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## McKinney-Vento Statistics

2006-2007

### Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Statistics for the education of children and youth under the McKinney-Vento Act were collected from all public school districts in the state of North Dakota for the 2006-2007 school year. The McKinney-Vento program is a sub-program of Title I, Department of Public Instruction.

#### Grade Levels

A total of 1,209 students, from school districts throughout the state, were reported as experiencing homelessness. Statistics listed below provide a breakdown by grade levels.

- 24% or 294 in pre-k and kindergarten
- 34% or 409 in grades one through five
- 17% or 199 in grades six through eight
- 25% or 307 in grades nine through twelve

#### Living Conditions

Living conditions of children and youth experiencing homelessness vary greatly. Some are living in shelters and others are living in unsheltered areas, i.e. car, tent, park. Statistics listed below provide living conditions of those identified as experiencing homelessness.

- 41 % or 492 children and/or youth lived in shelters
- 45% or 541 lived with friends or relatives, also recognized as “doubled-up”
- 10% or 126 lived in hotels/motels
- 4% or 50 children were reported as being unsheltered

#### Barriers

Barriers reported by school districts that may inhibit the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness include:

- Domestic violence
- Lack of adequate housing
- Lack of transportation
- Lack of adequate support system (family and friends)

#### Concerns

Concerns regarding the welfare and education of these children are many. The list below provides those most evident when addressing homelessness.

- Need for special services for children (i.e., special education and/or tutoring)
- Lack of parental involvement in the education process
- Need for counseling
- Need for collaboration between agencies

Please Note: Interpretation of the numbers of children and youth reported as experiencing homelessness should be looked at with consideration. The number may be much greater in some areas than what was reported due to the difference in the definition of homelessness being used by different entities in the identification process.

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