

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS
CHILDREN AND YOUTHS (EHCY) PROGRAM
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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 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 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](#).¹ 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 <https://nche.ed.gov/mv-auth-activities/> for a list of acceptable usages of subgrant funds as outlined in the McKinney-Vento Act.

¹ 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.

ARP-HCY

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) into law. In recognition of the extraordinary impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students experiencing homelessness, the ARP included an unprecedented \$800 million to support the specific needs of homeless children and youth via the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief - Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) Fund. Visit <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/american-rescue-plan/american-rescue-plan-elementary-secondary-school-emergency-relief-homeless-children-youth-arp-hcy/> for more information.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

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

State: State coordinator for homeless education in each state: <https://nche.ed.gov/data/> (*click on the state to access state contact information*)

Local: Local homeless education liaison in each school district; <https://nche.ed.gov/data/> (*click on the state to access the liaison directory*)

FUNDING HISTORY

FEDERAL PROGRAM ALLOCATION

2023	\$129,000,000
2022	\$114,000,000
2021	\$106,500,000
2020	\$101,500,000
2019	\$93,500,000
2018	\$85,000,000
2017	\$77,000,000
2016	\$70,000,000
2015	\$65,042,000
2014	\$65,042,000
2013*	\$61,771,052

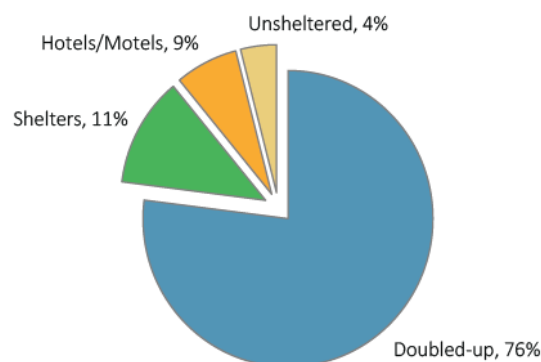
**Reduced due to federal budget sequestration*

HOMELESS STUDENT ENROLLMENT DATA

Total U.S. Homeless Student Enrollment by School Year (SY)⁺

Year	Total Enrolled
SY21-22	1,205,292
SY20-21	1,099,221
SY19-20	1,280,886
SY18-19	1,387,573
SY17-18	1,508,265

Homeless Student Enrollment by Nighttime Residence, SY21-22⁺



Number of Enrolled Homeless Students by Subgroup⁺

Subgroup	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Unaccompanied homeless youth	112,822	94,363	110,664
Migratory children/youth	15,667	15,124	15,831
English Learner (EL) students	217,069	193,559	235,702
Children with disabilities	244,737	220,599	265,915

⁺Source: U.S. Department of Education, ED*Facts* file specification 118
Visit <https://nche.ed.gov/data-and-stats/> 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 Office of Migrant Education; the Office of Federal Student Aid; and programs in the Office of Postsecondary 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, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the U.S. Department of Labor.

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

Federal Program Office

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🌐 <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/>

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
🌐 <https://nche.ed.gov>

