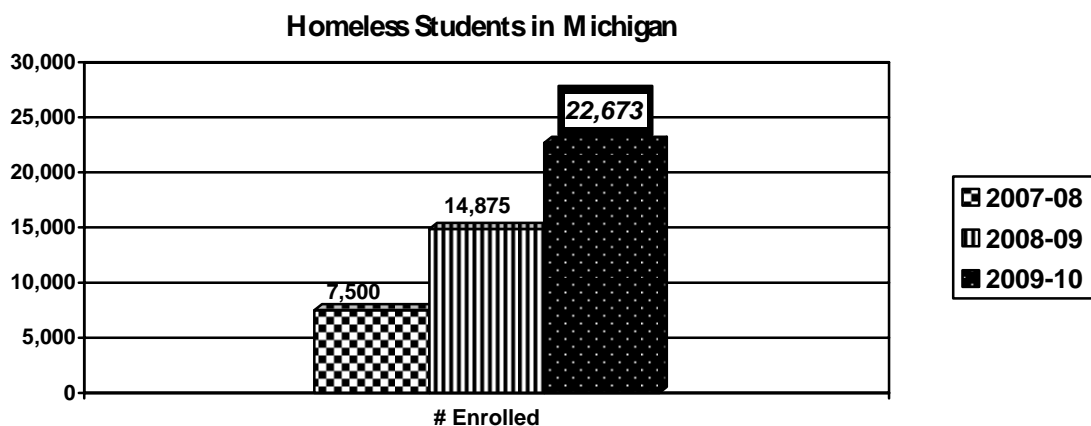


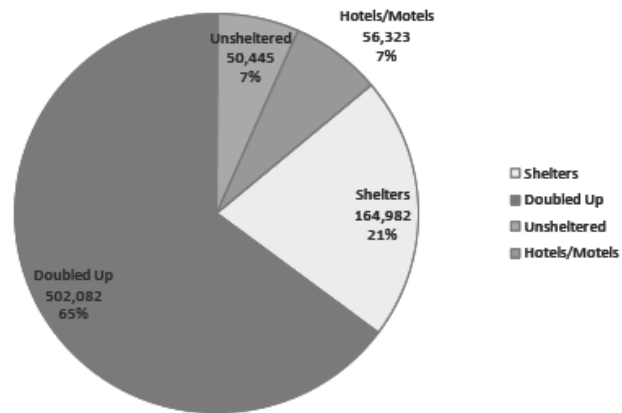
HOMELESS EDUCATION PROGRAM DATA & INFORMATION

DATA ON HOMELESS STUDENTS

- **Between the 2007-2008 and the 2009-2010 school years, Michigan public school districts reported increases of 300% in the numbers of homeless students enrolled.**
- Some of the increase can be attributed to more accurate and complete reporting, due to the implementation of a more sophisticated state student database (Source: Michigan Student Database System or MSDS).
- However, the majority of the increases can more likely be attributed to the current economic conditions in Michigan, and the effects of these on families in our state, particularly, high unemployment and foreclosure rates.
- The chart below depicts the increases in the total number of homeless students identified and reported by Michigan public schools over the most recent three school years. (Source: MSDS for 2009-2010, and the previous data system, the Single Record Student Database – or SRSD – for 2007-2008 and 2008-2009.)



- Over time, the nighttime residence of homeless children and youth in Michigan has shifted from the majority staying in shelters to staying doubled-up with relatives or friends. This compares to the national trends. (Data provided by the National Center on Homeless Education, compiled 4-09.)



- Homeless students face many barriers to educational success, the most prevalent being transportation to their schools of origin. The costs of transporting homeless students to school is high - in terms of staff time and district expense. (Data provided by the National Center on Homeless Education, compiled 4-09)

