

FAMILY HOMELESSNESS

HOMELESSNESS HAS A PROFOUND IMPACT ON FAMILIES, DISRUPTING ALMOST EVERY ASPECT OF FAMILY LIFE. IT AFFECTS THE PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF FAMILY MEMBERS, HINDERS CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND GROWTH, AND OFTEN LEADS TO THE SEPARATION OF FAMILY MEMBERS.

IN 2020, HUD DOCUMENTED 171,575 HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES ON A SINGLE NIGHT.

RESEARCHERS AT U OF M ESTIMATED ABOUT 36,000 STUDENTS IN MICHIGAN FACE HOMELESSNESS

THE U.S. INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS REPORTED THAT WOMEN MADE UP 75% OF THE ADULTS EXPERIENCING FAMILY HOMELESSNESS.

ACCORDING TO THE BASSUK CENTER, 1 IN 30 CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE EXPERIENCED HOUSING INSTABILITIES

CAUSES & OUTCOMES

FAMILIES MAY EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS DUE TO LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, LOW WAGES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ETC. HOMELESS CHILDREN FACE HIGHER RATES OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES LIKE ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION, ARE MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE HUNGER, AND HAVE DELAYED DEVELOPMENT COMPARED TO OTHER CHILDREN. OVERALL, FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE MENTAL HEATH ISSUES AND CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS. CHILDREN MAY FACE BARRIERS FOR ENROLLING AND STAYING IN SCHOOL SUCH AS LACK OF TRANSPORTATION, MOVING LOCATIONS, INABILITY TO OBTAIN RECORDS, OR MEET RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS.

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https://nationalhomeless.org/families-youth-education/
https://poverty.umich.edu/projects/homelessness-agenda/