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WHAT IS MCKINNEY-VENTO?



The McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) program is designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth face in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Under this program, the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) must ensure that each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free and appropriate public education, including preschool, as other students.

Homeless children and youth must have access to the educational and other services that they need to enable them to meet the same challenging state academic achievement standards to which all students are held. In addition, homeless students may not be separated from the mainstream school environment.

State educational agencies (SEAs) and local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to review and undertake steps to revise laws, regulations, practices, and policies that may act as a barrier to the enrollment, attendance, or success in school for homeless children and youth.

The GaDOE EHCY program is required by the U.S. Department of Education (ED) Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) to submit data on program performance. The data reflect information principally from LEAs with McKinney-Vento subgrants; however, some information regarding all LEAs throughout the state is required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Office of School Improvement at the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) conducts an annual comprehensive analysis of available LEA McKinney-Vento program data. Data sources include GaDOE's Student Record, School Improvement's annual homeless survey, and data from other state agencies. This report provides the results of the 2014-15 program year analysis. The key trends, patterns, and relationships included:

- **Georgia has a growing student homelessness problem:** The number of identified homeless students in Georgia increased every year from 2011-12 (34,379) to 2014-15 (39,113). The growth from 2013-14 to 2014-15 was 5.6 percent.
- **The percentage of students who experienced homelessness varied greatly among districts:** While some districts reported no homeless students, other districts reported populations above 10 percent, including: Seminole County (10.3 percent), Haralson County (10.9 percent), Polk County (11.7 percent), Dublin City (17.2 percent), Hancock County (30.4 percent).
- **The living arrangements for homeless students were varied, but most were doubled-up:** At 71.4 percent, doubled-up was the most common form of accomodation for homeless students. Living in hotels or motels was the second most common at 17.2 percent. Another 9.7 percent were living in shelters, transitional housing, or awaiting foster care. The unsheltered homeless population was 1.7 percent.
- **Black students and students with disabilities experienced high rates of homelessness:** In 2014-15 Black students constituted 57.8 percent of homeless students but only 35.7 percent of the total student population. Students with disabilities were 11.0 percent of the total student population and 16.5 percent of the homeless population.
- **Homeless students struggled academically:** Only 17 percent of homeless students scored proficient or distinguished on the End of Grade or End of Course language arts Milestones tests. In mathematics, only 14.9 percent scored proficient or distinguished.
- **Homeless students faced greater risk of suspension:** Homeless students were more likely than non-homeless students to receive in-school suspension (12.1 percent compared to 8.9 percent) and out-of-school suspension (11.1 percent to 6.3 percent).
- **Homeless students attended school at a lower rate than non-homeless students:** Homeless students had an attendance rate of 92.1, compared to a non-homeless attendance rate of 95.6.

NATIONAL STANDARDS

The United States Department of Education (ED) made a call for States to revise state plans with meaningful standards that can lead to quality services and increased academic achievement. The National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE), which serves as the ED's technical assistance and information center for the federal McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) program, recommends that state educational agencies (SEAs) and local educational agencies (LEAs) embrace the ten standards below to measure the effectiveness of EHCY program implementation. Each of the ten standards has multiple indicators (56 total) to measure quality.

1. All homeless students, identified and enrolled at the time of the state assessment, take the state assessment required for their grade levels.
2. All homeless students demonstrate academic progress.
3. All children in homeless situations are identified.
4. Within one full day of an attempt to enroll in school, homeless students are in attendance.
5. All homeless students experience stability in school.
6. All homeless students receive specialized and comparable services when eligible.
7. All preschool-aged homeless children enroll in and attend preschool programs.
8. All homeless unaccompanied youth enroll in and attend school.
9. All parents (or persons acting as parents) of homeless children and youth are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided meaningful opportunities to participate in their children's education.
10. LEAs help with the needs of all homeless children and youth through collaborative efforts both within and beyond the LEA.

Currently, EHCY programs are not mandated to collect all the outcome data represented by the 56 indicators of quality. However, it is important to note that the McKinney-Vento Standards and Indicators encompass a majority of the measures that the U.S. Department of Education's Homeless Children and Youth Program requires states to report from their EHCY subgranted LEAs. In addition, ED endorses the usage of the Standards and Indicators. The original McKinney-Vento Standards and Indicators were included in the U.S. Department of Education's 2004 Policy Guidance for the Education of Homeless Children and Youths Program. The revised McKinney-Vento Standards and Indicators have been approved by the U.S. Department of Education as a tool for homeless education programs to ensure compliance with federal requirements and to improve their services.

After meeting with representatives from ED, NCHE and National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) officials, GaDOE's EHCY program staff met with a small group of LEA EHCY liaisons and LEA transportation officials to discuss and modify proposed standards. In addition, the EHCY program staff met with other divisions within GaDOE, including: Counseling, Data Collections, School Improvement, Transportation and Consolidated Application developers. After considering the 56 indicators of quality embedded in the 10 NCHE standards, Georgia chose 25 indicators of program quality to track performance across the state.

Source: National Center for Homeless Education (March 2006). McKinney-Vento Data Standards and Indicators (2006 Revisions). Retrieved from: http://center.serve.org/nche/pr/st_ind.php#2006.

DEFINITION OF HOMELESSNESS

The following definition, as provided in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, must be used by LEAs when determining the homeless status of a student. Homeless children and youth are defined as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. The term “homeless” includes children and youth who experience any of the following:

Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason: If economic hardship, such as an accident or illness, loss of employment, loss of public benefits, or conditions of poverty, forces a family or youth to share the housing of others temporarily, the children and youth are eligible for McKinney-Vento services. A long-term, cooperative living arrangement among families or friends that is fixed, regular, and adequate should not be considered a homeless situation, even if the parties are living together to save money.

Living in a motel, hotel, trailer park, or camping ground due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations: Motels, hotels, and camping grounds will almost always be homeless situations, as they are rarely fixed, regular, and adequate. In contrast, trailer parks often are fixed, regular, and adequate residences. Asking questions about the condition and size of the trailer, the number of people living there, the intended length of stay, and whether the family or youth has an adequate alternative will help determine if the student is eligible for McKinney-Vento services.

Living in an emergency or transitional shelter: Emergency or transitional shelters of all kinds, including youth shelters, domestic violence shelters, family shelters, transitional living programs, and supportive housing programs are homeless situations.

Abandoned in hospitals: A child or youth abandoned in the hospital is eligible for McKinney-Vento services.

Awaiting foster care placement: Children and youth awaiting foster care placement are considered homeless; therefore, they are eligible for McKinney-Vento services. Children who are already in foster care are not considered homeless.

Living in a public or private place not designated for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings: An example of a place that meets these criteria is a public restroom.

Living in a car, park, public space, bus station, train station, abandoned building, substandard housing, or similar setting: Substandard housing is any dwelling that deviates from, or falls short of, local laws, standards, or norms.

Migratory children: Migratory children who qualify as homeless living in circumstances described above.

Source: National Center for Homeless Education (2012). Determining Eligibility for Rights and Services under the McKinney-Vento Act. Retrieved from: http://center.serve.org/nche/downloads/briefs/service_providers.pdf.

STATEWIDE DATA

Percentage of Students Who Were Homeless in 2014-15

Appling County	2.22	Cobb County	1.35	Gwinnett County	1.36
Atkinson County	0.33	Coffee County	4.19	Habersham County	2.21
Atlanta Public Schools	5.09	Colquitt County	2.25	Hall County	0.40
Bacon County	2.18	Columbia County	1.57	Hancock County	30.37
Baker County	0.00	Commerce City	0.91	Haralson County	10.85
Baldwin County	2.73	Cook County	0.11	Harris County	0.80
Banks County	4.53	Coweta County	0.68	Hart County	0.78
Barrow County	2.36	Crawford County	0.21	Heard County	4.85
Bartow County	2.38	Crisp County	1.72	Henry County	2.09
Ben Hill County	1.09	Dade County	4.71	Houston County	0.99
Berrien County	4.44	Dalton City	4.84	Irwin County	0.67
Bibb County	2.34	Dawson County	4.73	Jackson County	0.98
Bleckley County	0.11	Decatur City	1.59	Jasper County	4.21
Brantley County	2.36	Decatur County	1.71	Jeff Davis County	0.60
Bremen City	0.41	DeKalb County	1.76	Jefferson City	1.29
Brooks County	0.38	Dodge County	0.34	Jefferson County	0.23
Bryan County	1.10	Dooly County	0.00	Jenkins County	1.33
Buford City	0.45	Dougherty County	4.42	Johnson County	5.20
Bulloch County	1.02	Douglas County	1.64	Jones County	0.17
Burke County	0.21	Dublin City	17.20	Lamar County	0.64
Butts County	7.36	Early County	0.86	Lanier County	3.08
Calhoun City	6.12	Echols County	0.33	Laurens County	2.23
Calhoun County	0.00	Effingham County	1.02	Lee County	5.34
Camden County	0.46	Elbert County	2.02	Liberty County	1.83
Candler County	1.22	Emanuel County	1.08	Lincoln County	3.54
Carroll County	5.20	Evans County	0.49	Long County	0.75
Carrollton City	5.79	Fannin County	8.58	Lowndes County	1.77
Cartersville City	3.51	Fayette County	0.29	Lumpkin County	1.91
Catoosa County	3.27	Floyd County	4.99	Macon County	0.63
Charlton County	4.57	Forsyth County	1.37	Madison County	4.85
Chatham County	1.82	Franklin County	1.88	Marietta City	4.55
Chattahoochee County	0.29	Fulton County	1.58	Marion County	0.00
Chattooga County	9.19	Gainesville City	0.98	McDuffie County	0.86
Cherokee County	0.21	Gilmer County	1.57	McIntosh County	4.04
Chickamauga City	0.22	Glascocock County	0.00	Meriwether County	0.00
Clarke County	4.97	Glynn County	1.87	Miller County	1.69
Clay County	8.21	Gordon County	7.19	Mitchell County	3.13
Clayton County	3.19	Grady County	6.79	Monroe County	2.92
Clinch County	1.05	Greene County	2.09	Montgomery County	5.94

District Homeless Student Percentages

Percentage of Students Who Were Homeless in 2014-15

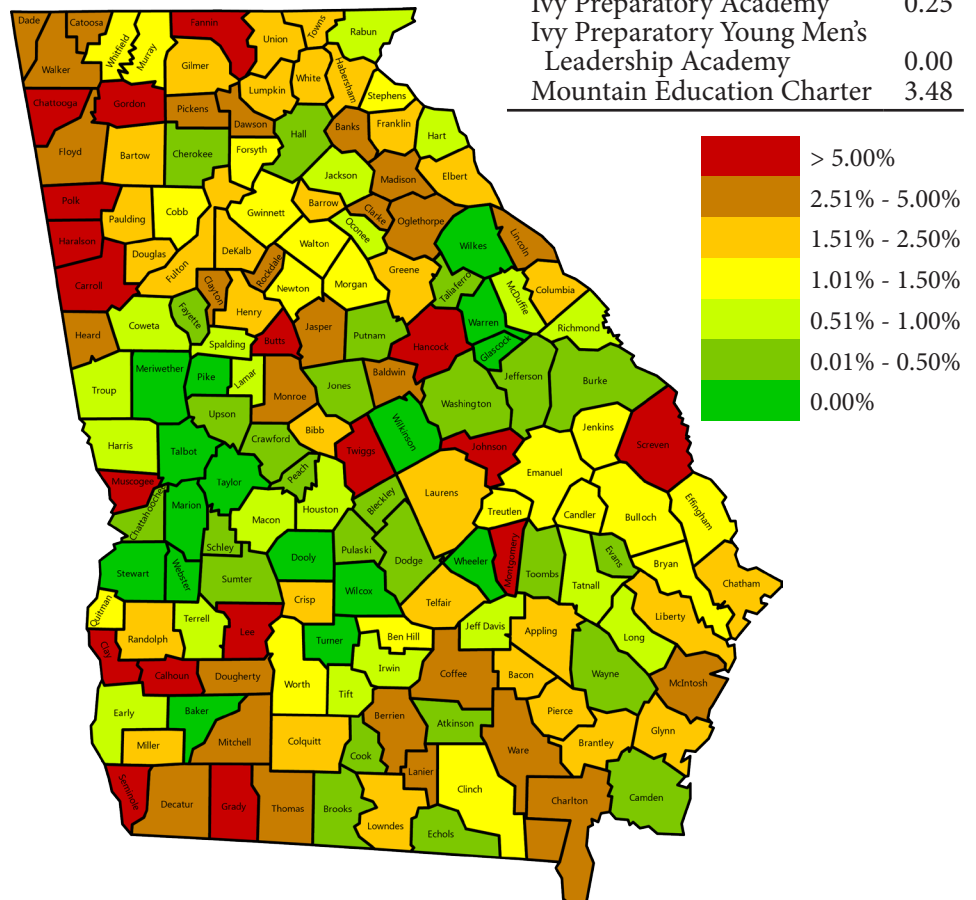
Morgan County	1.47
Murray County	1.43
Muscogee County	5.31
Newton County	1.03
Oconee County	0.82
Oglethorpe County	2.86
Paulding County	1.70
Peach County	0.13
Pelham City	0.60
Pickens County	4.29
Pierce County	1.60
Pike County	0.00
Polk County	11.67
Pulaski County	0.47
Putnam County	0.40
Quitman County	1.47
Rabun County	0.80
Randolph County	1.85
Richmond County	0.64
Rockdale County	2.62
Rome City	2.96
Schley County	0.28
Screven County	5.07
Seminole County	10.34
Social Circle City	3.74
Spalding County	0.66
State Schools	0.23
Stephens County	1.21
Stewart County	0.00
Sumter County	0.04
Talbot County	0.00
Taliaferro County	0.48
Tattnall County	0.95
Taylor County	0.00
Telfair County	2.11
Terrell County	0.88
Thomas County	4.11
Thomaston-Upson County	0.13

Thomasville City	1.76
Tift County	0.58
Toombs County	0.33
Towns County	2.34
Treutlen County	1.49
Trion City	0.20
Troup County	1.29
Turner County	0.00
Twiggs County	6.31
Union County	2.06
Valdosta City	2.51
Vidalia City	1.03
Walker County	2.59
Walton County	1.49
Ware County	3.72
Warren County	0.00
Washington County	0.18
Wayne County	0.39

Webster County	0.00
Wheeler County	0.00
White County	1.81
Whitfield County	1.22
Wilcox County	0.00
Wilkes County	0.00
Wilkinson County	0.00
Worth County	1.17

State Charter Schools

Atlanta Heights Charter	0.00
CCAT School	0.00
Coweta Charter	0.00
Fulton Leadership Academy	2.32
Ivy Preparatory Academy at Gwinnett	0.60
Pataula Charter Academy	0.00
Cherokee Charter Academy Georgia Connections Academy	0.47
Georgia Cyber Academy	0.38
Graduation Achievement Center	0.76
Ivy Preparatory Academy	0.25
Ivy Preparatory Young Men's Leadership Academy	0.00
Mountain Education Charter	3.48



STATEWIDE DATA

	<i>Homeless Student Count</i>				<i>2013-14 to 2014-15 Change (%)</i>
	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	
Appling County	52	38	29	87	200.0
Atkinson County	1	2	4	6	50.0
Atlanta Public Schools	2,025	2,453	2,654	2,853	7.5
Bacon County	32	13	38	51	34.2
Baker County	0	0	0	0	---
Baldwin County	68	109	122	165	35.2
Banks County	28	55	105	140	33.3
Barrow County	367	311	380	340	-10.5
Bartow County	423	447	402	361	-10.2
Ben Hill County	42	36	38	39	2.6
Berrien County	214	253	164	155	-5.5
Bibb County	799	501	600	607	1.2
Bleckley County	40	39	19	3	-84.2
Brantley County	65	132	107	90	-15.9
Bremen City	35	20	7	9	28.6
Brooks County	27	22	21	9	-57.1
Bryan County	54	67	95	102	7.4
Buford City	9	13	3	20	566.7
Bulloch County	97	64	96	112	16.7
Burke County	0	8	6	10	66.7
Butts County	134	167	216	285	31.9
Calhoun City	223	172	186	263	41.4
Calhoun County	0	0	0	0	---
Camden County	37	59	62	45	-27.4
Candler County	23	25	28	29	3.6
Carroll County	296	444	603	829	37.5
Carrollton City	199	161	209	303	45.0
Cartersville City	210	101	214	160	-25.2
Catoosa County	367	351	323	376	16.4
Charlton County	23	34	60	84	40.0
Chatham County	659	772	954	744	-22.0
Chattahoochee County	0	0	0	3	---
Chattooga County	318	403	419	283	-32.5
Cherokee County	92	80	105	88	-16.2
Chickamauga City	7	2	1	3	200.0
Clarke County	276	405	472	698	47.9
Clay County	0	31	26	27	3.8
Clayton County	2,340	2,121	1,514	1924	27.1

District Homeless Student Counts

	<i>Homeless Student Count</i>				<i>2013-14 to 2014-15 Change (%)</i>
	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	
Clinch County	6	26	10	16	60.0
Cobb County	1,226	1,344	1,434	1,610	12.3
Coffee County	249	323	477	350	-26.6
Colquitt County	319	306	500	231	-53.8
Columbia County	384	332	306	429	40.2
Commerce City	3	7	10	15	50.0
Cook County	19	5	10	4	-60.0
Coweta County	254	305	194	163	-16.0
Crawford County	0	0	0	4	---
Crisp County	22	78	177	78	-55.9
Dade County	113	107	98	111	13.3
Dalton City	377	346	474	405	-14.6
Dawson County	165	93	154	176	15.8
Decatur City	76	59	85	74	-12.9
Decatur County	50	84	103	98	-4.9
DeKalb County	1,475	1,447	1,768	1,975	11.7
Dodge County	6	7	10	12	20.0
Dooly County	0	0	0	0	---
Dougherty County	747	596	497	725	45.9
Douglas County	238	221	224	466	108.0
Dublin City	125	329	282	496	75.9
Early County	15	9	29	20	31.0
Echols County	0	1	4	3	-25.0
Effingham County	89	127	113	127	12.4
Elbert County	63	49	80	65	-18.8
Emanuel County	79	65	62	50	-19.4
Evans County	20	8	19	10	-47.4
Fannin County	266	325	488	271	-44.5
Fayette County	33	48	60	61	1.7
Floyd County	559	478	421	533	26.6
Forsyth County	776	683	708	606	-14.4
Franklin County	101	100	118	73	-38.1
Fulton County	1,527	1,441	1,586	1,621	2.2
Gainesville City	41	57	58	84	44.8
Gilmer County	36	39	28	72	157.1
Glascok County	0	3	3	0	100.0
Glynn County	176	233	224	265	18.3
Gordon County	388	442	395	531	42.0

STATEWIDE DATA

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	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	
Grady County	47	28	162	333	105.6
Greene County	4	17	36	52	44.4
Gwinnett County	2,195	2,331	2,503	2,497	0.2
Habersham County	194	126	161	162	0.6
Hall County	132	90	121	114	-5.8
Hancock County	148	296	317	307	-3.2
Haralson County	316	348	385	426	10.7
Harris County	8	29	39	45	15.4
Hart County	32	25	49	29	-40.8
Heard County	52	65	88	106	20.5
Henry County	660	653	721	940	30.4
Houston County	216	288	433	299	-30.9
Irwin County	7	4	8	13	62.5
Jackson County	169	105	99	78	21.2
Jasper County	87	158	169	108	-36.1
Jeff Davis County	22	19	9	20	122.2
Jefferson City	45	38	41	44	7.3
Jefferson County	0	0	0	7	---
Jenkins County	0	15	33	18	45.5
Johnson County	46	41	61	64	4.9
Jones County	4	4	14	10	-28.6
Lamar County	17	21	19	19	0.0
Lanier County	29	45	55	61	10.9
Laurens County	94	159	95	156	64.2
Lee County	353	364	352	369	4.8
Liberty County	102	172	195	207	6.2
Lincoln County	21	24	47	45	-4.3
Long County	39	34	21	28	33.3
Lowndes County	144	195	210	204	2.9
Lumpkin County	94	132	144	76	-47.2
Macon County	28	14	12	11	-8.3
Madison County	153	200	194	250	28.9
Marietta City	364	349	448	455	1.6
Marion County	0	0	0	0	---
McDuffie County	22	23	33	39	18.2
McIntosh County	83	76	71	71	0.0
Meriwether County	0	0	1	0	-100.0
Miller County	16	21	24	19	-20.8

District Homeless Student Counts

	<i>Homeless Student Count</i>				<i>2013-14 to 2014-15 Change (%)</i>
	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	
Mitchell County	127	120	73	81	11.0
Monroe County	225	264	140	124	-11.4
Montgomery County	0	3	123	181	47.2
Morgan County	29	33	83	50	-39.8
Murray County	179	277	146	117	-19.8
Muscogee County	2,219	1,689	1,535	1,838	19.7
Newton County	164	176	200	221	10.5
Oconee County	31	73	74	60	-18.9
Oglethorpe County	2	2	51	68	33.3
Paulding County	576	559	542	519	-4.2
Peach County	27	18	25	5	-80.0
Pelham City	0	17	10	10	0.0
Pickens County	93	80	174	201	15.5
Pierce County	40	34	52	64	23.1
Pike County	0	0	0	0	---
Polk County	1,305	1,134	1,026	964	-6.0
Pulaski County	0	6	4	7	75.0
Putnam County	10	8	6	12	100.0
Quitman County	13	10	9	6	-33.3
Rabun County	52	38	45	19	-57.8
Randolph County	21	20	23	21	-8.7
Richmond County	316	346	243	218	-10.3
Rockdale County	255	307	393	474	20.6
Rome City	299	366	385	200	-48.1
Schley County	0	0	2	4	100.0
Screven County	45	52	103	131	27.2
Seminole County	149	218	192	181	-5.7
Social Circle City	27	40	78	68	12.8
Spalding County	10	26	48	75	56.3
State Schools	0	0	0	1	---
Stephens County	48	71	63	53	-15.9
Stewart County	0	0	0	0	---
Sumter County	11	2	0	2	---
Talbot County	0	0	0	0	---
Taliaferro County	3	3	7	1	-85.7
Tattnall County	8	25	20	39	95.0
Taylor County	0	0	0	0	---
Telfair County	57	47	42	39	-7.1

STATEWIDE DATA

	<i>Homeless Student Count</i>				<i>2013-14 to 2014-15 Change (%)</i>
	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	
Terrell County	0	0	4	14	250.0
Thomas County	292	308	297	247	-16.8
Thomaston-Upson County	7	20	20	6	-70.0
Thomasville City	62	70	69	57	-17.4
Tift County	57	49	85	49	-42.4
Toombs County	10	15	7	11	57.1
Towns County	0	0	28	26	-7.1
Treutlen County	16	13	18	19	5.6
Trion City	3	4	7	3	-57.1
Troup County	413	406	239	174	-27.2
Turner County	0	0	0	0	---
Twiggs County	0	0	0	63	---
Union County	23	65	66	60	-9.1
Valdosta City	145	125	215	225	4.7
Vidalia City	18	42	29	29	0.0
Walker County	68	184	190	252	32.6
Walton County	247	284	291	221	-24.1
Ware County	648	542	384	251	-34.6
Warren County	0	0	0	0	---
Washington County	0	5	3	6	100.0
Wayne County	45	16	28	23	-17.9
Webster County	0	0	0	0	---
Wheeler County	0	0	0	0	---
White County	57	60	78	75	-3.8
Whitfield County	296	181	164	174	6.1
Wilcox County	0	0	0	0	---
Wilkes County	3	1	0	0	---
Wilkinson County	2	2	0	0	---
Worth County	46	34	54	43	-20.4

Source: Georgia Department of Education Student Record.

District Homeless Student Counts

	Homeless Student Count				2013-14 to 2014-15 Change (%)
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	
State Charter Schools					
Atlanta Heights Charter	31	0	0	0	---
CCAT School	0	0	0	0	---
Coweta Charter	0	0	0	0	---
Fulton Leadership Academy	4	4	4	7	75.0
Ivy Preparatory Academy at Gwinnett	0	0	1	1	0.0
Pataula Charter Academy	0	0	0	0	---
Cherokee Charter Academy	0	0	0	0	---
Georgia Connections Academy	18	22	16	25	56.3
Georgia Cyber Academy	---	---	---	63	---
Graduation Achievement Center	0	0	0	27	---
Ivy Preparatory Academy	0	0	0	1	---
Ivy Preparatory Young Men's Leadership Academy	0	0	0	0	---
Mountain Education Charter	0	0	75	92	22.7
Statewide Totals	34,379	35,034	37,054	39,113	5.6



STATEWIDE DATA

<i>Student Count by Homeless Type</i>			
	<i>Preschool</i>	<i>School-Aged</i>	<i>Total</i>
Hotels/Motels	68	6,679	6,747
Unsheltered	8	663	671
Doubled-Up	661	27,299	27,960
Shelters, Transitional Housing, Awaiting Foster Care	63	3,741	3,804
Total	800	38,382	39,182

<i>Homeless Students by Grade</i>			<i>Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)</i>		
	<i>Count</i>	<i>Percent of Grade</i>		<i>Homeless Students</i>	<i>All Students</i>
Ungraded	12	---	Race		
Ages 3-5, not in Kindergarten	788	---	American Indian	0.2	<1.0
Kindergarten	3,938	2.9	Asian	0.4	3.6
1 st	3,852	2.8	Black	57.8	35.7
2 nd	3,577	2.6	Hispanic	8.2	13.5
3 rd	3,479	2.6	Pacific Islander	0.1	<1.0
4 th	3,224	2.5	White	29.2	40.4
5 th	3,082	2.4	Two or More Races	4.2	3.0
6 th	2,861	2.2	English Learners	3.0	8.0
7 th	2,857	2.2	Migrant Students	0.6	<1.0
8 th	2,718	2.0	Students with Disabilities	16.5	11.0
9 th	3,149	2.2	Unaccompanied Youth	5.4	---
10 th	2,111	1.6			
11 th	1,571	1.4			
12 th	1,946	1.8			

<i>Attendance and Discipline (%)</i>		
	<i>Homeless Students</i>	<i>Non-Homeless Students</i>
Attendance Rate (%)	92.1	95.6
Students Who Received Tier 3 Student Support Team (SST) Services (%)	5.3	3.1
Suspensions		
Students who received in-school suspension	12.1	8.9
Students who received out-of-school suspension	11.1	6.3
Students who were expelled	0.2	0.1

Source: Georgia Department of Education Student Record, Georgia Department of Education Annual Homeless Survey, and The Governor's Office of Student Achievement.

Demographics, Discipline, and Academics

Percentage of Homeless Students Scoring Proficient or Distinguished on Georgia Milestones

	<i>ELA</i>	<i>Math</i>		<i>ELA</i>	<i>Math</i>
Appling County	9.1	5.4	Clayton County	13.9	9.6
Atkinson County	Too Few	Too Few	Clinch County	Too Few	Too Few
Atlanta Public Schools	14.6	9.3	Cobb County	17.6	12.1
Bacon County	15.4	24.0	Coffee County	18.5	16.7
Baker County	---	---	Colquitt County	6.8	9.1
Baldwin County	9.8	14.8	Columbia County	17.5	22.3
Banks County	23.0	16.9	Commerce City	Too Few	Too Few
Barrow County	18.8	16.8	Cook County	---	---
Bartow County	20.8	20.1	Coweta County	20.6	15.2
Ben Hill County	0.0	5.6	Crawford County	Too Few	Too Few
Berrien County	27.3	33.7	Crisp County	24.4	18.2
Bibb County	10.1	5.2	Dade County	29.5	22.0
Bleckley County	---	---	Dalton City	14.4	12.0
Brantley County	34.3	27.3	Dawson County	23.3	18.9
Bremen City	Too Few	Too Few	Decatur City	25.7	20.6
Brooks County	Too Few	Too Few	Decatur County	20.0	7.7
Bryan County	20.0	27.8	DeKalb County	12.9	8.9
Buford City	Too Few	Too Few	Dodge County	Too Few	Too Few
Bulloch County	24.1	24.6	Dooly County	---	---
Burke County	12.5	28.6	Dougherty County	12.8	12.0
Butts County	13.5	13.0	Douglas County	13.9	9.2
Calhoun City	8.0	11.6	Dublin City	10.1	8.5
Calhoun County	---	---	Early County	0.0	0.0
Camden County	15.0	9.5	Echols County	Too Few	Too Few
Candler County	12.5	11.8	Effingham County	26.2	16.9
Carroll County	19.0	19.3	Elbert County	3.4	11.5
Carrollton City	13.9	17.7	Emanuel County	11.5	13.6
Cartersville City	18.4	17.2	Evans County	Too Few	Too Few
Catoosa County	23.7	24.0	Fannin County	25.7	25.7
Charlton County	25.0	16.3	Fayette County	14.3	24.2
Chatham County	11.8	9.2	Floyd County	17.5	18.6
Chattahoochee County	Too Few	Too Few	Forsythe County	19.9	24.5
Chattooga County	14.4	13.1	Franklin County	31.0	20.7
Cherokee County	27.3	21.7	Fulton County	16.7	11.3
Chickamauga City	Too Few	Too Few	Gainesville City	12.9	12.5
Clarke County	7.8	10.1	Gilmer County	23.8	17.1
Clay County	8.7	0.0	Glascocock County	---	---

Note: Percentages include all End of Grade and End of Course tests.

STATEWIDE DATA

Percentage of Homeless Students Scoring Proficient or Distinguished on Georgia Milestones

	ELA	Math		ELA	Math
Glynn County	22.0	22.6	McIntosh County	23.1	23.1
Gordon County	20.3	22.3	Meriwether County	---	---
Grady County	16.5	13.9	Miller County	Too Few	Too Few
Greene County	9.4	0.0	Mitchell County	19.0	11.6
Gwinnett County	22.3	18.6	Monroe County	27.7	21.4
Habersham County	16.0	16.9	Montgomery County	13.9	6.9
Hall County	20.9	12.7	Morgan County	8.3	10.7
Hancock County	11.9	6.6	Murray County	13.2	17.3
Haralson County	15.0	17.3	Muscogee County	15.5	15.6
Harris County	16.7	12.5	Newton County	13.4	8.9
Hart County	5.9	6.7	Oconee County	21.2	20.7
Heard County	42.3	51.0	Oglethorpe County	19.4	17.1
Henry County	20.5	14.9	Paulding County	18.2	16.0
Houston County	18.5	16.8	Peach County	Too Few	Too Few
Irwin County	Too Few	Too Few	Pelham City	Too Few	Too Few
Jackson County	17.5	20.5	Pickens County	15.2	21.7
Jasper County	13.2	17.5	Pierce County	18.2	24.2
Jeff Davis County	15.4	27.3	Pike County	---	---
Jefferson City	22.2	42.3	Polk County	24.0	19.8
Jefferson County	Too Few	Too Few	Pulaski County	Too Few	Too Few
Jenkins County	9.1	9.1	Putnam County	Too Few	Too Few
Johnson County	9.4	6.9	Quitman County	Too Few	Too Few
Jones County	Too Few	Too Few	Rabun County	Too Few	Too Few
Lamar County	27.3	Too Few	Randolph County	7.7	8.3
Lanier County	23.3	14.3	Richmond County	8.0	8.0
Laurens County	20.7	15.1	Rockdale County	23.1	19.6
Lee County	27.9	28.8	Rome City	13.0	19.7
Liberty County	16.5	14.4	Schley County	Too Few	Too Few
Lincoln County	18.5	17.6	Screven County	12.9	14.8
Long County	Too Few	Too Few	Seminole County	25.0	21.7
Lowndes County	19.6	15.5	Social Circle City	23.1	11.5
Lumpkin County	20.0	23.8	Spalding County	22.9	8.1
Macon County	Too Few	Too Few	State Schools	---	---
Madison County	22.8	28.2	Stephens County	21.7	13.6
Marietta City	10.6	10.8	Stewart County	---	---
Marion County	---	---	Sumter County	Too Few	Too Few
McDuffie County	8.7	22.7	Talbot County	---	---

Note: Percentages include all End of Grade and End of Course tests.

Demographics, Discipline, and Academics

Percentage of Homeless Students Scoring Proficient or Distinguished on Georgia Milestones

	ELA	Math		ELA	Math	
Taliaferro County	Too Few	---	State Charter Schools			
Tattnall County	16.7	14.3		Atlanta Heights Charter	---	---
Taylor County	---	---		CCAT School	---	---
Telfair County	5.6	11.1		Coweta Charter	---	---
Terrell County	Too Few	Too Few		Fulton Leadership Academy	Too Few	Too Few
Thomas County	12.9	10.1		Ivy Preparatory Academy at Gwinnett	---	---
Thomaston-Upson County	Too Few	Too Few		Pataula Charter Academy	---	---
Thomasville City	12.5	8.0		Cherokee Charter Academy	---	---
Tift County	9.1	28.0		Georgia Connections Academy	16.7	18.2
Toombs County	20.0	75.0		Georgia Cyber Academy	30.0	13.9
Towns County	Too Few	10.0		Graduation Achievement Center	Too Few	Too Few
Treutlen County	Too Few	0.0		Ivy Preparatory Academy	Too Few	Too Few
Trion City	---	---		Ivy Preparatory Young Men's Leadership Academy	---	---
Troup County	15.6	16.0		Mountain Education Charter	Too Few	---
Turner County	---	---		Statewide Totals	17.0	14.9
Twiggs County	14.8	10.3				
Union County	17.2	33.3				
Valdosta City	11.7	9.5				
Vidalia City	9.1	8.3				
Walker County	24.3	16.5				
Walton County	26.0	31.5				
Ware County	23.1	22.9				
Warren County	---	---				
Washington County	---	---				
Wayne County	6.7	13.3				
Webster County	---	---				
Wheeler County	---	---				
White County	12.2	15.0				
Whitfield County	20.3	17.7				
Wilcox County	---	---				
Wilkes County	---	---				
Wilkinson County	---	---				
Worth County	---	---				

Note: Percentages include all End of Grade and End of Course tests.

STATEWIDE DATA

Barriers to Enrollment and Success of Homeless Students Experienced by LEAs

	<i>Percent of Districts</i>
Eligibility for Homeless Services	14.4
School Selection	9.0
Transportation	31.7
School Records	16.8
Immunizations	18.0
Other medical records	10.2
Other barriers	6.6

Note: Percentages represent LEAs with homeless students that identified the above barriers as an obstacle to student enrollment and success.

Educational and School-Related Activities Provided to Homeless Students by Grant Recipients

	<i>Average Effectiveness Ranking</i>
Tutoring or Other Instructional Support	5.2
Expedited Evaluations	13.9
Staff Professional Development and Awareness	6.0
Referrals for Medical, Dental, and Other Health Services	8.9
Transportation	4.0
Early Childhood Programs	13.6
Assistance with Participation in School Programs	9.2
Before-school, After-school, Mentoring, and Summer Programs	---
Obtaining or Transferring Records Necessary for Enrollment	10.2
Parent Education Related to Rights and Resources for Children	7.7
Coordination between Schools and Agencies	8.7
Counseling	11.7
Addressing Needs Related to Domestic Violence	13.1
Clothing to Meet a School Requirement	7.1
School Supplies	4.4
Referral to Other Programs and Services	9.6
Emergency Assistance Related to School Attendance	10.0

Note: On the annual homeless survey, McKinney-Vento grant recipients were asked to rank the effectiveness of the seventeen activities above in removing barriers to success and full participation in school for homeless students (1 = most effective, 17 = least effective). The average effectiveness rankings represent the mean score given to each activity by respondents.

Source: Georgia Department of Education Annual Homeless Survey.



GRANTEE DATA

The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) awards competitive grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) with large numbers of McKinney-Vento eligible students to facilitate the enrollment, attendance, and academic success of homeless children and youth across the state.

Requests for applications are issued by GaDOE once every three years based on the availability of McKinney-Vento funds. The Grant Evaluation and Continuation Report is required from grantees every second and third year of the grant cycle to ensure the continuation of funds for the following fiscal year.

GaDOE provides technical assistance and support to applicants throughout the grant application process in the form of workshops and on-site support. Completed applications are received by GaDOE and screened for eligibility and completeness. Applications are then reviewed and rated using GaDOE contracted reviewers.

Upon completion of the competitive grant process, available grant funds are allocated to grantees based on the applicants' needs and homeless population.

GaDOE is required to review and evaluate the progress of local McKinney-Vento grantees in meeting the objectives of the program. This review and evaluation supports the awarding of grant funds to maintain and further the support of the homeless children and youth in the LEAs.

In the 2014-15 school year, over \$1.87 million was allocated to facilitate the enrollment, attendance, and success of homeless children and youth in Georgia's public schools. The following pages provide detail about the 50 McKinney-Vento grant recipients.



ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$70,080
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	2

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			2,853
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.18	White	0.27
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	0.54
Black	97.22	Unaccompanied Youth	1.19
Hispanic	1.75	English Learners	0.25
Pacific Islander	0.04	Students with Disabilities	11.01

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	14.58	32.87
Mathematics	9.28	27.75

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program actively and regularly engaged key community stakeholders to ensure the academic success of students in transition. This included:

- Technical assistance to 100 school sites and 10 shelter sites
- Edited Homeless Student Board Regulation to provide better clarity to school sites on enrollment and other McKinney-Vento services
- Created Homeless Education Advisory Board
- Computers, printers, and IT support at six shelter sites
- Backpack give away program
- Collaboration with local community groups



BARROW COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$33,125
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	29

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			340
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.79	White	63.10
Asian	1.19	Two or More Races	9.52
Black	20.24	Unaccompanied Youth	5.00
Hispanic	5.16	English Learners	1.47
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	20.00

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	18.82	35.40
Mathematics	16.76	34.57

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

A notable success in the district's McKinney-Vento program was EHCY achievement on standardized tests compared to their non-EHCY counterparts. The EHCY pass rate on the CRCT improved in every content area. The largest improvement was in the area of Reading, where the pass rate improved from 87.1 percent in FY13 to 92 percent in FY14.



GRANTEE DATA

BIBB COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

Throughout the year, the district's McKinney-Vento program partnered with community agencies and utilized grant funds to provide resources and academic assistance to students experiencing displacement in our district. The program provided access to experiential learning opportunities for students through academically-focused summer programs based throughout the community.

Each program had a different approach and was located on community sites or college campuses. Pre- and post- data gathered from the programs indicated that the majority of students made strong academic gains. More than 90 percent of families returning surveys agreed that the programs provided a safe environment with a strong focus on learning. During the summer of FY15, 82 students were served through outreach.



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$36,735
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	13

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	607		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	6.36
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	2.70
Black	89.02	Unaccompanied Youth	1.48
Hispanic	1.93	English Learners	0.66
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	12.85

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	10.06	21.65
Mathematics	5.22	17.78

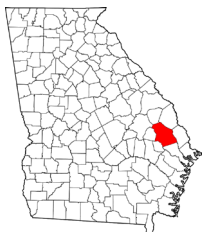
Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

BULLOCH COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

The Lighthouse (McKinney-Vento) Program included the following:

- School supplies
- Bookbags
- Afterschool remediation
- Homework help
- Assistance with enrollment
- Assistance with obtaining records
- Summer remediation
- Transportation assistance to school of origin



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$28,337
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	48

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	112		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	1.12	White	17.98
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	12.36
Black	66.29	Unaccompanied Youth	0.89
Hispanic	2.25	English Learners	0.00
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	19.64

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	24.14	35.40
Mathematics	24.56	39.11

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

CALHOUN CITY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$30,408
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	39

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	263		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	41.71
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	3.21
Black	13.37	Unaccompanied Youth	2.28
Hispanic	41.71	English Learners	20.15
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	15.97

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	7.96	36.03
Mathematics	11.61	39.79

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program offered a week-long summer camp for students transitioning to the next school level. Teachers worked with students to give them a preview of curriculum and expectations for the next school year.



CARROLL COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$35,804
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	15

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	829		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	56.79
Asian	0.31	Two or More Races	8.11
Black	29.49	Unaccompanied Youth	5.19
Hispanic	5.15	English Learners	1.69
Pacific Islander	0.16	Students with Disabilities	19.66

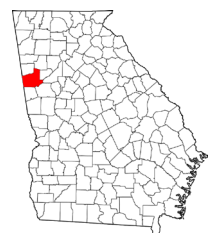
Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	19.04	37.70
Mathematics	19.35	34.21

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district implemented FAFSA Day. Each high school hosted a day to assist students and their families with completing the FAFSA. As a result of the program, the district doubled FAFSA participation compared to the previous year.



GRANTEE DATA

CARROLLTON CITY

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district used a case management process to promote the academic success of homeless students. The percentage of students passing in grades 4-12 increased from 86 percent to 90 percent. Afterschool tutoring programs were offered in grades PK-12.



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$30,180
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	41

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			303
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.0	White	22.03
Asian	0.85	Two or More Races	5.08
Black	55.93	Unaccompanied Youth	2.31
Hispanic	16.10	English Learners	8.25
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	18.48

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	13.89	43.41
Mathematics	17.65	40.28

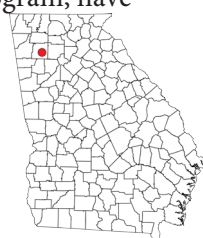
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CARTERSVILLE CITY

2014-15 Program Highlights

The Backpack Buddy program and the Least of These program were established in 2009 by the homeless liaisons in Cartersville City Schools and Bartow County Schools. The Backpack Buddy program was a collaboration between local churches, businesses, school systems, and the Bartow Collaborative. The bags were packed by volunteers and delivered to each school on Thursdays. Students also received bags of food.

The program contributed to gains in test scores among homeless students, and resulted in fewer behavior issues and better attendance. The program, along with the Least of These program, have raised awareness in the Cartersville community about the needs of homeless children and youth and their families.



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$29,078
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	44

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			160
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.0	White	22.58
Asian	1.08	Two or More Races	15.05
Black	47.31	Unaccompanied Youth	0.63
Hispanic	13.98	English Learners	6.25
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	16.25

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	18.39	42.90
Mathematics	17.24	42.84

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

CATOOSA COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$33,828
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	21

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	376		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	88.24
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	5.19
Black	1.73	Unaccompanied Youth	20.21
Hispanic	4.84	English Learners	0.00
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	25.27

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	23.73	39.72
Mathematics	24.02	40.43

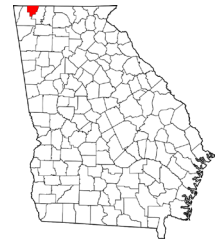
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2014-15 Program Highlights

Based on needs assessments and educator feedback, the district's McKinney-Vento program developed a tutoring and mentoring program for homeless children and youth. Retired educators were paired with identified homeless children and youth and provided one-on-one tutoring twice per week throughout the school year.

Tutors and teachers worked closely to ensure that students were learning direct classroom content. Review of the program participants' results showed an identifiable increase in academic success, attendance, and class participation.

Additionally, teachers identified a decrease in disruptive classroom behaviors.



CHATTOOGA COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$34,930
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	18

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	283		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	83.79
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	5.53
Black	5.14	Unaccompanied Youth	10.68
Hispanic	5.53	English Learners	1.77
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	20.14

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	14.38	26.26
Mathematics	13.13	19.38

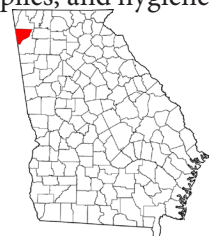
Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

In 2014-2015, the district aimed for 65 percent of HCY to have fewer than 15 absences from school. This goal was met with approximately 283 HCY. Another goal set by the district was for 65 percent of HCY to remain in their school of origin. This goal was exceeded, with 81 percent of HCY remaining in their school of origin. The district implemented responsive strategies that often utilized the services of approximately 25 local organizations and agencies to provide services to the HCY of Chattooga County Schools from non-LEA sources.

Additionally, the program offered:

- Backpacks, school supplies, and hygiene products
- Supplemental transportation to school-related activities and tutoring
- Contracted group and individual counseling services



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CLARKE COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

Due to increased awareness activities, district identification of homeless students increased by an average of 20 percent. Students were provided services and resources tailored to their specific needs, including enrollment, school supplies, and housing and shelter assistance.



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$35,139
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	17

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	698		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	9.00
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	7.09
Black	77.85	Unaccompanied Youth	12.18
Hispanic	5.71	English Learners	1.43
Pacific Islander	0.35	Students with Disabilities	23.07

Academic Performance

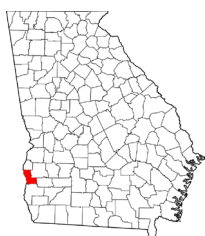
	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	7.78	25.81
Mathematics	10.14	29.60

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

CLAY COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program assisted with academic challenges by offering self-directed tutorial and test prep through self-directed workbooks and technology. A mobile laptop lab was provided to identified youth. School supplies were provided as a way to make transition easier and more affordable for families.



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$27,710
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	50

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	27		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	0.00
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	0.00
Black	100.0	Unaccompanied Youth	0.00
Hispanic	0.00	English Learners	0.00
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	11.11

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	8.70	10.96
Mathematics	0.00	11.64

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

CLAYTON COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$67,933
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	3

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	1,924		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	3.59
Asian	0.51	Two or More Races	1.90
Black	88.36	Unaccompanied Youth	0.62
Hispanic	5.56	English Learners	1.40
Pacific Islander	0.07	Students with Disabilities	10.91

Academic Performance

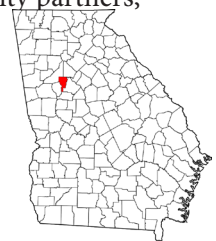
	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	13.92	25.84
Mathematics	9.56	18.23

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program partnered with community agencies and individuals to offer a holiday sponsorship project that provided assistance with holiday related costs so families were able to allocate their resources toward housing stability.

The program implemented a threefold readiness model for academic success and focused on providing students with gifts to support their personal, physical, and academic wellbeing. In an overwhelming response, 70 out of 75 sponsored students received devices to assist them with accessing the internet for homework or developing their technical skills. Through the generosity of community partners, students had access to comparable resources that enriched their educational experience.



COBB COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$52,847
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	7

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	1,610		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	11.10
Asian	0.43	Two or More Races	3.10
Black	73.24	Unaccompanied Youth	2.98
Hispanic	12.05	English Learners	3.60
Pacific Islander	0.09	Students with Disabilities	18.45

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	17.57	49.31
Mathematics	12.14	44.79

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program focused on educational stability. A few of the services provided were:

- Assistance with enrollment
- Free lunch access
- Referrals to social workers and agencies
- Academic assistance
- School supplies



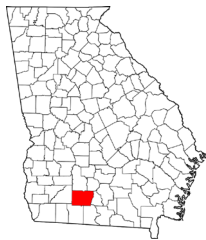
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COLQUITT COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program provided the following:

- Academic tutoring to 55 students
- Washington, D.C. tour
- Georgia Studies tour
- Uniforms, backpacks, and school supplies
- Weekend backpack program



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$33,467
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	27

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	231		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	25.25
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	3.96
Black	36.14	Unaccompanied Youth	0.87
Hispanic	34.65	English Learners	22.51
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	16.02

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	6.80	25.16
Mathematics	9.09	29.68

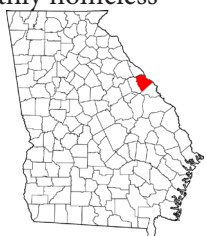
Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program offered:

- Backpacks and school supplies
- Uniforms at the alternative school and referrals to local area clothing banks
- Enrollment assistance, referrals for free immunizations, and assistance obtaining records
- Transportation assistance in the form of gas vouchers, cab rides, and/or the re-routing of buses to maintain students' school of origin
- Program referrals for housing assistance through the Rapid Rehousing Program, referrals to local shelters and hotels
- Extensive collaboration with local agencies through monthly homeless and hunger coalition meetings
- Referrals to food programs



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$33,486
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	26

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	429		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	1.79	White	56.42
Asian	0.90	Two or More Races	5.07
Black	28.36	Unaccompanied Youth	13.75
Hispanic	7.46	English Learners	2.33
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	14.45

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	17.54	48.31
Mathematics	22.33	50.18

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

COWETA COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$32,992
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	31

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			163
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	33.59
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	5.34
Black	50.38	Unaccompanied Youth	13.50
Hispanic	10.69	English Learners	3.07
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	19.02

Academic Performance

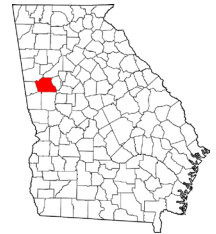
	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	20.62	42.92
Mathematics	15.22	41.58

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program offered the following:

- Tutoring
- Backpacks and school supplies
- Free meals
- Transportation
- Help locating records
- Guidance for parents
- Afterschool care



DALTON CITY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$33,771
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	22

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			405
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.32	White	26.95
Asian	0.97	Two or More Races	6.82
Black	12.01	Unaccompanied Youth	5.93
Hispanic	52.92	English Learners	17.28
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	13.58

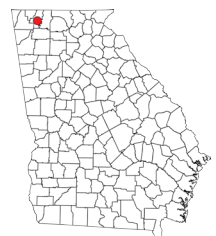
Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	14.35	29.24
Mathematics	12.04	27.19

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The goal of the district's McKinney-Vento program was educational stability for children experiencing homelessness. The district lived by the One Child, One School, One Year motto and collaborated with neighboring districts to assist homeless students in continuing in their school of origin whenever possible. The district worked with each family to assist with transportation and other needs. Families were provided enrollment assistance and expedited evaluations for student enrollment.



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DAWSON COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program worked with community partners to provide more than 600 children with free school supplies. Because of the overwhelming community interest, the district was able to provide a resource room to homeless students and those students at risk of homelessness and poverty. This resource room gave access to school supplies, shoes, clothing, underwear, socks, hygiene products and much more.

In addition to the resource room, a nonprofit was created to fill gaps in resources in the area. Since 2013, over \$11,000 in donations have provided food for families, covered hotel costs, utility bills, medical bills and medications, and many other things that support family stability.



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$28,907
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	45

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			176
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	93.23
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	1.50
Black	0.00	Unaccompanied Youth	20.45
Hispanic	5.26	English Learners	1.70
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	22.16

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	23.33	41.31
Mathematics	18.95	42.46

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

DECATUR CITY

2014-15 Program Highlights

Based on feedback from 10 high school seniors, and their counselors, a need for support was identified. The district, in partnership with a community agency, provided assistance with graduation fees, laptops, and \$200 to each student for dorm and apartment items. All 10 students graduated on time. Eight students were accepted to college, one to a vocational school, and one entered the workforce.



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$28,242
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	49

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			74
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	1.96	White	1.96
Asian	3.92	Two or More Races	7.84
Black	74.51	Unaccompanied Youth	4.05
Hispanic	9.80	English Learners	1.35
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	12.16

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	25.71	66.63
Mathematics	20.59	61.22

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

DECATUR COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$28,907
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	46

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	98		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	20.09
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	1.49
Black	74.63	Unaccompanied Youth	7.14
Hispanic	2.99	English Learners	3.06
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	11.22

Academic Performance

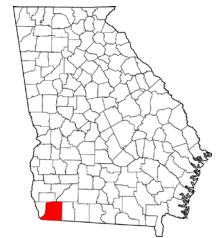
	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	20.00	26.41
Mathematics	7.69	22.81

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program offered:

- Transportation to school of origin
- School supplies and bookbags
- Hygiene items
- Enrollment records
- Clothes



DEKALB COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$54,880
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	5

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	1,975		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.14	White	0.93
Asian	0.43	Two or More Races	2.14
Black	92.44	Unaccompanied Youth	4.05
Hispanic	3.78	English Learners	2.03
Pacific Islander	0.14	Students with Disabilities	15.09

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	12.94	30.33
Mathematics	8.85	25.00

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program:

- Partnered with the district's transportation department to pay for MARTA cards for homeless students
- Identified needs for tutorial support for homeless students in non-Title I schools
- Provided tutorial and homework assistance in two homeless shelters
- Assisted homeless seniors with completion of the FAFSA
- Completed comprehensive survey to assist with program planning



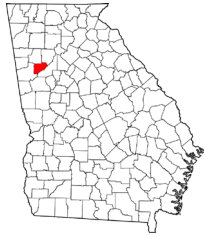
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DOUGLAS COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program offered:

- Backpacks and school supplies
- Assistance with enrollment and records
- Afterschool program scholarships
- Educational engagement meetings
- Collaboration with community agencies for services



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$31,358
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	36

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			466
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	15.63
Asian	0.59	Two or More Races	3.24
Black	73.75	Unaccompanied Youth	4.08
Hispanic	6.78	English Learners	2.36
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	17.81

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	13.92	34.45
Mathematics	9.16	31.73

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

DUBLIN CITY

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program offered:

- Backpacks, school supplies, and school uniforms
- Assistance with school enrollment
- Parent Involvement Coordinators to assist parents
- Help locating lost records
- Resource coordination with three food banks and a clothing bank

In 2015, 100 percent of McKinney-Vento seniors graduated.



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$33,619
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	25

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			497
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	5.46
Asian	0.71	Two or More Races	4.75
Black	86.94	Unaccompanied Youth	11.29
Hispanic	2.14	English Learners	0.40
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	14.08

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	10.08	12.87
Mathematics	8.46	13.34

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$29,6100
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	42

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	127		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	61.63
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	5.81
Black	31.40	Unaccompanied Youth	5.51
Hispanic	1.16	English Learners	1.57
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	21.26

Academic Performance

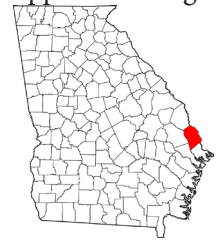
	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	26.23	43.92
Mathematics	16.95	48.89

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program served its homeless students and families through collaborative efforts with the use of the Brainchild Study Buddies. Homeless students in the district who transition through the Effingham Family Promise, an emergency shelter for homeless families, had an opportunity to enhance their learning using the tech savvy educational device-the Brainchild Study Buddy.

Both program directors and staff received training to utilize the Brainchild Study Buddies so they were better able to assist students in learning. The program engaged students in building math, reading, science, and social studies skills to support learning during the school year.



FLOYD COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$36,697
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	14

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	533		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.23	White	82.20
Asian	0.23	Two or More Races	4.45
Black	9.37	Unaccompanied Youth	1.13
Hispanic	3.28	English Learners	0.75
Pacific Islander	0.23	Students with Disabilities	26.27

Academic Performance

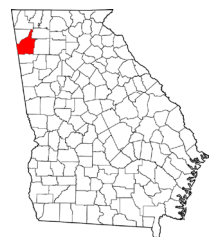
	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	17.52	33.33
Mathematics	18.57	32.36

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program offered:

- Tutoring twice a week
- Backpacks and school supplies
- Emergency clothing
- Emergency medical assistance
- Assistance with enrollment
- Assistance with enrollment documents birth certificates, immunizations, et
- Transportation to school for students
- Transportation for parents to school meetings (IEP, SST, etc.)
- Guidance to parents



GRANTEE DATA

FORSYTH COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

- The district's FY15 McKinney-Vento program highlights include:
- Up to two hours of individualized tutoring for McKinney-Vento students
 - Assistance with school fees: graduation fees, driver's education, summer school, etc.
 - Community resource referrals for food, clothing, furniture, etc.
 - Backpacks and school supplies
 - Vouchers to the Health Department for GA Form 3300 and 3231
 - College visits
 - FAFSA assistance
 - Parent information packets with academic support resources and information about community resources
 - Summer learning Materials
 - Kinder Camp
 - Parent meetings
 - Food drive



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$40,117
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	10

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			606
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.46	White	48.15
Asian	1.16	Two or More Races	3.24
Black	6.71	Unaccompanied Youth	4.95
Hispanic	40.28	English Learners	20.46
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	23.10

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	19.92	66.61
Mathematics	24.49	69.58

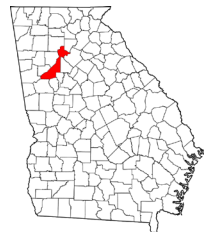
Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

FULTON COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district partnered with several outside agencies such as the Assistance League of Atlanta, World Changers Church and the police department to provide emergency food to homeless families not only during the holidays, but also throughout the school year. In addition, the district partnered with the United Way, Fulton Family Connections, and LIFT, Inc. who assisted families with funds between \$100 and \$1,000 to obtain stable housing or pay for emergency needs in the household.

A partnership with Stand Up for Kids, resulted in over 60 unaccompanied homeless youth receiving on-going mentoring and stipends. Fifteen of these students and their mentors attended Cirque de Soleil at Atlantic Station to broaden their world views and help them foster healthy relationships with caring adults.



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$54,842
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	6

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			1,621
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	4.43
Asian	0.35	Two or More Races	4.09
Black	84.70	Unaccompanied Youth	6.35
Hispanic	6.43	English Learners	2.59
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	14.44

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	16.74	47.25
Mathematics	11.35	44.97

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

GLYNN COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$31,5860
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	35

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	265		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	27.31
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	8.33
Black	58.33	Unaccompanied Youth	0.42
Hispanic	6.02	English Learners	1.89
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	29.81

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	22.01	39.29
Mathematics	22.56	39.47

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The most successful component of the district's McKinney-Vento program was the afterschool programming for students. The grant paid for the homeless students to participate in Boys and Girls club programs. The Boys and Girls Club recently opened a teen center that offers Friday night movies and dances as well as the more traditional afterschool activities of Power Hour (homework help) and intramural sports.



GORDON COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$35,785
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	16

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	531		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.49	White	82.56
Asian	0.25	Two or More Races	3.19
Black	3.93	Unaccompanied Youth	1.69
Hispanic	9.58	English Learners	4.71
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	15.44

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	20.31	34.58
Mathematics	22.27	40.85

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district was resourceful in obtaining transportation for homeless children and youth. It utilized a contract with a local agency that transported students until bus transportation was arranged and a substitute bus driver was utilized by the department to also help transport students.

Tutoring services were offered to elementary school students identified as needing support. Community resources were utilized to help provide weekend food, as well as provide other identified needs.



GRANTEE DATA

GWINNETT COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program offered:

- One-on-one weekly tutoring
- Fuel card assistance for school of origin and education-related support services
- Academic assistance and credit recovery
- Summer school assistance



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$71,543
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	1

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			2,497
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.05	White	7.28
Asian	0.97	Two or More Races	4.96
Black	72.71	Unaccompanied Youth	3.00
Hispanic	13.81	English Learners	4.97
Pacific Islander	0.22	Students with Disabilities	18.70

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	22.26	47.17
Mathematics	18.64	46.93

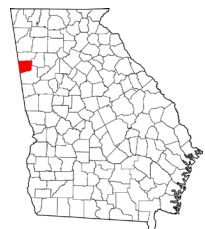
Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

HARALSON COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program focused on student success. Two career fairs were offered, with over 60 companies and individuals in attendance on the second day.

The district focused on college and career readiness and improving the graduation rate. Last year, 69% of McKinney-Vento students enrolled in college, including the University of Georgia and Hawaii Pacific University.



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$34,151
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	20

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			426
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.89	White	85.16
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	9.20
Black	2.37	Unaccompanied Youth	4.93
Hispanic	2.37	English Learners	0.00
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	22.07

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	15.00	31.36
Mathematics	17.32	27.02

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

HENRY COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$39,623
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	11

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			940
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	28.89
Asian	0.30	Two or More Races	4.94
Black	61.23	Unaccompanied Youth	16.60
Hispanic	4.49	English Learners	0.96
Pacific Islander	0.15	Students with Disabilities	18.09

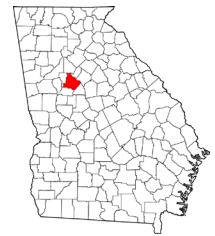
Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	20.49	36.26
Mathematics	14.86	31.60

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district conducted its first college tour for McKinney-Vento students to Clayton State University. The tour was funded by the McKinney-Vento grant. Lunch in the university dining hall was funded by a local church. Following the tour, several students expressed interest in attending the university.



HOUSTON COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$32,821
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	32

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			299
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	29.82
Asian	0.44	Two or More Races	6.14
Black	61.40	Unaccompanied Youth	2.34
Hispanic	2.19	English Learners	0.33
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	20.07

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	18.49	39.26
Mathematics	16.77	40.45

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program offered:

- Backpacks and school supplies
- Enrollment assistance
- Assistance with immunizations, EEDs and birth certificates
- Tutoring
- Guidance and resources for parents
- A homeless liaison for parents to have a primary contact
- Summer literacy kits



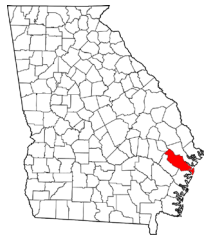
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LIBERTY COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district provided a variety of services to assist homeless children and unaccompanied youth during their transition to permanent housing. These services included the following:

- School uniforms
- School supplies, including book bags and Kitz for Kids supply boxes
- Kitz for Kids hygiene kits
- Transportation to school of origin
- Free breakfast and lunch at school
- One-on-one tutoring and mentoring
- Participation in one of two summer STEAM camps



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$30,408
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	40

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			207
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	18.79
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	2.68
Black	66.44	Unaccompanied Youth	14.98
Hispanic	12.08	English Learners	0.48
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	21.26

Academic Performance

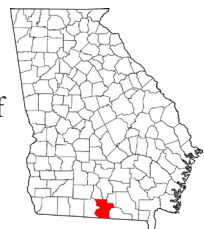
	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	16.51	32.26
Mathematics	14.43	24.79

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

LOWNDES COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district provided services to meet the needs of homeless youth and to make the school environment as normal as possible. It was determined that the greatest need was educational success. As a result, the district provided access to tutoring services for any homeless youth who had failing grades or was in jeopardy of not graduating. Tutoring services were provided by teachers during their off duty time. Tutoring provided homeless students the opportunity to improve failing grades and to recover credit to ensure graduation. This resource proved to be effective for homeless children as well as rewarding to those teachers who have committed to ensuring the success of homeless students. Another success was the collaboration and partnership with local organizations that resulted in the donation of several items that assisted homeless youth and families.



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$30,864
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	38

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			204
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	48.61
Asian	0.69	Two or More Races	4.86
Black	34.72	Unaccompanied Youth	31.37
Hispanic	11.11	English Learners	2.44
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	23.53

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	19.59	46.89
Mathematics	15.46	49.77

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

MADISON COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$31,054
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	37

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			250
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	68.72
Asian	2.23	Two or More Races	9.94
Black	9.50	Unaccompanied Youth	23.20
Hispanic	10.61	English Learners	4.80
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	20.80

Academic Performance

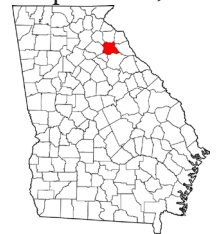
	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	22.76	40.88
Mathematics	28.23	44.15

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district provided students and families with extensive case management and a wide variety of services. The district relied heavily on community collaborations with over 20 outside agencies. Services provided include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Medical services (shots, records transfers, eyeglasses)
- School supplies
- Private tutoring
- Fuel cards to parents for transportation
- School fees and afterschool programming assistance
- Host-home shelter options for unaccompanied homeless youth
- Care closet support - immediate access to clothing, shoes, hygiene products, bedding, and other needed items
- Agency referrals, education support, mentoring, and resource connections



MARIETTA CITY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$33,752
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	23

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			455
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.78	White	2.34
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	5.47
Black	80.08	Unaccompanied Youth	0.88
Hispanic	11.33	English Learners	2.86
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	14.73

Academic Performance

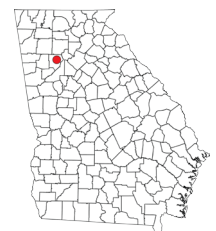
	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	10.59	38.63
Mathematics	10.82	35.74

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

In order to promote the academic success of the district's McKinney-Vento students, the district offered:

- Bus transportation
- Gas cards
- External services information
- School supplies
- Weekly bags of food
- School uniforms

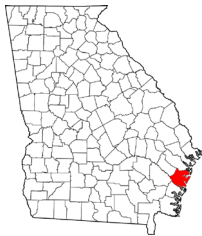


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MCINTOSH COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district had a well-developed support system for transient families that extended to the homeless population. Many churches, through the Ministerial Alliance, contributed to an emergency fund, which was administered through the police department. The district also had a community outreach program called McSeed (McIntosh County Sustainable Environmental Economic Development) and Family Connections that served the needs of the homeless in the community.



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$28,622
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	47

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			71
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	45.10
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	5.88
Black	49.02	Unaccompanied Youth	15.49
Hispanic	0.00	English Learners	0.00
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	19.72

Academic Performance

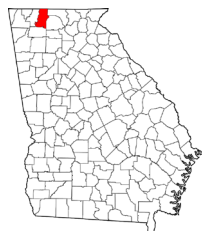
	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	23.08	28.96
Mathematics	23.08	28.09

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

MURRAY COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's homeless liaison and social worker worked with academic instructional coaches at each school to identify homeless children and youth who would benefit from individualized tutoring to ensure success in the core academic areas. Over the past three years, approximately 37 students were provided certified teachers to work one-on-one with students up to three hours per week, depending on individual needs. In addition, any student identified as not meeting standards on state tests was offered tutoring over the summer to remediate specific skill deficits.



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$32,555
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	34

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			117
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	1.01	White	91.92
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	2.02
Black	00.0	Unaccompanied Youth	2.56
Hispanic	5.05	English Learners	1.71
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	15.38

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	13.21	33.97
Mathematics	17.31	30.45

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

MUSCCOGEE COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$60,067
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	4

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	1,838		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.06	White	15.23
Asian	0.32	Two or More Races	3.95
Black	74.95	Unaccompanied Youth	9.52
Hispanic	5.23	English Learners	1.03
Pacific Islander	0.25	Students with Disabilities	16.21

Academic Performance

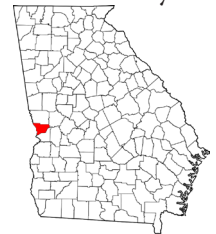
	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	15.48	31.48
Mathematics	15.62	30.95

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district focused on the philosophy that “Schools Can’t Do It Alone”. Collaboration and coordination between schools and community partners improved identification and recruitment of children experiencing homelessness while increasing the potential for expanding services to families. The McKinney-Vento staff focused on building fundamental partnerships and relationships with community leaders, school personnel, and policy makers with resources to provide to HCY.

There are currently 20 agencies providing direct services to students and parents in the program. Awareness and sensitivity trainings with these agencies led to many new outreach programs for HCY.



PAULDING COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$37,799
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	12

Demographics

Homeless Student Count	519		
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.27	White	48.37
Asian	0.54	Two or More Races	7.07
Black	35.05	Unaccompanied Youth	3.85
Hispanic	8.42	English Learners	1.93
Pacific Islander	0.27	Students with Disabilities	20.23

Academic Performance

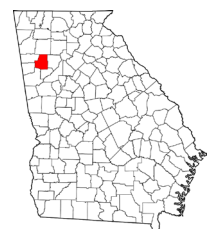
	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	18.22	38.88
Mathematics	15.97	38.11

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district’s goal was to properly identify homeless students, assess their needs and provide assistance and support to allow each student to attain academic success. The school district provided funding for salary and benefits to the Homeless Education Liaison through Title I grant funding. Consultation between the Homeless Education Liaison and the Director of Title I continued throughout the school year to review current data and ensure that student needs were being met. This information was used by the Homeless Liaison to develop the LEA’s plan for providing services to homeless students and unaccompanied youth for the upcoming school year.

Another accomplishment was the creation of a McKinney-Vento operations manual.

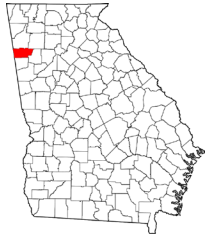


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POLK COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

Tutoring was a successful component of the McKinney-Vento program. Data from counselors revealed that 75 percent of K-12 grades K-12 showed increased attendance and academic progress. Standardized test scores, credits for high school students, and graduation rates also increased. School supplies and emergency clothing were also very beneficial to the homeless students. In the three years of the grant, 897 students received supplies and 184 students received emergency clothing. Transportation was provided for five students to remain in their school of origin, and 433 requests for transportation to parent conferences and emergency medical visits were handled by utilizing the LEA's bus and gasoline vouchers.



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$49,617
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	8

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			964
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.12	White	62.37
Asian	0.58	Two or More Races	7.20
Black	19.28	Unaccompanied Youth	1.04
Hispanic	10.45	English Learners	4.25
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	16.91

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	23.98	26.59
Mathematics	19.77	25.54

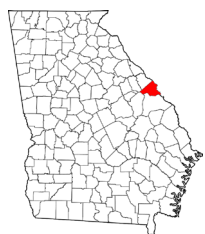
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RICHMOND COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento services included:

- Donations of school supplies from a summer school supply drive
- Design and distribution of parent information flyer
- Annual fall drive for hygiene supplies
- Secret Santa for homeless students



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$33,714
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	24

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			218
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.53	White	5.29
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	0.53
Black	89.42	Unaccompanied Youth	0.92
Hispanic	4.23	English Learners	0.92
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	15.14

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	7.96	21.83
Mathematics	8.04	20.02

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

ROCKDALE COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$33,087
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	30

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			474
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	5.65
Asian	0.56	Two or More Races	2.54
Black	88.14	Unaccompanied Youth	2.53
Hispanic	3.11	English Learners	1.27
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	14.14

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	23.14	36.61
Mathematics	19.62	31.73

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The following brochures were developed by the McKinney-Vento homeless liaison:

- Children and Youth in Transition: A Guide for Families Experiencing Homelessness (also available in Spanish)
- Educating Students in Transition: A Guide for Community Agencies Working with Families Experiencing Homelessness

The brochures were distributed to all district schools and to local agencies that provide financial assistance or similar services. Additionally, Children and Youth in Transition toolkits were created and disseminated to all district schools.



SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$41,941
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	9

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			744
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.17	White	6.79
Asian	0.17	Two or More Races	5.92
Black	85.71	Unaccompanied Youth	3.90
Hispanic	1.22	English Learners	0.81
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	14.52

Academic Performance

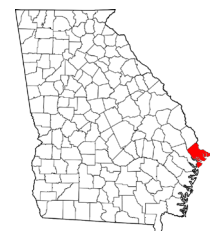
	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	11.78	29.32
Mathematics	9.21	23.65

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program provided the following for homeless children and youth:

- Afterschool and summer tutoring
- School supplies and backpacks
- Referrals to community agencies



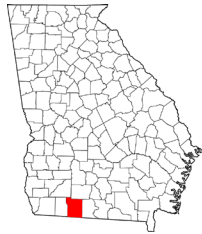
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THOMAS COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program highlights included the following:

- Removed barriers to enrollment and attendance
- Collaborated with Backpack Buddies program to provide weekend food for HCY
- Summer enrichment program for HCY
- Coordinated with school counselors to meet physical and emotional needs of HCY



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$33,372
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	28

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			247
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	39.58
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	3.13
Black	47.4	Unaccompanied Youth	13.36
Hispanic	9.90	English Learners	2.83
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	20.24

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	12.90	27.80
Mathematics	10.08	25.36

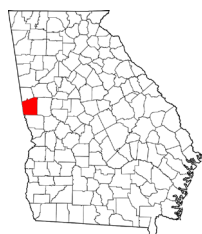
Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

TROUP COUNTY

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento Program offered:

- School supplies and hygiene supplies
- Assistance entering schools
- Records location assistance
- Guidance for school and community partners
- A poverty simulation that highlighted issues that homeless families face



Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$34,911
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	19

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			174
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	33.33
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	9.85
Black	54.55	Unaccompanied Youth	8.05
Hispanic	2.27	English Learners	1.72
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	12.64

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	15.58	34.37
Mathematics	16.00	34.75

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

VALDOSTA CITY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$29,534
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	43

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			225
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	7.48
Asian	1.36	Two or More Races	4.76
Black	83.67	Unaccompanied Youth	8.89
Hispanic	2.72	English Learners	1.33
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	19.56

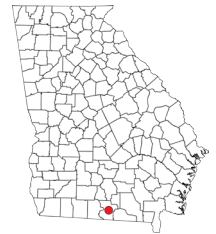
Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	11.65	24.75
Mathematics	9.52	24.81

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

In August 2014, community partners in Valdosta hosted a fair to support homeless children and youth. The event was spearheaded by the South Georgia Partnership to End Homelessness, Valdosta City Schools, and other community sponsors. Over 2,000 free book bags with school supplies were provided to families in attendance.



WALTON COUNTY

Grant Award Information

Grant Award Amount for 2014-15	\$32,669
Homeless Population Rank Among 50 Grant Recipients	33

Demographics

Homeless Student Count			221
Homeless Students by Subgroups (%)			
American Indian	0.00	White	55.74
Asian	0.00	Two or More Races	3.83
Black	38.25	Unaccompanied Youth	1.81
Hispanic	2.19	English Learners	0.45
Pacific Islander	0.00	Students with Disabilities	7.24

Academic Performance

	Homeless	Non-Homeless
English Language Arts	26.02	41.10
Mathematics	31.50	40.64

Note: Percentages represent students scoring proficient or distinguished on End of Grade and End of Course Milestones tests.

2014-15 Program Highlights

The district's McKinney-Vento program offered:

- School supplies
- Tutoring
- Reimbursement for excessive transportation costs
- Assistance locating enrollment records
- Emergency clothing, vouchers for clothing through local agency
- Professional development for staff



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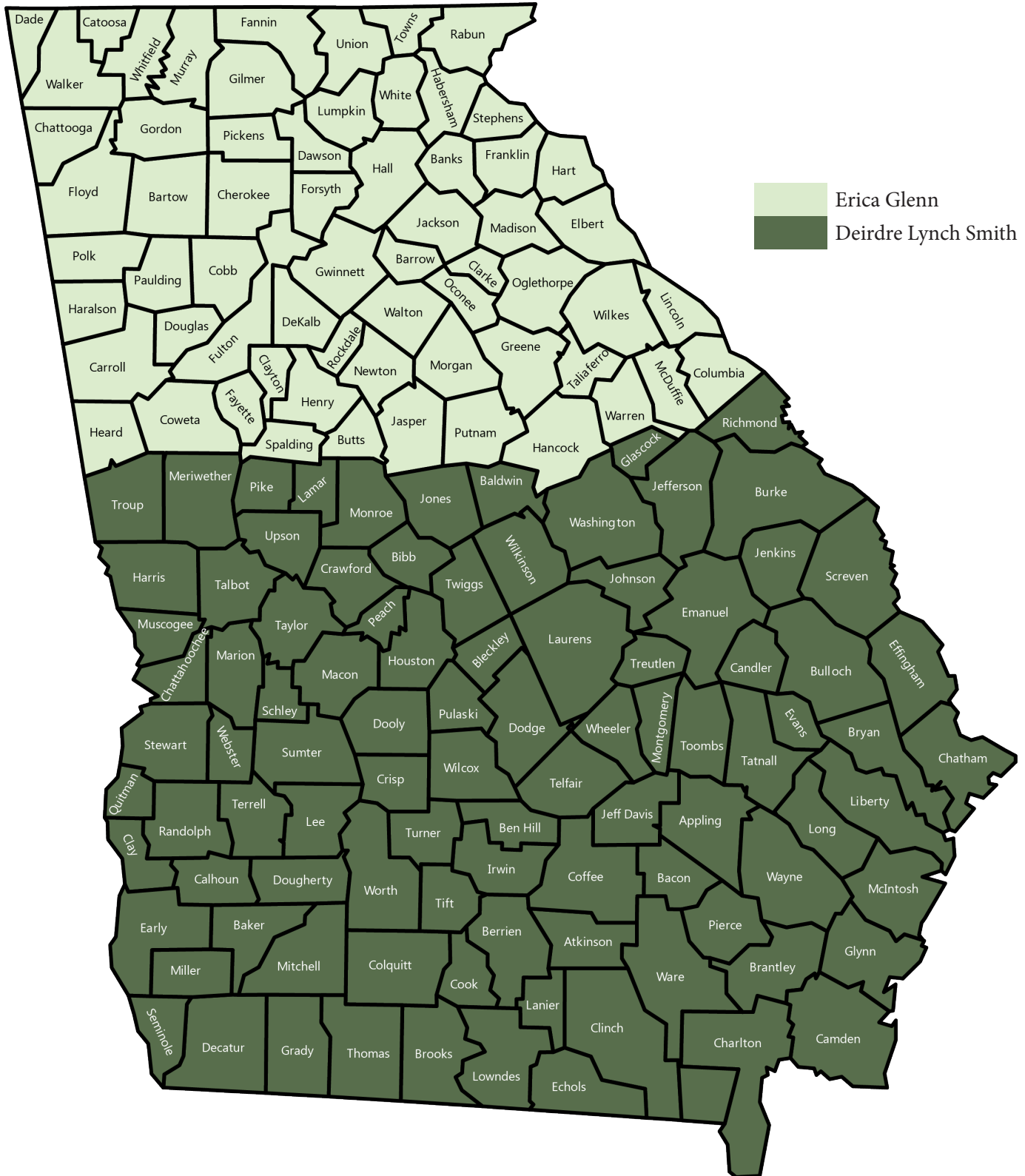
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