Homeless (California)

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Tool Search: Homeless

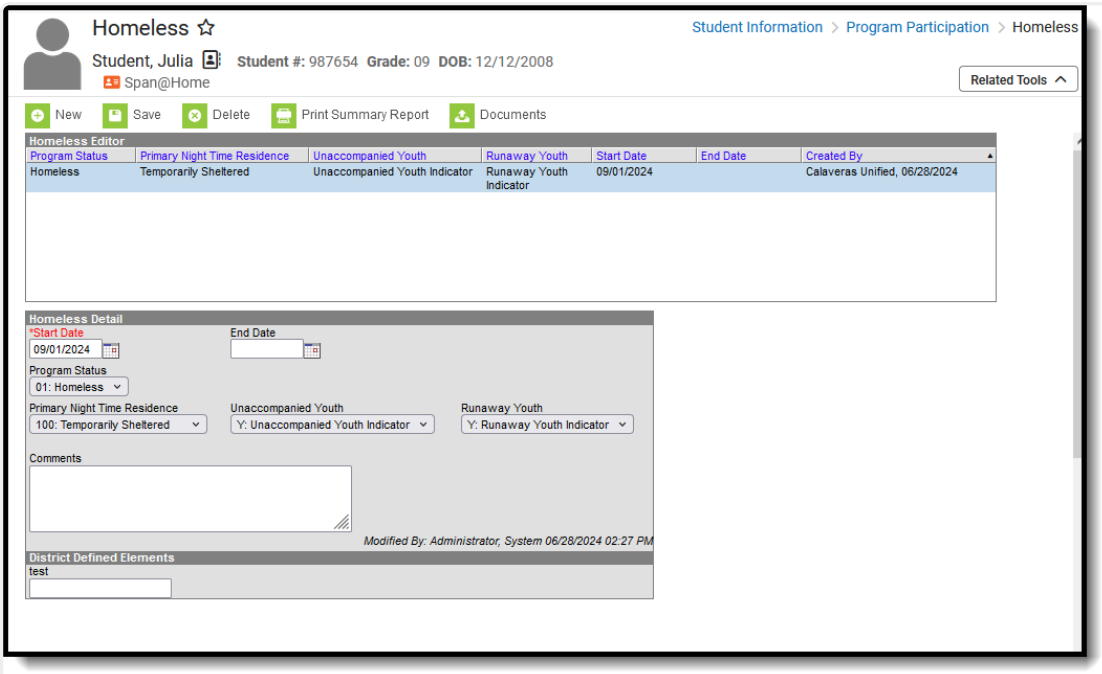
The Homeless tool records basic homeless information as well as district-defined fields. The list of homeless records is sorted by Start Date.

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

California defines homeless children and youth as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This definition also includes:

- Children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- Children and youth who may be living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, shelters;
- 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;
- Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; or
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are children who are living in similar circumstances listed above.

See the core Homeless article for information on necessary tool rights, available Ad hoc fields, and guidance on adding and printing Homeless records.



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Primary Night Time Residence

The Primary Night Time Residence is a coded value representing a Dwelling Type. Dwelling Type is the type of dwelling or structure in which a homeless individual resides.

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Code	Description	Definition
100	Shelters	A temporary residence provided for homeless individuals who would otherwise sleep on the street or a temporary residence provided to individuals in emergency situations. This should not be used for children who are in temporary residences awaiting permanent placement in foster care.
110	Hotels/Motels	A temporary residence for homeless individuals usually requiring payment or vouchers for lodging and services on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis.
120	Doubled-up	A temporary residence where a homeless family is sharing the housing of other persons due to the loss of housing, economic hardship, or other similar reasons.

Code	Description	Definition
130	Unsheltered	A type of residence for homeless individuals that is not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, campgrounds, trailer parks, bus and train stations, or persons abandoned in the hospital (on the street). A rule of thumb would be to see the dwelling as comparable to an automobile in that it shelters but is not adequate housing.

Database Location:

Homeless.primaryNightTimeResidence

Ad Hoc Inquiries:

learner > Homeless > primaryNightTimeResidence

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Unaccompanied Youth

An indication of whether or not a student who has been identified as homeless is not in the direct care of their parent or guardian.

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Homeless.unaccompaniedYouth

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learner > Homeless > unaccompaniedYouth

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Runaway Youth

An indication of whether or not a student, who has been identified as homeless, who is less than 18 years of age, has left home without parental/caregiver permission and stays away for one or more nights.

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