

Homeless Demographics Component

The Homeless Demographics Component is used to collect data about students who experience a period of homelessness during the current school year. A student who meets the criteria for homelessness for any period of time within the school year is eligible for all homeless services for the entire school year.

In addition to the Homeless Demographics Component, include the Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility (SNE) Component on records for homeless students. However, even if you do not report SNE data for them, all students identified as homeless will be counted as part of your district's supplemental nutrition count, which is used to determine the economically disadvantaged subgroup. Please refer to the SNE Component details for additional information.

Characteristic Table

Name	Data Type	Sequence	System Expectation	Multi-valued	Max. Occurrences
Primary Nighttime Residence (Homeless)	List of Values	1	Required	No	1
Unaccompanied Youth	Yes/No	2	Required	No	1

Component Validation Rules

These rules apply to the component as a whole. Refer to the Characteristic Detail section for more detailed rules related to specific characteristics within this component.

When Is This Component Required?

You are required to report the Homeless Demographics Component when a student has been identified as homeless. You may submit the component through any of the three General (Fall, Spring and EOY), SRM or Early Childhood collections. Once you have reported the student as homeless, it is not necessary to report this component again during the current school year; the student will be identified as homeless for the full school year. However, if a homeless student who

was originally reported as not meeting the criteria to be identified as an unaccompanied youth becomes eligible later in the school year, you must submit a record containing a positive value ("True", "1" or "Yes") in the characteristic Unaccompanied Homeless Youth.

NOTE: A student, who has been reported in a certified MSDS collection as homeless, is identified as eligible for homeless services for the full school year. Once a student is identified as homeless, submitting another certified record without the Homeless Demographic Component does NOT change his/her homeless status. Likewise, once a homeless student has been identified as an unaccompanied youth, his/her status will remain as such for the school year. Although the MSDS will allow you to submit a subsequent with a negative value ("False", "0", or "No"), in the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Characteristic will NOT change the student's status. Please contact CEPI customer support if you discover that a student was reported as homeless or as an unaccompanied youth in error.

Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility

Students who are identified as being homeless are eligible for free milk and/or meals through the Child Nutrition Program. If you include the Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility Component in the students' records, you must report code "1" in the SNE characteristic. An error will occur if you report the SNE characteristic with code "2".

NOTE: The MSDS will identify students who have been identified as homeless during the current school year as eligible for free milk/meals, even if you do not include the SNE Component on their records. The determination of your district's economically disadvantaged subgroup is based on students who are identified as eligible for free or reduced-price meals or milk. Therefore, it is imperative that your district's homeless liaison be involved in the review of the Staging Area Reports before certifying the collection.

Characteristic Details

The following section contains the definitions and business rules for each characteristic included in this component.

Primary Nighttime Residence (Homeless)

Characteristic System Name
Homeless

Definition

The primary nighttime residence of a student identified as homeless.

According to the McKinney-Vento Act, individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate residence are considered homeless. A fixed residence is one that is stationary, permanent and not subject to change. A regular residence is one that is used on a regular (e.g., nightly) basis. An adequate residence is one that is sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in home environments.

For more information please refer to Title X, Part C of the *No Child Left Behind Act*.

Use

CEPI and MDE use these data for federal and state reporting requirements and grant allocations.

Citation

School Aid Act, MCL 388.1763a; McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 USC 11431; NCLB, 20 USC 7824, 20 USC 6311, 20 USC 6315, 20 USC 7112, 20 USC 7251, 20 USC 7824

SRSD/MSDS Reference

Field 34: Homeless

Specification

List of values (choose from list)

Code	Text	Description
10	Shelters	Supervised publicly or privately operated facilities designed to provide temporary living accommodations. (NOTE: Youth shelters and victim shelters are now included within this category.)
11	Transitional housing	Temporary accommodations for homeless individuals and families provided as a step toward permanent housing. Residents of transitional housing continue to be considered homeless until they move into permanent housing.
12	Awaiting Foster Care Placement/ Temporary Foster Care	A student awaiting foster care placement is defined as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Additionally, a student placed in a foster care home is considered temporarily placed, thus eligible for McKinney-Vento services, until that student is in the foster care home for a minimum of six (6) months.

Code	Text	Description
13	Doubled-Up	Sharing the housing of other persons because of the loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason. This classification requires a case-by-case determination; keeping in mind the determining factor is whether the accommodation is a "fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence."
14	Hotel/Motel	A hotel is a building or commercial establishment where people pay for lodging. A motel is a hotel intended to provide short-term lodging for traveling motorists, usually situated close to a highway and having rooms accessible from the parking area.
15	Unsheltered	Includes cars, parks, campgrounds, temporary trailers, abandoned buildings and substandard housing. Substandard housing may be determined by local building codes, community norms and/or as a case-by-case determination as to whether the accommodation is a "fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. (NOTE: Because Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) trailers are considered temporary trailers, the primary nighttime residence category for FEMA trailers would be "Unsheltered.")

Instructions

- Choose/enter the code which best represents the nighttime residence of the student at the time he or she was first identified as homeless during a given school year.
- If you enter anything other than one of the codes listed, the system will generate a file-level error and reject the file upon upload.
- You are required to submit this characteristic when you submit the Homeless Component.

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Characteristic Tip

When a student has more than one type of nighttime residence, report the nighttime residence of the student at the time he or she was first identified as homeless during a given school year.

Unaccompanied Youth Status

Characteristic System Name

UnaccompaniedYouth

Definition

The student's status as an unaccompanied youth under the McKinney-Vento Act. An unaccompanied youth is an individual who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian and who fits the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless.

For more information please refer to [Title X, Part C](#) of the *No Child Left Behind Act*.

Use

CEPI and MDE use these data for federal and state reporting requirements.

Citation

School Aid Act, MCL 388.1763a; McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 USC 11431; NCLB, 20 USC 7824, 20 USC 6311, 20 USC 6315, 20 USC 7112, 20 USC 7251, 20 USC 7824

SRSD/MSDS Reference

None

Specification

Boolean (true, false, 1, 0) (XML)

- Yes/No (online entry) – Default value is "No"

Instructions

- Choose/enter the code which indicates if the student is an unaccompanied youth, under the McKinney-Vento Act.
- If you enter anything other than one of the codes listed, the system will generate a file-level error and reject the file upon upload.
- You are required to submit this characteristic when you submit the Homeless Component.

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Characteristic Tip

Once the student has met the criteria to be identified as an unaccompanied youth, his or her status for this characteristic remains "Yes" for the current school year.