

# MPS Homeless Education Program



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# McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

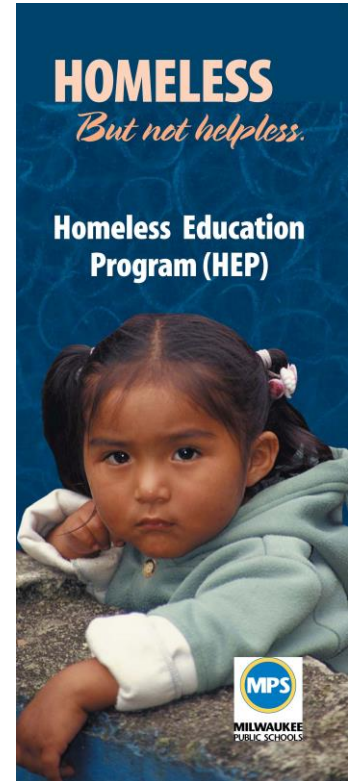
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- 1987 McKinney Homeless Assistance Act was signed into law.
- 1990, 1994 amendments required removal of enrollment barriers, added preschool services, greater parental input and emphasis on interagency collaboration.
- 2000 name change to McKinney-Vento Act.
- 2002 reauthorized as part of No Child Left Behind Act.
- 2015 reauthorized as part of ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act).

# Homeless Definition: Who is Eligible?

Children and youth who lack a *fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence*.      *Section 1309 of the ESSA [42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)]*

- Sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason.
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters.
- Living in a public or private place not designed for or regularly used as accommodations.
- Living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.



# Unaccompanied, homeless youth

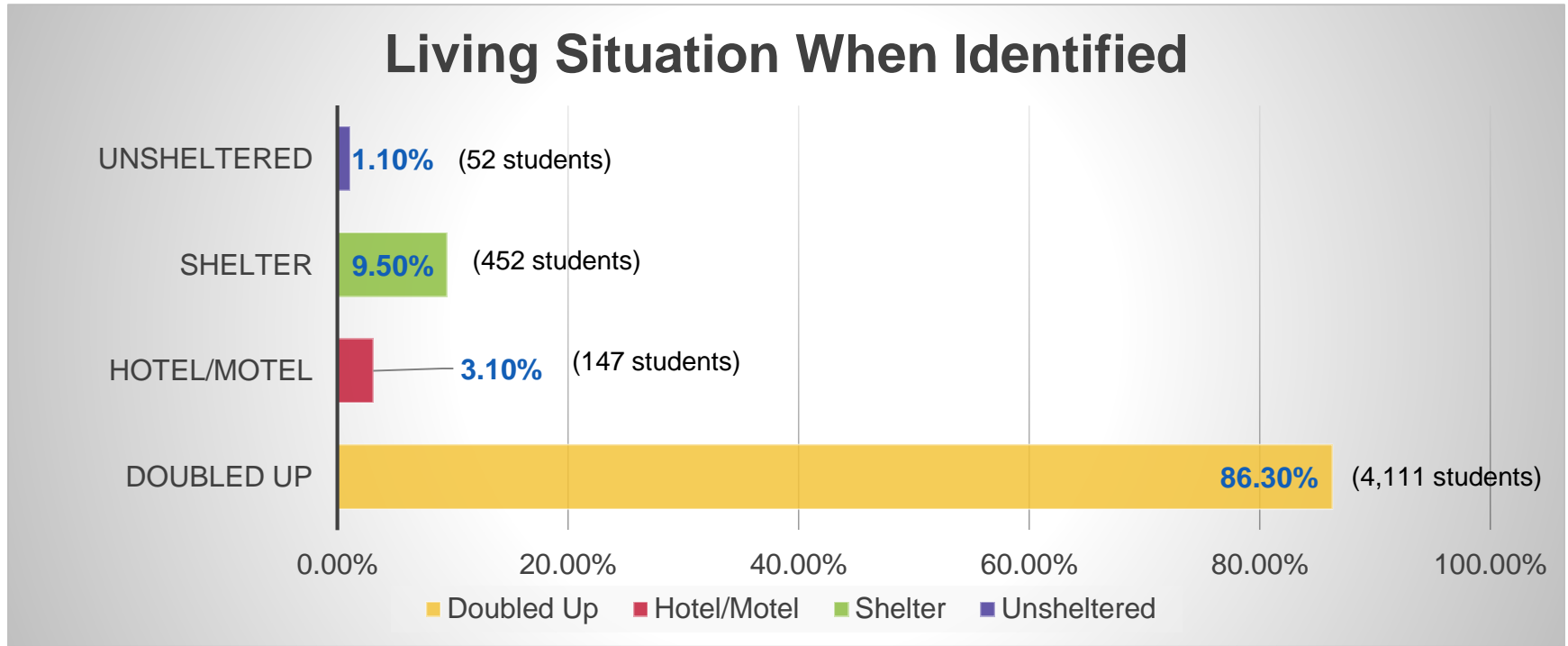
The definition includes children and youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

Unaccompanied homeless youth have the same rights to immediate enrollment and full participation in school as students who are living with a parent or guardian.

Approximately 16% of the students the Homeless Education Program identifies each year are unaccompanied.

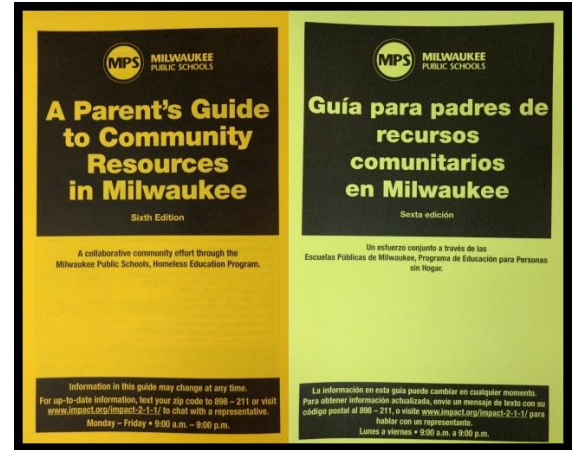


# Where are homeless students living?



# Services Required

- Immediate enrollment without barriers
- Full participation in school without barriers
- Free school supplies
- Waiver of school fees
- Free school uniform
- Free school meals
- Access to before and after school programs as well as tutoring
- Transportation back to school of origin (when eligible)
- Referral to social service agencies & community resources as needed



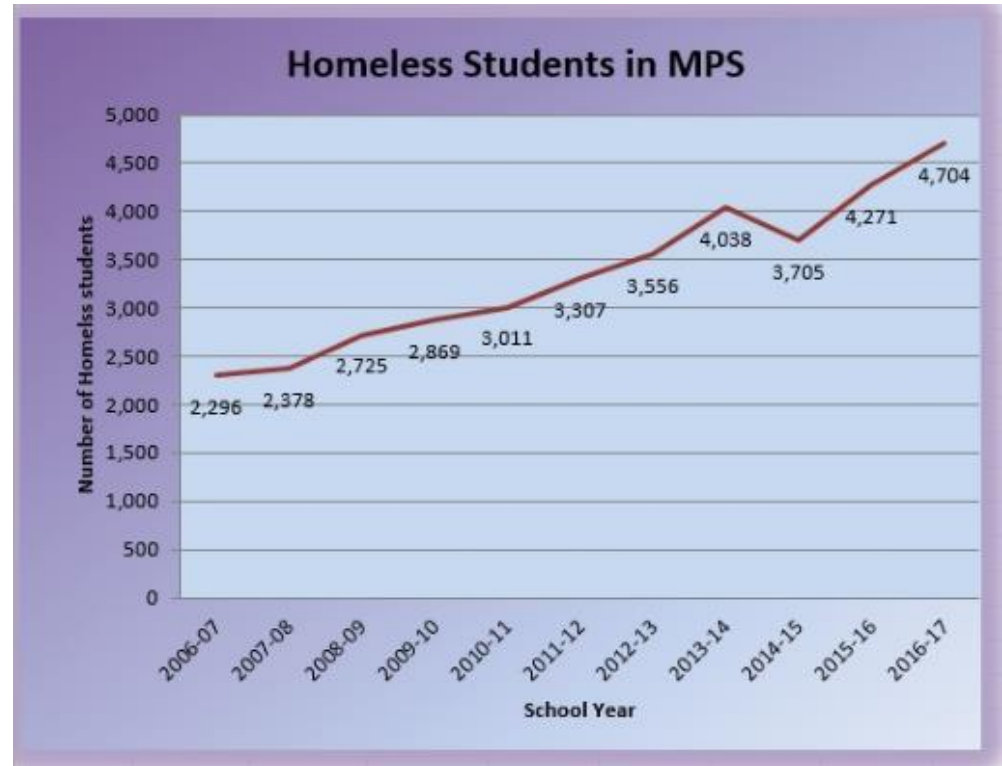
# Paying for services

- Three HEP coordinators are funded by Title I, the EHCY (Education of Homeless Children and Youth) grant from DPI and Early Intervening Service (EIS) monies.
- School supplies and fee waivers can be paid for from each school's Title I funds.
- The Transportation Department budget covers transporting students experiencing homelessness to their school of origin.



# District Homeless Data

Each year we have seen an increase between 5% and 16% in the number of homeless students identified.





# Thank you!

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