

PSC Solution: TIP0044

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Application: ESS

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File Specification: N/X043 - Homeless Served (McKinney-Vento); N/X075 - Academic Achievement in Math; N/X078 - Academic Achievement in Read-Lang Arts; N/X079 - Academic Achievement in Science

Solution Type: Technical Tip

Title: Changes for Reporting Data for Homeless Students in SY2010-11

This article answers the following questions which states may have regarding the reporting of homeless student data for SY2010-11. Is ED shifting the data collection on homeless students based on where they receive services to where they are enrolled? Will homeless served data continue to be reported?

For SY 2010-11, data on homeless students involves two "universes." First, there are data collected about the students in the state who are homeless regardless of whether the students are served by McKinney-Vento. The data are reported in N/X118 Homeless students enrolled as well as the assessment, dropout, and graduates/completers files. Second, there are data collected about the students who are served by McKinney-Vento. The data are reported in N/X043. These data are the grade levels of the students, as well as, whether the students are unaccompanied youth, migrant, CWD (IDEA), or LEP students.

For N/X 043 at the SEA level, for SY 2010-11, ED is requesting a count of all the students who are receiving services under McKinney-Vento. In the file spec, you will notice that the phrase "enrolled" is not mentioned in the guidance. It's also not mentioned in the instructions for CSPR 1.9.2.1 where these data are populated. The phrase is there because the students who are served are students who are enrolled in a public school in the state. While the federal program office recognizes the challenges of getting an unduplicated count at the state level, for the SEA level N043 file which will populate section 1.9.2.1 of the CSPR, ED is requesting the best count of the number of students who are receiving services under McKinney-Vento.

For N/X043 at the LEA level, ED is requesting counts for monitoring purposes. ED is looking for where the students are being served. Each LEA that is receiving the funds would be reporting on the students that they served. The LEA level file could report more students than the SEA level file. For example, a student is served by two LEAs and the state is able to remove that duplication.