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# Annual Report on Homeless Transportation

## Summary

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is required by Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 28A.300.540 to provide the Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation (ACCT) with the total reported expenditures related to the transportation of homeless students.

### Enabling legislation

[RCW 28A.300.540](#)  
(hyperlink)

## Background

School district homeless transportation data is being collected through the Student Transportation Allocation Reporting System (STARS). STARS was officially implemented effective September 1, 2011. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Transportation Report consists of the total number of student trips, the total miles and the total cost of providing transportation to homeless students during the prior school year (September 2010 through August 2011).

Because this year's data is from a time period prior to the implementation of the reporting requirement, school districts were advised to report a best estimate if an exact figure was not available and ensure that a recording process is in place to report exact figures next year. Some existing errors will likely be corrected. Some errors are related to the data entry (resulting in incorrect decimal point placement) and some errors were a result of districts reporting a "head count" of individual students served rather than the total number of student trips provided. Some of these errors have already been corrected, but there remains some concern with the validity of the totals. As of this date, the total amount currently reported statewide for homeless transportation during the 2010–11 school year was \$17,933,717.26.

The complete report is available on OSPI's website on the STARS page under "Annual Reports" at:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/transportation/STARS/Homeless.xls>

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