

McKinney Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth clarifications:

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| Who qualifies?​ | Children or youth who lack a fixed, regular or adequate nighttime residence qualify for the McKinney-Vento program, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). |
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| Unaccompanied Youth​ | Youth who fit the definition of homeless and are "not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian"  [42 U.S.C. § 11434a (6)]. |
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[McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Website](https://www.cde.state.co.us/studentsupport/homeless_index)

Summary of 2023-24 McKinney-Vento

Education Data

All data are the from the Student End of Year Collection

More K-12 Students Experiencing Homelessness Identified

A higher number and percentage of students experiencing homeless were identified in 2022-2023 than in the past two years. However, identification numbers have not reached pre-pandemic levels.

The percentages of accompanied and unaccompanied youth have remained constant across the last five years.

Reported primary night-time residences included an increase in the number of unsheltered youth and a decrease in the number of youth who are doubled up.

Students Experiencing Homelessness by Grade

Nearly all grades saw an increase in identification and 1st and 3rd grades seeing the largest increases. Consistent with previous years, 12th grade had the largest number of students identified as experiencing homelessness.

**Racial and Ethnic Disparities Remain High**

The two smallest racial / ethnic groups in Colorado, American Indian or Alaska Native and Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, also consistently have the highest rates of students experiencing homelessness. Hispanic and Black students saw the highest increases in students experiencing homelessness, with each showing a 5 percentage point increase.

**Resources**

* Visit the [McKinney-Vento Homeless Education website](https://www.cde.state.co.us/studentsupport/homeless_index) for more information or contact Paula Gumina ([Gumina\_P@cde.state.co.us](mailto:Gumina_P@cde.state.co.us)) with questions.
* [View additional data on Colorado’s Education of Homeless Children and Youth Program](https://www.cde.state.co.us/studentsupport/homeless_data).
* For information on district McKinney-Vento implementation, [contact local district liaisons](https://www.cde.state.co.us/studentsupport/homeless_liaisons).
* Learn more about the [Educational Rights of McKinney-Vento Students](https://www.cde.state.co.us/studentsupport/edrightsmkv).
* For more information about supports available for highly mobile youth, please visit the [Office of Student Support website](https://www.cde.state.co.us/studentsupport).