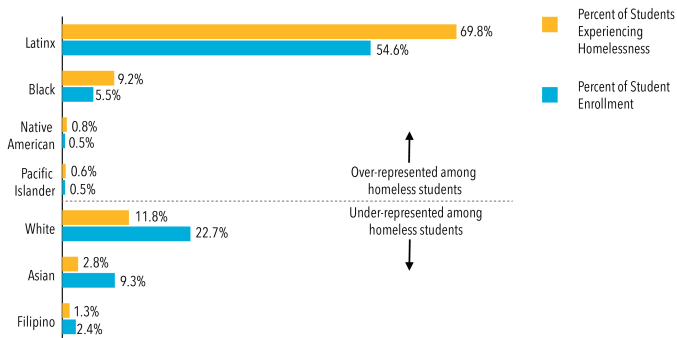




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California's Latinx, Black, Native American, and Pacific Islander Students Disproportionately Experience Homelessness

Public K-12 Students Considered Homeless During the 2018-19 School Year = 269,269



Notes: The California Department of Education classifies students as homeless if they are living in public places, vehicles, hotels/motels, shelters, or temporarily sharing housing with others. These data reflect the number of students enrolled and classified as homeless at any point in the academic year ("cumulative enrollment"). The figure does not include data for students of multiple races or those without a reported race/ethnicity.
Source: California Department of Education

- Nearly 270,000 of California's public K-12 students experienced homelessness in 2018-19. This includes children temporarily staying with other families due to economic hardship, and children living in motels, shelters, vehicles, public spaces, or substandard housing.

- Latinx, Black, Native American, and Pacific Islander students were disproportionately likely to experience homelessness. These same communities of color were already the most likely to be housing cost-burdened and at risk of experiencing housing instability. In addition, they have been hardest hit by the COVID-19 recession and experience the highest rates of COVID-19 infections and deaths.

- Children experiencing homelessness are more likely to be chronically absent from school, struggle academically, and have difficulties with distance learning. Policymakers can support these children by investing in access to safe, affordable housing.

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