The table below includes examples of residences and the appropriate category for classification. Since type of residence is the basis for identifying homelessness, the type of residence should be reported at the time of identification of homelessness. If unsure of the appropriate category, contact your local homeless education liaison or Project HOPE-Virginia.

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| **Initial Primary Nighttime Residence** | **Category** |
| Children and youth living in abandoned buildings, campgrounds and vehicles, space not meant for habitation, trailers or FEMA trailers, cars, bus and train stations, and abandoned in the hospital. **Substandard or inadequate housing** does not easily fit into any category as it is not governed by a specific definition and is judged on a case-by-case basis. Students living in substandard housing should be included under the category of unsheltered.  | **Unsheltered** |
| Children and youth living in shelters and transitional housing programs (homeless and domestic violence programs).  | **Shelter** |
| Children and youth (including runaway youth or unaccompanied youth) who live with relatives or friends due to being homeless.  | **Doubled-Up** |
| Children and youth living in hotels/motels due to a lack of alternative adequate accommodations. | **Hotel/Motel** |