

Young Children Served by Continuums of Care in Pennsylvania: Ensuring Access to Early Learning

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Introduction – Why this Brief?

This brief builds on previous efforts to better understand the needs of young children experiencing homelessness and how housing and early learning programs are serving this population.

Prior reports, listed below, have noted the negative impact of homelessness on young children’s health and development. They have presented data on program engagement and trends over time. Those briefs have presented both state and community-level data and suggested ways local providers can further explore needs, coordinate efforts, and share resources. Those discussions have described challenges presented by variations across systems in key definitions, policies, and priorities over time. The aim continues to be to ensure that young children experiencing homelessness can access the benefits available to them – that they are enrolled in and regularly receiving the high-quality early childhood services designed to mitigate the negative impact of homeless living situations.

Using a survey approach, the current brief delves deeper into the housing sector. In 2024, Pennsylvania’s housing programs served 10,027 children under age 6. However, little is known about these children's participation in early childhood programs. In particular, the brief presents data on young children and families served in homeless housing programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) offered through the network of “Continuums of Care” (CoC) in the Commonwealth. The housing and early childhood sectors differ in how they gather and report data. It is hoped that the data shared in the current brief will enhance understanding of young children experiencing homelessness and aid in targeting outreach and identification to ensure they are receiving housing and quality early learning services and supports that meet their needs.

This brief builds upon earlier reports, including:

[*A State-Level Brief, Participation of Young Children Experiencing Homelessness in Early Childhood Programs in Pennsylvania*](#) (January 2022)

[*A State-Level Brief, Participation of Infants and Toddlers Experiencing Homelessness in Early Childhood Programs in PA*](#) (August 2023)

[State-Level Brief Update, A Call to Action: Participation of Young Children Experiencing Homelessness and Young Children in Foster Care in Early Childhood Programs in Pennsylvania](#) (February 2024)

[An Update: Prevalence of Young Children Identified as Experiencing Homelessness in Pennsylvania](#) (October 2025)

[Childhood Homelessness in Pennsylvania \[using CoC data\], by researchers from Nemours Children's Health and HopePHL](#) (October 2022)

Various reports from [Homeless Education | Department of Education | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#).

What is a Continuum of Care?

HUD defines, regulates, and funds the Continuum of Care (CoC) system to address homelessness nationwide.

A CoC is defined in [Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program Eligibility Requirements - HUD Exchange](#) as "... the group organized to carry out the responsibilities prescribed in the [CoC Program Interim Rule](#) for a defined geographic area. A CoC should be composed of representatives of organizations including nonprofit homeless providers, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, businesses, advocates, public housing agencies, school districts, social service providers, mental health agencies, hospitals, universities, affordable housing developers, law enforcement, organizations that serve homeless and formerly homeless veterans, and homeless and formerly homeless persons."

Pennsylvania has 16 CoCs, each managing a variety of strategies designed to address homelessness in its region. The majority of CoCs align geographically with counties or a small cluster of counties with greater population density. The Eastern and Western Pennsylvania CoCs each include more counties representing less-populated rural communities.

For a map and list of Continuums of Care in Pennsylvania, please visit [Homelessness in PA - PA Department of Community & Economic Development](#).

Housing Assistance through CoCs in Pennsylvania

Each CoC offers a range of housing assistance strategies for families as defined by HUD. Additional descriptive information can be found at [the CoC Program Components - Overview page on HUD Exchange](#). The housing assistance strategies managed by CoCs include temporary housing, permanent housing, and homeless prevention:

- **Temporary Housing** includes emergency shelter, safe haven, and transitional housing programs.
- **Permanent Housing** includes permanent supportive housing (PSH), rapid rehousing (RRH), and other permanent housing, which HUD allows to capture other types of permanent housing supports.
 - Permanent supportive housing offers long-term leasing or rental assistance and other support services to assist households with at least one member (adult or child) with a disability in achieving housing stability.
 - Rapid Rehousing provides short-term (up to three months) and medium-term (4 to 24 months) tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services to households experiencing homelessness.
 - Other Permanent Housing, as indicated above, includes additional housing units that a community may offer to families and individuals.
- **Homeless Prevention (HP)**, as defined by HUD's Emergency Solutions Grant Program Interim Rule, includes short-term or medium-term rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services.

The overall capacity of each of the above strategies and their capacity to serve families with young children vary across the 16 CoCs. Data specific to each CoC can be found in the Appendix of this brief. The data in Table 1 below show the capacity, based on available beds, for the range of housing assistance strategies [Pennsylvania reported](#) in HUD's 2024 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) for the Commonwealth overall. Data are provided for all available beds and for the subset of total beds available to families.

Table 1. Summary of all available beds reported (in 2024), aggregated to the state level¹

Pennsylvania	Total Beds for All Persons	Family Beds	Percent of Beds for Families
Temporary Housing	12,756	5,759	45%
Emergency Shelter	9,451	4,079	43%
Transitional Housing	3,005	1,680	56%
Permanent Housing	19,379	9,136	47%
Permanent/Rapid Rehousing	5,529	3,555	64%
Permanent/Supportive Housing	12,938	5,267	41%
Permanent Housing/Other	903	314	35%
Grand Total - Beds Available	32,126	14,895	46%

Not all homeless programs are guided by federal funding and HUD regulations. Many states, local jurisdictions, and private foundations have separate regulations and offer financial support, and have different guidelines for similar programs.

Young Children Served by CoC Housing Programs in Pennsylvania

In the fall of 2025, the 16 CoCs were contacted to obtain data on the number of families served in 2024 and the ages of their children. A total of 7,379 families with children were served. Table 2 below presents data on the ages of the young children in the families served by CoC programs.

Table 2. Young Children by Age Served by CoC Housing Strategy, FY 2024²

	<1	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL < 6
Temporary Housing	654	703	643	633	585	719	3,937
Emergency Shelter	572	589	550	567	505	576	3,359
Transitional Housing	82	114	93	66	80	143	578
Permanent Housing	445	503	510	511	456	596	3,021
Permanent/Rapid Rehousing	307	342	373	320	294	360	1,996
Permanent/Supportive Housing	79	90	77	113	107	181	647
Permanent Housing/Other	59	71	60	78	55	55	378
Homeless Prevention	401	532	574	612	649	301	3,069
TOTAL – Children < 6 Served	1,500	1,738	1,727	1,756	1,690	1,616	10,027

¹ HUD 2024 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Housing Inventory Report. Note: Homeless Prevention capacity is not included. [CoC_HIC_State_PA_2024.pdf](#)

² This report's authors collected data from each CoC, which can be provided upon request.

Below is a list of the total number of young children under the age of 6 in families served by each of the individual CoCs in Pennsylvania in FY 2024.³ A breakdown of this data by the age of the child is provided in the Appendix of this document.

PA 500: Philadelphia	2,592
PA 501: Harrisburg, Dauphin County	87
PA 502: Delaware County	345
PA 503: Luzerne County	224
PA 504: Montgomery County	383
PA 505: Chester County	911
PA 506: Berks County	393
PA 508: Lackawanna County	214
PA 509: Eastern Pennsylvania (33 counties)	1,614
PA 510: Lancaster County	261
PA 511: Bucks County	660
PA 512: York County	360
PA 600: Allegheny County	740
PA 601: Western Pennsylvania (20 counties)	711
PA 603: Beaver County	176
PA 605: Erie County	356
TOTAL - all Pennsylvania CoCs	10,027

Additional observations include:

- Of all young children served in CoC programs, a slightly larger proportion were served by temporary housing programs than by either permanent supportive housing or homeless prevention programs:
 - 3,937, or 39%, of the total 10,027 young children were served in temporary housing.
 - This may reflect the urgency for assistance of families with young children when in immediate crisis. Preventive services and permanent housing involve a lengthier process to access.
 - All CoCs served children under age 6, but the distribution by age cohort and service strategy varied considerably across CoCs, as illustrated in the data presented in the Appendix for each CoC.
- Variance across age cohorts for total children under age 6 served is minimal:
 - 1,500 babies (children prior to their first birthday) were served by CoCs.

³ This report's authors collected data from each CoC, which can be provided upon request.

- 4,965 infants and toddlers (ages <1, 1 and 2, or children before their third birthday) were served, representing 50% of all children under age 6 served by CoCs.
- 3,446 preschool-aged children (ages 3 and 4) were served, or about 35% of all children under the age of 6 served by CoCs.
- 1,616 kindergarten-aged children (age 5) were served, or 16% of all children under the age of 6 served by CoCs.

Early Childhood Programs and Young Children Identified as Experiencing Homelessness in Pennsylvania

Like the housing service sector, Pennsylvania offers a variety of early childhood programs, including Head Start and Early Head Start, subsidized childcare through Child Care Works, Early Intervention, a network of home visiting programs, and kindergarten. Descriptions of these programs, data on the number of children served, and information on how to contact and/or make referrals appear in earlier briefs.⁴ Many communities coordinate access to early learning through the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Early Learning Resource Centers (ELRC) and work closely with the Pennsylvania Department of Education McKinney-Vento Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program to identify young children experiencing homelessness and access whatever additional services may be available and needed.

Early childhood and housing use different definitions of homelessness and have different eligibility requirements. Early childhood programs use the McKinney-Vento definition to identify children experiencing homelessness, available at [McKinney-Vento Definition – National Center for Homeless Education](#). Differences are notable. Children in permanent supportive housing may not meet the McKinney-Vento definition despite recidivism rates. Living doubled-up temporarily with others is not recognized as homeless by HUD, though this represents an estimated 70% children identified by ECYEH. A discussion of the impact of varying definitions, terminology, and data interpretation challenges is needed as housing and early childhood programs partner to support families.

Regulations specify how children experiencing homelessness are prioritized for enrollment and any accommodations that can be made to promote their stable participation. Local

⁴ See list of prior briefs above. They contain extensive data and detailed methodology. Note, too, that, compared to earlier briefs, this document includes kindergarten children in its discussion of young children.

partnerships can further determine how housing and early childhood programs will work together to reach out to, engage, and support families.

Individual program policies and practices determine how children are identified and tracked. Among the young children being served by various early childhood programs, the number of young children identified as experiencing homelessness in Pennsylvania in 2022/2021-2022 is listed below.⁵

Number identified in Early Head Start/Head Start	2,003
Number identified in Child Care Works	573
Number identified in PreK Counts	101
Number identified receiving Early Intervention	200
Number identified in Home Visiting:	266
Number identified in LEA Kindergarten:	2,368
TOTAL young children identified:	5,511

Taken together, these numbers illustrate variation by program due to differences in their approaches to collecting and reporting data on children served. Note that Table 2 on page 4 shows 10,027 young children served by CoCs, and the list above shows 5,511 young children identified as experiencing homelessness by early childhood programs. Housing and early childhood program definitions, eligibility criteria, and data reporting vary, so interpreting data requires caution. However, the data illustrate the considerable number of young children served in each system, indicating the need to clarify the data further, determine how best to support young children, and explain why connecting systems is necessary to share resources. Families can access housing and early childhood services when needed.

Federally funded Head Start programs are regulated by national performance standards. Head Start programs receive technical assistance to identify and enroll young children experiencing homelessness, and they can provide comprehensive services to families, a consideration when interpreting data across early childhood programs.

Additionally, ECYEH is federally funded and directed to identify and gather data on children experiencing homelessness to ensure their access to educational programs. ECYEH is the most extensive source of data on children of all ages. Below is a list of the number of young

⁵ State-Level Brief Update: A Call for Action. (February 2024) [State-Level Brief Update, A Call to Action: Participation of Young Children Experiencing Homelessness and Young Children in Foster Care in Early Childhood Programs in Pennsylvania - The Pennsylvania Key](#)

children under age 6 identified and reported by each of the eight ECYEH regions for the 2023-2024 school year:⁶

- Region 1: 3,289 Philadelphia
- Region 2: 2,335 Berks, Chester, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Schuylkill
- Region 3 : 798 Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin, Perry, York
- Region 4: 1,077 Allegheny, Beaver, Bedford, Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Washington
- Region 5: 614 Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, McKean, Mercer, Venango, Warren
- Region 6: 520 Armstrong, Blair, Cambria, Center, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Indiana, Jefferson, Potter
- Region 7: 769 Bradford, Carbon, Luzerne, Lycoming, Monroe, Northumberland, Montour, Pike, Snyder, Tioga, Union, Wayne, Wyoming
- Region 8: 1,201 Bucks, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton
- **TOTAL: 10,601 All children < 6 identified by ECYEH in Pennsylvania**

As stated earlier, definitions, eligibility criteria, and data reporting for housing and early childhood programs vary, so interpretations require caution. Exemplifying this is a comparison of the number of 5-year-olds reported to be served by housing programs and those identified by ECYEH in 2024

- 5-year-olds served by CoCs⁷ 1,616
- 5-year-olds (kindergarten) identified by ECYEH⁸ 2,973

CoCs served 1,616 children aged 5, representing 16% of all the children under age 6 served. ECYEH identified 2,973 children aged 5, representing 43% of all of the children under age 6 identified. Inconsistencies are evident, and it is unknown how many of these children were served by both entities.

⁶ Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program 2023-24 State Evaluation Report (May 2025, page 27). [Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program 2023-24 State Evaluation Report](#)

⁷ This report's authors collected data from each CoC, which can be provided upon request.

⁸ Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program 2023-24 State Evaluation Report (May 2025, page 27). [Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program 2023-24 State Evaluation Report](#)

Since ECYEH is funded to identify and support children experiencing homelessness, and kindergarten participation is essentially mandatory, kindergarten data can serve as an indicator of the need to strengthen efforts to better connect young children with early learning programs. Such data can be used by ECYEH, CoCs, and early learning programs to guide discussions on whether the young children served by CoCs and those identified by ECYEH and other early learning programs are accessing the benefits available to them and the supports they and their families may need.

Additional Considerations

Many questions remain about how many young children might benefit from coordinated housing and early learning services and supports.

In addition to the programs for which data are presented in this brief, there are other data to be explored and service providers to engage in efforts to better identify and support children and families. For example, data from CoCs generally show the number of families headed by parenting youth, a population for whom outreach, services, and partnerships will require additional coordination. Below is the data on the number of families served by CoCs that were headed by parenting youth (< age 21).⁹

- Households with children: 7,379
- Households with children headed by parenting youth: 908 (12%)

Communities may have programs designed for teen and young parents that can be engaged. Those parenting youth who have aged out of foster care can access targeted housing vouchers and other services up to the age of 26.¹⁰ Additional targeted resources are available for Veteran families.¹¹ Data on these programs, partnerships to support families, and the coordination of efforts can be pursued where they have not yet been explored.

Faith-based and other private programs may or may not be working with their local CoC and submitting their data for their local HUD count, so this brief may not include data for these programs. However, they offer essential shelter and housing services in communities throughout the Commonwealth. Family Promise sponsors multiple programs for families. Domestic violence programs provide services addressing particular family service needs.

⁹ This report's authors collected data from each CoC, which can be provided upon request. Data regarding parenting youth were unavailable from two CoCs.

¹⁰ See Foster Youth Initiative voucher program: [FYI-Overview-of-Program-Rules.pdf](#)

¹¹ See [HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing \(HUD-VASH\) | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)

There is little discussion or data regarding pregnant women who have needs for housing-related services. Each of these additional individuals, families, providers, and systems must be considered and can be valuable resources as state and local entities work to understand and address children's needs.

Reflections and Areas to Explore Further

Earlier reports identified a number of potential actions that communities might take to expand and strengthen capacity:

- Work to improve data accuracy and confidence in data interpretation.
- Explore what the data reveal regarding different challenges and opportunities based on the age cohort of the child, re: infants and toddlers versus preschool-aged versus school-aged children.
- Examine any capacity that is disproportionate to demand, what population trends may be suggesting, and whether there is an opportunity to rethink designs for capacity and service type to better serve priority populations.
- Address any barriers to access, e.g., transportation, application processes, etc.

Several takeaways from the current brief include:

- Confusion on how data are assembled continues to hinder efforts to guide how communities can be assured they are engaging all those children and families in the services and supports they need.
- ECYEH continues to be the most effective entity in identifying children experiencing homelessness and their families, thus a valuable gauge of both capacity and need.
- Head Start stands out among early childhood programs as a resource for housing programs, likely due to its comprehensive services for children and families experiencing homelessness and the systemic supports available to programs, so communities may wish to strengthen housing-Head Start partnerships.
- Housing and early childhood programs overall will need to implement intentional efforts to better connect their systems to ensure that every young child receiving housing services through CoC programs can access early learning supports and benefits.

- Many, if not all, CoCs have formalized plans addressing homelessness, and many are embedded into a county’s “Consolidated Action Plan” that explains its housing strategy and demonstrates a holistic approach to affordable housing.
 - Example: See the *Chester County, PA 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan 2024 Action Plan* on [Chester County’s website](#)

Potential areas to explore further include:

- Create forums, or Communities of Practice, to bring together providers, advocates, local decisionmakers, and families to design systems responsive to their unique local resources, needs, opportunities, and challenges.
- Include the broadest range of resources and providers in local CoC efforts, e.g., housing providers not governed by HUD as indicated earlier in this brief, food pantries, multi-service community organizations, recovery programs, community development agencies, and, of course, local ECYEH and early childhood programs.
- Build among housing providers an awareness of the early childhood programs, referral processes, the unique needs of pregnancy, infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-aged children, ways to connect with nutrition, health, early intervention, and other benefit systems, and the importance of engaging young children in high-quality early learning programs.
 - Example: Housing programs in CoC 501 – Harrisburg/Dauphin County served 87 young children. A key resource for accessing early learning services for these children is [the Early Learning Resource Center for Region 9](#). See [Early Learning Resource Centers](#) for links to all ELRCs.

Final Comments

This brief contains data and observations that communities can consider as they take action to better support young children and their families. The authors encourage local communities to organize discussions and create partnerships that connect and share resources to meet local needs. The state-level [PA OCDEL McKinney-Vento Advisory Committee](#) and the local-level [Children’s Work Group Early Childhood Conference](#) can offer additional opportunities to explore ways to make connections and take action. Finally, and again, the aim of this brief and earlier briefs remains to assist communities as they target outreach and identification efforts that ensure the enrollment of *all* young children in both housing and quality early learning that will meet their needs.

Survey Methodology

In the fall of 2025, a phone survey was conducted. Contact information for each of the 16 CoCs was obtained from the [HUD Exchange](#) website. HopePHL contacted the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead at each CoC to request aggregate data on children served by their CoC.

HopePHL consulted HMIS Leads to ensure that the requested data was available in each CoC's systems. When CoCs were unable to provide the data exactly as requested, HopePHL worked with CoCs to produce figures that aligned as closely as possible with the desired data. Any caveats to the data are included as footnotes in the appendices for individual CoCs.

All data were compiled in a spreadsheet and supplemented with additional data from authoritative sources (e.g., 2024 HIC Report.¹², 2025 ECYEH Report¹³). This allowed HopePHL to compare counts of children served by CoCs alongside comprehensive data on housing capacity and early childhood program data included in the ECYEH data report.

Note that limitations in HMIS data can make it difficult to track a single individual across interactions with multiple services, especially in temporary housing programs. Therefore, the aggregate counts provided in this report may double-count some children within and across service categories. As stated earlier in this brief, inconsistencies in the reporting of early childhood data have been described in detail in earlier reports.

Due to variations in data sources and availability across CoCs, as well as challenges within communities of early childhood programs, comparisons between them **should not be made**. Perhaps such variations will be helpful as areas for consideration and offer suggestions for discussion and action going forward.

Appendix 1. Young Children Experiencing Homelessness in Pennsylvania as Reported by Continuums of Care

Sixteen Continuums of Care coordinate housing services in local communities, serve as central points of entry for services, and gather and report data through their HMIS data

¹² HUD 2024 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Housing Inventory Report. Note: Homeless Prevention capacity not included. https://files.hudexchange.info/reports/published/CoC_HIC_State_PA_2024.pdf

¹³ ECYEH data source: Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program 2023-24 State Evaluation Report (May 2025). <https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/education/documents/instruction/homeless-education/reports/2023-24%20ecyeh%20evaluation%20report.pdf>

management systems to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for its annual reports to Congress (AHAR). These include:

[PA 500 – Philadelphia](#)

[PA 501 – Harrisburg/Dauphin County](#)

[PA 502 – Upper Darby, Chester, Haverford/Delaware County](#)

[PA 503 – Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton/Luzerne County](#)

[PA 504 – Lower Merion, Norristown, Abington/Montgomery County](#)

[PA 505 – Chester County](#)

[PA 506 – Reading/Berks County](#)

[PA 508 – Scranton/Lackawanna County](#)

[PA 509 – Eastern Pennsylvania](#)

[PA 510 – Lancaster City and County](#)

[PA 511 – Bristol, Bensalem/Bucks County](#)

[PA 512 – York City and County](#)

[PA 600 – Pittsburgh, McKeesport, Penn Hill/Allegheny County](#)

[PA 601 – Western Pennsylvania](#)

[PA 603 – Beaver County](#)

[PA 605 – Erie City and County](#)

Data regarding the total number of young children served by Pennsylvania’s HUD-funded programs appear next, followed by data for individual Continuums of Care.

Continuums of Care in Pennsylvania

*HUD 2024 HIC Report – 1,997 Families Served (Aggregate)

	Family Beds	Total Beds	Percent of Beds for Families
Temporary Housing	5,759	12,756	45%
Permanent Housing	9,136	19,379	47%

Survey Findings - Young Children Served by Age

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Survey Findings – Young Children Served by Housing Strategy

	Number of Children < 6 Served	Percent of Children < 6 Served
Temporary Housing	3,937	39%
Permanent Housing	3,021	30%
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TOTAL	10,027	

Survey Findings – Parenting Youth Served

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- Percent of households with parenting youth: 12%

CoC 500 – Philadelphia

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Survey Findings - Young Children Served by Age¹⁴

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Temporary Housing	268	262	252	211	213	193	1,399
Emergency Shelter	228	234	215	184	192	174	1,227
Transitional Housing	40	28	37	27	21	19	172
Permanent Housing¹⁵	119	126	129	135	132	84	725
Permanent/Rapid Rehousing	81	79	81	88	73	47	449
Permanent/Supportive Housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	?
Permanent Housing/Other	38	47	48	47	59	37	276
Homeless Prevention	43	68	82	78	94	103	468
TOTAL Children < 6 Served¹⁶	430	456	463	424	439	380	2,592

Survey Findings – Young Children Served by Housing Strategy

	Number of Children < 6 Served	Percent of Children < 6 Served
Temporary Housing	1,399	54%
Permanent Housing	725	28%
Homeless Prevention	468	18%
TOTAL	2,592	

Survey Findings – Parenting Youth Served

- Households with children: 2,270
- Households with parenting youth: 607
- Percent of households with parenting youth: 27%

¹⁴ If a client enrolled between 10/1/23 and 9/30/24, client age was calculated as the age of the client on the Enroll Date. If the Enroll Date was prior to 10/1/23, client age was calculated as the age of the client on 10/1/23.

¹⁵ Permanent Housing total excludes Permanent/Supportive Housing data which was unavailable.

¹⁶ Data indicate even participation of young children by age group (chi-square 10.1, df 5, p-value 0.073) and more than half of families were served in Temporary Housing programs.

CoC 501 – Harrisburg/Dauphin County

*HUD 2024 HIC Report – 160 Families Served

	Family Beds	Total Beds	Percent of Beds for Families
Temporary Housing	145	324	45%
Permanent Housing	131	430	30%

Survey Findings - Young Children Served by Age¹⁷

	<1	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL < 6
Temporary Housing	1	13	13	11	4	13	55
Emergency Shelter	0	5	4	7	3	10	29
Transitional Housing	1	8	9	4	1	3	26
Permanent Housing	4	4	6	3	4	11	32
Permanent/Rapid Rehousing	2	4	4	3	3	10	26
Permanent/Supportive Housing	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Permanent Housing/Other	2	0	2	0	0	0	4
Homeless Prevention	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Children < 6 Served¹⁸	5	17	19	14	8	24	87

Survey Findings – Young Children Served by Housing Strategy

	Number of Children < 6 Served	Percent of Children < 6 Served
Temporary Housing	55	63%
Permanent Housing	32	37%
Homeless Prevention	0	0%
TOTAL	87	

Survey Findings – Parenting Youth Served

- Households with children: 87
- Households with parenting youth: 1
- Percent of households with parenting youth: 1%

¹⁷ Note: Counts do not include other service categories such as coordinated entry, street outreach, and services only.

¹⁸ Data indicate a statistically significant difference by age group (chi-square 17.2, df 5, p-value 0.004**.) No families received Homeless Prevention services, and one household was headed by a youth.

CoC 502 –Upper Darby, Chester, Haverford/Delaware County

*HUD 2024 HIC Report – 206 Families Served

	Family Beds	Total Beds	Percent of Beds for Families
Temporary Housing	301	448	67%
Permanent Housing	294	615	48%

Survey Findings - Young Children Served by Age

Young Children Served	<1	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL < 6
Temporary Housing	0	10	29	28	25	26	118
Emergency Shelter	0	10	27	27	22	22	108
Transitional Housing	0	0	2	1	3	4	10
Permanent Housing	0	4	14	16	11	22	67
Permanent/Rapid Rehousing	0	3	7	13	8	12	43
Permanent/Supportive Housing	0	1	3	2	2	8	16
Permanent Housing/Other	0	0	4	1	1	2	8
Homeless Prevention	0	12	36	30	32	50	160
TOTAL – Children < 6 Served¹⁹	0	26	79	74	68	98	345

Survey Findings – Young Children Served by Housing Strategy

	Number of Children < 6 Served	Percent of Children < 6 Served
Temporary Housing	118	34%
Permanent Housing	67	20%
Homeless Prevention	160	46%
TOTAL	345	

Survey Findings – Parenting Youth Served

- Households with children: 264
- Households with parenting youth: 3
- Percent of households with parenting youth: 1%

¹⁹ Data indicate a statistically significant variation by age (chi-square 118.0, df 5, p-value 0.000***). Of 345 young children served, 26 were under age 2, and none were under age 1. Almost half of families received Homeless Prevention services, with fewer, relatively, in Permanent Housing programs.

CoC 503 – Wilkes-Barre, Hazelton/Luzerne County

*HUD 2024 HIC Report – 137 Families Served

	Family Beds	Total Beds	Percent of Beds for Families
Temporary Housing	116	220	53%
Permanent Housing	328	500	66%

Survey Findings - Young Children Served by Age²⁰

	<1	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL < 6
Temporary Housing	16	4	10	10	11	15	66
Emergency Shelter	8	1	5	5	4	9	32
Transitional Housing	8	3	5	5	7	6	34
Permanent Housing	19	7	14	9	21	25	95
Permanent/Rapid Rehousing	14	3	6	6	10	13	52
Permanent/Supportive Housing	5	4	8	3	11	12	43
Permanent Housing/Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless Prevention	5	12	12	13	10	11	63
TOTAL – Children < 6 Served²¹	40	23	36	32	42	51	224

Survey Findings – Young Children Served by Housing Strategy

	Number of Children < 6 Served	Percent of Children < 6 Served
Temporary Housing	66	30%
Permanent Housing	95	42%
Homeless Prevention	63	28%
TOTAL	224	

Survey Findings – Parenting Youth Served

- Households with children: 152
- Households with parenting youth: 28
- Percent of households with parenting youth: 18%

²⁰ Note: Counts do not include children served by the Luzerne County Domestic Violence Service agency.

²¹ Data indicate relatively even participation of young children by age (chi-square 12.1, df 5, p-value 0.034*.) Data suggest about even participation in Temporary Housing, Permanent Housing, and Homeless Prevention.

CoC 504 – Lower Merion/Norristown/Abington/Montgomery County

*HUD 2024 HIC Report – 138 Families Served

	Family Beds	Total Beds	Percent of Beds for Families
Temporary Housing	150	264	57%
Permanent Housing	288	539	53%

Survey Findings - Young Children Served by Age

Young Children Served ²²	<1	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL < 6
Temporary Housing	29	29	29	40	24	27	178
Emergency Shelter	26	25	26	38	23	24	162
Transitional Housing	3	4	3	2	1	3	16
Permanent Housing	54	34	37	30	23	23	201
Permanent/Rapid Rehousing	47	31	31	27	21	21	178
Permanent/Supportive Housing	7	3	6	3	2	2	23
Permanent Housing/Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless Prevention	1	1	0	0	0	2	4
TOTAL – Children < 6 Served²³	84	64	66	70	47	52	383

Survey Findings – Young Children Served by Housing Strategy

	Number of Children < 6 Served	Percent of Children < 6 Served
Temporary Housing	178	46%
Permanent Housing	201	53%
Homeless Prevention	4	1%
TOTAL	383	

Survey Findings – Parenting Youth Served

- Households with children: 252
- Households with parenting youth: unavailable
- Percent of households with parenting youth: unavailable

²² Note: An additional 194 families with 288 children were served through street outreach.

²³ Data indicate a statistically significant variation by age (chi-square 13.7, df 5, p-value 0.018*) with fewer children served ages 4 and 5. Of 383 families served, only 4 received Homeless Prevention services.

CoC 505 – Chester County

*HUD 2024 HIC Report – 72 Families Served

	Family Beds	Total Beds	Percent of Beds for Families
Temporary Housing	120	226	53%
Permanent Housing	127	309	41%

Survey Findings - Young Children Served by Age

Young Children Served ²⁴	<1	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL < 6
Temporary Housing	14	19	25	28	16	7	109
Emergency Shelter	14	19	25	28	16	7	109
Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Permanent Housing	3	6	10	11	12	6	48
Permanent/Rapid Rehousing	2	6	9	10	12	4	43
Permanent/Supportive Housing	1	0	1	1	0	2	5
Permanent Housing/Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless Prevention	13	94	120	186	166	175	754
TOTAL – Children < 6 Served²⁵	30	119	155	225	194	188	911

Survey Findings – Young Children Served by Housing Strategy

	Number of Children < 6 Served	Percent of Children < 6 Served
Temporary Housing	109	12%
Permanent Housing	48	5%
Homeless Prevention	754	83%
TOTAL	911	

Survey Findings – Parenting Youth Served

- Households with children: 706
- Households with parenting youth: 10
- Percent of households with parenting youth: 1%

²⁴ Note: Child ages were calculated as of 9/30/24. Counts include non-HUD funded programs and locally funded homelessness prevention programs.

²⁵ Data indicate a statistically significant variation by age (chi-square 160.5, df 5, p-value 0.000***.) Of 911 children served, 30 were under age 1. The vast majority of families received Homeless Prevention services. Ten, or 1%, of the 706 families served were headed by a parenting youth.

CoC 506 – Reading/Berks County

*HUD 2024 HIC Report –144 Families Served

	Family Beds	Total Beds	Percent of Beds for Families
Temporary Housing	199	510	39%
Permanent Housing	264	588	45%

Survey Findings - Young Children Served by Age

Young Children Served ²⁶	<1	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL < 6
Temporary Housing	28	26	31	23	20	22	150
Emergency Shelter	16	20	19	13	15	17	100
Transitional Housing	12	6	12	10	5	5	50
Permanent Housing	27	13	18	12	15	11	96
Permanent/Rapid Rehousing	4	6	5	6	3	6	30
Permanent/Supportive Housing	22	6	10	5	10	4	57
Permanent Housing/Other	1	1	3	1	2	1	9
Homeless Prevention	21	24	35	18	19	30	147
TOTAL – Children < 6 Served²⁷	76	63	84	53	54	63	393

Survey Findings – Young Children Served by Housing Strategy

	Number of Children < 6 Served	Percent of Children < 6 Served
Temporary Housing	150	38%
Permanent Housing	96	25%
Homeless Prevention	147	37%
TOTAL	393	

Survey Findings – Parenting Youth Served

- Households with children: unavailable
- Households with parenting youth: unavailable
- Percent of households with parenting youth: unavailable

²⁶ Note: Household counts include households with children of any age.

²⁷ Data indicate a slight variation in the proportion of young children served by age group (chi-square 11.5, df 5, p-value 0.042*.)

CoC 508 – Scranton/Lackawanna County

*HUD 2024 HIC Report –157 Families Served

	Family Beds	Total Beds	Percent of Beds for Families
Temporary Housing	56	139	40%
Permanent Housing	370	444	83%

Survey Findings - Young Children Served by Age²⁸

	<1	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL < 6
Temporary Housing	33	23	25	13	21	19	134
Emergency Shelter	25	21	25	13	21	19	124
Transitional Housing	8	2	0	0	0	0	10
Permanent Housing	33	11	11	11	9	4	79
Permanent/Rapid Rehousing	11	6	7	7	3	4	38
Permanent/Supportive Housing	22	5	4	4	6	0	41
Permanent Housing/Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless Prevention	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL – Children < 6 Served²⁹	67	34	36	24	30	23	214

Survey Findings – Young Children Served by Housing Strategy

	Number of Children < 6 Served	Percent of Children < 6 Served
Temporary Housing	134	63%
Permanent Housing	79	37%
Homeless Prevention	1	<1%
TOTAL	214	

Survey Findings – Parenting Youth Served

- Households with children: 222
- Households with parenting youth: 14
- Percent of households with parenting youth: 6%

²⁸ Note: An additional 2,456 families with 2,573 children were served through homelessness prevention, and an additional 4,930 families with 3,898 children through food pantry and clothing closet.

²⁹ Data indicate a statistically significant difference by age (chi-square 36.8, df 5, p-value 0.000***) Nearly half of the 214 children served were under age 2. The vast majority of families received Temporary Housing. One family received Homeless Prevention services.

CoC 509 – Eastern Pennsylvania

*HUD 2024 HIC Report –726 Families Served

	Family Beds	Total Beds	Percent of Beds for Families
Temporary Housing	1,157	2,000	58%
Permanent Housing	1,209	2,504	48%

Survey Findings - Young Children Served by Age

Young Children Served	<1	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL < 6
Temporary Housing	127	100	86	98	89	86	586
Emergency Shelter	94	93	72	86	82	72	499
Transitional Housing	33	7	14	12	7	14	87
Permanent Housing	135	83	97	96	71	66	548
Permanent/Rapid Rehousing	101	70	89	90	54	57	461
Permanent/Supportive Housing	31	11	7	5	16	9	79
Permanent Housing/Other	3	2	1	1	1	0	8
Homeless Prevention	89	68	84	77	78	84	480
TOTAL – Children < 6 Served³⁰	351	251	267	271	238	236	1,614

Survey Findings – Young Children Served by Housing Strategy

	Number of Children < 6 Served	Percent of Children < 6 Served
Temporary Housing	586	36%
Permanent Housing	548	34%
Homeless Prevention	480	30%
TOTAL	1,614	

Survey Findings – Parenting Youth Served

- Households with children: 1,144
- Households with parenting youth: 43
- Percent of households with parenting youth: 4%

³⁰ Data indicate a statistically significant difference by age (chi-square 33.9, df 5, p-value 0.000***) with infants (children under age 1 year) being overrepresented.

CoC 510 – Lancaster City & County

*HUD 2024 HIC Report – 116 Families Served

	Family Beds	Total Beds	Percent of Beds for Families
Temporary Housing	268	605	44%
Permanent Housing	100	359	28%

Survey Findings - Young Children Served by Age

Young Children Served	<1	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL < 6
Temporary Housing	23	17	25	23	22	22	132
Emergency Shelter	14	10	16	14	14	18	86
Transitional Housing	9	7	9	9	8	4	46
Permanent Housing	22	10	15	19	18	25	109
Permanent/Rapid Rehousing	11	4	6	9	8	13	51
Permanent/Supportive Housing	4	0	2	3	4	3	16
Permanent Housing/Other	7	6	7	7	6	9	42
Homeless Prevention	3	5	2	3	3	4	20
TOTAL – Children < 6 Served³¹	48	32	42	45	43	51	261

Survey Findings – Young Children Served by Housing Strategy

	Number of Children < 6 Served	Percent of Children < 6 Served
Temporary Housing	132	50%
Permanent Housing	109	42%
Homeless Prevention	20	8%
TOTAL	261	

Survey Findings – Parenting Youth Served

- Households with children: 171
- Households with parenting youth: 0
- Percent of households with parenting youth: 0%

³¹ Data indicate similar distribution of services by child age (chi-square 4.9, df 5, p-value 0.427.) Of families served, 132, or half, received Temporary Housing and 20 received Homeless Prevention supports. No families served were headed by parenting youth.

CoC 511 – Bristol/Bensalem/Bucks County

*HUD 2024 HIC Report – 206 Families Served

	Family Beds	Total Beds	Percent of Beds for Families
Temporary Housing	179	240	75%
Permanent Housing	302	479	63%

Survey Findings - Young Children Served by Age

Young Children Served ³²	<1	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL < 6
Temporary Housing	22	20	31	23	29	30	155
Emergency Shelter	12	11	20	12	22	18	95
Transitional Housing	10	9	11	11	7	12	60
Permanent Housing	25	12	25	16	22	30	130
Permanent/Rapid Rehousing	24	12	24	16	22	30	128
Permanent/Supportive Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Permanent Housing/Other	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Homeless Prevention	48	45	75	61	74	72	375
TOTAL – Children < 6 Served³³	95	77	131	100	125	132	660

Survey Findings – Young Children Served by Housing Strategy

	Number of Children < 6 Served	Percent of Children < 6 Served
Temporary Housing	155	23%
Permanent Housing	130	20%
Homeless Prevention	375	57%
TOTAL	660	

Survey Findings – Parenting Youth Served

- Households with children: 489
- Households with parenting youth: 61
- Percent of households with parenting youth: 12%

³² Note: Household counts include households with only children.

³³ Data indicate a statistically significant difference by age (chi-square 23.3, df 5, p-value 0.000***) Fewer children under age 1 were served. More than half of families received Homeless Prevention services.

CoC 512 – York City & County

*HUD 2024 HIC Report – 148 Families Served

	Family Beds	Total Beds	Percent of Beds for Families
Temporary Housing	182	341	53%
Permanent Housing	300	533	56%

Survey Findings - Young Children Served by Age

Young Children Served	<1	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL < 6
Temporary Housing	31	29	38	34	39	37	208
Emergency Shelter	28	27	34	28	36	32	185
Transitional Housing	3	2	4	6	3	5	23
Permanent Housing	26	15	13	31	27	26	138
Permanent/Rapid Rehousing	22	13	10	26	19	18	108
Permanent/Supportive Housing	2	1	0	2	2	3	10
Permanent Housing/Other	2	1	3	3	6	5	20
Homeless Prevention	2	0	3	2	3	4	14
TOTAL – Children < 6 Served³⁴	59	44	54	67	69	67	360

Survey Findings – Young Children Served by Housing Strategy

	Number of Children < 6 Served	Percent of Children < 6 Served
Temporary Housing	208	58%
Permanent Housing	138	38%
Homeless Prevention	14	4%
TOTAL	360	

Survey Findings – Parenting Youth Served

- Households with children: 142
- Households with parenting youth: 66
- Percent of households with parenting youth: 46%

³⁴ Data indicate fairly even participation of young children by age (chi-square 7.9, df 5, p-value 0.164.) Nearly half, or 46%, of families served were households of parenting youth.

CoC 600 – Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County

*HUD 2024 HIC Report – 715 Families Served

	Family Beds	Total Beds	Percent of Beds for Families
Temporary Housing	430	1,103	39%
Permanent Housing	1,327	2,749	48%

Survey Findings - Young Children Served by Age ³⁵

	<1	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL < 6
Temporary Housing	62	60	60	56	58	47	343
Emergency Shelter	62	59	60	56	58	47	342
Transitional Housing	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Permanent Housing	21	42	44	53	52	52	264
Permanent/Rapid Rehousing	8	23	21	29	23	16	120
Permanent/Supportive Housing	13	19	23	24	29	36	144
Permanent Housing/Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless Prevention	21	14	20	26	27	25	133
TOTAL – Children < 6 Served³⁶	104	116	124	135	137	124	740

Survey Findings – Young Children Served by Housing Strategy

	Number of Children < 6 Served	Percent of Children < 6 Served
Temporary Housing	343	46%
Permanent Housing	264	36%
Homeless Prevention	133	18%
TOTAL	740	

Survey Findings – Parenting Youth Served

- Households with children: 611
- Households with parenting youth: 38
- Percent of households with parenting youth: 6%

³⁵ Note: Counts do not include children served through emergency rental assistance provided by ERAP funding.

³⁶ Data indicate relatively even participation of young children by age (chi-square 6.1, df 5, p-value 0.297.)

CoC 601 – Western Pennsylvania

*HUD 2024 HIC Report –479 Families Served

	Family Beds	Total Beds	Percent of Beds for Families
Temporary Housing	451	1,071	42%
Permanent Housing	933	2,018	46%

Survey Findings - Young Children Served by Age

	<1	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL < 6
Temporary Housing	32	24	19	29	27	22	153
Emergency Shelter	27	22	18	25	26	20	138
Transitional Housing	5	2	1	4	1	2	15
Permanent Housing	91	62	51	48	65	48	365
Permanent/Rapid Rehousing	31	38	29	30	43	30	201
Permanent/Supportive Housing	59	22	20	18	19	17	155
Permanent Housing/Other	1	2	2	0	3	1	9
Homeless Prevention	23	27	24	31	44	44	193
TOTAL – Children < 6 Served³⁷	146	113	94	108	136	114	711

Survey Findings – Young Children Served by Housing Strategy

	Number of Children < 6 Served	Percent of Children < 6 Served
Temporary Housing	153	22%
Permanent Housing	365	51%
Homeless Prevention	193	27%
TOTAL	711	

Survey Findings – Parenting Youth Served

- Households with children: 504
- Households with parenting youth: 25
- Percent of households with parenting youth: 5%

³⁷ Data indicating a statistically significant difference by age (chi-square 15.4, df 5, p-value 0.009**) with fewer children served under age 3. Slightly more than half of families were in Permanent Housing programs.

CoC 603 – Beaver County

*HUD 2024 HIC Report –90 Families Served

	Family Beds	Total Beds	Percent of Beds for Families
Temporary Housing	54	101	53%
Permanent Housing	199	296	67%

Survey Findings - Young Children Served by Age

	<1	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL < 6
Temporary Housing	2	6	6	8	13	6	41
Emergency Shelter	2	6	6	8	13	6	41
Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Permanent Housing	1	3	9	10	17	18	58
Permanent/Rapid Rehousing	0	2	9	7	14	11	43
Permanent/Supportive Housing	1	1	0	3	3	7	15
Permanent Housing/Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless Prevention	3	9	16	16	18	15	77
TOTAL – Children < 6 Served³⁸	6	18	31	34	48	39	176

Survey Findings – Young Children Served by Housing Strategy

	Number of Children < 6 Served	Percent of Children < 6 Served
Temporary Housing	41	23%
Permanent Housing	58	33%
Homeless Prevention	77	44%
TOTAL	176	

Survey Findings – Parenting Youth Served

- Households with children: 127
- Households with parenting youth: 3
- Percent of households with parenting youth: 2%

³⁸ Data indicate a statistically significant difference by age (chi-square 38.8, df 5, p-value 0.000***) Fewer children served were under age 2. Comparatively fewer families, or 23%, received Temporary Housing.

CoC 605 – Erie City & County

*HUD 2024 HIC Report – 142 Families Served

	Family Beds	Total Beds	Percent of Beds for Families
Temporary Housing	175	413	42%
Permanent Housing	301	579	52%

Survey Findings - Young Children Served by Age

	<1	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL < 6
Temporary Housing	31	12	24	8	22	13	110
Emergency Shelter	20	9	17	6	20	10	82
Transitional Housing	11	3	7	2	2	3	28
Permanent Housing	16	13	10	10	12	5	66
Permanent/Rapid Rehousing	2	7	4	6	4	2	25
Permanent/Supportive Housing	14	6	6	4	8	3	41
Permanent Housing/Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless Prevention	28	22	23	33	44	30	180
TOTAL – Children < 6 Served³⁹	75	47	57	51	78	48	356

Survey Findings – Young Children Served by Housing Strategy

	Number of Children < 6 Served	Percent of Children < 6 Served
Temporary Housing	110	31%
Permanent Housing	66	18%
Homeless Prevention	180	51%
TOTAL	356	

Survey Findings – Parenting Youth Served

- Households with children: 238
- Households with parenting youth: 9
- Percent of households with parenting youth: 4%

³⁹ Data indicate a statistically significant variation across age groups (chi-square 16.0, df 5, p-value 0.007**.) Half of families received Homeless Prevention services, and 9 (4%) of 238 households were headed by youth.

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