

# Youth Homelessness Beltrami County Collective Impact Mapping the Landscape



In 2018, **201 of 556 or 36%** admissions to the Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center were from Beltrami County. **62% of Beltrami County admissions were American Indian.**

## Local Youth and Family Shelters

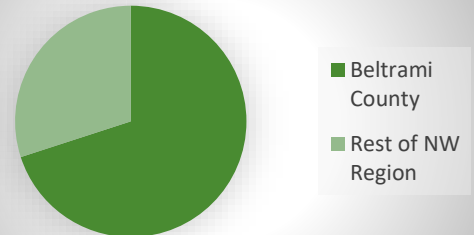
Village of Hope turned away **309 children in 2018** and are on track to surpass that in 2018.

In 2018 Evergreen Youth and Family Services had **200 children stay at the shelter**, with a total of 324 stays.

Beltrami County has the **fourth highest** rate of students in homeless shelters in the state.

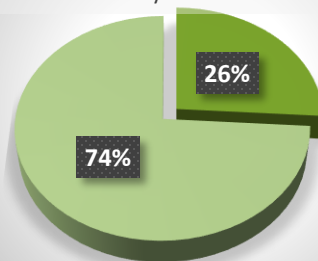
**44%** of American Indian homeless youth (17 and younger) report being **first homeless as a child.**

*BELTRAMI COUNTY IS HOME TO NEARLY **70% OF ALL HOMELESS STUDENTS IN THE ENTIRE NW REGION.** MDE DATA FOR 2015-16 SHOWS THAT THE NW REGION HAD HIGHER RATES OF STUDENT HOMELESSNESS THAN THE NORTHEAST, ST. LOUIS, AND WEST CENTRAL CONTINUUMS OF CARE (COCS).*



**20.5%** of Beltrami County population is considered in poverty. Beltrami's child poverty rate is **26% with more than a fourth of all county children living in poverty.**

■ Beltrami County Children In Poverty  
■ Beltrami County Children not in Poverty



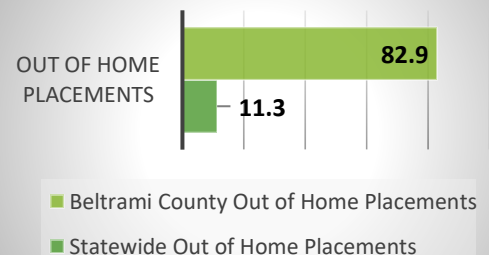
*ACCORDING TO 2017 ESTIMATES **19.9% OF CHILDREN IN BELTRAMI COUNTY LIVE WITH A HOUSEHOLDER WHO IS NOT THE BIOLOGICAL PARENTS,** 10.9% LIVE WITH A GRANDPARENT, 3.1% LIVE WITH OTHER RELATIVES, AND 5.8% LIVE IN FOSTER CARE OR ARE UNRELATED TO THE HOUSEHOLDER.*

**53.2%** of lower-income households are housing cost burdened.

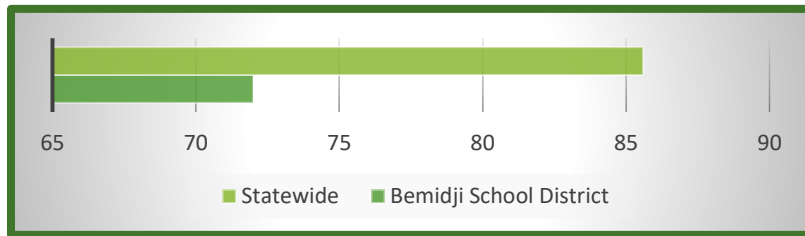
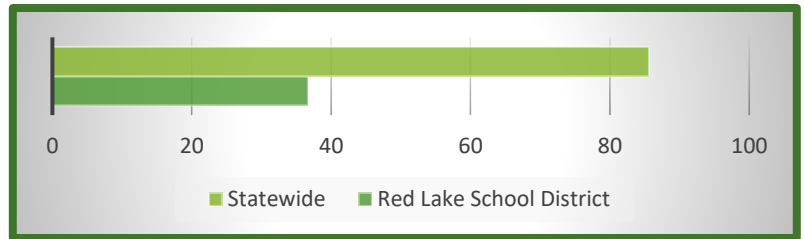
In NW MN the Fair Market Rent for a 2-bedroom unit is \$7,896/year. A minimum wage worker can only afford **\$5,017 a year before being rent cost-burdened.**

**75%** of those experiencing homelessness or near-homelessness on reservations reported an **Adverse Childhood Experience.**

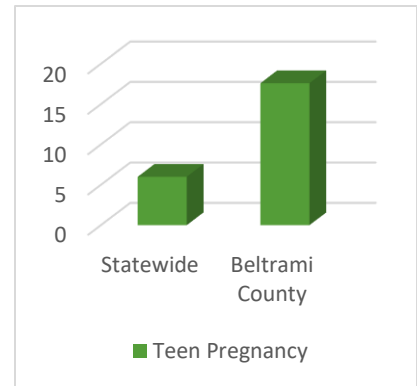
*BELTRAMI COUNTY HAS EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH RATES OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE FOR A RURAL COUNTY WITH 10,000 CHILDREN AGES 17 AND UNDER. BELTRAMI'S RATE IS **82.9/1,000 CHILDREN AS COMPARED TO THE STATEWIDE RATE OF 11.3/1,000.** BECAUSE FOSTER CARE REQUIRES SIGNIFICANT COUNTY RESOURCES, BELTRAMI COUNTY REPORTS THAT THIS MAY BANKRUPT THE COUNTY.*



In Red Lake School District **36.7% of students attend school consistently**, compared to 85.6% statewide.



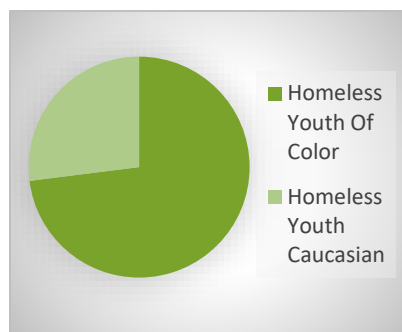
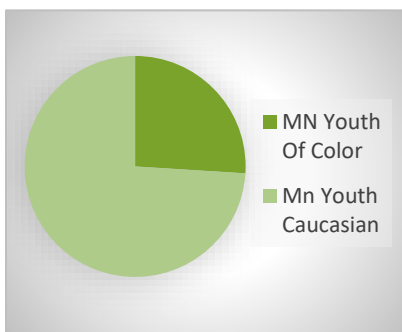
In Bemidji School District **72% of students attend school consistently**, compared to 85.6% statewide.



**The Beltrami County graduation rate is 66%**, compared to 82.7% statewide.

**Beltrami County's teen pregnancy rate of 17.6 is nearly three times the statewide rate of 6.0/1,000.** These rates have remained persistently high for decades, even as state and national rates decreased. National research documents that teen pregnancy is the single most significant predictor of lifelong poverty for women.

**AMERICAN INDIANS ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY REPRESENTED AMONG MINNESOTA'S HOMELESS. BELTRAMI COUNTY HAS AN AMERICAN INDIAN POPULATION OF 9,972, REPRESENTING JUST UNDER 14% OF THE STATE'S ENTIRE AI POPULATION AND 22% OF THE COUNTY POPULATION.**



73% of homeless youth in Minnesota are of African American, American Indian, Asian, Hispanic, or of mixed race. **Youth in these groups only represent 26% of Minnesota's youth population.**

In 2015 **11%** of residents experiencing homelessness on reservations reported receiving transportation assistance compared to **32%** of respondents in Greater Minnesota.

**64%** of unemployed homeless individuals on reservations reported they were looking for work, **60% of them cited transportation as the main barrier**, followed distantly by child care at 22%. Other reasons included criminal history and lack of employment opportunities.

On Minnesota Reservations in 2015 **30% of respondents identified a financial barrier** to regaining stable housing, **23% reported a "red flag" on a background check**, and 12 percent reported a lack of affordable housing. 4% reported all three barriers.

**57% of homeless youth in Minnesota report a significant mental health issue**, and 36% have chronic physical health problems.