

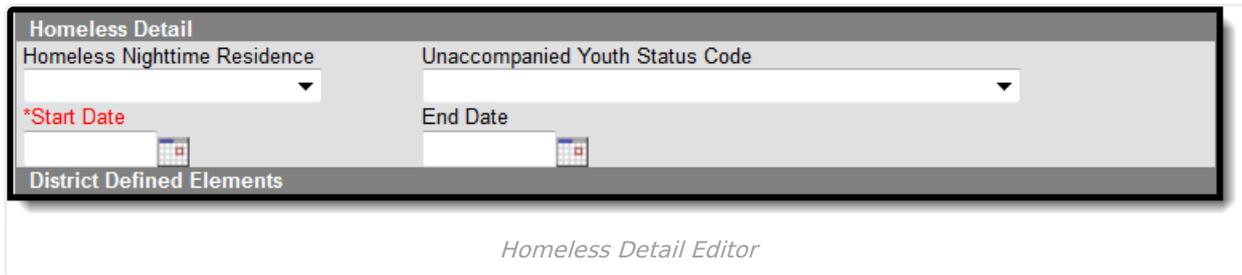
# Homeless (Texas)

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Tool Search: Homeless

The Homeless tool records basic homeless information as well as district-defined fields. The homeless records list is sorted by Start Date. Texas has defined unique Homeless Nighttime Residence Statuses and Unaccompanied Youth Status Codes. Further information on these fields is described below. For information on all other fields, please see the [Homeless](#) article.

## Homeless Detail Fields



The screenshot shows a form titled "Homeless Detail Editor". It contains several input fields: "Homeless Nighttime Residence" (a dropdown menu), "Unaccompanied Youth Status Code" (a dropdown menu), "\*Start Date" (a date picker), and "End Date" (a date picker). Below these fields is a section labeled "District Defined Elements".

## Homeless Nighttime Residence

In Texas, a homeless student is defined as a student who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and includes:

- Children and youths 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.
- Children and youths 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.
- Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless.

Code	Description	Definition
0	Not Identified	Student is NOT homeless at any time during the school year
2	Temporarily Doubled-up	Student lives temporarily doubled-up (sharing residence with a family or individual) at any time during the current school year. Doubled-Up (e.g., living with another family) is defined as sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason. This classification requires a case-by-case determination.

Code	Description	Definition
3	Temporarily Unsheltered	Student is unsheltered (i.e., lives on the street, lives in cars, parks, campgrounds, temporary trailers [including FEMA trailers], or abandoned buildings) at any time during the current school year. Unsheltered is defined as a nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings. It includes such places as cars, parks, campgrounds (if they live there because they lack an alternative accommodation), temporary trailers (if they live there because they lack an alternative accommodation), abandoned buildings, and substandard housing. Substandard housing may be determined by local building codes, community norms, and/or a case-by-case determination as to whether the accommodation is a “fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.”
4	Motel/Hotel	Student lives in a motel or hotel at any time during the current school year. Students who stay at a motel or hotel are considered homeless if they reside there because they have lost their housing, lack an alternative accommodation, and do not have a “fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.”
5	Shelter Transitional	Student lives in a shelter, transitional housing at any time during current school year. Shelters are defined as supervised publicly or privately operated facilities designed to provide temporary living accommodations. The shelters category for homeless students includes emergency shelters, family shelters, domestic violence shelters, youth shelters, and transitional housing programs. The shelters category for homeless students <i>does not</i> include residential treatment facilities, Title I Neglected or Delinquent facilities, or TJJD facilities.

**Database Location:**

Homeless.primaryNightTimeResidence

**Ad Hoc Inquiries:**

Student > Learner > Homeless > Homeless > primaryNightTimeResidence

**Notes:**

Homeless status can be assigned to a student at any point of the enrollment period. If a student is determined Homeless at any point in the school year, the student will report as Homeless for the entire enrollment period. The amount of time the student is deemed homeless is not considered.

**Unaccompanied Youth Status Code**

Unaccompanied youth indicates a youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian. If a student is an unaccompanied youth, the district must indicate whether or not the student received direct services under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program. This program is also

known as the TEXSHEP program.

Code	Description	Definition
3	In physical custody of parent/guardian for entire year	Homeless student is in the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian (i.e., homeless student is not unaccompanied) for the entire school year.
4	Not in physical custody of parent/guardian for entire year	Homeless student is not in the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian (i.e., homeless student is unaccompanied) at any time during the school year.

**Database Location:**

Homeless.unaccompaniedYouth

**Ad Hoc Inquiries:**

Student > Learner > Homeless > Homeless > unaccompaniedYouth

**Notes:**

Students can be assigned an Unaccompanied Youth Status Code at any time during the enrollment period.

Please note that if a student is assigned an Unaccompanied Youth Status Code, the student **MUST ALSO** be assigned a Homeless Nighttime Residence. Unaccompanied Youth Status will **NOT** report if a Homeless selection is not made.