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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HOMELESS EDUCATION PRIORITIES FOR 2021

- ED will remain engaged with USICH and continue coordinated TA and evaluation with HUD's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (Rounds 4/5) through its National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE)
- The Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) program in ED's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education will continue to coordinate across other principal and program offices on homeless education matters. Examples include
 - Releasing a 2021 Early Childhood Homelessness 50 State Profile report using SY 18-19 EHCY preschool and FY 2019 Head Start data (Office of the Chief Data Officer)
 - Releasing homeless graduation rate data (with Title I, new GPRA measure)
 - Releasing homeless chronic absenteeism data (with Office of Civil Rights, new GPRA measure)
- The Department expects to release SY 19-20 data as LEA and school-level files and State and LEA-level maps on ED Data Express and as analytic reports through NCHE in 2021.

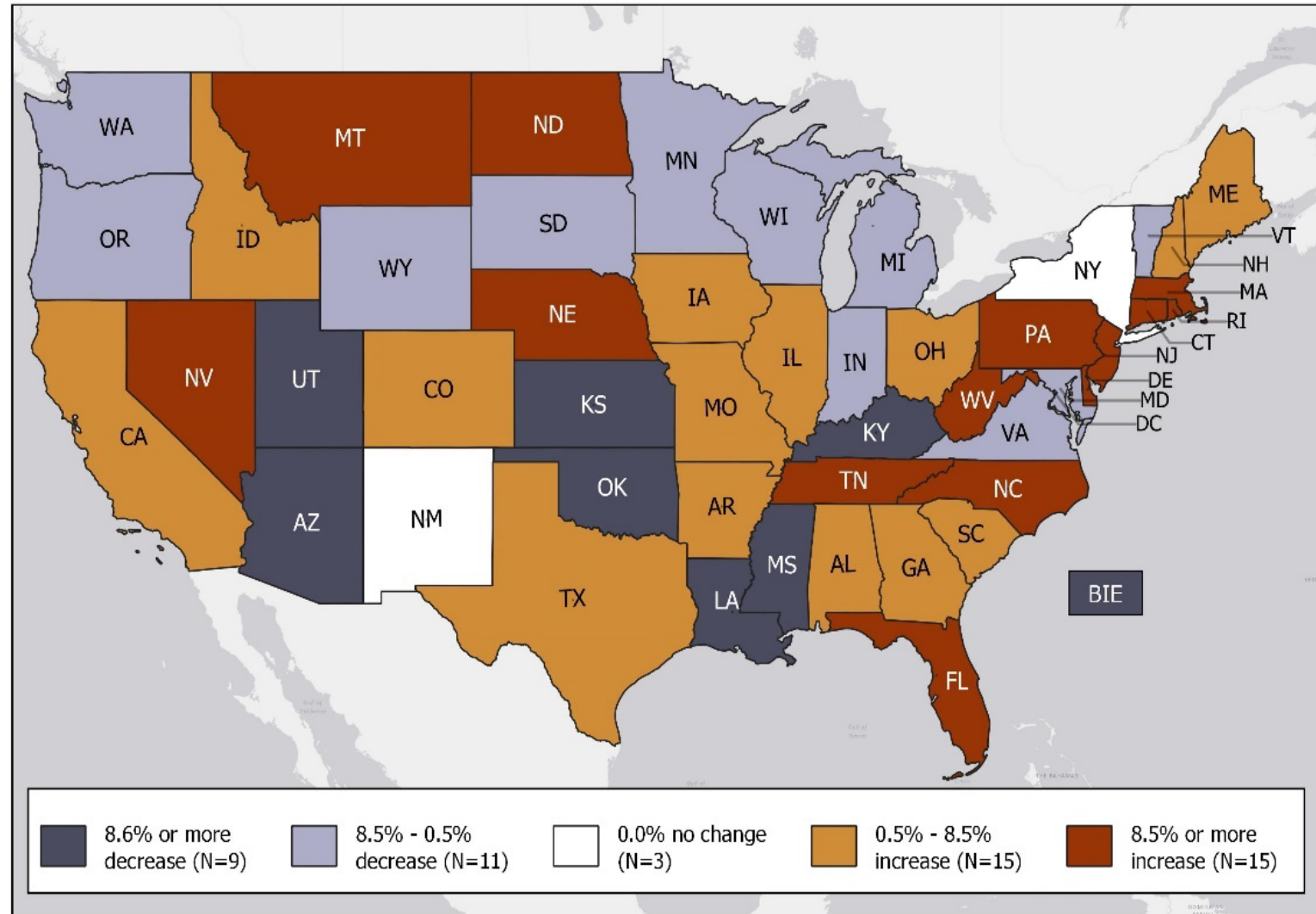
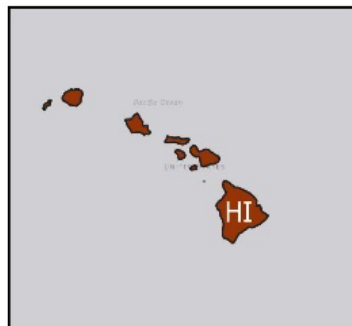
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FISCAL AND DATA-RELATED

- EHCY program got a nearly 5% increase from \$101.5M to **\$106.5M** in the FY 21 Consolidated Appropriations Act. \$800M is reserved for homeless children and youth through the American Rescue Plan Act enacted on March 11, 2021.
- For UHY: Concurrently, the **FAFSA Simplification Act** allows **unaccompanied homeless youth** to be eligible for independent student status to receive Federal Student Aid for higher education just once and keep that designation until age 24 when all FAFSA applicants become independent students.
- In February, NCHE released an updated **LEA-CoC-RHY crosswalk** that aggregates school district contacts and homeless enrollment data by Continuum of Care and Runaway and Homeless Youth grantee. Available at <https://nche.ed.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/CoC-LEA-RHY-Crosswalk-Released-3.2.21.xlsx>
- The Department will release soon the **EHCY Federal Data Summary for the 2018-19 School Year** with a three-year comparison (see <https://nche.ed.gov/data-and-stats/>)
 - Overall homeless student enrollment decreased 8.9% from SY 2017-18 but is still above the 2016-17 total.



PERCENT CHANGE IN HOMELESS STUDENT IDENTIFICATION, 2016-2017 TO 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEARS



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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- This month the **National Center for Homeless Education** will release a “lessons learned” brief from Round Three of its technical assistance for the **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program**, for which several educational agencies have received project grants. It will be posted at <https://nche.ed.gov/resources/> (scroll down to “Program Profiles”).
- ED’s **Office of Safe and Supportive Schools** is hosting a webinar series in collaboration with **Center for Disease Control** through its **National Center for Safe and Supportive Learning Environments** on preparing for the “return to school.” A forthcoming session (TBD) will focus on addressing special populations including students experiencing homelessness.



FY 21 Q3 PLANS (APRIL – JUNE 2021)

- In late April, ED and NCHE will convene EHCY State Coordinators for a **virtual national meeting**.
- In June, the Department plans to release the SY 19-20 school district-level homeless student enrollment (demographic) file with privacy protections.
- ED will **monitor EHCY program implementation in States** and selected school districts starting with Tennessee in April 2021.
 - The State self-assessment protocol is available at <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/school-support-and-accountability/key-documents/>
- In April, NCHE will host a webinar on coordinating **career and technical education for homeless students**.
 - This webinar builds upon NCHE’s November 2020 brief with Advance CTE, *Improving Equity in and Access to Quality CTE Programs for Students Experiencing Homelessness*, available at <https://nche.ed.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Making-Good-on-the-Promise-CTE-Homelessness.pdf>.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE):** homeless@serve.org or www.nche.ed.gov
- **Program website:** <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/school-support-and-accountability/education-for-homeless-children-and-youths-grants-for-state-and-local-activities/>
- **Data:** <https://eddataexpress.ed.gov/>
- **Covid-19 Guidance and Resources:** <https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus?src=feature>





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