

Local Initiative

# Camden, NJ

## Camden City School District

In May, 2021, a collaboration of organizations partnered with the Camden City School District (CCSD) to prepare a report entitled [Student Homelessness in Camden City School District: Mobility and Frequency 2014-15 through 2018-19](#). Prepared by the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers, Nemours Children's Health System, and CCSD, the creation of the report was funded through a grant from the Institute of Education Sciences to Nemours and CCSD. The report is uniquely focused on the mobility of students experiencing homelessness in and out of the district, as well as between CCSD schools. Their findings reveal that students experiencing homelessness are much more likely to transfer into or out of the school district in the middle of the school year - 46% compared to 14% of housed peers. This type of mobility is damaging to a student's education and development, and recommendations in this report note the importance of immediate enrollment once a student is identified, as well as more training to ensure that all staff are aware of the signs of homelessness and can mitigate underidentification.

