# 2015-2016 Human Services Needs Update

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## **Top Themes**

### **Need for Affordable Housing:**

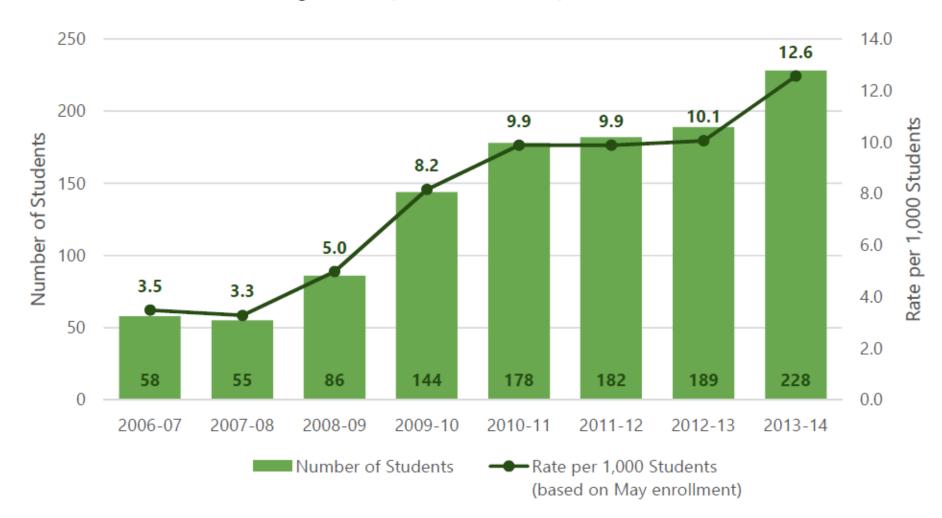
- In 2015, 68% of phone and online survey respondents rate lack of affordable housing as the number one community problem compared to 51% in 2013
- Bellevue's rent for a 2-bedroom apartment increased 30% between 2011 and 2013, and another 13% between 2013 and 2015
- One in three (34.4%) of Bellevue renters are cost-burdened and one in six (16%) are severely cost-burdened; this results in households unable to meet their basic needs such as food and transportation

Rents in Bellevue (\$) Source: Dupree and Scott			
	2 Bedroom (1 bath)		
Area	March 2011	March 2013	March 2015
Bellevue – East	1,074	1,238	1,397
Bellevue – West	1,509	1,695	1,945
Bellevue – Factoria	1,150	1,268	1,510
King County	977	1,105	1,294

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### Increase in homelessness

- During winter 2014-2015, 449 men were housed in the winter shelter, and 194 adults and 106 children were housed in the winter shelter for women/families; for 2015-2016, totals are on track to exceed those numbers
- Since 2008, Bellevue School District reports that the number of homeless students has steadily increased
- The Landing, a shelter for 18-24 year olds, is seeing an increase in the number of homeless youth, and beds are filled to capacity most nights



#### BSD Students Receiving McKinney-Vento Services by School Year, 2006-07 to 2013-14

Data Source: Bellevue School District

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# Increase in mental health issues and substance abuse

- In 2014, 16% of 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders in the Bellevue School District said they contemplated suicide compared to 12% in 2012 (Source: Healthy Youth Survey)
- In 2014, the Crisis Clinic reported a 22% increase in calls from Bellevue residents compared to 2012
- Providers, school staff, and Bellevue Police report an increase in adults and youth with substance abuse issues, particularly heroin

### SUMMARY

- 2015-2016 Human Services Needs Update will guide the Human Services Commission's 2017-2018 funding review process and recommendations to City Council
- Affordable housing, homelessness, and an increase in mental health issues and substance abuse are among the top trends to track

## **Questions/Comments**