

Tennessee's Education for Homeless Children and Youth Data Factsheet - 2023-24 School Year

The U.S. Department of Education’s (ED’s) Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) requires all state educational agencies (SEAs) and local educational agencies (LEAs) to submit information regarding children and youth experiencing homelessness. This information enables OESE, under the Education for Homeless Children and Youths (EHCY) Program, to determine the extent to which states ensure that children and youths experiencing homelessness have access to a free, appropriate, public education under subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act requires the SEA to post the number of children and youths identified as homeless (42 U.S.C. 11431(f)(1)(A)). The data presented below is specific to Tennessee students who were identified as homeless, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

The data presented is drawn from the [National Center for Homeless Education](#) (NCHE), which reports data from the most recently available years of ED’s [EDFacts Initiative](#), as well as from the Tennessee Department of Education.

Table 1: Fast Facts and Demographic Data

Total number of Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) in Tennessee	150
Number of LEAs receiving McKinney-Vento Subgrant	21
Total students in LEAs	1,004,625
Number of Homeless Students	25,711
Percentage of enrolled students who are homeless	2.2%

Source: US Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2018 Annual Social and Economic Supplement

The tables on the following pages contain data submitted by SEAs and individual LEAs for the 2023-24 school year. LEA-level values may differ from those found in the SEA-level data, which only include students once, regardless of the number of LEAs the student attended.

LEA McKinney-Vento Grant Status: 2023-24 School Year

	Number of LEAs	Percent of Enrolled Tennessee Students Experiencing Homelessness (SEH) (Grantee vs. Non-Grantee LEAs)
Grantee	21	14.19%
Non-Grantee	129	85.81%
Unknown		
Total	150	100.00%

Enrolled SEH by Grade: 2023-24 School Year

Grade	Number	Percent
3 to 5 years old	634	2.47%
Kindergarten	2,591	10.08%
1st grade	2,489	9.68%
2nd grade	2,460	9.57%
3rd grade	2,231	8.68%
4th grade	2,093	8.14%
5th grade	2,037	7.92%
6th grade	1,883	7.32%
7th grade	1,790	6.96%
8th grade	1,729	6.72%
9th grade	1,852	7.20%
10th grade	1,435	5.58%
11th grade	1,168	4.54%
12th grade	1,319	5.13%
13th grade	0	0.00%
Ungraded		0.00%
Missing grade*		0.00%
Total	25,711	100.00%

*Data from the NCHE State Workbook for Tennessee

SEA Reported Enrollment of Children & Youth Experiencing Homelessness (CYEH) by Grade Band: 2023-24 School Year

Grade Band	Number	Percent
Preschool*	634	2.47%
Primary**	19,303	75.08%
Secondary***	5,774	22.46%
Total	25,711	100.00%
*Ages 3 to 5 years old **Kindergarten through 8th grade ***9th grade through 13th grade		

SEA Reported Enrollment of CYEH by Primary Nighttime Residence: 2023-24 School Year

Residence	Number	Percent
Doubled-up (i.e., living with another family)	20,345	79.13%
Hotels/motels	2,984	11.61%
Shelters, Transitional Housing	1,218	4.74%
Unsheltered (cars, parks, campgrounds, trailer parks, or abandoned buildings)	1,164	4.53%
Missing Residence Data*		
Total	25,711	100.00%

*Data from the NCHES State Workbook for Tennessee

SEA Reported Enrollment of CYEH by Student Characteristics: 2023-24 School Year

Characteristic	Number	Percent*
Children with one or more disabilities (IDEA)	4,473	17.40%
English learners	5,146	20.01%
Migratory children/youth	82	0.32%
Unaccompanied homeless youth	1,831	7.12%

*Data from the NCHES State Workbook for Tennessee