

STUDENT DATA ELEMENTS

2026-27

Data Element Number: **129525**

Data Element Name: **Homeless Student, PK-12**

A code indicating whether or not a student is/was homeless or eligible to continue to receive services for homeless children and youth and, if so, the primary nighttime residence of the student at the time of initial identification by the district as a homeless student this school year. Report students who have been homeless at any time during the school year.

Section 725 of the 2015 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvement Act defines homeless children and youths as individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

The term “homeless children and youths”—

(A) means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (within the meaning of section 11302(a)(1) of this title); and

(B) includes –

- (i) children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;
- (ii) children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (within the meaning of section 11302(a)(2)(c)1 of this title);
- (iii) children and youths are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- (iv) migratory children (as such term is defined in section 6399 of title 20) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this part because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

Code	Definition/Example
<b>Homeless</b>	
A	Living in emergency or transitional shelters (e.g. FEMA Trailers), abandoned in hospitals.
B	Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason; doubled-up.
D	Living in cars, parks, temporary trailer parks or campgrounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings or similar settings.
E	Living in hotels or motels due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations.

**Non-Homeless**

N No, student is not homeless or has not been homeless this school year.

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Data Element Detailed Information

Length:	1	<b>Use Types:</b>	
Data Type:	Alphabetic	State Reporting:	Yes
Year Implemented:	9899	Local Accountability:	Yes
State Standard:	No	FASTER:	No
Required Grades:	PK-12	Migrant Tracking:	No

Applicable Format And Edit

Formats Required:

Edits Required:

Federal/State Indicator Status

26, 41,43, 91

Programs Required:

Homeless

Surveys Required:

Survey 2 Yes  
 Survey 3 Yes  
 Survey 5 Yes

Appendices:

Description of Changes:

- 7/1/2019 Updated the definitions for codes A and E.
- 7/1/2019 Revised definition to quote the actual McKinney-Vento Act.
- 7/1/2017 Updated year of McKinney-Vento Act, and removed reference to foster care.
- 7/1/2017 Removed Code F (Foster Care)
- 7/1/2015 Survey 7 Removed from Required Surveys
- 6/1/2012 Updated selected parts of definition to 1) remove "FEMA Trailers" 2) add "temporary" to "trailer parks",3) add "alternative adequate" to "accommodations" 4) add "a public or private place not designed " to replace "not designated".
- 6/1/2011 Revised language in sentence beginning "Living in motels," to delete "FEMA Trailers" and add "temporary" to description of trailer parks.