

# A Look at Early Childhood Homelessness Kentucky



**TOTAL CHILDREN  
POPULATION UNDER 6  
in 2013:**

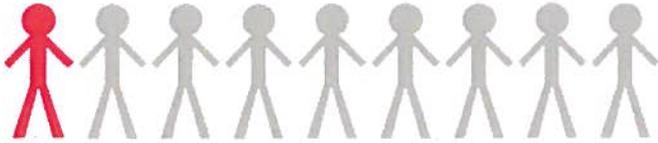
**321,158<sup>1</sup>**

**ESTIMATED NUMBER OF  
CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6  
IDENTIFIED as HOMELESS:**

**34,077<sup>2</sup>**

**CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6  
EXPERIENCING  
HOMELESSNESS:**

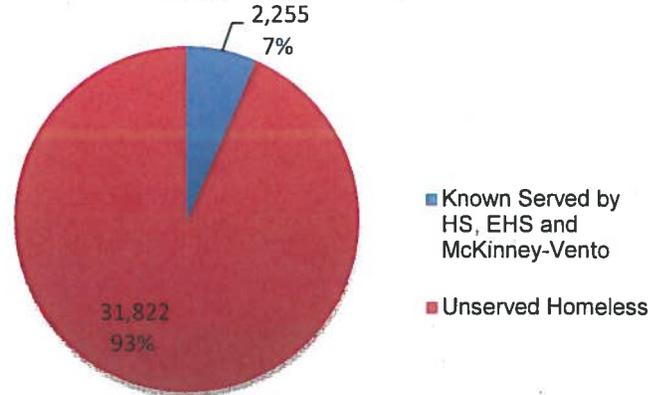
**1 in 9 CHILDREN**



**NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS  
SERVED BY PROGRAMS**

Head Start and Early Head Start (Total Cumulative Enrollment in Head Start/Early Head Start	<b>962<sup>3</sup></b> 20,825)
EHCY (McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act)	<b>1,293<sup>4</sup></b>
Child Care Development Fund	Available in 2017
HUD Homelessness Early Childhood data by State (HMIS)	Not Available by State
Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting	Planning for 2017

**CHILDREN IN EARLY  
LEARNING PROGRAMS**



**STATE STATISTICS &  
STATE EFFORTS**

- Average number of children 18 and under who receive meals in emergency shelters daily is 125 (CACFP/USDA).
- Nearly 22 percent of children 18 and under lived in households that lacked access to adequate food in 2013 (Children's Defense Fund).
- More than one in four children (29.2 percent) under 6 years old lived below the Federal Poverty Level in 2013.
- In the reauthorization of Head Start by the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-134), age-eligible children whose families are determined to be homeless are categorically eligible for Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Kentucky has 489 Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership and Expansion (EHS-CCP) slots that could expand necessary assistance to homeless children.
- Kentucky has a combination of Medicaid expansion and a separate program. Current Medicaid covers children ages 0 to 1 up to 195 percent of Federal Poverty Level (FPL), and covers children ages 1 to 5 to 159 percent of FPL. Children's Health Insurance Program covers children 213 percent of FPL (CMS).



<sup>1</sup> United States Census Bureau/American FactFinder, "B17024: AGE BY RATIO OF INCOME TO POVERTY LEVEL IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS," 2013 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey Office, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> Bassuk, et al., "America's Youngest Outcasts: A Report Card on Child Homelessness," The National Center on Family Homelessness, 2013. Published in November 2014.

<sup>3</sup> Department of Health and Human Services, "Program Information Report Data 2013", Office of Head Start, Administration of Children and Families, 2014.

<sup>4</sup> Department of Education, "Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program School Years 2010-2011 through 2012-2013 Consolidated State Performance Report," National Center for Homeless Education, 2013.