



Goal 1: Human and Family Development

Desired Community Condition: **Families are healthy and stable.**



Indicator: **Homeless Students**

Progress Rating: **Local Trend: NEGATIVE** **National Comparison: NOT KNOWN**

Indicator Description

Homeless students include youth spending nights in shelters, cars, hotels/motels and doubled up (multiple families in one residence). Homeless students live in the different types of primary night time residences for different reasons. A youth may be considered homeless due to a lack of financial resources, or abusive parent(s), or nomadic parent(s). Data on homeless students were obtained from Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) Title I Homeless Projects for school years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003. . Due to high data integrity standards, data detail is available only for 1,781 of the 2,224 homeless students in 2002-2003.

Why is this indicator important?

Having a place to call home provides an important base in which to build a stable family. It also provides a foundation for being gainfully employed and obtaining a quality education. It is not unusual for a child who is homeless to move multiple times during the school year. Such mobility can result not only in the need to adapt to a new living space, but also to a new classroom, teacher, and classmates, leading to delays and gaps in their academic progress. Large numbers of homeless students would increase the number of students who do not graduate from high school. People who lack a high school education may find it difficult to earn a living wage and be productive citizens.

Data Sources

Albuquerque Public Schools Title I Homeless Projects; City of Albuquerque Family and Community Services Department

What can we tell from the data?

- 2.6% of APS students are homeless (2,224 out of 86,557).
- The two low income housing programs, Albuquerque Housing Services and Section 8, are effectively full at all times.
- The largest percentage of homeless students (43.1%) reported their primary night time residence as “doubled up.”
- The number of homeless students at APS drops off significantly at 10th grade, due to the student leaving school to go to work.
- The number of doubled up homeless students coupled with the housing programs being full suggests that an increase in subsidized housing in Albuquerque may reduce the number of homeless students.

School Year	Number of Homeless Students in APS
2001-2002	1,628
2002-2003	2,224

**Number of Homeless Students in APS by Grade and Type of Housing
for School Year 2002-2003**

Primary Night Time Residence	Shelters	Doubled up	Car	Hotels/Motels	No Information	Total
P1	3					3
P2	3	2				5
Pre K		1				1
K	28	46	1	11	15	101
1 st	40	66	1	21	28	156
2 nd	36	97		18	45	196
3 rd	42	103		15	55	215
4 th	49	73		21	60	203
5 th	29	75	1	23	56	184
6 th	37	77		22	44	180
7 th	35	54	4	21	32	146
8 th	24	66	1	11	28	130
9 th	29	59	1	11	30	130
10 th	16	21	1	5	31	73
11 th	9	18		4	7	39
12 th	3	10		1	5	19
Total	383	768	10	184	436	1781

Total Homeless Students by Grade

