

# **Report on the Findings of the 2017-2018 Human Services Needs Update**

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## **Information Only**

Council will learn about the key findings of the 2017-2018 Needs Update.

**City Council Study Session  
February 5, 2018**



# Background

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- Guide the recommendations of the Human Services Commission for allocation of 2019-2020 Human Services Fund (approximately \$3.2 million annually)
- Direct the work of Human Services Division
- Provide information for community groups and regional planning

# Value of current investments

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- Prevent homelessness
- Keep children safe and engaged while their parents work
- Decrease social isolation for older adults

# Methodology

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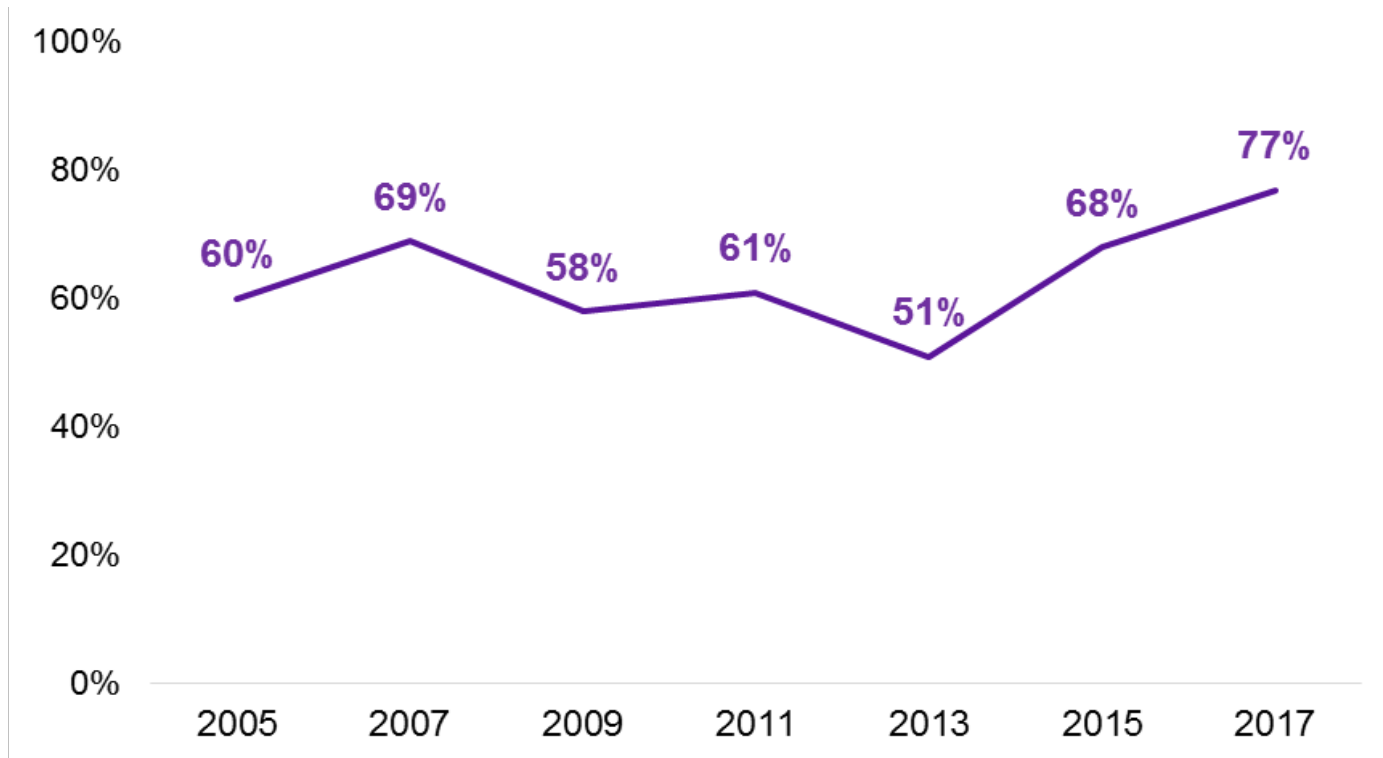
- Phone/online survey
- Community conversations
- Provider surveys
- Consumer surveys

# Themes

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- **Affordable Housing:**

- In 2017, 77% of phone and online survey respondents rated lack of affordable housing as the number one community problem.
- Almost one in three (31%) of Bellevue renters are cost burdened.
- One in six (16%) are severely cost burdened.



## Percentage of Residents Rating Affordable Housing a Major or Moderate Problem

Data Source: City of Bellevue Resident Needs Assessment Surveys

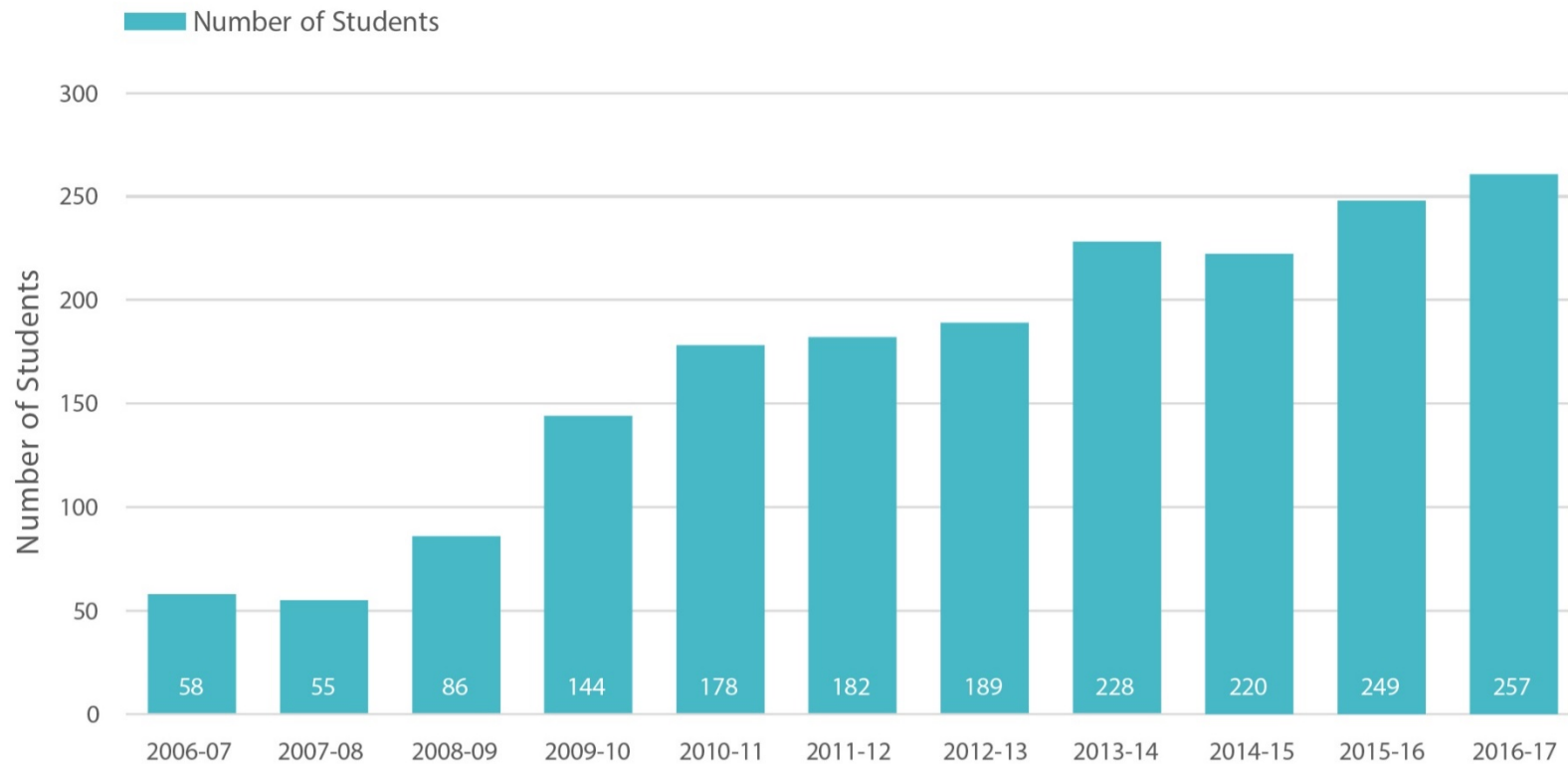
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- **Homelessness:**

- Bellevue School District: homeless students steadily increased from 58 in 2006-07 to 257 in 2016-17.
- In 2016-17, the Eastside winter shelters served:
  - Men: 429 men
  - Women: 192 women
  - Families: 137 adults and 182 children

## BSD Students Receiving McKinney-Vento Services by School Year, 2006-07 to 2016-17



Source: Bellevue School District

# Themes

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- **Racial and Ethnic Inclusion:**
  - Phone/online survey: 24% rated racial or ethnic discrimination as a major or moderate community problem.
  - Teachers, service providers and first responders: more concern in the community about immigration issues.

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- **Mental health issues and substance use disorder:**
  - 2016: 15% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders, 17% of 10<sup>th</sup> graders, and 16% of 12<sup>th</sup> graders in the Bellevue School District had contemplated suicide.
  - Increase in adults and youth with substance use issues (opioids and heroin.)

# Themes

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- **Access to transportation options:**
  - 2017 Provider's survey: 70% reported that their clients needed, but couldn't find, help with transportation
  - Almost a quarter of residents: lack of public transportation is the top household problem.

# Next Steps

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- Funding application process begins mid-March
- Applications due in mid-April
- Recommendations will be brought by the Commission to the City Council Fall 2018

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# Discussion