '19 - '20	% Change between SY 18 - 20
Philadelphia City (Philadelphia)	3,238	3,635	4,390	36%

PA ECYEH Regions where children and youth experiencing homelessness were attributed in FY '18 - '20				
Region Number	# Homeless Students SY '17 - '18	# Homeless Students SY '18 - '19	# Homeless Students SY '19 - '20	% Change between SY 18 - 20
Region 1	7,112	7,847	7,881	11%
Region 2	8,937	8,635	8,625	-3%
Region 3	2,969	3,260	3,330	12%
Region 4	5,972	5,650	5,692	-5%
Region 5	2,751	2,797	2,836	3%
Region 6	1,436	1,818	1,890	32%
Region 7	2,837	3,378	2,580	-9%
Region 8	4,809	5,836	5,096	6%
Total	36,823	39,221	37,930	3%

PA ECYEH Counties where children and youth experiencing homelessness were attributed in FY '18 - '20			
County Name	# Homeless Students SY '17 - '18	# Homeless Students SY '18 - '19	# Homeless Students SY '19 - '20
Adams	341	318	233
Adams/York	19	42	*
Allegheny	4,128	3,451	3,212
Armstrong	173	203	228
Armstrong/Indiana	*	not on list	not on list
Beaver	595	814	955
Bedford	94	130	200
Bedford/Somerset	*	not on list	not on list
Berks	2,279	2,013	1,849
Blair	315	512	526
Bradford	136	149	193
Bradford/Tioga	236	129	*
Bucks	788	1,050	713
Butler	268	349	405

Cambria	192	239	225
Cambria/Somerset	not on list	27	not on list
Cameron	*	18	15
Carbon	89	111	122
Carbon/Monroe/Pike	*	20	17
Centre	181	187	169
Chester	1,292	1,447	1,601
Clarion	161	147	119
Clearfield	160	203	262
Clearfield/Jefferson	*	*	not on list
Clinton	57	61	110
Columbia	94	160	205
Columbia/Montour	31	not on list	not on list
Columbia/Sullivan	32	25	17
Crawford	192	265	226
Cumberland	388	502	584
Cumberland/Perry	not on list	*	*
Dauphin	1,602	1,421	1,557
Delaware	827	1,205	1,199
Elk	24	40	63
Erie	1,187	868	778
Fayette	307	280	269
Forest	52	51	52
Franklin	332	367	284
Fulton	*	*	12
Greene	36	40	43
Huntingdon	37	55	32
Indiana	171	174	164
Jefferson	100	106	86
Juniata	43	49	64
Lackawanna	383	454	426
Lackawanna/Susquehanna	not on list	74	*
Lancaster	2,684	2,574	2,547
Lawrence	242	238	391
Lebanon	722	744	701
Lehigh	1,396	1,278	1,228
Luzerne	668	919	500
Luzerne/Wyoming	*	*	*
Lycoming	244	259	253
McKean	176	217	248
Mercer	244	311	271
Mifflin	86	111	142

Monroe	461	465	373
Montgomery	984	1,413	1,282
Montour	22	43	23
Northampton	814	890	674
Northumberland	161	218	119
Perry	56	103	93
Philadelphia	7,112	7,847	7,881
Pike	51	81	79
Potter	53	47	42
Schuylkill	358	436	370
Snyder	37	42	48
Snyder/Union	not on list	*	*
Somerset	129	100	96
Sullivan	not on list	*	*
Susquehanna	54	60	59
Tioga	28	51	55
Union	17	25	23
Venango	158	205	222
Warren	70	146	124
Washington	264	322	441
Wayne	50	58	60
Westmoreland	409	503	464
Wyoming	34	25	*
York	1,667	1,712	1,889
State Total	36,823	39,221	37,930

* signifies a homeless count under 10 people according to the reports