

Nebraska

Overall State Rank
34

America's Youngest Outcasts: State Report Card on Child Homelessness

STATE RANKS (1-50, 1 = best)

For the complete Report Card (including sources), please visit:
www.HomelessChildrenAmerica.org

Number of homeless children (4,486): **13TH**

1.01% homeless out of all children

7% homeless among children living in poverty

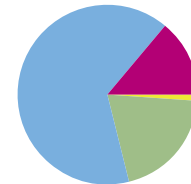


Who are Nebraska's homeless children?

Age:	Count
Under 6 years	1,884
Grades K-8 (enrolled)	1,877
Grades 9-12 (enrolled)	725
TOTAL	4,486

Race/Ethnicity

*Among children living in poverty. Not available for homeless children.



- White (65%)
- Black (14%)
- Asian (1%)
- Native American (0%)
- Hispanic (20%)



Housing and Income

Minimum wage:\$6.55
Average wage for renters:\$10.74
Hourly wage needed to afford 2-BR apartment:\$12.11



Food Security

1 in 25 children in Nebraska do not know where they will get their next meal.

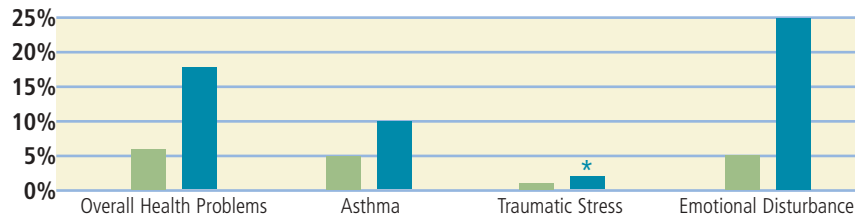


Homelessness and Children's Health

Studies comparing homeless children to those of middle-income families

- Middle-income children in state
- Homeless children

* Sample size too small for statistical reliability.

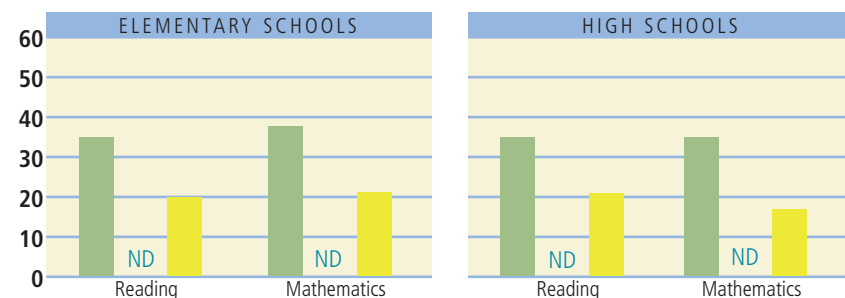


Educational Achievement

Reading and math proficiency using the Federal NAEP standard

- All students NAEP scores
- Homeless children NAEP scores
- School lunch children NAEP scores

ND: No Data



HS Graduation Rate for Homeless Children: <25%

Long-Term Economic Consequences of Not Graduating From High School

In lifetime earnings and contributions to society

Difference in lifetime earnings: HS degree vs. without\$200,000
Net lifetime increased contributions to society with HS degree ... (per student) \$127,000
Number of homeless HS students in Nebraska725
High school graduation rate for homeless children< 25%



NE loss in lifetime earnings\$110 million
NE loss in contributions to society\$70 million



Policy & Planning: NEBRASKA



Housing Policies

Emergency shelter units for homeless families	.232
Transitional housing units for homeless families	.337
Permanent supportive housing units	.67
Total capacity	.636

Does Nebraska have a State Housing Trust Fund? YES NO

Wait List Priorities:	Section 8	Public Housing
Domestic violence	No Data	No Data
Homelessness	No Data	No Data

Section 8 wait list: **No Data**

Public Housing wait list: **No Data**



Income/Wages

At minimum wage a full-time worker earns **54%** of what is needed to afford a 2-BR at FMR.

Per month, **173%** of TANF benefit would need to be spent on rent to afford a 2-BR at FMR.

Does NE have a State Earned Income Tax Credit? YES NO
Is it refundable? YES NO

Child Care

Average annual cost for child care (4-year old) ... \$5,100

Families use child care vouchers for:

- Employment: 71%
- Training and education: 14%
- Employment AND training/education: 3%

Does NE prioritize children who are homeless when distributing child care vouchers? YES NO



Health Policies

% uninsured children	10.4%
% total Medicaid expenditures spent on children	.23%
Medicaid eligibility by % of Federal Poverty Level	
Infants	185%
Children ages 1-5	185%
Children ages 6-19	185%



Food Security Policies

% eligible children enrolled in food stamps	.61%
% schools with school breakfast program (among schools who provide school lunch)	.64.2%



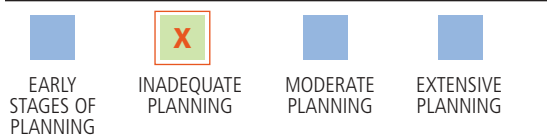
State Planning

Does Nebraska have an interagency council on homelessness? YES NO

What 10-year Planning Efforts Have Taken Place?

At the time of this publication, no statewide ten-year planning efforts have taken place in Nebraska.

State Planning Ranking for Nebraska



Education

Barriers reported by McKinney-Vento subgrantees:

Eligibility	.0%	School Selection	.14.3%
Immunizations	.57.1%	School Records	.57.1%
Other Med. Records	.0%	Transportation	.28.6%
Other Barriers	.0%		

Additional funding allocated to schools for education of homeless children (per child): ... \$53

Dedicated state funding for homeless education? YES NO

* NEBRASKA'S RANKS

	RANK
Extent of child homelessness	.23
Child well-being	.42
Risk for child homelessness	.12
State policy and planning	.Inadequate
Overall Rank	.34

*States ranked 1-50 with 1 being best and 50 worst.

