

# **Basic Needs & Housing Support Services 2024-2025**



**First, a celebration...**

**100% of SHS seniors**  
**in BNHSS's caseload are on track to graduate this June!**

**What does it take to support students  
who encounter extremely difficult life circumstances  
to graduate from high school?**



# A commitment to collaboration, advocacy and empowerment

Feb  
2022

Birth of  
BNHSS.



Aug  
2022

Hired bilingual  
BNHSS  
Social Worker.

2022  
-2023

- Assessed the landscape.
- Joined local, statewide, & national coalitions.
- Initiated partnerships.
- Stemmed the flow of families leaving Somerville.

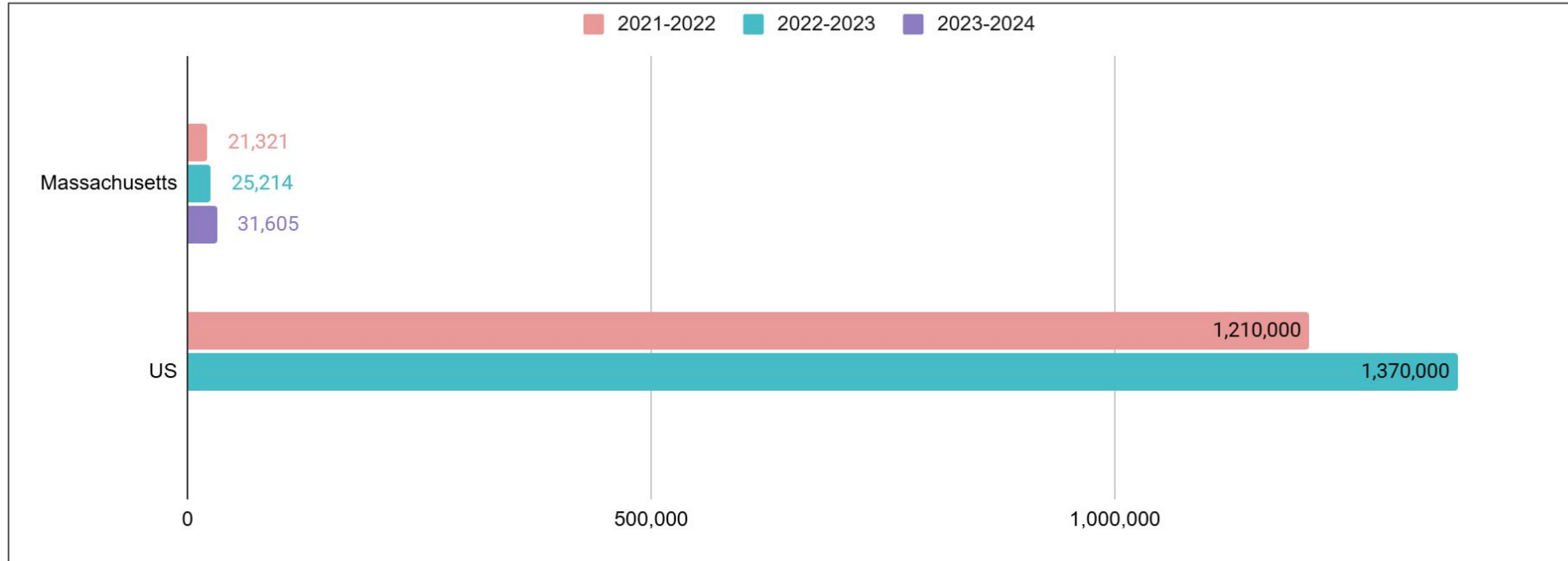
2023  
-2024

- Innovated & collaborated with the Somerville Office of Housing Stability to launch GBI and MVP programs.
- Reduced risk factors.

2024-  
2025

- Stabilizing families.
- Empowering family choice.
- Preparing for the unknown.

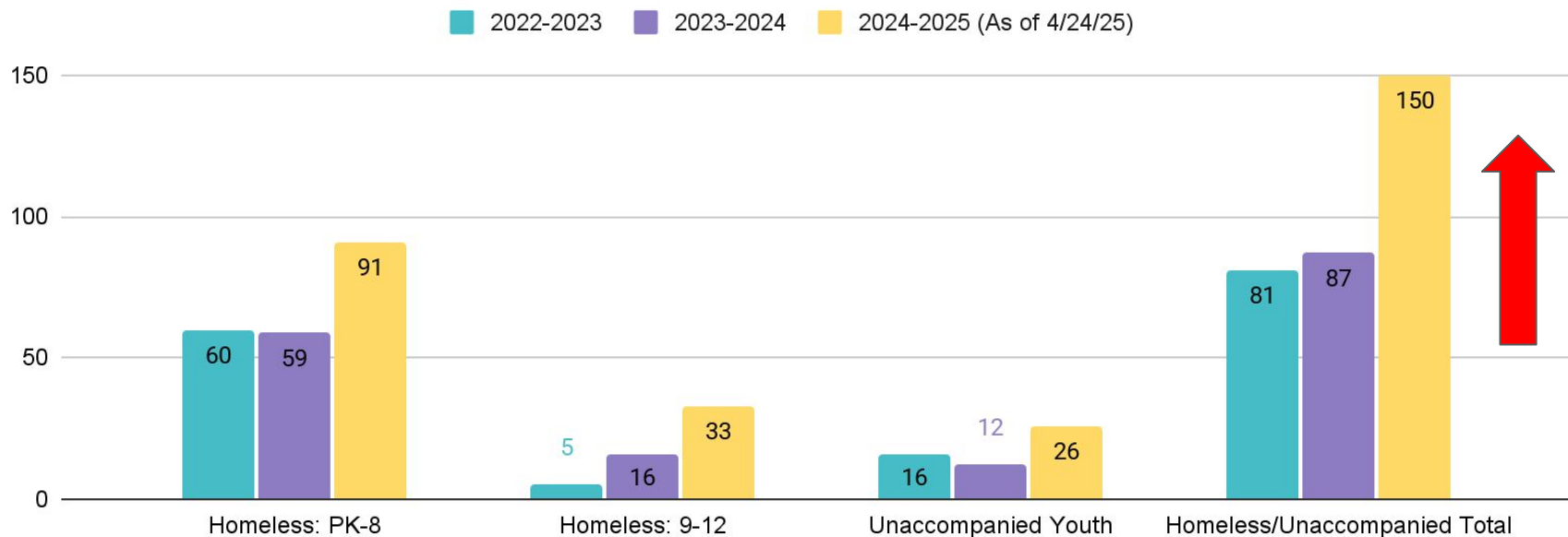
# Increase in homeless students & unaccompanied youth in Massachusetts & Nationally



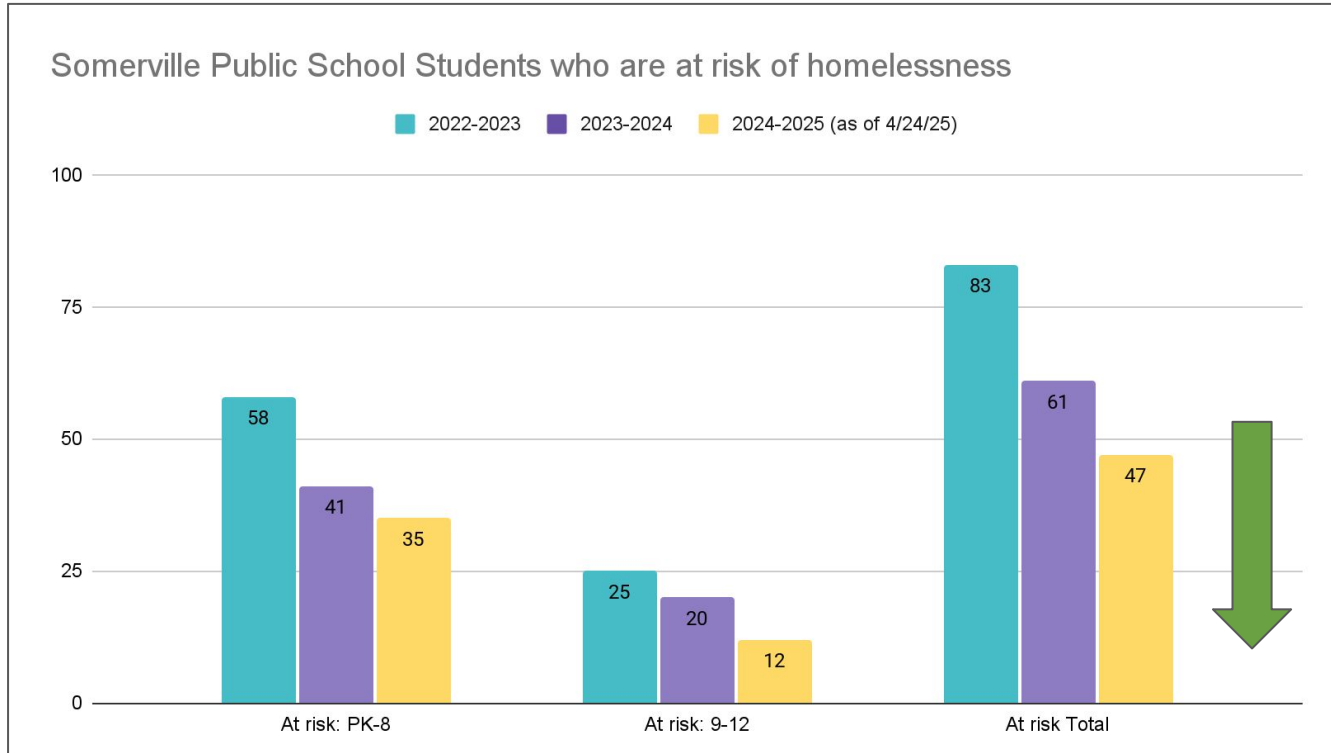
Sources: National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) and SchoolHouse Connection

# Increase in homeless students & unaccompanied youth in SPS

Number of Homeless Students and Unaccompanied Youth supported by BNHSS



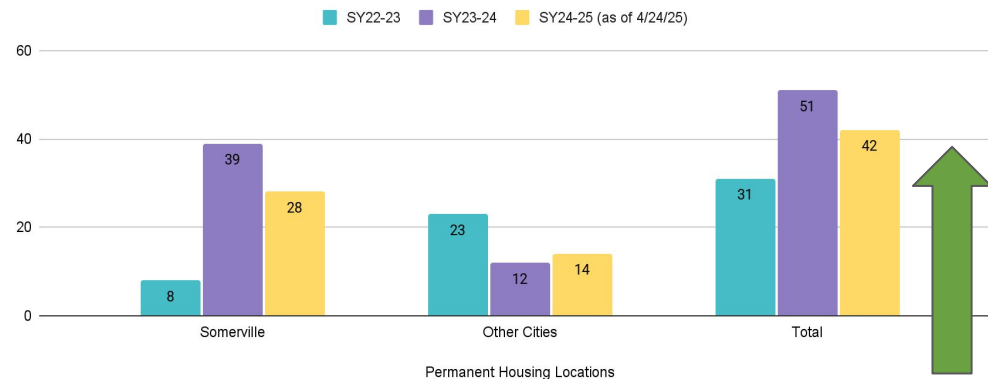
# Decrease in SPS students who are at risk of homelessness



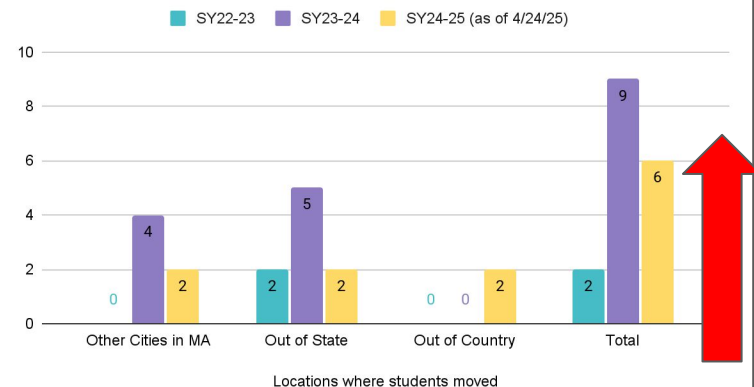
# Increase in students placed in permanent housing

## Increase in students leaving the district due to housing situations

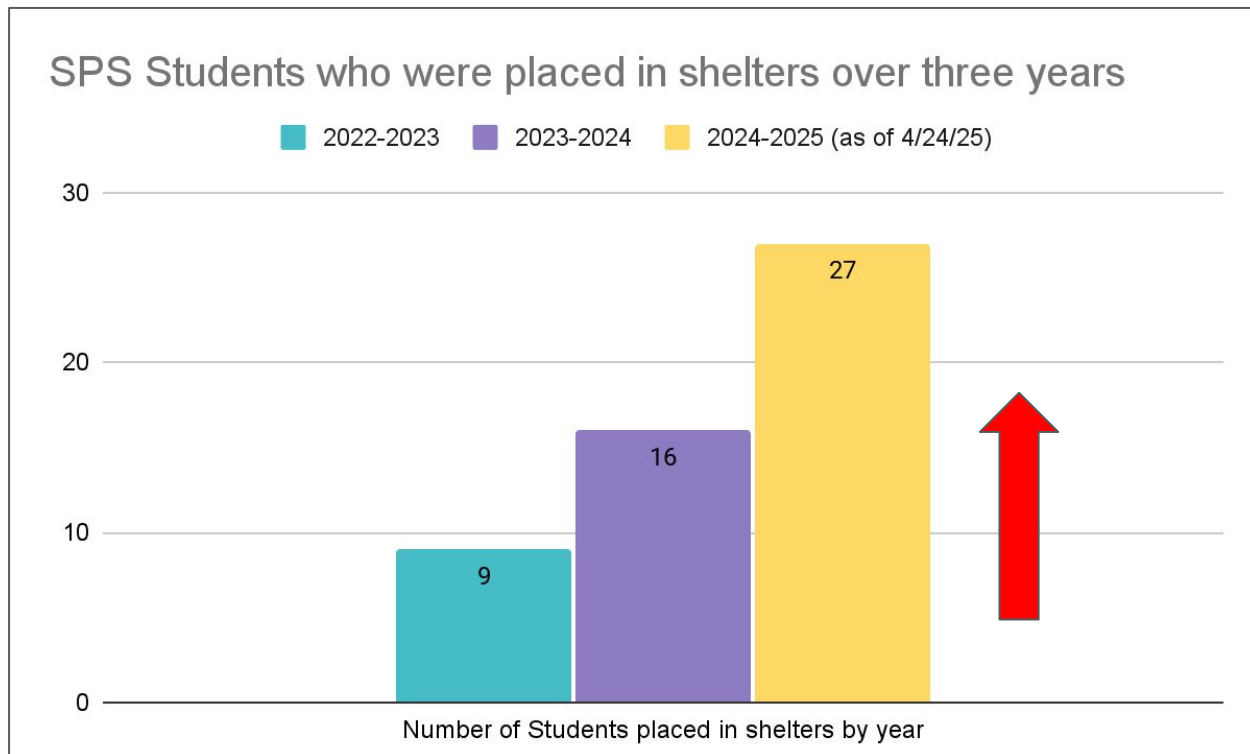
Number of SPS students who were placed in permanent housing over three years



Number of SPS students who left the district over three years



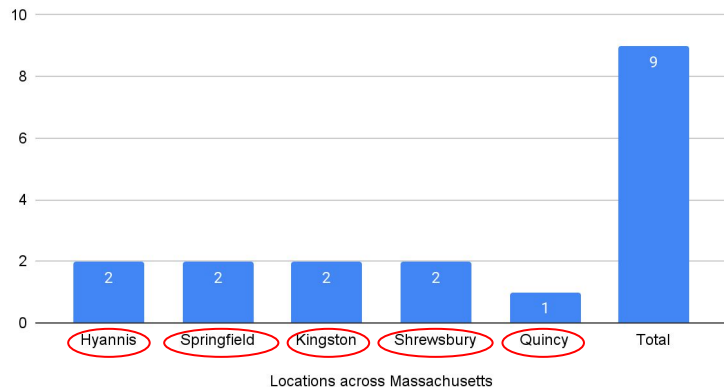
# Increase in SPS students placed in shelters



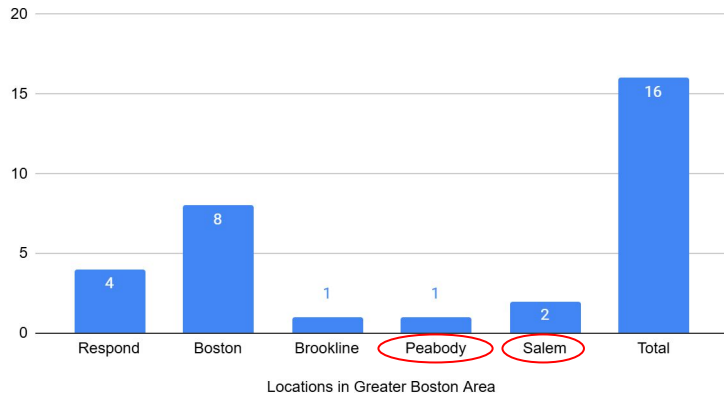


# Increase in families' ability to self-advocate = Decrease in commute

Number of SPS Students who live in shelters: SY2022-2023



Number of SPS students who live in shelters: SY2023-2024



Number of SPS students who live in shelters: SY2024-2025



40+min.

Range & average commute time in SY22-23 (year 1)

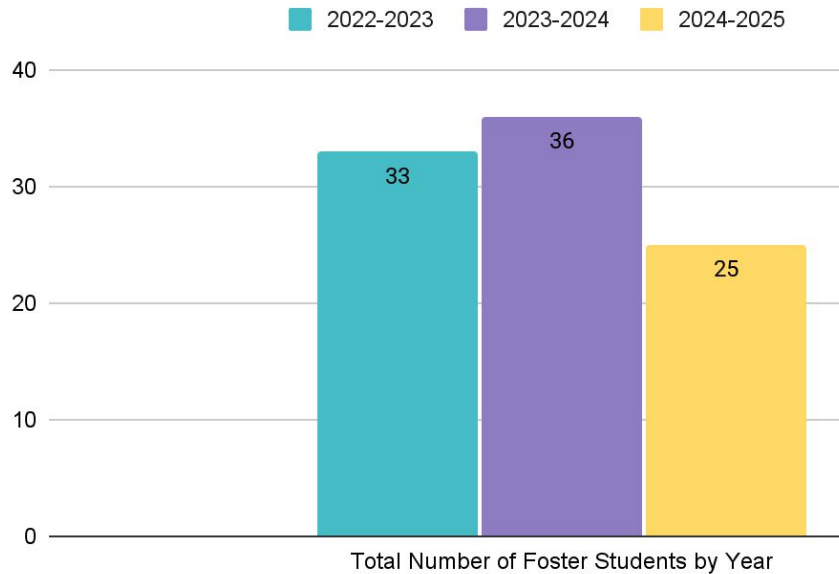
**40 minutes - 1.5 hours / Average: 70 minutes**

Range & average commute time in SY24-25 (year 3)

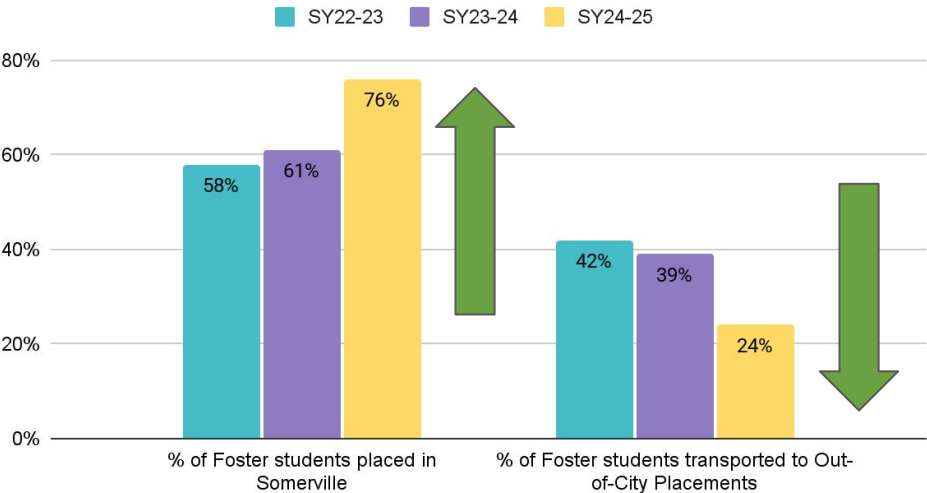
**15 minutes - 1 hour / Average: 30 minutes**

# Increase in Somerville placements for SPS students in foster care

Number of Foster Students in SPS over three years



SPS Foster Student Placements over three years



# Why do providing basic needs and wraparound support matter?



When Maria received her backpack, her face lit up. *"Now I can focus on learning, not worrying about a backpack or supplies!"*

One grateful parent summed it up best: *"This donation is more than just supplies – it's a reminder that our community cares about our children's education and future."*



# Who partners with us?

Type of Support	Organizations
Housing	Somerville Office of Housing Stability & Community Action Agency of Somerville
Unaccompanied Youth	YouthHarbors
Jobs	Somerville Community Corporation
Legal Services	Somerville Office of Immigrant Affairs
Food	City of Somerville
Clothing & School Supplies	Cradles to Crayons, Maren Chiu & Marcie Campbell and Kiwanis Club
Transition Supplies	Bullpen Project
Space & Volunteers	Connexion Church & Seven Hills Presbyterian Church
Year-end celebration and other celebratory events	Somerville Parks & Recreation, City of Somerville, Give a Cookie, Genezen, SomerNova, Cira Naturals, and Brooke Metevier

Thank you for your support!

