

AFFORDABLE HOUSING BENEFITS 2025

EDUCATION	HEALTH	ECONOMY	COMMUNITY	CHILDREN
Boosts academic achievement and performance	Boosts health and wellbeing	Boosts local revenue and jobs	Boosts social cohesion	Boosts lifetime earnings
Decreases absenteeism	Decreases overall health expenditures	Decreases use of public dollars	Decreases crime rates	Decreases risk to mental and physical health

EDUCATION



Stable, affordable, quality housing is positively associated with improved academic outcomes 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/publications/homeless_education_fla171205RGB.pdf



Access to affordable housing and housing stability is connected with improved maintenance of friendships, forging of new friendships and school attendance.

Source: Hock, E., et al. Exploring the Impact of Housing Insecurity on the Health and Well-being of Children and Young People: A Systemic Review. (2023) *Public Health Research*. 11(13). <https://www.journalslibrary.nihr.ac.uk/phr/TWWL4501>



For teachers, difficulty paying for housing is linked to increased absences and decreased retention, with affected educators more likely to resign or leave their current district.

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>