Homelessness Statistics

1,302
Students experiencing homelessness in MMSD 2024-2025

20,195
Students experiencing homelessness in Wisconsin 2024

1,374,537
Students experiencing homelessness in the U.S. 2022-2023

Contact

TEP program office:
(608) 204-2272
tep@madison.k12.wi.us

Resources

Local support
United Way of Dane County Help Line:
Call 211

Childcare
REACH Dane/Head Start:
(608) 275-6740

Community Coordinated Child Care, Inc. (4-C):
(608) 271-9181

Food
Second Harvest Food Bank:
(608) 223-9121

MADISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

TEP Transition Education Program

Reducing barriers to school achievement for families experiencing homelessness

Ensuring full and equal opportunities to succeed in school

Who is eligible for TEP?

Any school-age student living in a shelter or other McKinney-Vento defined homeless situation is eligible for TEP.

The McKinney-Vento act ensures that all children have the right to attend school, regardless of their housing circumstances.

McKinney-Vento Definition of Homeless

Lack of fixed, regular & adequate nighttime residence and living in:

- Emergency and Family shelters, and some transitional housing
- Cars, tents, abandoned buildings, parks
- Hotels or motels
- Shared housing due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason
- Unaccompanied or migrant youth in above situations

TEP Services

TEP students receive:

- School supplies
- Regular classroom placement 4K-12
- Breakfast and lunch programs
- Comparable transportation

And, if eligible:

- Special education/early childhood
- Title I
- Summer school programming
- Alternative programming

TEP also assists with:

- Hygiene supplies and basic needs
- Consultation and direct support to schools and families
- Information about after-school programming
- Networking with community agencies and other school districts to provide seamless service delivery
- Transportation to school related events, activities, meetings (while homeless)
- Transition into new school(s)
- Medical, dental, and mental health advocacy
- Referrals to Head Start
- Support for students interested in advanced education