



McKinney-Vento Report

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This report is to provide as an update on the current number of homeless students in Lowell Public Schools as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. The McKinney-Vento act defines homeless students as students who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence due to economic hardship, loss of housing or a similar reason. As of March 1, 2019, there are 825 actively enrolled students in our district identified/documentated as homeless.

The McKinney-Vento Act outlines the following dwelling arrangements for students that are homeless:

- Doubled-up - The student is sharing housing of others due to loss of housing and/or economic hardship.
- Hotels/Motels - The student is living in a hotel or motel.
- Shelter - The student is living in a shelter.
- Unsheltered --The student is living in a place not meant for human habitation, such as a campground, a home with no running water or electricity, a car, etc.

Of the 825 active students identified as homeless, 480 (or 58.2%) are doubled-up; 61 (or 7.4%) are in hotels or motels; 274 (or 33.2%) are in shelters; and (or 1.2%) are unsheltered. Of the 825 students that are actively enrolled and identified as homeless, 11 (or 1.3%) are considered unaccompanied youth, meaning that they are not residing with their legal guardian. Of the 11 unaccompanied youth, 7 (or 63.6%) are doubled-up; 0 (or 0%) are in hotels or motels; 3 (or 27.3%) are in shelters; and 1 (or 9.1%) is unsheltered.

On the final data submission to DESE for the 2017-2018 school year, there were 818 students who had been homeless within the Lowell Public School District throughout the 2017-2018 school year.

As of March 1, 2019, a total of 982 homeless students have been enrolled in the Lowell Public Schools for the 2018-19 school year to date. Some of these students have transferred out of district, which explains the current number of 825 actively enrolled students. This is an increase of 20.0% compared to our final submission from last school year.