

# South Carolina's **Young Voices Matter** **2026 REPORT**

A Statewide Report on South Carolina's Unstably Housed Youth



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Count Taskforce



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*\*In SC, there are four Continuums of Care (CoC) largely funded by The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide coordinated delivery of housing and other support services to SC citizens at-risk for or experiencing homelessness. The counties each serves are listed under each CoC region on pages 14-21. If you'd like to learn more about these programs, you will find links in the McKinney-Vento data section to their websites or social media pages.*

*For more information about the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, see the SC Department of Education's Federal Education Programs link at the top of page 13.*

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



South Carolina's 2026 Youth Homeless Count was one of the state's most coordinated efforts to identify and engage youth experiencing homelessness. Through partnerships with agencies, Continuums of Care, volunteers, and community organizations across all four regions, 331 youth participated in more than 40 outreach events statewide.

In addition to surveying youth ages 18 to 24, the SC Department of Education provided 2025–26 data on students enrolled in the McKinney-Vento Program. The program helps K3–12 students experiencing homelessness stay in school by providing transportation and other support services. During the 2025–26 school year, 18,300 South Carolina students were reported as experiencing homelessness.

## Key Findings

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### Youth Homelessness is Often Hidden

63% of students in the McKinney-Vento Program and 35% of youth surveyed, reported most often couch surfing, staying temporarily with friends or relatives, or living in unstable situations.

2

### Housing is the #1 Need

Youth overwhelmingly identified safe and stable housing as their top priority.

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### Black Youth are Disproportionately Impacted

Approximately 68% of survey participants and 45% of students in the McKinney-Vento Program identified as Black.

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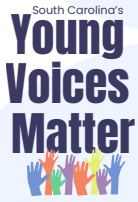
### Employment & Economic Stability is Critical

Youth identified major needs related to employment, job readiness and trade programs.

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### Mental Health & Systems Navigation Remains Major Barriers

Surveyed youth reported mental health challenges, family conflict, and difficulty navigating systems and services.



# A HUGE THANK YOU



A very special Thank You to the **SC Department of Social Services** for providing the grant funding to make this youth count possible. We could not have completed this campaign without your support!

These dedicated and exceptional agencies were instrumental in ensuring that this statewide initiative was meticulously planned and executed with the highest standards of professionalism and regional accountability. We are forever grateful for their hard work and support!

What made this initiative so impactful was not merely the quantity of events or surveys completed, but rather the degree of statewide coordination, intentionality, and leadership necessary to make it happen. From a systems perspective, this was a major accomplishment.

## How this initiative gave our unhoused Youths a Voice:



Actionable Data



Grassroots Outreach



Strong Community Engagement



Cross-Sector & Statewide Collaboration



Reveals hidden youth homelessness

# BUILDING A STATEWIDE MOVEMENT

Executed a Statewide Campaign, Not Just a Youth Count.

Reframing the youth count by focusing on giving our unstably housed youths a voice drove community engagement and youth participation. It encouraged action, prioritizing relationship-building ahead of data collection.

This method provided a sense of community ownership, minimized bottlenecks, encouraged local creativity, and provided the flexibility to customize events.

Decentralized Leadership but Maintained Centralized Coordination.

Built in Flexibility that Maximized Effectiveness.

Focusing on quality rather than speed provided us the opportunity to identify and address gaps in regional representation. This approach also allowed for increased youth participation and enhanced the execution of survey events.



# BUILDING A STATEWIDE MOVEMENT

## Realized the Impact of Diversified Partnerships.

We know that youths experiencing homelessness often avoid formal systems. To combat that reality, we brought the initiative into community spaces like recreation centers, small businesses, and churches. We utilized volunteers and youth peers to maximize outreach efforts.

The Communications Plan was statewide and uniformed, but intentionally customizable to allow agencies to add their logos, event details and local information to increase community buy-in and ownership.

## Executed a Strong, Statewide Events Communications Plan.

## Identified Hidden Youth Homelessness

While youth services providers across our state are well aware of the unique and diverse experiences of youth homelessness, this initiative provides real data on these experiences and will impact funding opportunities, drive policy, impact youth housing design and ultimately help prevent youth homelessness.



# CAMPAIGN PARAMETERS

## **Who will be counted?**

Youths experiencing homelessness living in South Carolina during the project timeframe between the ages of 13 and 24 years old, utilizing the definition of youth homelessness as defined by SC House Bill 342.

## **How will they be counted?**

Youths at-risk for or experiencing homelessness between the ages of 18-24 years old will be provided an electronic survey imbedded in a QR code and distributed via the Civic Roundtable Youth Count Platform, via email, via text message and during hosted Make Your Voice Matter survey events in each count Zone. Youths 13-17 years old will not be surveyed. The data on this population will be requested from the SC Department of Education's McKinney-Vento database during the count timeframe.

## **What information will be requested in the survey?**

Participant Identifiers (initials and mm/dd/year dates of birth), personal demographics, participant's experience of homelessness (location, length of time, resources utilized, resources needed) and other qualitative feedback.



## **Who will develop the survey, how will the survey be distributed, and how will the data be securely collected?**

The survey will be developed, distributed and collected utilizing the secure Cognito Forms Platform. Leadwell 360, LLC, Consulting, will be responsible for maintaining the platform to include developing the survey, distributing the survey link, collecting completed surveys and providing aggregated data.

## **What will the timeframe be for survey distribution and data collection?**

The timeframe should be determined by the Project Leadership team; however, the count should be completed on or before May 31, 2026.

## **How will data be protected during transfer or sharing among providers?**

A data sharing agreement will be developed that lists the appropriate steps and precautions for data transfer. The agreement should also list the requirements for confidentiality that prohibits data sharing with any person or organization outside those listed in the data sharing agreement.

# DEMOGRAPHICS



## Number of Surveyed Youths by Age

| 24 Yrs | 23 Yrs | 22 Yrs | 21 Yrs | 20 Yrs | 19 Yrs | 18 Yrs | 17 Yrs | 16 Yrs | 15 Yrs | 14 Yrs |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 30     | 27     | 42     | 31     | 57     | 50     | 53     | 16     | 5      | 1      | 1      |

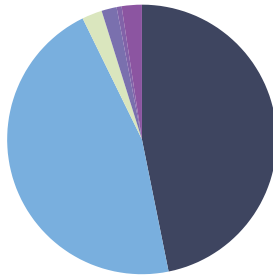
Age Undetermined - 18 participants



## Gender Identity of Surveyed Youths

### Race Category

- Male
- Female
- Non Binary
- Transgender
- Questioning
- Declined to Answer



### Takeaways

- 155 (47%) Male
- 152 (46%) Female
- 8 (2%) Non-Binary
- 6 (1%) Transgender
- 2 (<1%) Questioning
- 8 (2%) Declined to Answer



## Ethnicity of Surveyed Youths

### Hispanic

**30**

Youth

### Non-Hispanic

**213**

Youth

### Mixed

**8**

Youth

### Declined

**80**

Youth

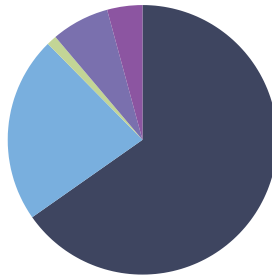
# DEMOGRAPHICS

## Race of Surveyed Youths



### Race Category

- Black/African American
- Caucasian/White
- Native American
- Other
- Declined to Answer



### Takeaways

- 216 (65.3%) Black/African American
- 74 (22.4%) Caucasian/White
- 23 (6.9%) Other
- 4 (1.2%) Native American
- 14 (4.2%) Declined to Answer



## Sexual Identity of Surveyed Youths

| Straight | Bisexual | Gay | Pansexual | Lesbian | Questioning | Other | Declined |
|----------|----------|-----|-----------|---------|-------------|-------|----------|
| 236      | 21       | 15  | 12        | 6       | 6           | 5     | 30       |



Among the 331 survey respondents, 58% (191) were ages 18 to 21. Gender identity was reported in nearly equal proportions of male and female youths. Of the 251 respondents who answered the ethnicity question, 85% identified as non-Hispanic. Among those who reported their race, 68% identified as Black or African American, and 78% who reported their sexual identity identified as straight.

These findings suggest that youths experiencing homelessness in South Carolina are predominantly between the ages of 18 and 21, with male and female gender identities represented in nearly equal proportions. The data further indicate that the majority of respondents identified as non-Hispanic, Black or African American, and straight.

WHERE SURVEYED PARTICIPANTS

# LIVE AND SLEEP

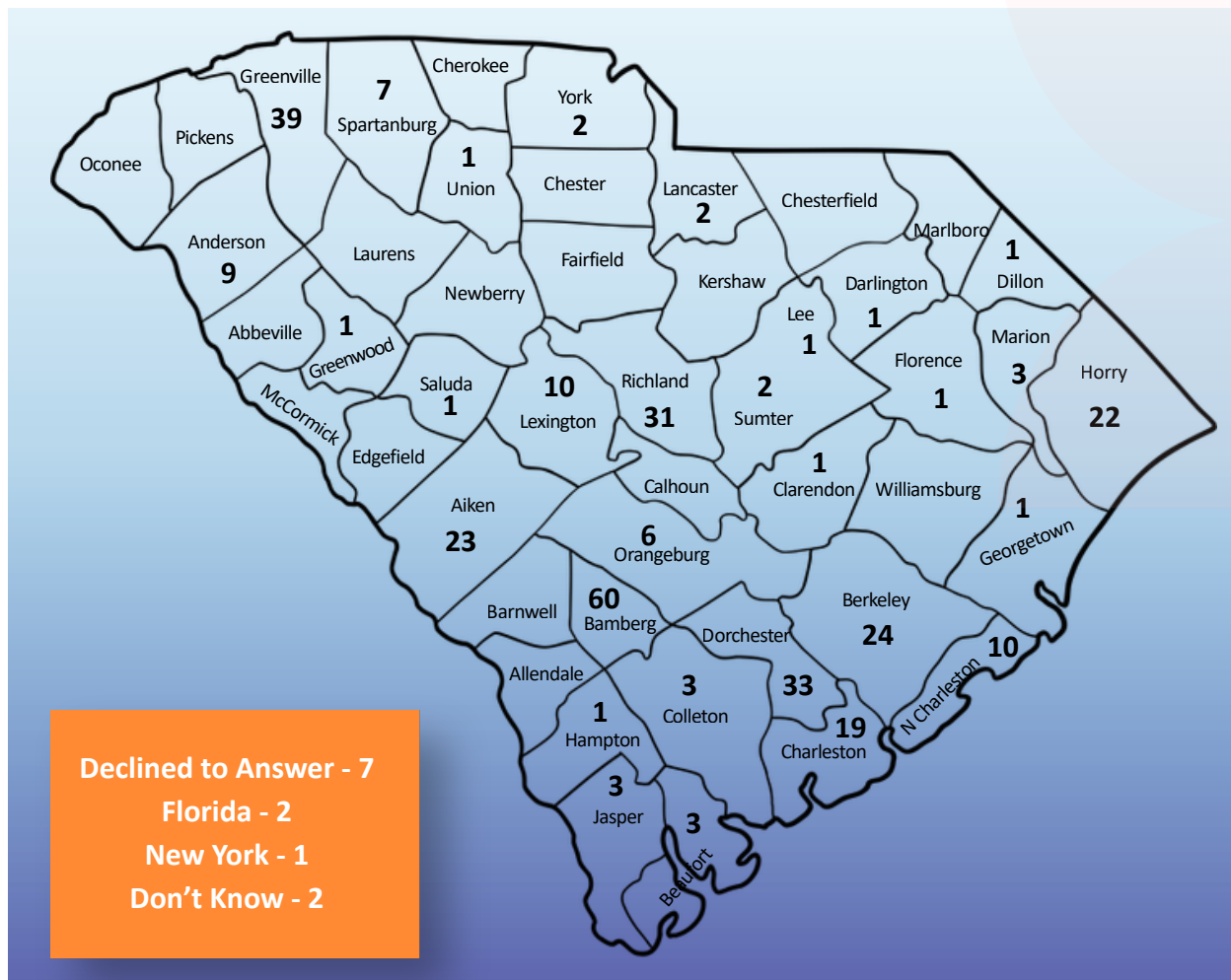
## Where Youths Reported Sleeping Most Nights By County

Data collected during the South Carolina Young Voices Matter Survey in April and May 2026 represented 331 youths, primarily between the ages of 18 and 24.

Survey responses were gathered from across the state, including 55 youths in the Upstate, 68 youths in the Midlands, 164 youths in the Lowcountry, and 31 youths in the Pee Dee region. Twelve (12) respondents did not report a South Carolina County location.

Of the 164 youths reporting they slept in the Lowcountry most nights, 60 youths (37%) slept in Bamberg County.

164 youths (50%) of all youths surveyed stated they sleep in the Lowcountry region most nights.



# LIVE AND SLEEP

**107** Someone Else's  
Apartment or  
House

**31** Emergency  
Shelter

**36** Other

**37** Transitional  
Housing

**15** Abandoned  
Buildings/Bus or  
Train Station, Airport

**16** Woods or  
Encampment

**14** Street or Sidewalk

**17** Vehicle

**8** Park

**4** Jail, Hospital or  
Treatment Program

**5** Motel or Hotel

**41** Declined to Answer  
or Don't Know

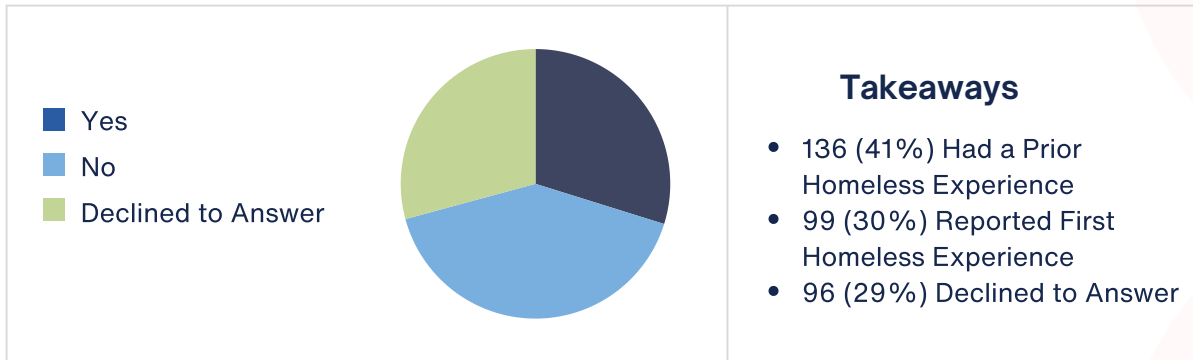
Thirty-two percent (32%) of all youths responding to the survey reported sleeping at someone else's apartment or house, while 21% reported sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation.



# SURVEYED PARTICIPANTS EXPERIENCES OF HOMELESSNESS



## First Time Homeless Experience



## Length of Homeless Experience

| <30 Days | 1-2 Months | 3-5 Months | 6 - 11 Months | 1Year | 1-2 Years | 3-5 Years | 6-9 Years | 10+ Years |
|----------|------------|------------|---------------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 4        | 23         | 28         | 17            | 22    | 29        | 25        | 1         | 2         |

Of the 331 youths surveyed, 151 reported a length of time experiencing homelessness. Among those respondents, 94 (62%) said they had been experiencing homelessness for one year or less.

Among the 235 youths who answered the question about past homelessness experiences, 136 (58%) reported having experienced homelessness more than once.

Fifty-seven (38%) youths who answered the question regarding past experiences of homelessness reported experiencing homelessness for more than a year.



# EDUCATION

## Not Enrolled In School

**160**



- 91 Have a high school diploma
- 40 Did not graduate high school
- 14 Have a GED
- 6 Have some college credits
- 2 Have a college degree
- 7 Declined to Answer

## Enrolled in an Education Program

**122**



- 38 High School
- 37 Vocational Training Program
- 22 GED Program
- 20 College
- 5 Middle School

## Answered "Other"

**12**



- 5 Enrolled in job training
- 6 Graduated a job training program
- 1 Declined to Answer

37 Declined to Answer

Of the 331 youths surveyed, 294 answered the question about their educational experience. Among those respondents, 40 said they were not currently enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school. Another 122 respondents reported being enrolled in middle school or high school, a vocational training program, or a GED program.



# VOICES OF YOUTH

- Question: "Have you tried to get services or asked for help?"

No  
132

Yes  
105

Declined  
81

13 Respondents Answered Non-Applicable

Of the 132 "No" responses to this question, 75 (57%) stated they slept most nights in the Lowcountry area.

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- Question: "What services would be most helpful to you right now?"

Housing  
76

Job  
37

Food  
81

13 Respondents Answered Non-Applicable

Of the 185 respondents to this question, 43% listed housing as a top priority. Jobs, food, transportation and shelter services were among the top five responses.

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- Question: "What additional services would you like to see in your county to help you and others with similar experiences?"

"Safe places for people to stay overnight."  
*Anderson County*

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"A place to lay my head."  
*Dorchester County*

"Stability and a roof over my head."  
*Charleston County*

"Let children have a say in what matters in their lives,"  
*Berkeley County*

"More grace and understanding."  
*Richland County*

"Stop arresting homeless people."  
*Horry County*

"Help young people start life if they don't have anyone."  
*Greenville County*

"Pay a livable wage."  
*Bamberg County*

"Housing for people who age out of foster care."  
*Spartanburg County*

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## PROGRAM

### About the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

visit: <https://ed.sc.gov/policy/federal-education-programs> to learn more about all SC Federal Education Programs, including ESSA Title IX Part A – The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ensures that children and youth experiencing homelessness have equal access to free public education.

The Act helps students experiencing homelessness enroll in and attend public school, even without a permanent address. They may attend their school of origin (the school that a child or youth attended when permanently housed), or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled, including a preschool.

The Act provides immediate enrollment, transportation to the school of origin, and the ability for program participants to fully participate in school activities.

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, a child or youth is considered homeless if they lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence due to housing loss, economic hardship, or similar circumstances.



**During the 2025-2026 school year, 18,300 students were experiencing homelessness in South Carolina.**

#### Race

# 18,300



|                    |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| 5140               | White                  |
| 3111               | Hispanic               |
| 8289               | Black                  |
| 110                | Asian/Pacific Islander |
| 60                 | American Indian        |
| 1587               | Multi-Racial           |
| 3                  | Not Reported           |
| Unduplicated Count |                        |

#### Grade Level

# 18,531



|      |                                          |
|------|------------------------------------------|
| 9406 | K3 - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade               |
| 4315 | 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade  |
| 4739 | 9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade |
| 71   | Not Recorded                             |

At least 231 students were recorded twice in the same year, indicating they may have attended more than one SC school in the same school year.

#### Nighttime Residence

# 19,245



|       |                     |
|-------|---------------------|
| 11617 | Doubled-Up          |
| 3271  | Hotel/Motel         |
| 2882  | Substandard Housing |
| 1124  | Shelter             |
| 351   | Unsheltered         |

At least 945 students were recorded as living in more than one of these locations within the same school year.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: To protect student privacy, McKinney-Vento data are suppressed for counts below 10. Any category count under 10 is reported as "<10," except counts in the "Unknown" or "Not Reported" categories.**

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**STUDENTS' IDENTIFYING RACE PER COUNTY - UPSTATE COC REGION**To learn more about the Upstate Continuum of Care (COC), click the link above, or visit [www.upstatecoc.org](http://www.upstatecoc.org)

| South Carolina County | White | Hispanic | Black | Other | Multi-Racial | Unknown |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|-------|-------|--------------|---------|
| Anderson              | 375   | 111      | 241   | <10   | 119          | 0       |
| Cherokee              | 57    | <10      | 73    | 0     | <10          | 0       |
| Edgefield             | <10   | <10      | <10   | 0     | <10          | 0       |
| Abbeville             | 32    | 12       | 34    | 0     | <10          | 0       |
| Greenville            | 380   | 682      | 1342  | 28    | 190          | 1       |
| Greenwood             | 39    | 12       | 115   | <10   | <10          | 0       |
| Laurens               | 170   | 70       | 138   | <10   | 20           | 0       |
| McCormick             | <10   | <10      | 26    | <10   | <10          | 0       |
| Oconee                | 98    | 62       | 21    | 0     | 20           | 0       |
| Pickens               | 1747  | 584      | 291   | 23    | 271          | 0       |
| Saluda                | <10   | <10      | <10   | 0     | <10          | 0       |
| Spartanburg           | 534   | 216      | 664   | <10   | 180          | 0       |
| Union                 | <10   | <10      | <10   | 0     | <10          | 0       |

Race Count Unduplicated

**STUDENTS BY GRADE LEVEL PER COUNTY - UPSTATE COC REGION**

| South Carolina County | K3- 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Anderson              | 455                       | 199                                     | 183                                      |
| Cherokee              | 78                        | 22                                      | 40                                       |
| Edgefield             | <10                       | <10                                     | 10                                       |
| Abbeville             | 49                        | 22                                      | 11                                       |
| Greenville            | 1468                      | 640                                     | 538                                      |
| Greenwood             | 76                        | 47                                      | 57                                       |
| Laurens               | 246                       | 98                                      | 70                                       |

| South Carolina County | K3- 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| McCormick             | 27                        | <10                                     | <10                                      |
| Oconee                | 130                       | 34                                      | 37                                       |
| Pickens               | 1456                      | 672                                     | 812                                      |
| Saluda                | <10                       | <10                                     | 13                                       |
| Spartanburg           | 746                       | 368                                     | 505                                      |
| Union                 | 14                        | <10                                     | <10                                      |

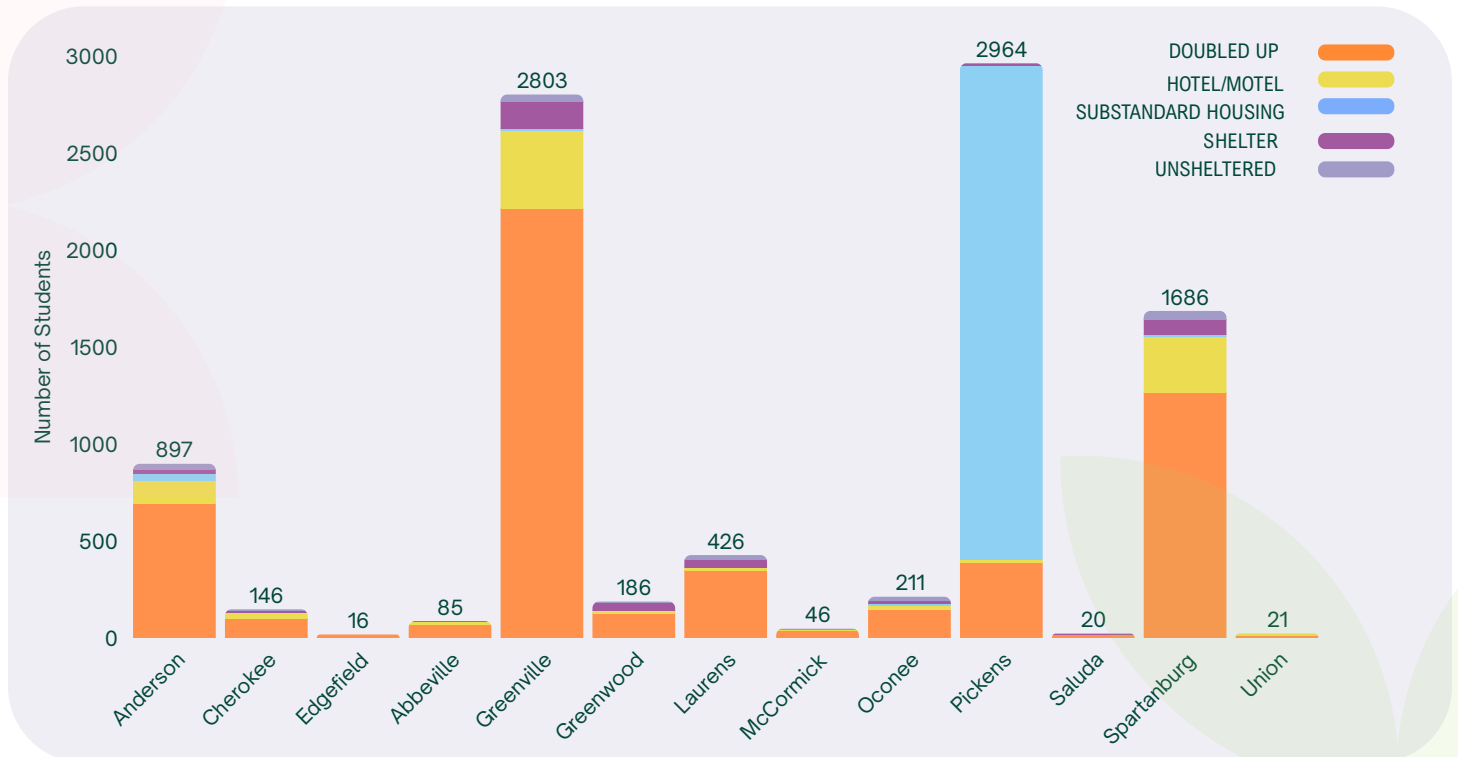
\*Grade Level Not Reported - 32 Students.

At least 64 students attended more than one school in the Upstate Region during the school year, according to the data.

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## STUDENTS' NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE - UPSTATE COC REGION



Across the 13-county Upstate CoC, 9,090 students experiencing homelessness reported 9,507 nighttime residences, meaning 417 students reported at least two different nighttime residences during the school year. Among the 9,507 reported nighttime residence instances, 57% (5,429) involved students staying doubled up with friends or relatives.

Greenville (2,217), Spartanburg (1,264), and Anderson (694) reported the highest numbers of students living temporarily doubled up in the Upstate CoC region, followed by Pickens (389), Laurens (348), Oconee (147), Greenwood (123), and Cherokee (101) counties. Virtually every county in the region reported students living temporarily with friends or relatives.

In Pickens County, 2,549 children lived in substandard housing—homes that do not meet local building, health, or safety codes, putting residents at risk.



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## STUDENTS' IDENTIFYING RACE PER COUNTY - MACH COC REGION

To learn more about the Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless (MACH) Continuum of Care (COC), click the link above, or visit their Facebook Page - [midlandshomeless](#).

| South Carolina County | White | Hispanic | Black | Other | Multi-Racial | Unknown |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|-------|-------|--------------|---------|
| Aiken                 | 70    | 36       | 242   | <10   | 50           | 0       |
| Allendale             | 0     | 0        | 13    | 0     | <10          | 0       |
| Bamberg               | 10    | <10      | 42    | 0     | <10          | 0       |
| Barnwell              | <10   | 0        | 18    | 0     | <10          | 0       |
| Calhoun               | 15    | 0        | 21    | <10   | 0            | 0       |
| Chester               | <10   | 0        | <10   | 0     | 0            | 0       |
| Fairfield             | <10   | 10       | 84    | <10   | 10           | 0       |
| Lancaster             | 16    | <10      | 32    | 0     | <10          | 0       |
| Lexington             | 205   | 211      | 426   | 12    | 52           | 0       |
| Newberry              | 39    | 23       | 117   | 0     | 17           | 0       |
| Orangeburg            | 50    | 48       | 283   | 13    | 21           | 0       |
| Richland              | 58    | 114      | 1020  | <10   | 74           | 0       |
| York                  | 277   | 198      | 634   | <10   | 106          | 1       |

Race Count Unduplicated

## STUDENTS BY GRADE LEVEL PER COUNTY - MACH COC REGION

| South Carolina County | K3- 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 6th - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 9th - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Aiken                 | 211                       | 103                         | 92                           |
| Allendale             | <10                       | <10                         | <10                          |
| Bamberg               | 36                        | <10                         | 15                           |
| Barnwell              | 13                        | <10                         | <10                          |
| Calhoun               | 23                        | 11                          | <10                          |
| Chester               | <10                       | <10                         | <10                          |
| Fairfield             | 70                        | 18                          | 21                           |

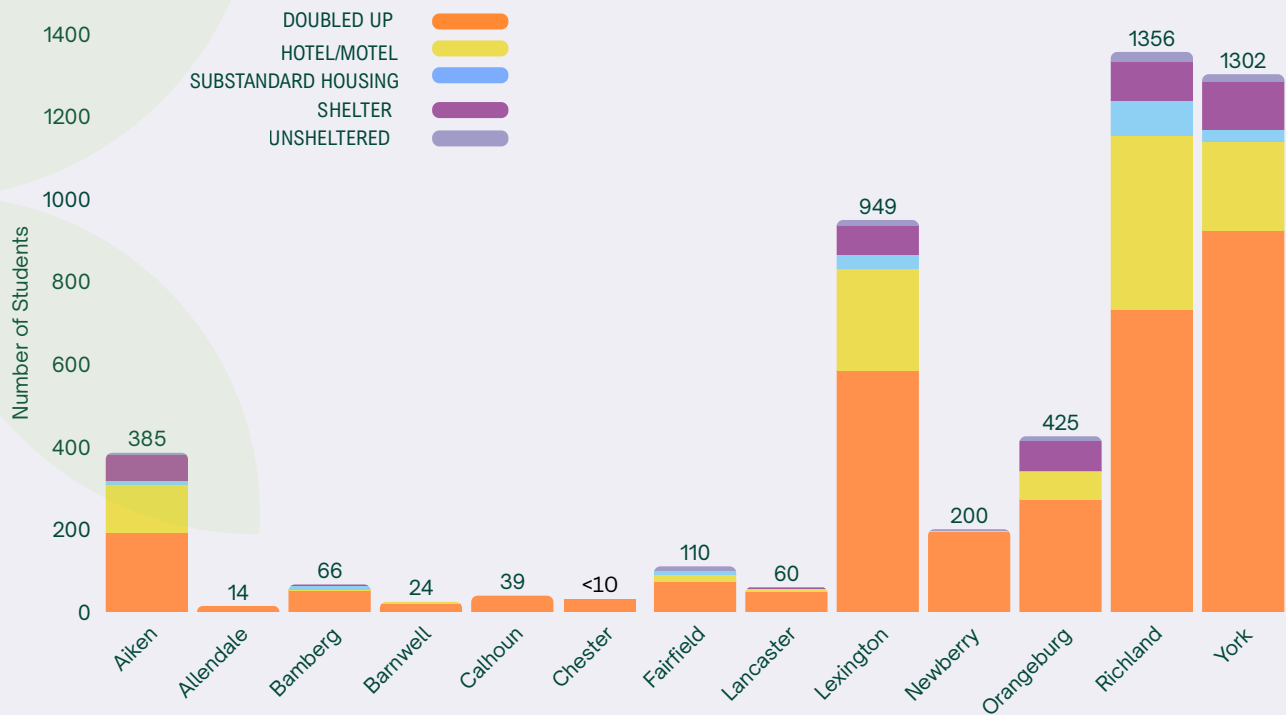
| South Carolina County | K3- 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 6th - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 9th - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Lancaster             | 29                        | <10                         | 21                           |
| Lexington             | 451                       | 195                         | 269                          |
| Orangeburg            | 245                       | 81                          | 89                           |
| Newberry              | 107                       | 45                          | 44                           |
| Richland              | 609                       | 327                         | 349                          |
| York                  | 606                       | 287                         | 347                          |

\*Grade Level Not Reported - 14 Students  
At least 60 students attended more than one school in the MACH Region during the school year, according to the data.

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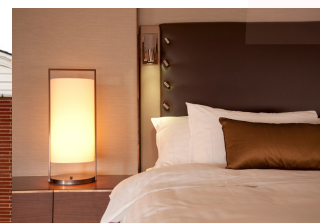
## STUDENTS' NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE - MACH COC REGION



Across the 13-county MACH CoC, 4,720 students experiencing homelessness reported 4,934 nighttime residences, meaning 214 students reported at least two different nighttime residences during the school year. Among the 4,934 reported nighttime residence instances, 62% (2,955) involved students staying doubled up with friends or relatives.

York (924), Richland (732), and Lexington (584) reported the highest numbers of students living temporarily doubled up in the MACH CoC region, followed by Orangeburg (273), Newberry (194), Aiken (192), Fairfield (73) and Bamberg (51) counties. Virtually every county in the region reported students living temporarily with friends or relatives.

Richland (1,356), York (1,302) and Lexington (949) hold the highest concentration of students experiencing homelessness in the MACH CoC region. In addition, a significant number of students (1,101 or 23%) report instances of living in a motel or hotel.



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**STUDENTS' IDENTIFYING RACE PER COUNTY - TCHC COC REGION**

To learn more about the Total Care for the Homeless Coalition (TCHC) Continuum of Care (COC), click the link above, or visit <https://tchcsc.org>

| South Carolina County | White | Hispanic | Black | Other | Multi-Racial | Unknown |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|-------|-------|--------------|---------|
| Chesterfield          | 40    | 19       | 44    | 0     | 13           | 0       |
| Clarendon             | 31    | <10      | 56    | 0     | <10          | 0       |
| Darlington            | 17    | 12       | 103   | 0     | 13           | 0       |
| Dillon                | 10    | 0        | 22    | 0     | <10          | 0       |
| *Florence             | 58    | 28       | 373   | <10   | 41           | 0       |
| Georgetown            | 18    | <10      | 50    | <10   | <10          | 0       |
| Horry                 | 187   | 115      | 214   | <10   | 72           | 0       |
| Kershaw               | 40    | 16       | 38    | <10   | 23           | 0       |
| Lee                   | 0     | 0        | <10   | 0     | 0            | 0       |
| Marion                | <10   | 0        | 18    | 0     | <10          | 0       |
| Marlboro              | 16    | <10      | 22    | <10   | <10          | 0       |
| Williamsburg          | <10   | 0        | 13    | 0     | 0            | 0       |
| Sumter                | 13    | <10      | 119   | 0     | <10          | 0       |

Race Count Unduplicated

\*Florence District 2 was not reported in this data set.

**STUDENTS BY GRADE LEVEL PER COUNTY - TCHC COC REGION**

| South Carolina County | K3- 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Chesterfield          | 63                        | 39                                      | <10                                      |
| Clarendon             | 58                        | 23                                      | 17                                       |
| Darlington            | 78                        | 32                                      | 35                                       |
| Dillon                | 22                        | 10                                      | <10                                      |
| *Florence             | 285                       | 110                                     | 112                                      |
| Georgetown            | 40                        | 18                                      | 24                                       |
| Horry                 | 321                       | 163                                     | 114                                      |

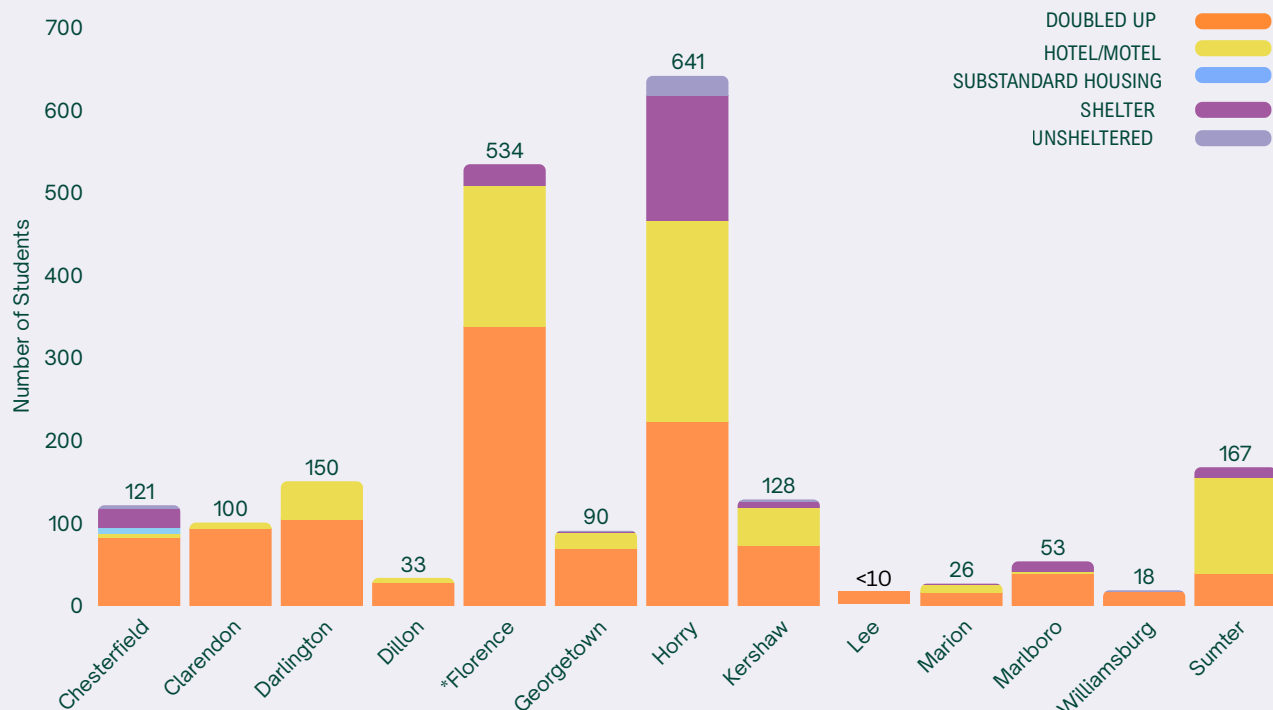
| South Carolina County | K3- 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Kershaw               | 57                        | 32                                      | 32                                       |
| Lee                   | 0                         | 0                                       | <10                                      |
| Marion                | 18                        | <10                                     | <10                                      |
| Marlboro              | 35                        | <10                                     | <10                                      |
| Williamsburg          | 9                         | <10                                     | <10                                      |
| Sumter                | 83                        | 35                                      | 29                                       |

\*Grade Level Not Reported - 3 Students.  
At least 6 students attended more than one school in the TCHC Region during the school year, according to the data.

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PROGRAM DATA

## STUDENTS' NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE - TCHC COC REGION



\*Florence District 2 was not reported in this data set.

Across the 13-county TCHC CoC, 1,929 students experiencing homelessness reported 2,064 nighttime residences, indicating 135 students reported at least two different nighttime residences during the school year. Among the 2,064 reported nighttime residence instances, 54% (1,117) involved students staying doubled up with friends or relatives.

Florence (337), Horry (222), and Darlington (104) reported the highest numbers of students living temporarily doubled up in the TCHC CoC region, followed by Clarendon (93), Chesterfield (82), Kershaw (72), Georgetown (69), and Marlboro (38) counties. Virtually every county in the region reported students living temporarily with friends or relatives.

Horry (641), Florence (534) and Sumter (167) hold the highest concentration of students experiencing homelessness in the TCHC CoC region. In addition, 12% (233) of students across this CoC are reported as living in a local shelter.



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## PROGRAM DATA

### STUDENTS' IDENTIFYING RACE PER COUNTY - LOWCOUNTRY COC REGION

To learn more about the Lowcountry Continuum of Care (COC), click the link above, or visit <https://lowcountrycoc.org>

| South Carolina County | White | Hispanic | Black | Other | Multi-Racial | Unknown |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|-------|-------|--------------|---------|
| Beaufort              | 25    | 94       | 123   | <10   | 13           | 0       |
| Berkeley              | 159   | 106      | 292   | <10   | 101          | 0       |
| Charleston            | 19    | 121      | 295   | 0     | 22           | 0       |
| Dorchester            | 36    | 13       | 155   | <10   | 24           | 0       |
| Jasper                | <10   | 25       | 32    | <10   | <10          | 0       |
| Hampton               | <10   | <10      | 51    | 0     | <10          | 0       |
| Colleton              | 19    | 14       | 49    | 0     | <10          | 0       |

Race Count Unduplicated

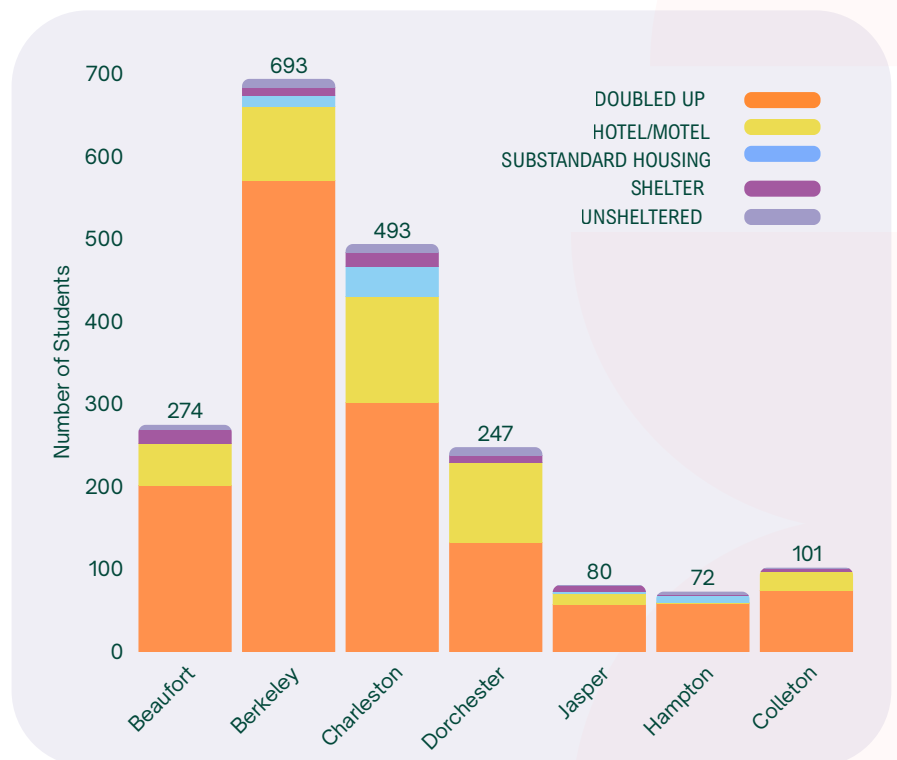
### STUDENTS BY GRADE LEVEL PER COUNTY

#### LOWCOUNTRY COC REGION

| South Carolina County | K3- 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Beaufort              | 154                       | 55                                      | 47                                       |
| Berkeley              | 293                       | 179                                     | 190                                      |
| Charleston            | 285                       | 109                                     | 69                                       |
| Dorchester            | 118                       | 49                                      | 63                                       |
| Jasper                | 21                        | 23                                      | 26                                       |
| Hampton               | 30                        | 13                                      | 28                                       |
| Colleton              | 59                        | 20                                      | <10                                      |

\*Grade Level not Reported - 7 Students.  
At least 13 students attended more than one school in the Lowcountry Region during the school year, according to the data.

### STUDENTS' NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE LOWCOUNTRY COC REGION



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## PROGRAM DATA

Across the 7-county Lowcountry CoC, 1,836 students experiencing homelessness reported 1,960 nighttime residences, meaning 124 students reported at least two different nighttime residences during the school year. Among the 1,960 reported nighttime residence instances, 76% (1,391) involved students staying doubled up with friends or relatives.

Berkeley (570), Charleston (301), and Beaufort (200) reported the highest numbers of students living temporarily doubled up in the Lowcountry CoC region, followed by Dorchester (132), Colleton (73), Hampton (58), and Jasper (57) counties. Virtually every county in the region reported students living temporarily with friends or relatives.

Berkeley (693), Charleston (493) and Beaufort (274) hold the highest concentration of students experiencing homelessness in the Lowcountry CoC region. In addition, a significant number of students (403 or 22%) report living in a motel or hotel.

### DISTRICTS IN THE MCKINNEY-VENTO PROGRAM NOT REPORTED BY COUNTY

There are three school districts providing education programs for SC students that are not identified by county: South Carolina Public Charter School, Charter Institute at Erskine and Limestone Charter Association.

### IDENTIFYING RACE

| Districts not Identified by County | White | Hispanic | Black | Other | Multi-Racial | Unknown |
|------------------------------------|-------|----------|-------|-------|--------------|---------|
| SC Public Charter Schools          | 78    | 33       | 131   | <10   | 18           | 1       |
| Charter Institute at Erskine       | 196   | 99       | 230   | 21    | 40           | 0       |
| Limestone Charter Association      | 28    | <10      | 31    | 0     | <10          | 0       |

Race Count Unduplicated

In the SC Public Charter School data, 284 nighttime-residence reports for 266 children. In the Charter Institute at Erskine data, 634 nighttime-residence reports for 586 children.

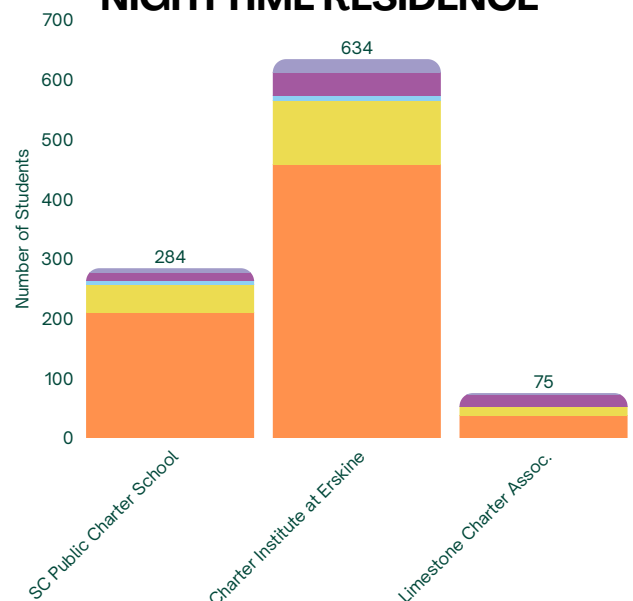
These differences suggest up to 66 children may have lived in more than one nighttime residence during the school year.

### GRADE LEVEL

| Districts Not Identified by County | K3- 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| SC Public Charter School           | 125                       | 69                                      | 84                                       |
| Charter Institute at Erskine       | 178                       | 146                                     | 268                                      |
| Limestone Charter Association      | <10                       | 13                                      | 56                                       |

In the SC Public Charter School District, 278 grade-level reports were submitted for 266 children. In the Charter Institute at Erskine, 592 grade-level reports were submitted for 586 children. These differences suggest that some students may have been reported in more than one grade or recorded multiple times during the year.

### NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE



South Carolina's  
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