

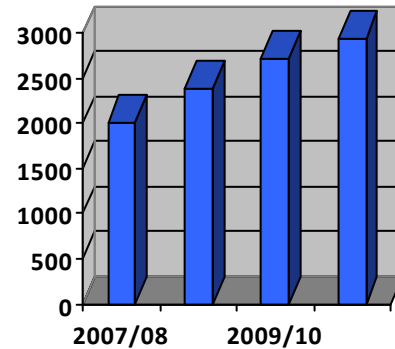
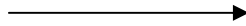
# Connecticut's Invisible Population: Homeless Children and Youth

- This is the invisible population because no one knows how many unaccompanied homeless youth are in CT (youth who are on their own).
- Most youth are “couch surfing” and staying with friends or relatives for short periods of time.
- Homeless youth are counted differently by each agency, or not counted at all.
- Homeless youth are at risk for sex abuse, being lured into prostitution, physical abuse, illness and suicide.

## What We Do Know:

**Homeless children/youth enrolled in public school is increasing.**

CT Department of Education  
2010/11 School Year Total: 2942



**Many children/youth run away from DCF care.**

CT Department of Children and Families  
2010-2011 Total Incidents: 2984

**Minors are victims of prostitution.**

Reported to DCF (2010-March 2012): 86

**18-21 y.o.'s are in adult shelters/housing.**

CT Homeless Management Information System  
Fiscal Year 2011: 666

**Some minors are in the few youth shelter beds in CT.**

Total in Youth Shelters (Oct '10- Sept '11): 251  
National Runaway and Homeless Youth Management Information System (RHYMIS)

Male:	102
Female:	149
<12 years:	33
12-14 years:	88
15-16 years:	85
17-18 years:	43
>18 years:	2

