

AFFORDABLE HOUSING BENEFITS

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EDUCATION

Boosts academic performance and achievement

Decreases absenteeism and behavioral problems

HEALTH

Boosts health and well-being

Decreases overall health expenditures

ECONOMY

Boosts local revenue and jobs

Decreases use of public dollars

COMMUNITY

Boosts social cohesion

Decreases crime rates

CHILDREN

Boosts lifetime earnings

Decreases risk to physical and mental health

CHILDREN

Young children in secure housing have improved overall health and lower rates of depression and anxiety. Meanwhile, inadequate housing conditions are associated with myriad physical health problems, including cough, infections and gastroenteritis.



Sources: Pierce, K., et al. (2024). Trajectories of Housing Insecurity From Infancy to Adolescence and Adolescent Health Outcomes. *Pediatrics*. 154(2). <https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/article/154/2/e2023064551/197596/Trajectories-of-Housing-Insecurity-From-Infancy-to>

Riggs, L., et al. (2021). Housing, Health, and the Well-Being of Children. *New Zealand Ministry of Social Development*. <https://apo.org.au/sites/default/files/resource-files/2021-08/apo-nid313978.pdf>

Children from low-income families living in subsidized affordable housing have higher earning potential and lower incarceration rates than low-income children not living in subsidized affordable housing.



Source: Andersson, F., et al. (2016). Childhood Housing and Adult Earnings: A between-siblings Analysis of Housing Vouchers and Public Housing. *National Bureau of Economic Research*. https://www.nber.org/system/files/working_papers/w22721/w22721.pdf

Housed children are more likely to graduate, perform well on standardized tests and avoid disciplinary action.



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>