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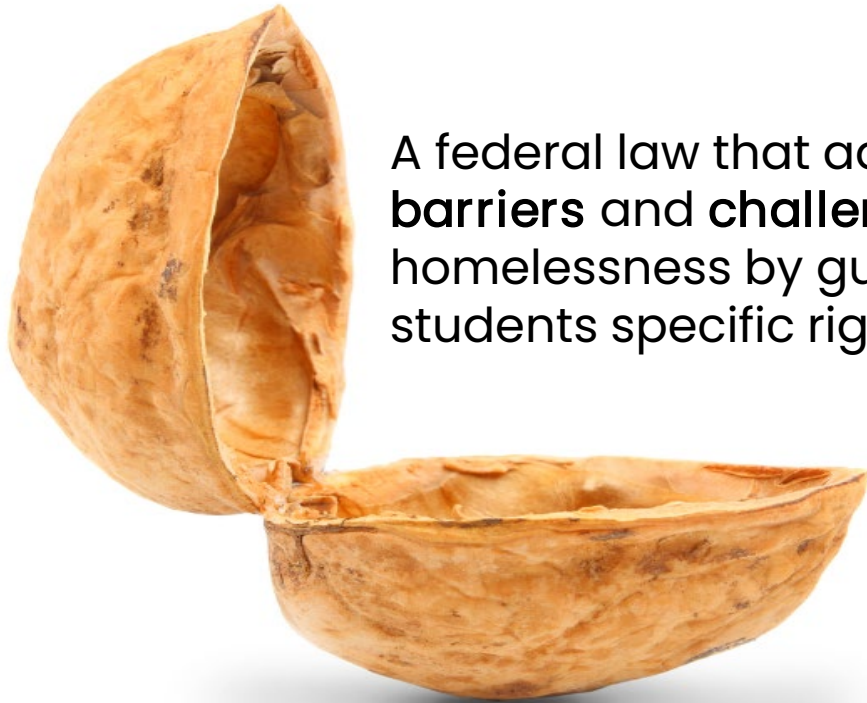
McKinney-Vento and Education

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What is McKinney-Vento

McKinney-Vento Homeless Act 42 U.S.C. § 11431



A federal law that addresses **educational barriers and challenges** created by homelessness by guaranteeing these students specific rights.

McKinney-Vento Rights



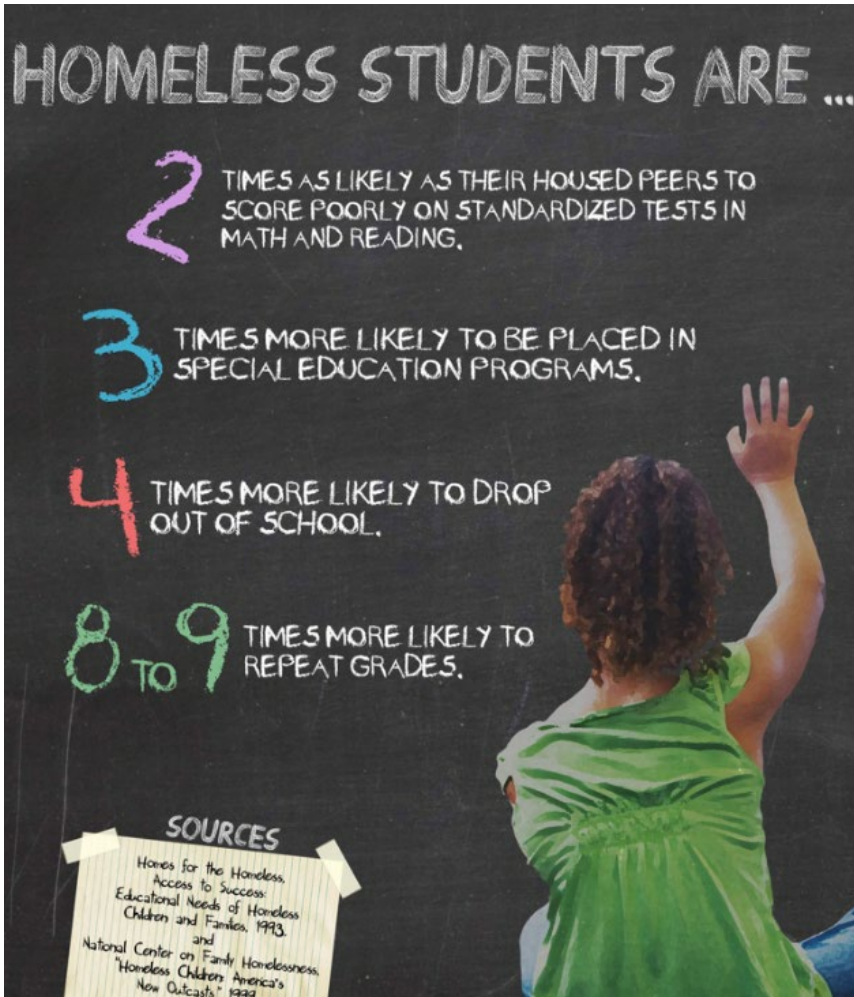
- Immediate *enrollment in school without traditional documents/records (birth cert., proof of address, etc.)
- Remain in school of origin, if student's best interest
- Transportation to and from school of origin
- Educational services/supports needed for academic success (school lunch program, clothing, school supplies, etc.)

*defined as "attending classes and participating fully in school activities"

Why is education so important?



Homelessness Impacts Education

A woman with curly hair, wearing a bright green dress, is seen from behind, standing in front of a chalkboard. She has her right hand raised as if pointing to the board. The chalkboard contains statistics written in white chalk, with large, colorful numbers (purple, blue, red, green) highlighting the key figures. A piece of lined paper with sources is taped to the bottom left of the board.

HOMELESS STUDENTS ARE ...

2 TIMES AS LIKELY AS THEIR HOUSED PEERS TO SCORE POORLY ON STANDARDIZED TESTS IN MATH AND READING.

3 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE PLACED IN SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

4 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL.

8 TO 9 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO REPEAT GRADES.

SOURCES

Homes for the Homeless,
Access to Success:
Educational Needs of Homeless
Children and Families, 1993,
and
National Center on Family Homelessness,
"Homeless Children: America's
New Outcasts," 1994

Those without a high school diploma or GED have 4.5 times higher likelihood of homelessness than peers who completed high school



Data from Chapin Hall University of Chicago

Homeless Coalition

McKinney-Vento Eligibility

Children and youth who lack a nighttime residence that is...



Fixed – Stationary, permanent, not subject to change

Regular – Predictable, routine, consistent

Adequate – Lawfully and reasonably sufficient

Eligibility lasts for the entire school year, even if circumstances have changed

Qualifying Living Situations

- Doubled-up/shared housing due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason
- Living in motels/hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations (choice vs. necessity)
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- Living in public/private places not designed for human sleeping accommodations
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, or substandard housing, bus or train stations



McKinney-Vento Liaison

Ensures that children and youth experiencing homelessness receive all protections and services necessary for them to succeed in school.



<https://www.sde.idaho.gov/federal-programs/homeless/index.html>

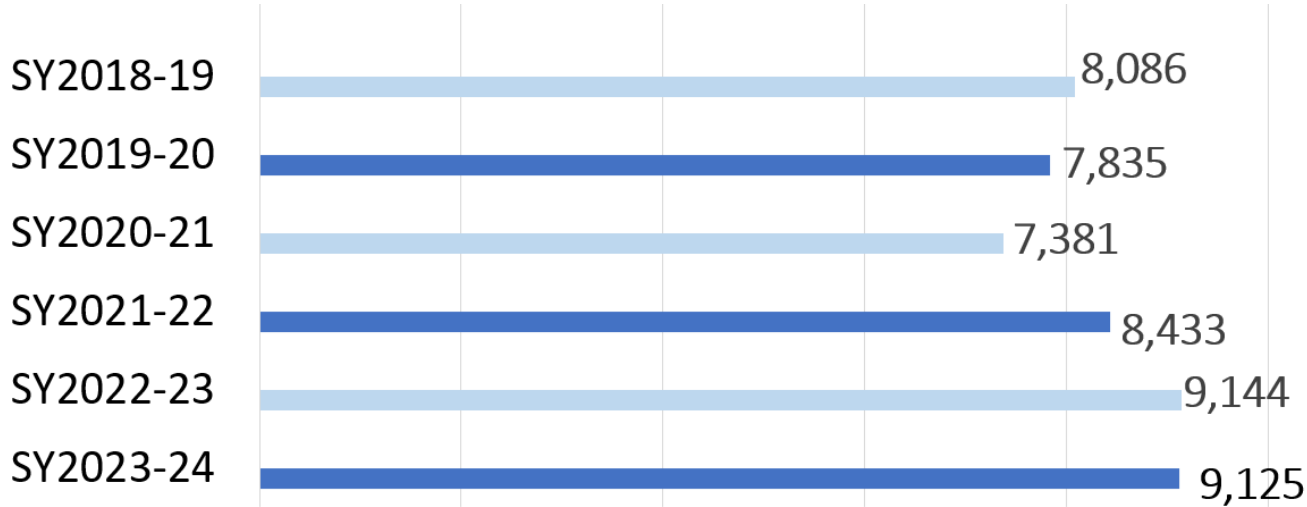
- Identify students (assess eligibility and determine needs)
- Enroll students
- Ensure access to community partners
- Refer for services (counseling, medical, dental, etc.)
- Inform parents/unaccompanied homeless youth of rights/services
- Ensure public awareness

Benefits and Services of MV Eligibility



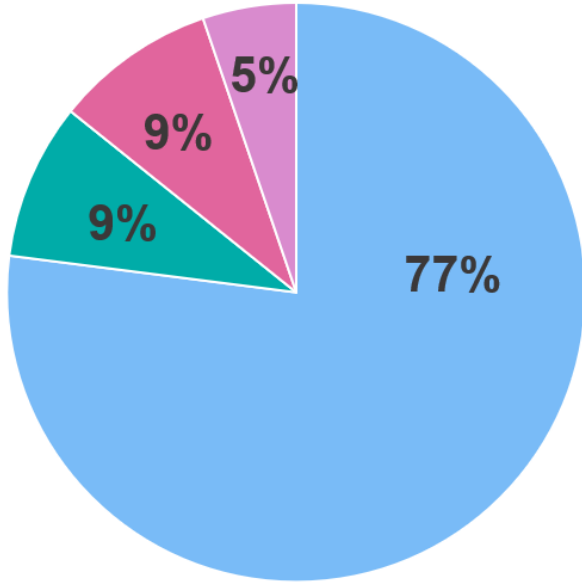
Idaho Data

Student Homelessness Count



Unduplicated Count = Number of students identified once throughout the year

Idaho Student Living Situations



- Doubled Up
- Unsheltered
- Hotel/Motel
- Shelter

2023-24 Student Count

Doubled up = 7,346

Hotel/Motel = 860

Unsheltered = 833

Shelter = 498

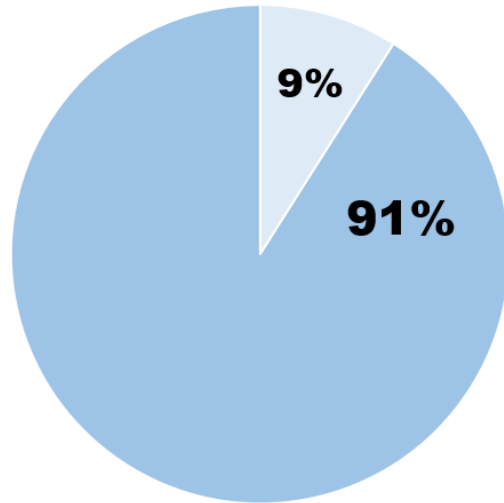
859 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth
in various living situations included

***9,537 Total Students**

*Duplicated count – Students are counted each time they are enrolled and may be counted more than once pending transitions.

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

2023-24



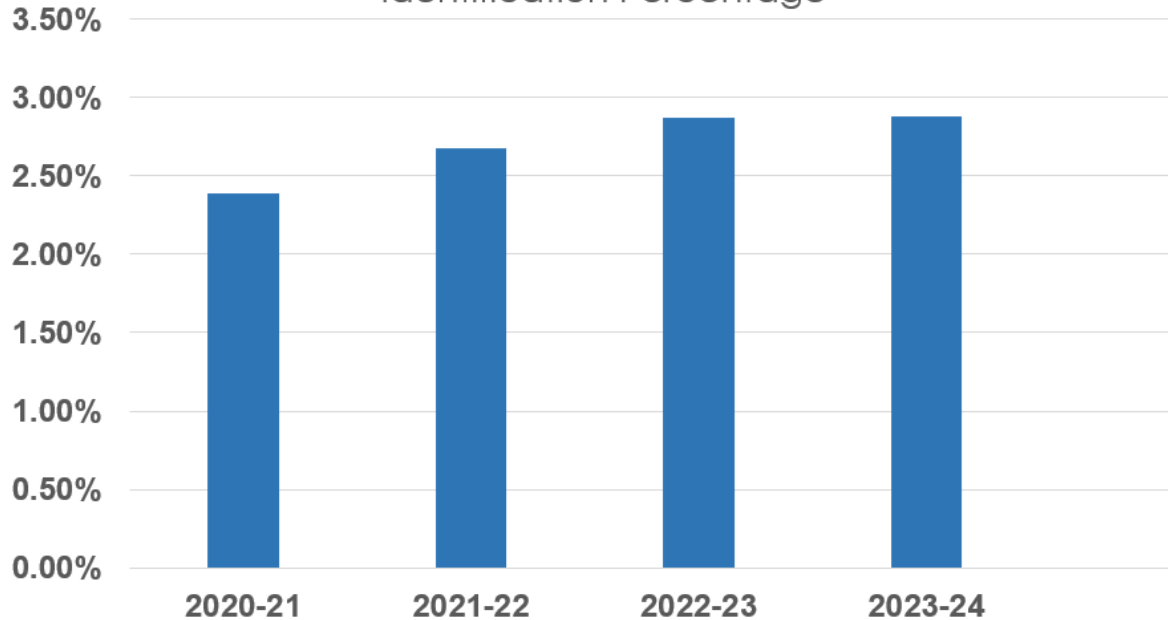
■ Unaccompanied Homeless Youth 9% ■ McKinney-Vento Eligible 91%

9% = 859 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

1. Living arrangement meets MV Act's definition of homelessness and
2. Not in the physical custody of parent or guardian

Idaho McKinney-Vento Student Identification Percentage



On average, the percentage of students living in McKinney-Vento eligible situations is 2.5% of our total student population

College Starter Kit

- Awarded 23 students
- Student attending college from College of Southern Idaho to University of Michigan



COLLEGE STARTER KIT PROGRAM

For Idaho College-Bound Students Experiencing Homelessness

The Idaho Department of Education is offering graduating high school students in Idaho who are experiencing homelessness an opportunity to receive a College Starter Kit

APPLY BY MAY 31, 2024



Starter Kit Includes

- laptop
- luggage
- school supplies
- linens
- bedding
- toiletries and more

For more information, contact
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