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BULLETIN NO. 038-25 SYSTEM AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
School District Homeless Liaisons

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Annual McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Data Collection

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The Federal [McKinney-Vento Act \(42 USC CHAPTER 119, SUBCHAPTER VI, Part B: Education for Homeless Children and Youths\)](#) requires all school districts to identify, enroll, and serve children and youths living in homeless situations. The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is required to annually collect and report district-level data regarding homeless children and youths enrolled in public schools. The deadline for districts to review and submit any changes to their 2024–25 homeless student data in CEDARS, accessed in OSPI's Education Data System (EDS), is October 31st.

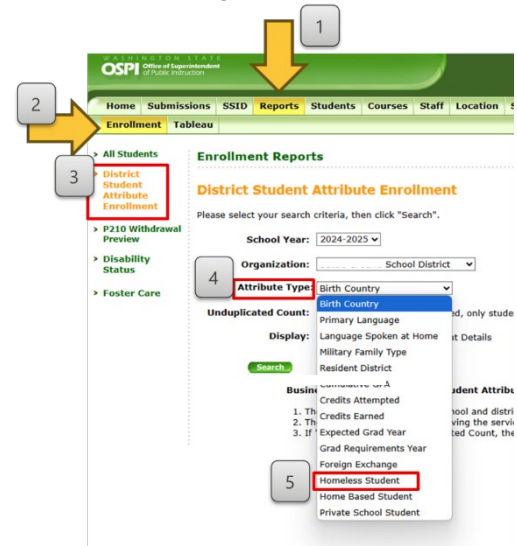
To avoid identification and reporting errors, it is imperative that district staff members are familiar with the broad definition of homelessness as clearly outlined in the McKinney-Vento Act.

All students meeting the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless, regardless of whether they received specialized district services, must be identified and counted. Please refer to the attached Identification of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness document for detailed information on the identification of children and youth who meet the federal definition of homeless according to the McKinney-Vento Act.

Review Data for Students Identified as Homeless

To review data for students meeting the definition of homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act in the Comprehensive Education Data and Research System (CEDARS), log in to EDS and follow the steps below:

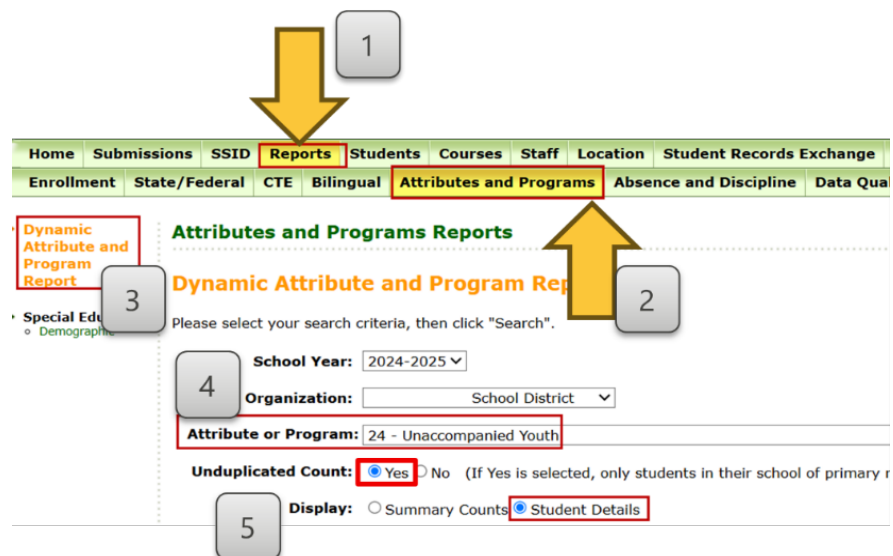
1. Select the "Reports" tab.
2. Select the "Enrollment" tab.
3. On the Enrollment page, select "District Student Attribute Enrollment" from the options on the left side of the page.
4. On the District Student Attribute Enrollment page, find the "Attribute Type" pull down menu.
5. From the menu, select "Homeless Student".



Review Data for Students Identified as Unaccompanied Youth

Districts will also need to review data for students that are identified as Unaccompanied Youth. **Students who are unaccompanied may, or may not, also be experiencing homelessness.** To review this data measure in CEDARS, log in to EDS and follow the steps below:

1. Select the "Reports" tab.
2. Select the "Attributes and Programs" tab.
3. Select "Dynamic Attribute and Program Report" from the options on the left side of the page.
4. On the District Student Attribute Enrollment page, select the correct School Year and district name. Under "Attribute or Program", select "24 – Unaccompanied Youth".
5. Select "Yes" for Unduplicated Count, and "Student Details" for Display.



INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Melinda Dyer, Assistant Director, McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth, at 360-725-6505 or email melinda.dyer@k12.wa.us, or Lydia Lemon, Administrative Assistant, at 360-725-6098 or lydia.lemon@k12.wa.us. The OSPI [Telecommunication Relay Services](#) number is 711 or 1-800-833-6384.

For technical assistance, please contact OSPI Customer Support at customersupport@k12.wa.us or the toll-free number at 800-725-4311. For any questions or assistance with CEDARS data, please contact AskSI@k12.wa.us or 360-725-6358.

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Attachment 1: Identification of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness

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