

Doubled Up Work Group is a work group of HSC Board

- Doubled Up Work Group started to meet last May 2019 - so we are a new group!
- We have about 30 members representing about 25 organizations (when everyone shows up). Very diverse group.
- Transportation (transit) advocacy with Early Childhood Homeless Work Group and HSC Education and Advocacy Committee
- Conversations about collecting data to support the need for resources and housing supports
 - Doubled-Up Family survey launched at end of August
- Homeless Specialist Position

MMSD data by family unit and housing type:

TEP Count by Family Units for school year 2018-19 (numbers as of July 10, 2019 - school year ends on Aug 2 at the end of summer school - don't expect the numbers to change much, if at all):

These are unduplicated numbers

Doubled-up - 451

Hotels/ Motels - 58

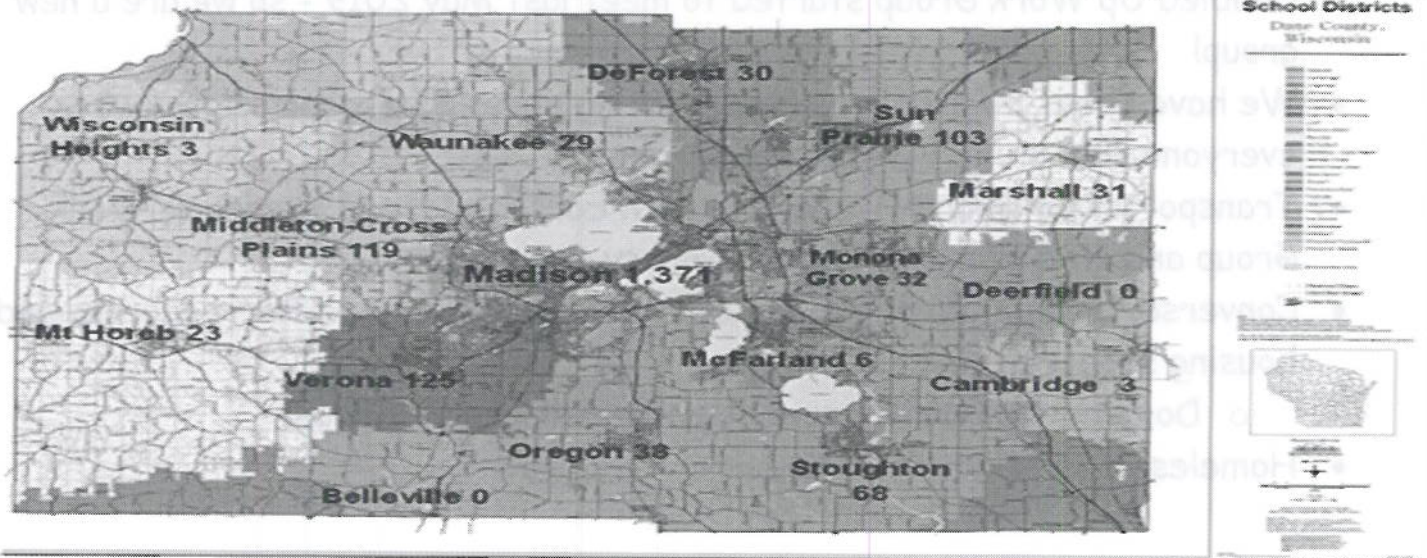
Shelters and transitional housing - 107

Unknown - 1

Unsheltered - 18

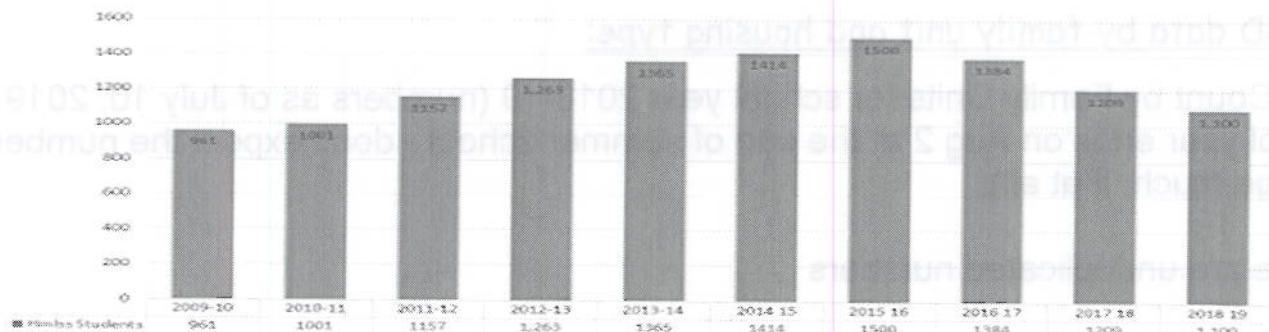
The total this way is now 635... one household must have its children listed with 2 different living situations.

Dane County: Students Identified 2016-2017



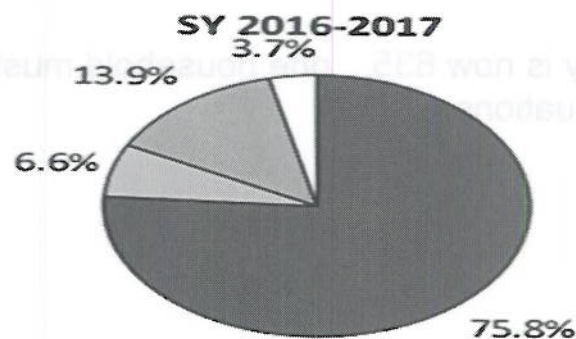
Total 1,981

MMSD: Unduplicated count of students identified as homeless



TWO FEDERAL DEFINITIONS OF HOMELESSNESS, DOES IT MATTER?

- US Department of Education
- Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
 - Excludes families who are doubled-up
 - Excludes families who are self-paying in motels/hotels



- 1,354,363 Students in the US identified as homeless 2016 2017
- Doubled up: precarious, crowded, unstable, and often unsafe, putting youth and families at high risk of harm, abuse, and neglect.

Homeless Service Specialist - Underserved populations

We are seeking to create a position in our community that will provide support to those experiencing homelessness under HUD defined categories 3 (Homeless under other Federal Statutes, i.e. doubled up, self-paying in hotels) This position would resemble the current Continuum of Care (CoC) coordinator position. The main goal of this position would be to coordinate and organize resources as well as seek out Request for Proposals (RFP) funding opportunities that are not specifically tied to HUD category 1 (Literally Homeless, i.e. Shelter, on the street). This position would maintain a list of eligible homeless for program opportunities that do not require category 1 definition.

The focal group for this position will be homeless families, youth, and singles that are doubled up or self-paying in hotels. This homeless population does not fall within HUD category 1 definition and thus cannot access the housing priority list and as a result fails to receive the support needed to access supportive services or effective resources to secure housing with our current structure.

Data received from the Madison School District identified 80% of homeless students were not able to receive adequate support within the community due to them not fitting the classification of category 1. Current efforts are underway to collect further data at a city/county wide level to better understand the scope and barriers of this unserved population.

This position would build on current efforts by developing an array of services to support the homeless community and ensure equal access to programs and supports. This position will examine current structures and identify opportunities, as well as barriers and gaps that exist on a city and county wide level for all homeless populations. This position would seek to look at capacity with current programs to make sure resources are supported within existing and new programs as funding and support become available.

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Chicago to House 100 Homeless Families, Address 'Doubled-Up' Population

Maya Miller | April 20, 2017 4:40 pm



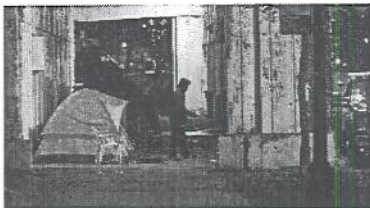
Chicago Department of Family and Support Services Commissioner Lisa Morrison Butler on April 20 announces the city's million commitment to housing 100 homeless families. (Maya Miller / Chicago Tonight)

This fall, 100 homeless families with school-age children will gain permanent housing and support services, thanks to a partnership between the city and the nonprofit Chicago Coalition for the Homeless.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced the program Thursday morning, just one day after the coalition released its most recent figures on Chicago's homeless population: 82,212 in 2015.

For the first time, the organization's count includes the so-called "doubled-up" population – people who stay with friends and relatives in hard times. Though many self-identify as homeless, the U.S. Department for Housing and Urban Development does not recognize them as such, according to Julie Dworkin, the director of policy at the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless.

As a result, she says, they are ineligible for many homeless services offered by HUD.



Report: Chicago's Homeless Population More Than 80K in 2015

The coalition found that 82 percent of Chicago's 2015 homeless population identified as being doubled-up.

"I wasn't sleeping well because I didn't have a bed that was mine and I didn't have any privacy," said Emilia Rendon, who moved into her aunt's home at age 15. "My attendance at school was decreasing, my grades were decreasing and I felt like nobody cared about my situation."

Dominique Moore described being doubled-up as "mentally exhausting."

"I didn't qualify for any of the homeless services that were offered because I was living doubled-up," Moore said.

The new program will target families struggling with homelessness who live in high-crime areas such as Austin, Humboldt Park, West Englewood and Englewood, according to a

press release from the mayor's office. Participants will be identified this summer as part of the first phase of the program, Dworkin said.

Once identified, the families will receive housing vouchers and be matched with service providers who will help locate and transition them into units. The coalition is planning to follow up with the families for up to 12 months after they've moved into their homes.

The program is being funded by \$1 million from a city ordinance that added a 4-percent surcharge last July to home-sharing services such as Airbnb. The Chicago Low Income Housing Trust pledged to match the city's funds.

Lisa Morrison Butler, commissioner of the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, said the city expects to accrue \$1.8 million from the surcharge by July.

While Dworkin said she is "really happy" the city is going to provide resources for the doubled-up population, she said a lot that remains to be done.

"This is just the beginning," Dworkin said. "We're going to be continuing to push on this issue."

