

STUDENT DATA ELEMENTS

2026-27

Data Element Number: **130275**

Data Element Name: **Homeless Unaccompanied Youth**

A code indicating whether or not a homeless student (or student eligible for homeless services) is also an unaccompanied child or youth or a “Certified Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHY)”.

Section 725 of the 2015 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Improvement Act (MVA) defines an unaccompanied youth as a homeless child or youth (in grades PreK-12) not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

Section (s.) 743.067, Florida Statutes (F.S.), defines a “Certified UHY” as an unaccompanied homeless youth who is 16 years of age or older, including a youth who has run away from home, who has been forced to leave his or home, or whose parents have left the area and left the youth behind. The UHY may become certified if he or she has been found by a school district’s homeless liaison to be an UHY eligible for services pursuant to Section 725 MVA. Only use Code C if the homeless liaison has certified the UHY age 16 or older as a “Certified Unaccompanied Homeless Youth.” For all other UHY age 16 or older, use Code U.

Code	Definition/Example
C	A homeless child or youth (or student eligible for homeless services) not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian and has been certified by the school district homeless liaison as a “Certified Unaccompanied Homeless Youth” pursuant to s. 743.067, F.S.
N	No. This student is homeless (or student eligible for homeless services) but does not meet the definition of an unaccompanied youth.
U	A homeless child or youth (or student eligible for homeless services) who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian and is not certified by the school district homeless liaison as a “Certified Unaccompanied Homeless Youth” pursuant to s. 743.067, F.S.
Z	Not applicable. This student does not meet the definition of a homeless child or youth (or student eligible for homeless services).

**Data Element Detailed Information**

Length:	1	<b>Use Types:</b>	
Data Type:	Alphabetic	State Reporting:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Year Implemented:	0506	Local Accountability:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
State Standard:	No	FASTER:	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Required Grades:	PK-12	Migrant Tracking:	<input type="checkbox"/> No

**Applicable Format And Edit**

**Formats Required:**

**Edits Required:**

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Federal/State Indicator Status

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**Programs Required:**

Homeless

**Surveys Required:**

Survey 2      Yes

Survey 3      Yes

Survey 5      Yes

**Appendices:**

**Description of Changes:**

7/1/2023      Clarified the definition.

7/1/2019      Added language to Definition for clarification.

7/1/2017      Updated language in code Y.

7/1/2017      Updated year of McKinney-Vento Act.

7/1/2015      Survey 7 Removed from Required Surveys  
Deleted code "Y". Added new codes "C" and "U" to align with Section 743.067, F.S.  
Updated Code "Z" definition.