

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS**  
**CHILDREN AND YOUTH (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 residency requirements for the enrollment of homeless children and youth.
1990	The McKinney Act is amended, requiring states to eliminate all enrollment barriers, and provide school access and support for academic success for students experiencing homelessness; McKinney funds may now be used to provide direct educational services for eligible students.
1994	The education portion of the McKinney Act is included in the Improving America's Schools Act (IASA), adding preschool services, greater parental input, and emphasis on interagency collaboration.
2002	The Act is reauthorized by Title X, Part C of the No Child Left Behind Act, strengthening legislative requirements and requiring all school districts to appoint a local homeless education liaison to ensure the law is implemented effectively at the local level.

**RIGHTS OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

- Right to immediate enrollment even when records not present
- Right to remain in the school of origin, if in the student's best interest
- Right to receive transportation to the school of origin
- Support for academic success

**FUNDING FOR STATES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

The U.S. Department of Education allocates McKinney-Vento funding annually to states based on the state's proportion of the Title I, Part A federal allocation. States must subgrant funds competitively to school districts within the state to be used for program implementation at the local 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 can reserve up to 50% of their allocation.
- Subgrants are awarded competitively based on need and the quality of the application.

**FUNDING HISTORY**

**TOTAL ANNUAL  
FEDERAL ALLOCATION**

2006	\$61,871,040
2007	\$61,871,040
2008	\$64,066,851
ARRA*	\$70,000,000
2009	\$65,427,000
2010	\$65,427,000
2011	\$65,296,146
2012	\$65,172,591
2013	\$61,771,052
2014	\$65,042,000
2015	\$65,042,000

\*American Reinvestment and Recovery Act

**PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

**Federal:** Federal program coordinator in the U.S. Department of Education; national technical assistance center (*see reverse*)

**State:** State coordinator for homeless education in each state: [www.serve.org/nche/states/state\\_resources.php](http://www.serve.org/nche/states/state_resources.php) (*click on the state to access state contact information*)

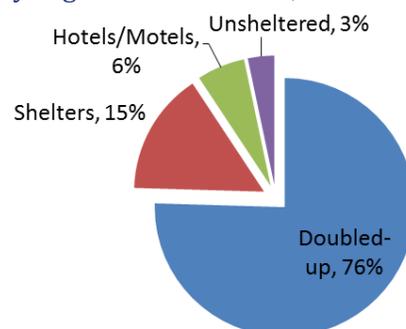
**Local:** Local homeless education liaison in each school district; contact your state coordinator for local liaison contact information in your area

## HOMELESS STUDENT ENROLLMENT DATA

Total U.S. Homeless Student Enrollment by Year\*

Year	Total Enrolled
SY11-12	1,132,853
SY12-13	1,219,818
SY13-14	1,301,239

Homeless Student Enrollment by Nighttime Residence, SY13-14\*



Number and Percentage Change in Enrolled Homeless Students by Subgroup\*

Subgroup	2012-2013	2013-2014	% Change
Unaccompanied homeless youth	78,654	88,966	13.1
Migratory children/youth	16,231	18,512	14.5
Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students	174,870	190,785	9.1
Children with Disabilities	191,259	220,405	15.2

\*Source: Federal Data Summary School Years 2011-12 to 2013-14: Education for Homeless Children and Youth  
Visit <http://center.serve.org/nche/downloads/data-comp-1112-1314.pdf> for more information on these and other data.

## INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION

The U.S. Department of Education's EHCY Program works together with many federal programs to serve children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness, including:

- The Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
  - The Title I, Part A Program
  - The Office of Migrant Education
  - The Office of Special Education Programs
- The Office of Federal Student Aid
- The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness
- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
  - The Administration on Children, Youth, and Families
  - The Office of Child Care
  - The Office of Head Start
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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### National Technical Assistance Center

The National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) has been the U.S. Department of Education's technical assistance provider for homeless education 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.  
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