For the release of *Hidden in Plain Sight*, we encourage conversation about the impact of student homelessness in our nation’s schools and what schools, communities and caring adults can do to provide supports for these students.


Please join the conversation by using the hashtags #UnseenStudents, #EndYouthHomelessness & #GradNation

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**NEWSLETTER BLURB**

**Hidden In Plain Sight: Homeless Students in America’s Public Schools**

Forty-two percent of formerly homeless youth surveyed for a new report say they dropped out of school at least once. Fifty percent say they slept in a car, abandoned building or other public place. And 61 percent say they were uncomfortable talking about their housing situation with people at their school. A new study written by Civic Enterprises and released by the GradNation campaign examines the growing problem of student homelessness by asking the young people who have experienced it and the school employees assigned to help them. Find out more about the problem and recommended solutions at GradNation.org/homeless.

**REPORT PROMOTION**

*Facebook/LinkedIn:*


Homelessness impacts a student’s ability to stay in school. Learn more about the impact of homelessness and the supports that homeless students need in the report, Hidden in Plain Sight from Civic Enterprises & Hart Research Associates.  
94% of homeless students don’t have a consistent place to call home.


50% of homeless students slept in a car or public place. http://bit.ly/HomelessReport #UnseenStudents #HomelessYouth
67% of homeless students were uncomfortable sharing their situation.  

How can #CaringAdults make #HomelessYouth feel seen, heard & supported?  

Homeless students can graduate High School prepared w/ the right supports.  

Homeless students need concrete & emotional support to succeed in school.  

#UnseenStudents #CaringAdults #EndYouthHomelessness

**Twitter - Key Findings:**

JUST RELEASED: Download Hidden in Plain Sight via @CivicEnterprise @HartSurveys  

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#ESSA will require districts/states to report grad rates for homeless students.  

78% of homeless students surveyed experienced homelessness more than once.  

47% of homeless students surveyed were homeless both w/ a parent or guardian & alone. http://bit.ly/HomelessReport #UnseenStudents

94% of homeless students don’t have a consistent place to call home.  

50% of homeless students slept in a car, park or other public place.  

42% of homeless students surveyed said that they dropped out of school at least once.  

67% of homeless students were uncomfortable talking w/ people about their housing situation.  http://bit.ly/HomelessReport #UnseenStudents
54% of homeless students say concrete & emotional supports are equally important

61% of homeless students were never connected to a community org while homeless

**Twitter - Key Facts:**

Only 5 states currently report High School #grad rates for homeless students.

5 states - CO, KS, VA, WA & WY report High School #gradrates for homeless students.

Homelessness is detrimental to a student's ability to stay in school.

Homeless students were 87% more likely to drop out of school. h/t @Center4Promise

**Twitter - Impact:**


82% of homeless students said homelessness had a big impact on their life.

60% of homeless students found it difficult to stay in school while being homeless.

**Twitter - Supports and Services:**

Learn more about supports that homeless students need. http://bit.ly/HomelessReport #UnseenStudents #EndYouthHomelessness

58% of homeless students believe their school should have done more to help them.


**Twitter - Cause for Optimism:**


73% of homeless students are motivated to complete high school school or start a career. [http://bit.ly/HomelessReport](http://bit.ly/HomelessReport) #UnseenStudents #GradNation

**Twitter - Recommendations:**


**Twitter – Pledge to #EndYouthHomelessness**

I pledge to take action that will help students experiencing homelessness cope and thrive [http://bit.ly/unseenstudentspledge](http://bit.ly/unseenstudentspledge) #UnseenStudents #GradNation


Homeless students are present in our communities and need our help. Pledge to do more: http://bit.ly/unseenstudentspledge #UnseenStudents

Tell your governor: pledge to take action to help students experiencing homelessness http://bit.ly/unseenstudentspledge #UnseenStudents

Tell your governor: take the pledge to create a web of support for #homelessyouth http://bit.ly/unseenstudentspledge #gradnation

.[INSERT Governor Twitter handle] take the pledge and create a web of support to help homeless students #UnseenStudents http://bit.ly/unseenstudentspledge

Take the pledge to create a web of support to help homeless students cope and thrive http://bit.ly/unseenstudentspledge #UnseenStudents

Homeless students need #CaringAdults in their life. Take the pledge to create a web of support for http://bit.ly/unseenstudentspledge #UnseenStudents

Pledge to take action to help homeless students graduate HS prepared: http://bit.ly/unseenstudentspledge #UnseenStudents #GradNation

We can’t allow #HomelessYouth to be Hidden in Plain Sight. Pledge to take action: http://bit.ly/unseenstudentspledge #UnseenStudents

The time for action to help homeless students is now. Pledge to do your part: http://bit.ly/unseenstudentspledge #UnseenStudents #GradNation

For us to have a #GradNation, we must do more to support homeless students. Sign the pledge: http://bit.ly/unseenstudentspledge #UnseenStudents