

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 2024-25 McKinney-Vento

Education Data

All data are from the Student End of Year Collection

More K-12 Students Experiencing Homelessness Identified

A higher number and percentage of students experiencing homelessness were identified in 2023-2024 than have been identified in the last five years.

The percentage of accompanied youth increased and the percentage of unaccompanied youth decreased in 2023-2024.

Reported primary night-time residences included an increase in the number of youth in shelters and transitional housing and a decrease in the number of youth in all other nighttime residence classifications.

Students Experiencing Homelessness by Grade

All grades saw an increase in identification with 2nd and 9th grades seeing the largest increases. Consistent with previous years, 12th grade had the largest number of students identified as experiencing homelessness. In the 2023-2024 school year, 9th graders experienced homelessness at nearly the same rate as 12th graders.

**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 Asian students saw the highest increases in students experiencing homelessness, with a 1.1 percentage point and a 0.6 percentage point increase, respectively. Only Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander students saw a decrease.

**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).
* 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).