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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTHS (EHCY) PROGRAM**

CFDA 84.196

SUBTITLE VII-B OF THE MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT (42 U.S.C. 11431 ET SEQ.)



**A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT**

1987	The Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act is signed into law, requiring states to review and revise policies to ensure the immediate school enrollment of homeless children and youth.
1990	The McKinney Act is amended, requiring states to eliminate enrollment barriers, and provide school access and support for academic success to students experiencing homelessness.
1994	The education portion of the Act is reauthorized by the Improving America’s Schools Act, adding preschool services, greater parental input, and a focus on interagency collaboration.
2002	The education portion of the Act is reauthorized by Title X, Part C of the No Child Left Behind Act, strengthening legal requirements, and requiring all school districts to appoint a local liaison.
2015	The education portion of the Act is reauthorized by Title IX, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act, expanding school of origin rights to include public preschools and receiving schools.

**RIGHTS OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

- Right to immediate school enrollment even when records are not present
- Right to remain in the school of origin, if in the student’s best interest
- Right to receive transportation to and from the school of origin
- Right to receive support for academic success

**FUNDING HISTORY**

**FEDERAL PROGRAM ALLOCATION**

2008	\$64,066,851
ARRA*	\$70,000,000
2009	\$65,427,000
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2011	\$65,296,146
2012	\$65,172,591
2013**	\$61,771,052
2014	\$65,042,000
2015	\$65,042,000
2016	\$70,000,000
2017	\$77,000,000
2018	\$85,000,000
2019	\$93,500,000

**FUNDING FOR STATES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) allocates McKinney-Vento funding annually to states based on the state’s proportion of the Title I, Part A federal allocation.<sup>1</sup> States must subgrant funds competitively to school districts within the state to be used for program implementation at the district level.

- States must distribute no less than 75% of its annual McKinney-Vento allocation to local school districts in subgrants; a few minimally-funded states may reserve up to 50% of their allocation.
- Subgrants are awarded competitively based on need and the quality of the subgrant application.

Visit <http://nche.ed.gov/legis/mv-auth-act.php> for a list of acceptable usages of subgrant funds as outlined in the McKinney-Vento Act.

<sup>1</sup> References to Title I, Part A are to Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act.

\*American Reinvestment and Recovery Act  
\*\*Reduced due to federal budget sequestration

**PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

**Federal:** Federal program coordinator at ED; national technical assistance center (*see reverse*)

**State:** State coordinator for homeless education in each state: [http://nche.ed.gov/states/state\\_resources.php](http://nche.ed.gov/states/state_resources.php) (*click on the state to access state contact information*); State coordinators oversee the implementation of the McKinney-Vento Act in districts throughout their state and ensure that state policies comply with federal McKinney-Vento mandates.

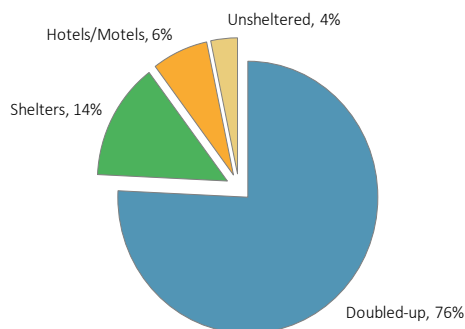
**Local:** Local homeless education liaison in each school district; contact your state coordinator for local liaison contact information in your area. Local liaisons oversee the implementation of the McKinney-Vento Act in schools throughout their district, and work to ensure the identification of and support for children and youth experiencing homelessness.

## HOMELESS STUDENT ENROLLMENT DATA

**Total U.S. Homeless Student Enrollment by School Year (SY)<sup>+</sup>**

Year	Total Enrolled
SY11-12	1,168,354
SY12-13	1,219,818
SY13-14	1,301,239
SY14-15	1,263,323
SY15-16	1,304,803
SY16-17	1,355,821

**Homeless Student Enrollment by Nighttime Residence, SY16-17<sup>+</sup>**



**Number and Percentage Change in Enrolled Homeless Students by Subgroup<sup>+</sup>**

Subgroup	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	% Change SY14-15 to SY16-17
Unaccompanied homeless youth	95,032	111,708	118,364	+24.6%
Migratory children/youth	17,748	16,628	16,170	-9.1%
Limited English Proficient (LEP) students	181,949	201,124	216,295	+18.9%
Children with disabilities	216,477	234,506	247,110	+14.2%

<sup>+</sup>Source: *Federal Data Summary School Years 2014-15 to 2016-17: Education for Homeless Children and Youth*  
Visit [http://nche.ed.gov/pr/data\\_comp.php](http://nche.ed.gov/pr/data_comp.php) for more information on these and other data.

## INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION

ED's EHCY Program collaborates with a variety of federal partners to serve children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness. The EHCY Program collaborates with other ED programs and offices, including the Title I, Part A Program; the Office of Special Education Programs; the Migrant Education Program; the Office of Federal Student Aid; and programs in the Office of Post-Secondary Education.

The EHCY Program also partners with other federal agencies through the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH). USICH coordinates the federal response to homelessness, working in close partnership with Cabinet Secretaries and other senior leaders across its 19 federal member agencies. Key federal partners of the EHCY Program include the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

## PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

### Federal Program Office

Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program  
U.S. Department of Education  
(202) 453-6777  
[HomelessEd@ed.gov](mailto:HomelessEd@ed.gov)  
[www2.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html](http://www2.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html)

### National Technical Assistance Center

The National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) has been ED's homeless education technical assistance provider since 1998. Housed at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, NCHE provides a toll-free helpline, a comprehensive website, online and face-to-face trainings, and informational resources.  
800.308.2145, [homeless@serve.org](mailto:homeless@serve.org), <http://nche.ed.gov>

