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| 1.0 – 18.0 |  | Versions 1.0 through 18.0 are used to build files for school years prior to SY 2022-23. |
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PREFACE

This document provides technical instructions for building files that are submitted through EDPass, which is an electronic system that facilitates the efficient and timely transmission of data from SEAs to the U.S. Department of Education.

This document is to be used in coordination with other documentation posted on the [ED*Facts* Initiative Home Page](https://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/edfacts/index.html) under ED*Facts* System Documentation, including:

* ED*Facts* Workbook – a reference guide to using EDPass; particularly useful to new users; contains multiple appendices, including one that explains how to use the file specifications
* EDPass User Guide – provides assistance to new users of EDPass; it addresses the basic mechanics of system access and data submission
* ED*Facts* Business Rules Single Inventory (BRSI) - ED*Facts* Business Rules Single Inventory (BRSI) - a single inventory containing business rules applied to ED*Facts* data throughout the pre- submission lifecycle of that data. The inventory describes each business rule, including the EDPass rule ID, legacy rule ID, rule objective, error message, failure classification, definition, rule logic, file specifications and the data group where the business rules are applied

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Data submitted through EDPass are authorized by an Annual Mandatory Collection of Elementary and Secondary Education Data Through ED*Facts* (OMB 1850-0925, expires 6/30/2025). ED*Facts* is a centralized data collection system used by the National Center for Education Statistics and grant making offices across the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to gather survey and administrative data. Data are reported by State Education Agencies (SEAs) and include data at the SEA, local education agency (LEA), and/or school level.

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# PURPOSE

This document contains instructions for building files to submit ED*Facts* Data Group 655: Homeless students enrolled table. The definition for this data group is:

The unduplicated number of homeless students enrolled in public schools at any time during the school year.

The data collected using this file specification are collected under the authority of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as reauthorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act (2015).

The ED data stewarding office/s for this file: OESE/OSHS/Homeless.

# GUIDANCE FOR SUBMITTING THIS FILE

This section contains changes from the previous school year, core requirements for submitting this file, required categories and totals, and general guidance.

## Changes from the SY 2021-22 File Specifications

Other than any editorial changes listed in the document history on page ii, there have been no changes to this file specification.

## Core Requirements for Submitting this File

The following table contains the reporting period, the education units included or excluded, the type of count, and zero count reporting.

**Table 2.2-1: Core Reporting Requirements**

|  | **SEA** | **LEA** | **School** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Reporting Period | School Year (state) - Any 12-month period defined by the state. The state determines whether summer is included in the preceding or following school year | School Year (state) - Any 12-month period defined by the state. The state determines whether summer is included in the preceding or following school year |  |
| Education units included | Include SEA | Operational LEAs that had schools where students were enrolled. Include LEAs whether or not the LEA has a McKinney-Vento subgrant. |  |
| Education units not reported |  | Closed, inactive, or future LEAs |  |
| Type of count | Students should be reported once for the SEA. If the SEA is unable to eliminate duplicated counts, include in the explanation field a note such as “may include duplicate students.” | Students should be reported for any LEA where the student was identified as homeless and enrolled in a school in the LEA. A student could be reported at more than one LEA if the student was enrolled in schools in more than one LEA and identified as homeless in those LEAs. |  |
| Zero counts | Required  ***Revised!*** | Not required, valid combinations for the state not included will be assumed to be zeros |  |
| Zero exceptions or  Not applicable | Grade 13  ***Revised!*** | Grade 13  ***Revised!*** |  |
| Missing | Use “-1” to report missing counts.  Use “MISSING” when a category is not available | Use “-1” to report missing counts.  Use “MISSING” when a category is not available |  |
| Related metadata survey |  |  |  |

## Required Categories and Totals

The table below lists the combinations of the categories that are expected to be submitted for the state and each LEA or school that should be included in the file.

* An “X” in the column indicates that the category value must be submitted when reporting that aggregation.
* The total indicator must be either “Y” (Yes) or “N” (No).
  + If the record is for a category set, specify an “N” (No).
  + If the record is for a subtotal or education unit total, specify a “Y” (Yes).

***New!*** The technical name of the data used in the file is: HOMLESENROLCNT

***Revised!* Table 2.3-1: Required Categories and Totals**

| **Aggregation** | **Age/Grade (Basic)** | **Homeless Primary Nighttime Residence** | **Disability Status (Only)** | **English Learner Status (Only)** | **Migratory Status** | **Homeless Unaccompanied Youth Status** | **Racial Ethnic** | **Total Indicator** | **Comments** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Category Set A** | X |  |  |  |  |  |  | N | Student Count by Age/Grade (Basic) |
| **Category Set B** |  | X |  |  |  |  |  | N | Student Count by Homeless Primary Nighttime Residence |
| **Category Set C** |  |  | X |  |  |  |  | N | Student Count by Disability Status (Only) |
| **Category Set D** |  |  |  | X |  |  |  | N | Student Count by English Learner Status (Only) |
| **Category Set E** |  |  |  |  | X |  |  | N | Student Count by Migratory Status |
| **Category Set F** |  |  |  |  |  | X |  | N | Student Count by Homeless Unaccompanied Youth Status |
| **Category Set G** |  | X |  |  |  | X |  | N | Student Count by Homeless Unaccompanied Youth Status by Homeless Primary Nighttime Residence |
| **Category Set H** |  |  |  |  |  |  | X | N | Student Count by Racial Ethnic |
| **Education Unit Total** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Y | Education Unit Total of Student Count |

## Categories and Permitted Values

This section contains the categories and permitted values used for submitting this file.

**DG655 - Homeless students enrolled table:**

**Age/Grade (Basic)**

The discrete age or grade level (primary instructional level) of students (children).

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Permitted Value Abbreviation** | **Permitted Value Description** | **Comments** |
| 3TO5NOTK | Age 3 through 5 (not Kindergarten) |  |
| KG | Kindergarten |  |
| 01 | Grade 1 |  |
| 02 | Grade 2 |  |
| 03 | Grade 3 |  |
| 04 | Grade 4 |  |
| 05 | Grade 5 |  |
| 06 | Grade 6 |  |
| 07 | Grade 7 |  |
| 08 | Grade 8 |  |
| 09 | Grade 9 |  |
| 10 | Grade 10 |  |
| 11 | Grade 11 |  |
| 12 | Grade 12 |  |
| 13 | Grade 13 |  |
| UG | Ungraded | Students assigned to a class or program that does not have standard grade designations. |
| MISSING | Missing | Use when data are not available by this category. |

**Homeless Primary Nighttime Residence**

The primary nighttime residence of the students at the time the students are identified as homeless.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Permitted Value Abbreviation** | **Permitted Value Description** | **Comments** |
| STH | Shelters and transitional housing |  |
| D | Doubled-up | That is, living with another family |
| U | Unsheltered | For example, cars, parks, campgrounds, temporary trailers or abandoned buildings |
| HM | Hotels/motels |  |
| MISSING | Missing | Use when data are not available by this category. |

**Disability Status (Only)**

An indication that children (students) are children with disabilities (IDEA).

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Permitted Value Abbreviation** | **Permitted Value Description** | **Comments** |
| WDIS | Children with one or more disabilities (IDEA) |  |
| MISSING | Missing | Use when data are not available by this category. |

**English Learner Status (Only)**

An indication that students met the definition of an English learner.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Permitted Value Abbreviation** | **Permitted Value Description** | **Comments** |
| LEP | English learners |  |
| MISSING | Missing | Use when data are not available by this category. |

**Migratory Status**

An indication that students are eligible migratory children.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Permitted Value Abbreviation** | **Permitted Value Description** | **Comments** |
| MS | Migratory students |  |
| MISSING | Missing | Use when data are not available by this category. |

**Homeless Unaccompanied Youth Status**

An indication that homeless youths were unaccompanied by parents or legal guardians.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Permitted Value Abbreviation** | **Permitted Value Description** | **Comments** |
| UY | Unaccompanied youth |  |
| MISSING | Missing | Use when data are not available by this category. |

**Racial Ethnic**

The general racial category that most clearly reflects individuals' recognition of their community or with which the individuals most identify.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Permitted Value Abbreviation** | **Permitted Value Description** | **Comments** |
| AM7 | American Indian or Alaska Native |  |
| AS7 | Asian |  |
| BL7 | Black or African American |  |
| HI7 | Hispanic/Latino |  |
| PI7 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |  |
| MU7 | Two or more races |  |
| WH7 | White |  |
| MISSING | Missing | Use when data are not available by this category. |

## Data Reporting Guidelines

This section contains guidance for submitting this file in the format of questions and answers.

**How do I report ages and grades if my LEA does not offer the full range of grades in this file?**

Records for LEAs need only include those grade levels offered at the LEA. For example, if the highest grade of an LEA is 6th Grade, the record for that LEA does not need to include Grades 7 through 13.

**When should Grade 13 be used?**

The grade 13 designation is intended for students who have completed grade 12 and who stay in high school for more than four years to participate in a program that bridges the high school and college degree earning experience, such as an early or middle college program. The grade 13 designation is not to be used for students who are repeating courses to meet high school requirements and are not enrolled in college courses. Note that a student who has “completed grade 12” means a student who has successfully completed his or her grade 12 school year and does not necessarily mean a student who has completed his or her academic requirements for graduation. The grade 13 designation is not dependent on where classes are taken. What is essential is that the student is still enrolled in high school, beyond grade 12, and taking courses for college and high school credit. Other students earning dual credits or AP credits should be designated in the grade to which they are assigned. For more information on the use of this permitted value, see the guidance in FS052 Membership and FS039 Grades Offered.

**What does the permitted value “Ungraded” mean?**

See Section 2.4. “Ungraded” includes both regular and special classes that have no grade designations. Such a class may contain students of different ages who are identified according to level of performance in one or more areas of instruction, rather than according to grade level or age level. The definition of “Ungraded” does not include out-of-school youth, preschoolers, or children who are not yet school age.

**How are student counts reported by Homeless Unaccompanied Youth Status?**

A homeless unaccompanied youth is a youth who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian and who fits the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless [(McKinney-Vento section 725(6)).](https://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg116.html)  Students must be both unaccompanied and homeless to be included as an unaccompanied homeless youth.

There is no age range specified for an unaccompanied youth in the law. The upper age range is determined by what a state defines as school aged, unless the child is in special education. The upper age range for students in special education may extend to 22 years of age. There is no lower age range. Therefore, as an example, a young child not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, though living with a caregiver, and living in a situation that is not fixed, regular, and adequate, would be identified as a homeless unaccompanied youth.

## Definitions

The following definitions support this file:

**Homeless Students**

Homeless students are defined by Section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Act as children/youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and includes:

1. children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;
2. children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (within the meaning of section 103(a)(2)(C));
3. children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
4. migratory children and youth who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because they are living in circumstances described in (1) through (3) above.

**Homeless Unaccompanied Youth**

A homeless unaccompanied youth is a youth who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian and who fits the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless. Students must be both unaccompanied and homeless to be included as an unaccompanied homeless youth.

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See the [ED*Facts* Workbook](https://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/edfacts/eden-workbook.html) for the standard definitions.

# FILE NAMING CONVENTION

The following file naming convention is to help identify files to provide technical assistance.

A maximum of 25 characters (including the file extension) is allowed for the file name.

The following is the naming convention for file submissions:

sslev**filename**vvvvvvv.ext

**Table 3.0-1: File Naming Convention**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Where** | **Means** | **Limit in characters** |
| ss | USPS State Abbreviation | 2 |
| lev | Abbreviation for level:   * SEA for a State Education Agency level * LEA for a Local Education Agency level | 3 |
| filename | **HLSTDENCT** | 9 |
| vvvvvvv | Alphanumeric string designated by the SEA to uniquely identify the individual submission (*e.g.,* ver0001, v010803) | 7 |
| .ext | Extension identifying the file format:  .txt – fixed  .csv – comma delimited  .tab – tab delimited | 4 |

# FIXED OR DELIMITED FILES

This section describes the fixed file and delimited file specifications. The fixed file and delimited files contain a header record followed by data records. The file type is specified in the header record.

The “Pop” column in the header and data records is coded as follows:

M - Mandatory, this field must always be populated

A - This field is populated in accordance with table 2.3-1 “Required Categories and Totals”

O - Optional, data in this field are optional

## Header Record Definition

The header record is required and is the first record in every file submitted to EDPass. The purpose of the header record is to provide information as to the file type, number of data records in the file, file name, file identifier, and file reporting period.

**Table 4.1–1: Header Record**

| **Data Element Name** | **Start Position** | **Length** | **Type** | **Pop** | **Definition / Comments** | **Permitted Values Abbreviations** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| File Type | 1 | 50 | String | M | Identifies the type of file being submitted. | **SEA HOMELESS STUDENTS ENROLLED SY COUNT**  **LEA HOMELESS STUDENTS ENROLLED SY COUNT** |
| Total Records in File | 51 | 10 | Integer  ***Revised!*** | M | The total number of data records contained in the file. The header record is NOT included in this count. |  |
| File Name | 61 | 25 | String | M | The file name including extension, the same as the external file name. | See section 3.0 |
| File Identifier | 86 | 32 | String | M | Any combination of standard characters to further identify the file as specified by the SEA (e.g., a date, person’s name, and version number). |  |
| File Reporting Period | 118 | 9 | String | M | The school year for which data are being reported. The required format is "CCYY–CCYY" or "CCYY CCYY", where either a hyphen or a space separates the beginning and ending years. | **2022-2023**  OR  **2022 2023** |
| Filler | 127 | 243 | String | M | Leave filler field blank. |  |
| Carriage Return / Line Feed (CRLF) | 370 | 1 |  | M |  |  |

Below is an example of a header record.

**Table 4.1–2: Header Record Example**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Format | File Type,Total Records in File,File Name,File Identifier,File Reporting Period,Filler,Carriage Return / Line Feed (CRLF) |
| Example | LEA HOMELESS STUDENTS ENROLLED SY COUNT,15,euleaHLSTDENCTv000001.csv,characters to identify file,2022-2023,¶ |

## Data Record Definition

Data records are required and immediately follow the header record in every file submitted to EDPass. Data records provide counts for the specified category sets, subtotals and education unit totals.

**Table 4.2–1: Data Records**

| **Data Element Name** | **Start Position** | **Length** | **Type** | **Pop** | **Definition / Comments** | **Permitted Values Abbreviations** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| File Record Number | 1 | 10 | Integer  ***Revised!*** | M | A sequential number assigned by the State that is unique to each row entry within the file. |  |
| **DG559** State Code | 11 | 2 | String | M | The two-digit American National Standards Institute (ANSI) code for the state, District of Columbia, and the outlying areas and freely associated areas of the United States. | For a list of valid State Codes, refer to the ED*Facts* Workbook. |
| **DG570** State Agency Number | 13 | 2 | String | M | A number used to uniquely identify state agencies. This ID cannot be updated through this file. | **01** – State Education Agency |
| **DG4** LEA Identifier (State) | 15 | 14 | String | M | The identifier assigned to a local education agency (LEA) by the state education agency (SEA). Also known as State LEA Identification Number (ID). This data element cannot be updated through this file. | SEA level – Blank |
| Filler | 29 | 20 | String | M | Leave filler field blank. |  |
| Table Name | 49 | 20 | String | M | See technical name in Section 2.3 Required Categories and Totals | **HOMLESENROLCNT** |
| Age/Grade (Basic) | 69 | 15 | String | A | The discrete age or grade level (primary instructional level) of students (children). | **3TO5NOTK** – Age 3 through 5 (not Kindergarten)  **KG** – Kindergarten  **01** – Grade 1  **02** – Grade 2  **03** – Grade 3  **04** – Grade 4  **05** – Grade 5  **06** – Grade 6  **07** – Grade 7  **08** – Grade 8  **09** – Grade 9  **10** – Grade 10  **11** – Grade 11  **12** – Grade 12  **13** – Grade 13  **UG** – Ungraded  **MISSING** |
| Homeless Primary Nighttime Residence | 84 | 15 | String | A | The primary nighttime residence of the students at the time the students are identified as homeless. | **STH** – Shelters and transitional housing  **D** – Doubled-up  **U** – Unsheltered  **HM** – Hotels/motels  **MISSING** |
| Disability Status (Only) | 99 | 15 | String | A | An indication that children (students) are children with disabilities (IDEA). | **WDIS** – Children with one or more disabilities (IDEA)  **MISSING** |
| English Learner Status (Only) | 114 | 15 | String | A | An indication that students met the definition of an English learner. | **LEP** – English learners  **MISSING** |
| Migratory Status | 129 | 15 | String | A | An indication that students are eligible migratory children. | **MS** – Migratory students  **MISSING** |
| Homeless Unaccompanied Youth Status | 144 | 15 | String | A | An indication that homeless youths were unaccompanied by parents or legal guardians. | **UY** – Unaccompanied youth  **MISSING** |
| Racial Ethnic | 159 | 15 | String | A | The general racial category that most clearly reflects individuals' recognition of their community or with which the individuals most identify. | **AM7** – American Indian or Alaska Native  **AS7** – Asian  **BL7** – Black or African American  **HI7** – Hispanic/Latino  **PI7** – Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  **MU7** – Two or more races  **WH7** – White  **MISSING** |
| Total Indicator | 174 | 1 | String | M | An indicator that defines the count level – see table 2.3-1 Required Categories and Totals | **N** – Specifies category set  **Y** – Specifies subtotal or total of the education unit |
| Explanation | 175 | 200 | String | O | Text field for state use. |  |
| Student Count | 375 | 10 | Integer  ***Revised!*** | M |  |  |
| Carriage Return / Line Feed (CRLF) | 385 | 1 |  | M |  |  |

Below is an example of a data record, this is the set of data that should be submitted for each education unit. See table 2.3-1.

**Table 4.2–2: Data Record Example – LEA level**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Aggregation** | **Example** |
| Format | File Record Number,State Code,State Agency Number,LEA Identifier (State),Filler,Table Name,Age/Grade (Basic),Homeless Primary Nighttime Residence,Disability Status (Only),English Learner Status (Only),Migratory Status,Homeless Unaccompanied Youth Status,Racial Ethnic,Total Indicator,Explanation,Student Count,Carriage Return / Line Feed (CRLF) |
| Category Set A | 1,80,01,00613EUPHORIA,,HOMLESENROLCNT,3TO5NOTK,,,,,,,N,,10¶ |
| Category Set B | 8,80,01,00613EUPHORIA,,HOMLESENROLCNT,,STH,,,,,,N,,10¶ |
| Category Set C | 11,80,01,00613EUPHORIA,,HOMLESENROLCNT,,,WDIS,,,,,N,,20 |
| Category Set D | 17,80,01,00613EUPHORIA,,HOMLESENROLCNT,,,,LEP,,,,N,,17 |
| Category Set E | 23,80,01,00613EUPHORIA,,HOMLESENROLCNT,,,,,MS,,,N,,47 |
| Category Set F | 29,80,01,00613EUPHORIA,,HOMLESENROLCNT,,,,,,UY,,N,,1 |
| Category Set G | 30,80,01,00613EUPHORIA,,HOMLESENROLCNT,,STH,,,,UY,,N,,2 |
| Category Set H | 31,80,01,00613EUPHORIA,,HOMLESENROLCNT,,,,,,,AM7,N,,5 |
| Total of education unit | 32,80,01,00613EUPHORIA,,HOMLESENROLCNT,,,,,,,,Y,,120 |



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