

PSPA McKinney-Vento Liaison:

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Definition of McKinney-Vento Act:

42 USC 11431 - STATEMENT OF POLICY the following is the policy of Congress:

- (1) Each State educational agency shall ensure that each child of a homeless individual and each homeless youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as provided to other children and youths. In any State that has a compulsory residency requirement as a component of the State's compulsory school attendance laws or other laws, regulations, practices, or policies that may act as a barrier to the enrollment, attendance or success in school of homeless children and youths, the State will review and undertake steps to revise such laws, regulations, practices, or policies to ensure that homeless children and youths are afforded the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other children and youths.
- (2) Homelessness alone is not sufficient reason to separate students from the mainstream school environment.
- (3) Homeless children and youths should have access to the education and other services that such children and youths need to ensure that such children and youths have an opportunity to meet the same challenging State student academic achievement standards to which all students are held.

Eligibility under McKinney-Vento:

Children or youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including:

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason.
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters.
- Living in a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.
- Migratory children living in the above circumstances.
- Unaccompanied youth living in the above circumstances.

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[Parent Rights - English](#)

[Parent Rights - Spanish](#)

[Youth Rights](#)

[State's Homeless Education Program](#)

Due to smaller student populations, charter schools are not required to post specific data counts on our website. For data regarding homelessness in NC, please refer to the NCHPEP Profile web page at <https://hepnc.uncg.edu/>.

Additional McKinney-Vento Information and homeless data:

NC Homelessness Historical Data: <https://hepnc.uncg.edu/about/>

National Center for Homeless Education: <https://nche.ed.gov/>

NC Homeless Education Program

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