

AFFORDABLE HOUSING BENEFITS

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EDUCATION

HEALTH

ECONOMY

COMMUNITY

CHILDREN

Boosts academic performance and achievement

Boosts health and well-being

Boosts local revenue and jobs

Boosts social cohesion

Boosts lifetime earnings

Decreases absenteeism and behavioral problems

Decreases overall health expenditures

Decreases use of public dollars

Decreases crime rates

Decreases risk to physical and mental health

EDUCATION



Stable, affordable, quality housing is positively associated with a variety of academic performance criteria for children including increased test scores, math and reading skills, school attendance and graduation rates.

Source: Gaitan, V. How Housing Affects Children's Outcomes. (2019) *Urban Institute*. <https://housingmatters.urban.org/articles/how-housing-affects-childrens-outcomes>



Students experiencing crowding or homelessness have lower educational attainment and are less likely to graduate.

Source: Shimberg Center for Housing Studies. (2017, updated 2019). Homelessness and Education in Florida: Impacts on Children and Youth. <http://www.shimberg.ufl.edu/children.html>



Students residing in housing with fewer physical and environment deficiencies, on average, have improved emotional and behavioral functioning and cognitive skills.

Source: Coley, R. L., Leventhal, T., Lynch, A. D., & Kull, M. (2013). Relations between housing characteristics and the well-being of low-income children and adolescents. *Developmental psychology*, 49(9), 1775–1789. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3766502/>



For teachers, difficulty paying housing costs is associated with increased absences and decreased retention, where teachers are more likely to plan to resign or leave the district in which they currently teach.

Source: Dizon-Ross, E., Loeb, S., Penner, E., Rochmes, R. (2019). Stress in Boom Times: Understanding Teachers' Economic Anxiety in a High-Cost Urban District, *AERA Open*, 5(4). <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/2332858419879439>