FEDERAL EDUCATION
DEFINITION OF HOMELESSNESS

Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

Shelters/Transitional Housing
This includes domestic violence shelters, homeless shelters, youth shelters, trailers provided by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), housing paid for by programs such as Rapid Re-Housing, transitional living facilities, etc.

Hotels/Motels
Staying in motels/hotels due to lack of adequate alternatives is included, regardless of who pays for the motel/hotel room.

Staying with others
Staying with others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason is included.

Unsheltered
This includes staying in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.

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