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Revision History

Date	Version	Element	Revisions
October 2025	V1.0	All Elements	XML specifications deprecated, effective for the FY 2026 data standards. No longer referenced in FY 2026 Data Standards Dictionary.
		Program Specific Data Elements (PSDE)	Added HUD: CoC Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) to relevant Common PSDEs (Note: there is no change to collection requirements, this is for clarification purposes only). Added HUD: CoC Builds as relevant to Common and Federal Partner specific PSDEs.
		2.06 Funding Sources	Retired HUD: ESG-CV (47) and HUD: HOPWA-CV (48). Add HUD: CoC Builds (56). Added column to indicate which funding sources are retired.
		2.09 CE Participation Status	Corrected Field 4 to be "CE Participation Status End Date".
		3.04 Race and Ethnicity	Clarified in the system logic that Field 2 is optional. Updated label or Hispanic/Latina/e/o to Hispanic/Latina/o.
		3.06 Gender	Retired data element.
		3.20 Housing Move In Date	Added applicability for VA: Grant Per Diem – Case Management/Housing Retention and updated Project Type Applicability.
		4.05 – 4.10 Specific Disabling Conditions	Retired data elements for VA-funded programs.
		4.13 Date of Engagement	Added HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) as a relevant funding source.
		4.21 Sex	Data element added.
		C4 Translation Assistance Needed	Retired data element.
		R3 Sexual Orientation	Retired data element.
		R4 Last Grade Completed	Corrected name of relevant HUD VASH program.
		R6 Employment Status	Corrected name of relevant HUD VASH program.
		R7 General Health Status	Corrected name of relevant HUD VASH program.
		R13 Family Critical Issues	Expanded response options to include "Client doesn't know" (8),

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			"Client prefers not to answer" (9), and "Data not collected" (99).
		V2 Services Provided – SSVF	Added response option 10: Healthcare Navigation
		V3 Financial Assistance – SSVF	Added Field 1 Date Provided to reflect the date the financial assistance was identified as a need, separate from Field 2 Start Date of Financial Assistance, which reflects the date the financial assistance began.
		V7 HP Targeting Criteria	Updated language in Dependency P and Dependency Q.
		V10 Mental Health Consultation	Data element added.
		5.04 Information Date	Corrected language to clarify that an end user cannot specify a different date for Information Date when data is collected only at project start or only at project exit.
		5.08 Personal Identifier	Removed reference to Gender 3.06.
		Required Collection Points and Metadata Elements Table Summary	Removed Gender 3.06 and R3 Sexual Orientation. Added Sex 4.21.

FY 2026 HMIS Data Standards

This document is intended to support HMIS and comparable database vendors, HMIS Leads/Administrators, and HMIS end users in understanding the data element table structures for the [FY2026 HMIS Data Standards](#). Each table defines how data elements should be structured and programmed in HMIS software. The [HMIS Data Standards Manual](#), a partner document to this one, provides details about how the data elements are defined and provides guidance on how to ensure accuracy when collecting data from people experiencing homelessness. HMIS software is expected to be programmed to comply with the HMIS Data Standards defined in this document on October 1, 2025 (the first day of the federal fiscal year). Additionally, HUD expects that vendors will have these updates available for testing in an HMIS demo or sandbox site for communities at least one month prior to the changes taking effect.

Data Element Structure

Every data element required by HUD and the federal partners to be stored within an HMIS is specified in this document. The following

format is used to describe each data element:

Header	Instruction
Element Name	The name of the data element.
Field # & Response(s)	<p>The field name and any response options associated with the field.</p> <p>Most data elements contain responses of “Client doesn’t know” and “Client prefers not to answer.”</p> <p>“Data not collected” is a response option in this HMIS Data Dictionary. It is not a response option necessary in every system or in every data element. The response option is required for use by any HMIS that requires a response to a data element before allowing the user to move forward in the system. Adding the “data not collected” response option enables a user who did not collect or simply does not have the information to enter a response that does not present a false answer. An HMIS that requires a response to any data element for the system to progress must implement the “Data not collected” response for all data elements that require a response.</p> <p><i>System Note:</i> “Data not collected” will equate to missing data or null values as appropriate for transfer and reporting purposes.</p>
Dependent to Field # and Response #	<p>Dependent fields and dependent response options identify the Field and Response option to which they are dependent.</p> <p>The dependencies outlined in the Data Dictionary are expected to be visible to users on-screen. The methods vendors may elect to make dependencies visible/invisible, colored for completion/shaded out, etc. are up to each software developer.</p>
Element Type	<p>The type of data element (project descriptor, universal, program-specific, or metadata), which indicates the level at which data are collected, whether they apply to all funding sources, and their relationship to other data.</p> <p>Project Descriptor Data Elements (PDDEs) are the required data elements that define the individual projects within an HMIS. They are initially entered at the setup of each project within an HMIS. They must be updated by the HMIS Administrator on a regular basis as information within the data elements is subject to change and is critical for report generation.</p>

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	<p>Universal Data Elements (UDEs) are client level data elements required for collection by all applicable projects participating in HMIS, regardless of funding source.</p> <p>Program-Specific Data Elements (PSDEs) are client level data elements required by a specific federal program or program component.</p> <p>Common Program-Specific Data Elements (Common PSDEs) are the first subset of the program-specific data elements that are required for collection by most of the federal partners. When combined with the UDEs, these data elements comprise the building blocks for much of the reporting generated by an HMIS.</p> <p>Federal Partner Program-Specific Data Elements (Federal Partner PSDEs) are the second subset of the program-specific data elements. These data elements are listed under the federal partner program that maintains the data element. There are data elements maintained by one partner and shared with other federal partners. When combined with UDEs and Common PSDEs, these data elements comprise specific project level reporting generated by an HMIS.</p> <p>Metadata Elements are system generated data about data elements documenting required metadata collection for all the above data element types.</p>
Funder: Program-Component	<p>Identifies the federal department, the program, and the program component that requires the collection of the data element. If a program component is not listed, it does <i>not</i> require collection of the data element.</p> <p>An HMIS must have the ability to enable and restrict visibility of data elements for each project based on the reporting requirements of the federal partner program funding the project. An HMIS may do this in whatever manner the software provider chooses (hard coding, customization via HMIS administrators, etc.).</p> <p>HMIS vendors should note that no federal partner expects that any project would have all data elements visible to the user. The strong preference among the federal partners is that only the data</p>

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	elements required for the programs that fund a specific project are visible to the users at that project.
Project Type Applicability	Project type(s) refers to data element 2.02 <i>Project Information</i> and identifies the HMIS project type required to collect and report the data element.
Data Collected About	Identifies the universe of client(s) for whom a data element response is required (e.g., All Clients, Head of Household, Adults, etc.). Data may be collected about a wide group (e.g., all household members) but may be further limited in data reporting specifications.
Collection Point	<p>The point(s) at which the data must be able to be collected in an HMIS. For data elements with multiple collection points (e.g., "Project Start", "Occurrence Point", "Project Exit"), each record must be stored with the appropriate <i>Data Collection Stage</i> (as listed in metadata element 5.03 <i>Data Collection Stage</i>). Data elements with only a single collection point need not be stored with any particular <i>Data Collection Stage</i> since their data collection point is inherent in their requirements.</p> <p>Record Creation – Indicates the data element is required to be collected when the client record is created. Data elements collected at Record Creation should have one and only one value for each client in an HMIS. Data are collected and entered into an HMIS, and responses must be reviewed for accuracy at each project start and edited as necessary to make corrections or to improve data quality. This includes data elements such as 3.01 <i>Name</i> and 3.07 <i>Veteran Status</i>.</p> <p>Project Start (stored with Data Collection Stage of "Project Start" for data elements with multiple collection points) – Indicates the data element is required to be collected at every project start, such as 3.917 <i>Prior Living Situation</i>. Some data elements collected at project start</p>

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	<p>have associated <i>Information Dates</i>; these data elements must have an <i>Information Date</i> that matches the client's 3.10 <i>Project Start Date</i>. Information must be accurate as of the 3.10 <i>Project Start Date</i>. When a data element with multiple collection points, such as 4.02 <i>Income and Sources</i>, is collected at project start, it must be stored with a <i>Data Collection Stage</i> of "Project Start." There should be one and only one record with a <i>Data Collection Stage</i> of "Project Start" for each relevant data element for any given project start. Data may be edited by users associated with the project to correct errors or omissions; such edits will not change the <i>Data Collection Stage</i> associated with the record.</p> <p>Occurrence Point/Update – Indicates the data element may be collected and entered at any point during a project stay to record changes over time or document the occurrence of events (e.g., a service is provided). These types of records must be able to be entered at any point during the project stay. Some data elements are collected once per project stay, such as 3.20 <i>Housing Move-In Date</i>. For others, such as 4.14 <i>Bed-Night Dates</i>, the system must be able to support an unlimited number of records per project stay, each with a distinct <i>Information Date</i>. The <i>Information Date</i> should reflect the date on which the information is collected and/or the date for which the information is relevant for reporting purposes. Information must be accurate as of the <i>Information Date</i>, regardless of the 5.01 <i>Date Created</i>. Data may be edited by users associated with the project to correct errors or omissions; such edits will change neither the <i>Data Collection Stage</i> nor the <i>Information Date</i> unless it is explicitly altered by the user.</p> <p>Annual Assessment (stored with Data Collection Stage of "Annual Assessment") – Data elements required for collection at annual assessment, such as 4.02 <i>Income and Sources</i>, must be entered with an <i>Information Date</i> of no more than 30 days before or after the anniversary of the Head of Household's <i>Project Start Date</i>, regardless of the date of the most recent "update" or any other "annual assessment." Information must be accurate as of the <i>Information Date</i>. The data collection stage may not be inferred from the <i>Information Date</i>, although the field must have an <i>Information Date</i> recorded with it. To be considered reportable to HUD as an annual assessment, data must be stored with a <i>Data Collection Stage</i> of "Annual Assessment." The Annual Assessment must include updating both the Head of Household's record and any other household members at the same time.</p>

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	<p>There should be one and only one record for each data element annually with a <i>Data Collection Stage</i> recorded as “Annual Assessment” associated with any given client and <i>Enrollment ID</i> no more than 30 days before or after the anniversary of the Head of Household’s <i>Project Start Date</i>. Regardless of whether the responses have changed since project start or the previous annual assessment, a new record must be created for each subsequent annual assessment such that it is possible to view a history, by date, of the values for each data element. Data may be edited by users associated with the project to correct errors or omissions; such edits will change neither the <i>Data Collection Stage</i> nor the <i>Information Date</i> unless they are explicitly altered by the user.</p> <p>Project Exit (stored with Data Collection Stage of “Project Exit” for data elements with multiple collection points) – Indicates the data element is required to be collected at every project exit. Data elements collected at project exit, such as 3.12 <i>Destination</i>, must have an “<i>Information Date</i>” that matches the client’s <i>Project Exit Date</i>. Information must be accurate as of the “<i>Project Exit Date</i>.” When a data element with multiple collection points is collected at project exit, it must be stored with a <i>Data Collection Stage</i> of “Project Exit.” There should be one and only one record with a <i>Data Collection Stage</i> of “Project Exit” for each relevant data element for any given project exit. Data may be edited by users associated with the project to correct errors or omissions; such edits will change neither the <i>Data Collection Stage</i> nor the <i>Information Date</i> unless they are explicitly altered by the user.</p> <p>Post Exit (stored with Data Collection Stage of “Post Exit” for data elements with multiple collection points) – Indicates the data element may be collected after project exit for a period of no longer than 180 days. This is uncommon but includes data elements such as <i>R2O Aftercare Plans</i>.</p>
<p>Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)</p> <p>Relationship to Personal ID (a client)</p>	<p>Indicates cardinality of the data element relative to an enrollment and client. This will often indicate “one or more,” even though the data element is only applicable to certain project types or funders which require the data element and is further limited to clients described in the “Data Collected About” line in the data element.</p> <p>“One or more” does not inherently imply the data element should be collected on every client in HMIS. In general, data elements recorded at least once per enrollment are required at project start.</p>

Header	Instruction
	Data elements recorded 0 or more times per enrollment might only be collected as needed or at exit, e.g., a referral.
System Logic & Other System Issues	Logically required data collection or system structure information for HMIS software development purposes and information on rationale, conditions, constraints, etc. that may be applicable to a specific data element and are important for HMIS software development purposes.
CSV	Primary file in CSV Specifications where the data element is located.
2026 Revision Summary	Documents the initial change(s) to the data element from the FY 2024 Data Standards to the FY 2026 Data Standards. Corrections made throughout the year are tracked in the Summary of Changes.

PROJECT DESCRIPTOR DATA ELEMENTS

2.01 Organization Information

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Organization Information
Field 1 & Response	Organization ID – auto generate
Field 2 & Response	Organization Name
Field 3 & Response	Victim Service Provider
	0 No
	1 Yes
Element Type	Project Descriptor
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types

Header	Instruction
Data Collected About	All Organizations
Collection Point	Initial HMIS project setup, reviewed/updated no less than annually
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>An Organization ID must be assigned to each project via a system generated number or code. There is no specified format for this data element and it can be up to 32 characters in length.</p> <p>Each organization must receive a distinct identifier that is consistently associated with that organization. Each organization must also be able to be associated with one or more projects. The name of the organization must be captured in text within the HMIS.</p> <p>An HMIS must allow the HMIS Administrator to activate and deactivate an organization. An HMIS application may permit the creation of a common name field more familiar to users for use within the application while retaining the legal name for use in reporting.</p>
CSV	Organization
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

2.02 Project Information

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Project Information
Field 1 & Response	Project ID – auto generate
Field 2 & Response	Project Name
Field 3 & Response	Operating Start Date
Field 4 & Response	Operating End Date
Field 5 & Response	Continuum Project
	0 No
	1 Yes
Field 6 & Responses	Project Type
	0 Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit

Header	Instruction
1	Emergency Shelter – Night-by-Night
2	Transitional Housing
3	PH – Permanent Supportive Housing (disability required for entry)
4	Street Outreach
5	RETIRED
6	Services Only
7	Other
8	Safe Haven
9	PH – Housing Only
10	PH – Housing with Services (no disability required for entry)
11	Day Shelter
12	Homelessness Prevention
13	PH – Rapid Re-Housing
14	Coordinated Entry
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 6 & Response 13	<i>[If PH – Rapid Re-Housing]</i> Identify RRH subtype
1	RRH: Services Only
2	RRH: Housing with or without services
Dependent B – Dependent to Field 6 & Response 6 or Dependent A = 1	<i>[If Services Only for “Project Type” or RRH: Services Only subtype]</i> Affiliated with a residential project
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent C – Dependent to Dependent B & Response 1	<i>[If Yes for “Affiliated with a residential project”]</i> Project ID(s) of residential project(s) affiliated with SSO or RRH: Services Only project
Dependent D – Dependent to Field 6 responses 0, 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 13 (If 13, Dependent A = 2)	Housing Type

Header	Instruction
1	Site-based – single site
2	Site-based – clustered/multiple sites
3	Tenant-based – scattered site
Field 7 & Responses	Target Population
1	DV: Survivors of Domestic Violence
3	HIV: Persons with HIV/AIDS
4	NA: Not applicable
Field 8 & Response	HOPWA-funded Medically Assisted Living Facility
0	No
1	Yes
2	NA – non-HOPWA Funded Project
Element Type	Project Descriptor
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Projects
Collection Point	Initial HMIS project setup, reviewed/updated no less than annually
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>Projects funded with 2.06 Funding Source HUD: Pay for Success (35) and do not provide permanent housing should use Project Type (Field 6) Other (7).</p> <p>A Project ID must be assigned to each project via a system generated number or code. Each project must receive an identifier that is unique within the HMIS and consistently associated with that project. There is no specified format for this data element and it can be up to 32 characters in length.</p> <p>Each project must be associated with one and only one organization (2.01 <i>Organization Information</i>); separate projects operated by the same agency must be associated with the same Organization ID. The name of the project must be captured in text within the HMIS.</p> <p>An HMIS may permit the creation of a common name element more familiar to users for use within</p>

Header	Instruction
	<p>the application while retaining the legal name for use in reporting.</p> <p>The HMIS stores collected project type and retains for historical purposes. It should allow edits if changes or corrections for data entry error are necessary. A project can only have one project type assigned. A project must be able to identify multiple affiliated residential projects if “yes” to Dependent B.</p> <p>Utilization of the Emergency Shelter Night-by-Night project type (2.02 <i>Project Information – Project Type = 1</i>) does not mean that an HMIS must identify a client in a specific bed. If an HMIS supports a custom module that identifies clients in a bed, that module may continue to be used. However, use of that module does not necessarily equate with the night- by-night project type.</p> <p>At the point a project closes, and an “Operating End Date” is recorded in Field 4, all clients must be exited on or before the “Operating End Date.” This may be achieved through a bulk update or auto exit (if such functionality exists), or manually. It is strongly encouraged that at a minimum, an alert or notification is provided to indicate active clients remain in the project once an “Operating End Date” is populated.</p>
CSV	Project and Affiliation
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

2.03 Continuum of Care Information

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Continuum of Care Information
Field 1 & Response	Continuum Code [<i>HUD-assigned CoC codes for the project location (text – 6 characters)</i>]
Field 2 & Response	Geocode (6 digits)
Field 3 & Responses	Project street address 1 (text)

Header	Instruction
Field 4 & Responses	Project street address 2 (text)
Field 5 & Responses	Project city (text)
Field 6 & Responses	Project state (2 letters)
Field 7 & Responses	Project ZIP code (5 digits)
Field 8 & Response	Geography Type [<i>From look up table provided by HUD – code the following geography types based on ZIP code</i>]
	1 Urban
	2 Suburban
	3 Rural
Element Type	Project Descriptor
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Continuum Projects
Collection Point	Initial HMIS project setup, reviewed/updated no less than annually

Header	Instruction
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>There is a many-to-one relationship between this data element and 2.02 <i>Project Information</i>; there may be multiple current records of this data element at any given time. Add, edit, or remove associations with CoCs as needed to reflect changes. There must be a one-to-one relationship to 2.02 <i>Project Information</i> if the project only serves one CoC (most common).</p> <p>Projects may be funded to provide housing and/or services to clients residing in only one CoC (e.g., CoC: Transitional Housing), or they may be funded for housing and/or services across multiple CoCs (e.g., VA: SSVF). It must be possible to associate a project with the CoC code for every geographic area in which the project operates and for which it will be entering data into an HMIS.</p> <p>Systems operating in a single continuum may set their CoC code as a default value for this field. For data quality purposes, the CoC codes in this data element should be used to populate an option list of CoC codes for 3.16 <i>Enrollment CoC</i> when one is required.</p> <p>HUD will release an updated crosswalk of ZIP codes with a geography type for each ZIP code biennially. This must be incorporated as a table into HMIS applications and used to auto-populate the geography type field.</p>
CSV	ProjectCoC
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

2.06 Funding Sources

Header	Instruction	Retired
Element Name	Funding Sources	
Field 1 & Responses	Federal Partner Program and Components	
1	HUD: CoC – Homelessness Prevention (High Performing Comm. Only)	
2	HUD: CoC – Permanent Supportive Housing	
3	HUD: CoC – Rapid Re-Housing	
4	HUD: CoC – Supportive Services Only	

Header	Instruction	Retired
5	HUD: CoC – Transitional Housing	
6	HUD: CoC – Safe Haven	
7	HUD: CoC – Single Room Occupancy (SRO)	
43	HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP)	
44	HUD: CoC – Joint Component TH/RRH	
56	HUD: CoC Builds	
8	HUD: ESG – Emergency Shelter (operating and/or essential services)	
9	HUD: ESG – Homelessness Prevention	
10	HUD: ESG – Rapid Re-Housing	
11	HUD: ESG – Street Outreach	
47	HUD: ESG-CV	X
53	HUD: ESG-RUSH	
54	HUD: Unsheltered Special NOFO	
55	HUD: Rural Special NOFO	
35	HUD: Pay for Success	
13	HUD: HOPWA – Hotel/Motel Vouchers	
14	HUD: HOPWA – Housing Information	
15	HUD: HOPWA – Permanent Housing (facility based or TBRA)	
16	HUD: HOPWA – Permanent Housing Placement	
17	HUD: HOPWA – Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, Utility assistance	
18	HUD: HOPWA – Short-Term Supportive Facility	
19	HUD: HOPWA – Transitional Housing (facility based or TBRA)	
48	HUD: HOPWA-CV	X
36	HUD: Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Programs	
20	HUD: HUD/VASH	
52	HUD: PIH (Emergency Housing Voucher)	
50	HUD: HOME	
51	HUD: HOME (ARP)	
21	HHS: PATH – Street Outreach & Supportive Services Only	

Header	Instruction	Retired
22	HHS: RHY – Basic Center Program (prevention and shelter)	
23	HHS: RHY – Maternity Group Home for Pregnant and Parenting Youth	
24	HHS: RHY – Transitional Living Program	
25	HHS: RHY – Street Outreach Project	
26	HHS: RHY – Demonstration Project	
27	VA: CRS Contract Residential Services	
37	VA: Grant Per Diem – Bridge Housing	
38	VA: Grant Per Diem – Low Demand	
39	VA: Grant Per Diem – Hospital to Housing	
40	VA: Grant Per Diem – Clinical Treatment	
41	VA: Grant Per Diem – Service Intensive Transitional Housing	
42	VA: Grant Per Diem – Transition in Place	
45	VA: Grant Per Diem – Case Management/Housing Retention	
30	VA: Community Contract Safe Haven Program	
33	VA: Supportive Services for Veteran Families	
34	N/A	
46	Local or Other Funding Source (Please Specify)	
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 1 Response 46	If other, specify <i>[text]</i>	
Field 2 & Response	Grant Identifier	
Field 3 & Response	Grant Start Date (<i>[date field]</i>)	
Field 4 & Response	Grant End Date (<i>[date field]</i>)	
Element Type	Project Descriptor	
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components	
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types	
Data Collected About	All Projects	
Collection Point	Initial HMIS project setup, reviewed/updated no less than annually	
System Logic & Other System Issues	This is a transactional data element; a single project may have multiple current and historical records. Allow corrections for data entry error.	

Header	Instruction	Retired
	<p>Retired funding sources must remain on relevant projects created prior to FY 2026 but should not be available to be added to new projects.</p> <p>An HMIS must allow projects with multiple funder sources and multiple grants (with potentially different grant terms) from the same funding source to record and store all funding sources for the project.</p> <p>Dependent A has a 100-character limit when exporting in the HMIS CSV.</p>	
CSV	Funder	
2026 Revision Summary	Retire HUD: ESG-CV (47) and HUD: HOPWA-CV (48), and add HUD: CoC Builds (56).	

2.07 Bed and Unit Inventory Information

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Bed and Unit Inventory Information
Field 1 & Response	Inventory start date (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Response	Inventory end date (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 3 & Response	Continuum Code
Field 4 & Responses	Household type
	1 Households without children
	3 Households with at least one adult and one child
	4 Households with only children
Field 5 & Responses	<i>[If 2.02 Project Type = "Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit" or "Emergency Shelter – Night-by-Night"]</i> Bed Type
	1 Facility-based beds
	2 Voucher beds
	3 Other beds
Field 6 & Responses	<i>[If 2.02 Project Type "Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit" or "Emergency Shelter – Night-by-Night"]</i> Availability

Header	Instruction
1	Year-round
2	Seasonal
3	Overflow
Field 7 & Response	Beds dedicated to chronically homeless veterans <i>([integer])</i>
Field 8 & Response	Beds dedicated to youth-veterans <i>([integer])</i>
Field 9 & Response	Beds dedicated to any other veteran <i>([integer])</i>
Field 10 & Response	Beds dedicated to chronically homeless youth <i>([integer])</i>
Field 11 & Response	Beds dedicated to any other youth <i>([integer])</i>
Field 12 & Response	Beds dedicated to any other CH <i>([integer])</i>
Field 13 & Response	Non-dedicated beds <i>([integer])</i>
Field 14 & Response	Total bed inventory <i>([integer])</i>
Field 15 & Response	Total unit inventory <i>([integer])</i>
Element Type	Project Descriptor
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 1: Emergency Shelter – Night-by-Night 2: Transitional Housing 3: PH – Permanent Supportive Housing 8: Safe Haven 9: PH – Housing Only 10: PH – Housing with Services 13: PH – Rapid Re-Housing (subtype 2: RRH: Housing with or without services)
Data Collected About	All Residential Projects, except for PH – Rapid Re-Housing subtype 1: RRH: Services Only
Collection Point	Initial HMIS project setup reviewed at least annually and updated as needed to reflect changes.
System Logic & Other System Issues	A project may have multiple current and historical records of inventory. For any inventory record, it must be possible to identify the CoC with which the inventory is associated. If an HMIS produces CoC-level reporting on 2.07 <i>Bed and Unit Information</i> (LSA and/or HIC) for more than one continuum, records of inventory must be separate and associated with the CoC where the inventory is located.

Header	Instruction
	<p>For projects that operate in a single continuum, there is a many-to-one relationship between this data element and 2.02 <i>Project Information</i>; however, at any given time, only one record for this data element will be current. For projects that operate in multiple CoCs, there is a similar many-to-one relationship with 2.03 <i>Continuum of Care Information</i>.</p> <p>Data entry errors should be corrected; a new record should be created to document a change in information. A new record is only required if a change has occurred.</p> <p>Not all fields are required for all projects. These fields must be transactional, meaning they must be able to record multiple values over time.</p> <p>Bed inventory fields are expected to be mutually exclusive categories and must accurately sum to the Total Bed Inventory.</p>
CSV	Inventory
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

2.08 HMIS Participation Status

Header	Instruction
Element Name	HMIS Participation Status
Field 1 & Response	HMIS Participation Status
	0 Not Participating
	1 HMIS Participating
	2 Comparable Database Participating
Field 2	Participation Status Start Date (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 3	Participation Status End Date (<i>[date field]</i>)
Element Type	Project Descriptor
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components

Header	Instruction
Project Type Applicability	All Project Types
Data Collected About	All Projects
Collection Point	Initial project setup reviewed at least annually and updated as needed to reflect changes.
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>These fields must be transactional, meaning they must be able to record multiple values over time. HMIS Participation Status date ranges are expected to be mutually exclusive and shall not overlap.</p> <p>At any given time, all projects with a blank "Operating End Date" should have an HMIS Participation Status record with a blank Participation End Date.</p>
CSV	HMISParticipation
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

2.09 Coordinated Entry Participation Status

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Coordinated Entry Participation Status
Field 1 & Response	Project is a Coordinated Entry Access Point
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 1 Response 1	Provided by CE Project
1	Homelessness Prevention Assessment, Screening, and/or Referral
2	Shelter Assessment, Screening, and/or Referral
3	Housing Assessment, Screening, and/or Referral
4	Direct Services (search and/or placement support)
Field 2 & Response	Project Receives CE Referrals
0	No
1	Yes

Header	Instruction
Field 3	CE Participation Status Start Date (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 4	CE Participation Status End Date (<i>[date field]</i>)
Element Type	Project Descriptor
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Projects
Collection Point	Initial HMIS project setup, reviewed/updated no less than annually.
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>These fields must be transactional, meaning they must be able to record multiple values over time. CE Participation Status date ranges are expected to be mutually exclusive and shall not overlap.</p> <p>At any given time, all projects with a blank “Operating End Date” should have a CE Participation Status record with a blank CE Participation Status End Date.</p> <p>Field 1 – applicable to any project which conducts screenings, assessments, and/or referrals to other projects OR provides some direct service related to diversion, rapid resolution, or navigation. Responses in Dependent A are multi-select.</p> <p>Field 2 – This field is used in conjunction with project type to filter the list of projects populating field 4.20.C.</p>
CSV	CEParticipation
2026 Revision Summary	Corrected Field 4 to be “CE Participation Status End Date”

UNIVERSAL DATA ELEMENTS

3.01 Name

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Name

Header	Instruction
Field 1 & Response	First ([text])
Field 2 & Response	Middle ([text])
Field 3 & Response	Last ([text])
Field 4 & Response	Suffix ([text])
Field 5 & Responses	Name Data Quality
	1 Full name reported
	2 Partial, street name, or code name reported
	8 Client doesn't know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected
Element Type	Universal
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Record Creation
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	N/A
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One name per client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>HMIS end users must be able to edit data to correct errors or reflect changes in client responses. Systems may elect to utilize an extra field(s) for alias or for notes on name changes.</p> <p>Fields 1, 2, 3, and 4 have a 50-character limit when exporting in the HMIS CSV.</p>
CSV	Client
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

3.02 Social Security Number

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Social Security Number
Field 1 & Response	Social Security Number
Field 2 & Responses	SSN Data Quality
	1 Full SSN reported
	2 Approximate or partial SSN reported
	8 Client doesn't know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected
Element Type	Universal
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Record Creation
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	N/A
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One Social Security Number per client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>System stores collected nine-digit SSN in one field and the appropriate SSN data quality in another. An HMIS end user must be able to edit data to correct errors or reflect changes in client responses.</p> <p>An HMIS may include hyphens or other punctuation within the SSN to improve readability, but the SSN must be exportable as a single alphanumeric field containing a maximum of nine characters and no punctuation.</p> <p>HMIS software and HMIS Administrators may designate special <i>non-numeric</i> characters (e.g., the letter x) to indicate missing digits and otherwise devise methodologies to allow entry and effective matching of partial SSNs (if the system permits). Because missing digits may appear in any one of the nine placeholders, it is critical for the system to have a mechanism to indicate which digits</p>

Header	Instruction
	were missing when entering partial SSNs; an alphabetic character must be interpreted as a placeholder. HMIS software may reject clearly invalid SSNs at the point of entry. Relevant Social Security Administration rules for a valid SSN are found in the HMIS Reporting Glossary .
CSV	Client
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

3.03 Date of Birth

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Date of Birth
Field 1 & Response	Date of Birth
Field 2 & Responses	DOB Data Quality
1	Full DOB reported
2	Approximate or partial DOB reported
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Element Type	Universal
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Record Creation
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	N/A
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One Date of Birth per client
System Logic & Other	System stores collected Date of Birth (DOB) in one field and the appropriate DOB data quality type

Header	Instruction
System Issues	<p>in another. An HMIS end user must be able to edit data to correct errors or reflect changes in client responses.</p> <p>“Client doesn’t know,” “Client prefers not to answer,” and “Data not collected” are explanations for missing DOB data. These three responses are only valid in conjunction with a null DOB.</p> <p>One date format field for birth dates should be created in the HMIS software. Date of Birth must be exportable in the [date field] format.</p>
CSV	Client
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

3.04 Race and Ethnicity

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Race and Ethnicity
Field 1 & Responses	Race and Ethnicity (as many as are applicable)
1	American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous
2	Asian or Asian American
3	Black, African American, or African
6	Hispanic/Latina/o
7	Middle Eastern or North African
4	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
5	White
8	Client doesn’t know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Field 2 & Response	Additional Race and Ethnicity Detail
	([Text])
Element Type	Universal
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components

Header	Instruction
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Record Creation
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	N/A
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One Race per client (multiple responses selected for a client are considered one data element/field in total)
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>An HMIS end user must be able to edit data to correct errors or reflect changes in client responses. An HMIS must accommodate the recording of up to seven race and ethnicity response categories per client.</p> <p>The optional Field 2 has a 100-character limit when exporting in the HMIS CSV.</p> <p>This is a multi-select field with logic limitations, as follows: "Client doesn't know," "Client prefers not to answer," and "Data not collected" are not races or an ethnicity; they are explanations for missing race and ethnicity data. None of these three responses are valid in conjunction with any other response.</p>
CSV	Client
2026 Revision Summary	Clarified in system logic that Field 2 is optional

3.07 Veteran Status

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Veteran Status
Field 1 & Responses	Veteran Status
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected

Header	Instruction
Element Type	Universal
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Adults
Collection Point	Record Creation
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	N/A
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One Veteran status per client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>An HMIS end user must be able to edit data to correct errors or reflect changes in client responses or status, or to enter a response for a client who has turned 18.</p> <p>HMIS end users are not required to ask clients under 18 about veteran status; this does not mean that systems are required to hide or exclude this data element from data entry forms.</p> <p>HMIS end users may enter “No” for any client under 18. Systems may be programmed to automatically create a response for clients who turn 18 while enrolled; the auto-generated response should be “No.”</p>
CSV	Client
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

3.08 Disabling Condition

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Disabling Condition
Field 1 & Responses	Disabling Condition
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know

Header	Instruction
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Element Type	Universal
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Project start (Edit as necessary to reflect new information)
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	No more than one Disabling Condition per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Disabling Condition per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>An HMIS end user must be able to set the value of this data element to “Yes” independent of any other data element.</p> <p>Disabling Condition may either be entered by the HMIS end user independently of any other special need field, or data in this field may be inferred by the responses to “ability to live independently” for 4.05 <i>Physical Disability</i>, 4.07 <i>Chronic Health Condition</i>, 4.09 <i>Mental Health Disorder</i>, or 4.10 <i>Substance Use Disorder</i> or an answer of “Yes” to 4.06 <i>Developmental Disability</i> or 4.08 <i>HIV/AIDS</i>.</p> <p>If the system auto-populates the Disabling Condition data element, an HMIS end user must be able to override a system-generated “No” with “Yes.” Further, if Disabling Condition is auto-populated with “Yes” based solely on a qualifying record for data elements 4.05–4.10 (i.e., the user-entered response to Disabling Condition was something other than “Yes” but was changed to “Yes” by the system due to an answer in the special needs fields (4.05–4.10)) and the special needs record is later deleted or edited such that it doesn’t meet the criteria for a disabling condition, the auto-populated “Yes” response must revert to the HMIS end user’s original response.</p> <p>Regardless of the response to this data element, if a client’s data indicates a response for data</p>

Header	Instruction
	elements 4.05 <i>Physical Disability</i> , 4.07 <i>Chronic Health Condition</i> , 4.09 <i>Mental Health Disorder</i> , and/or 4.10 <i>Substance Use Disorder</i> that meets the criteria for a disabling condition (Dependent Field A = "Yes"), OR 4.06 <i>Developmental Disability</i> or 4.08 <i>HIV/AIDS</i> = "Yes," reporting should always count the client as having a disabling condition.
CSV	Enrollment
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

3.10 Project Start Date

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Project Start Date
Field 1 & Response	Project Start Date ([date field])
Element Type	Universal
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Project Start
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	No more than one Project Start Date per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Project Start Date per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	The "project start date" must be exportable in the [date field] format.
CSV	Enrollment
2026 Revision Summary	None

3.11 Project Exit Date

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Project Exit Date
Field 1 & Response	Project Exit Date (<i>[date field]</i>)
Element Type	Universal
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	Zero or one Project Exit Date per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	Zero or more Project Exit Date per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>The “project exit date” must be exportable in the [date field] format. Auto-exit functionality is not a required feature of HMIS software. However, if it is a feature offered, it must meet certain requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CoC must be involved in the determination of “extended length of time” that has elapsed to prompt auto-exit functionality and must establish a standard to “automatically exit” a client after a given length of absence (e.g., 90 days from last bed night). • For residential projects, the client’s 3.11 <i>Project Exit Date</i> would be recorded as <u>the last day the client appeared at the residential project (in the case of Emergency Shelter – Night-by-Night (<i>Project Type = 1</i>) projects, the day after the last 4.14 <i>Bed Night Date</i>)</u> and the 3.12 <i>Destination</i> would be marked as “No exit interview completed.” • For non-residential projects, the 3.11 <i>Project Exit Date</i> must represent the last day a contact was made, or a service was provided, and the 3.12 <i>Destination</i> would be marked as “No exit interview completed.”
CSV	Exit

2026 Revision Summary	No revisions
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3.12 Destination

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Destination
Field 1 & Responses	See Appendix A – Living Situation Option List
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 1 Response 435	Rental Subsidy Type – See Appendix A
Dependent B – Dependent to Field 1 & Response 17	If Other for “Type of Residence” – text box for “Specify Where”
Element Type	Universal
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	Zero or one Destination per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	Zero or more Destination per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	Dependent B has a 50-character limit when exporting in the HMIS CSV. Display exit destinations using the same screen order as indicated in Appendix A – Living Situation Information . This is optional but suggested for consideration.
CSV	Exit
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

3.15 Relationship to Head of Household

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Relationship to Head of Household

Header	Instruction
Field 1 & Responses	Relationship to Head of Household
1	Self (Head of Household)
2	Head of Household's child
3	Head of Household's spouse or partner
4	Head of Household's other relation member (other relation to Head of Household)
5	Other: non-relation member
Element Type	Universal
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Project Start
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	No more than One Relationship to Head of Household per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Relationship to Head of Household per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>There must be exactly one Head of Household for each household (3.15 <i>Relationship to Head of Household</i> = 1).</p> <p>It is expected that both the Head of Household and the household member(s) are always in HMIS together in the same household for any project in which they enrolled together.</p> <p>The system must allow for the Head of Household to leave the household and have the household maintain the same 5.09 <i>Household Identifier</i> while assigning a new Head of Household. If the Head of Household leaves the project while other household members remain, another member of the household currently participating in the project must be designated as the Head of Household (retroactively to the beginning of the household's entire enrollment). This may require additional data entry on this household member as some fields are specific to the Head of Household and may not have been collected at project start. For more information, please see 5.09 <i>Household Identifier</i>.</p>

Header	Instruction
	The system must allow for non-Heads of Household to enter or exit the household without having to complete a full program exit and new project start of the entire household.
CSV	Enrollment
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

3.16 Enrollment CoC

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Enrollment CoC
Field 1 & Response	HUD assigned CoC code for the client's location at project start
Element Type	Universal
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	Head of Household
Collection Point	Project Start
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One Enrollment CoC per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Enrollment CoC per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>All project stays must be associated with a single Continuum of Care code. This data element must be user-entered for all projects with more than one Continuum of Care code identified in Project Descriptor Data Element 2.03 <i>Continuum of Care Information</i>. It may be auto-populated for projects that operate in a single CoC.</p> <p>To allow projects operating in multiple continuums to enter data into a single "host" HMIS and provide data to each of the continuums in which they are serving clients, a continuum must be</p>

Header	Instruction
	<p>identified at each project start. The Continuum of Care code will be used in continuum reporting in the host HMIS to exclude irrelevant data; it will also be used as a parameter for data export to provide relevant data to other continuums.</p> <p>If this field is collected for household members other than the Head of Household, their Enrollment CoC data must reflect the CoC the Head of Household is located in as of project start.</p> <p>Systems may set up defaults to the continuum code of an HMIS implementation but must be able to accept any other continuum code identified in data element 2.03 <i>Continuum of Care Information</i> for the project.</p> <p>For data quality purposes, the CoC codes in this data element should be limited to the same CoC codes used for data element 2.03 <i>Continuum of Care Information</i>.</p>
CSV	Enrollment
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

3.20 Housing Move-In Date

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Housing Move-In Date
Field 1 & Response	Housing Move-in Date (<i>[date field]</i>)
Element Type	Universal
Funder: Program-Component	<p>All Programs – All Permanent Housing Components</p> <p>Pay for Success – All component types</p> <p>VA: Grant Per Diem – Case Management/Housing Retention</p>
Project Type Applicability	<p>3: PH – Permanent Supportive Housing</p> <p>6: Services Only (VA: GPD CM/HR ONLY)</p> <p>7: Other (Pay for Success ONLY)</p> <p>9: PH – Housing Only</p> <p>10: PH – Housing with Services (no disability required for entry)</p>

Header	Instruction
	13: PH – Rapid Re-Housing
Data Collected About	Head of Household
Collection Point	Occurrence Point: At move-in – must be entered if/when a household moves into any type of permanent housing, regardless of funding source or whether the project is providing the rental assistance to differentiate between clients who are housed and those who are experiencing homelessness at different points during their enrollment.
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	No more than one Housing Move-In Date per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Housing Move-In Date per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>Housing Move-In Date must be a date occurring either on or between the “project start date” and “project exit date.”</p> <p>There can be no more than one Housing Move-in Date per enrollment. Once a Housing Move-in Date has been recorded for an enrollment, it should not be removed from the client’s record, even if they subsequently lose that housing situation. HMIS end users must be able to edit data only to correct errors.</p> <p>HMIS software must NOT auto-populate Housing Move-In Date from one enrollment record (5.06 <i>Enrollment Identifier</i>) to another.</p>
CSV	Enrollment
2026 Revision Summary	Updates for inclusion of VA: Grant Per Diem – Case Management/Housing Retention

3.917 Prior Living Situation

The former universal data elements 3.9 *Residence Prior to Project Start* and 3.17 *Length of Time on the Streets, in an Emergency Shelter or in a Safe Haven* were combined into one data element 3.917 Living Situation in 2014 v5. The data element was split into two sub-data elements which use only the fields and responses necessary for the population being asked the question. **3.917A** is to be used for all persons entering a Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter (both entry exit and night-by-night), or Safe Haven project and **3.917B** is to be

used for persons entering all other HMIS project types. The internal HMIS field numbers for the fields and dependents of the sub-data elements MUST be the same for like responses. With this separation and clarification, the definition of chronic homelessness as identified in the final rule in the [Federal Register](#) published December 5, 2015 can be fully reported through an HMIS.

3.917A Prior Living Situation

For persons entering HMIS Project Type: Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, & Safe Haven

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Prior Living Situation (A)
Field 1 & Responses	Type of Residence [See Appendix A – Living Situation Option List]
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 1 Response 435	Rental Subsidy Type [See Appendix A]
Field 2 & Responses	Length of stay in prior living situation
10	One night or less
11	Two to six nights
2	One week or more, but less than one month
3	One month or more, but less than 90 days
4	90 days or more, but less than one year
5	One year or longer
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Field 3 & Responses	Approximate date this episode of homelessness started: <i>([date field])</i>
Field 4 & Responses	Regardless of where they stayed last night, <u>number of times</u> the client has been on the streets, in ES, or SH in the past three years including today
1	One Time
2	Two times
3	Three times
4	Four or more times
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer

Header	Instruction
99	Data not collected
Field 5 & Responses	Total number of months homeless on the street, in ES, or SH in the past three years
101	One month (this time is the first month)
102-112	([integers 2-12])
113	More than 12 months
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Element Type	Universal
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components which are typed as Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit, Safe Haven, or Emergency Shelter – Night-by-Night.
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 1: Emergency Shelter – Night-by-Night 4: Street Outreach 8: Safe Haven
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Start
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	No more than one Living Situation per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Living Situation per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>This data element, 3.917A is required for all projects which are typed in an HMIS as Emergency Shelter (either entry exit or night-by-night type), Street Outreach, and Safe Haven. No substitution in language or form may be made in this data element.</p> <p>This data element requires no dependencies, and all fields are to be visible and entered by the HMIS end user.</p>

Header	Instruction
	<p>HMIS end users must be able to edit data to correct errors or to enter a response for a client who has turned 18. Responses to this data element must always reflect living situation and circumstances as of the Project Start Date and not at the time of collection.</p> <p>The internal field numbers for each of the fields and dependents contained within this data element MUST be the same as the field numbers used for 3.917B.</p>
CSV	Enrollment
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

3.917B Prior Living Situation

For persons entering: Transitional Housing, any type of Permanent Housing, Services Only, Day Shelter, Homelessness Prevention, or Coordinated Entry Project

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Prior Living Situation (B)
Field 1 & Responses	Type of Residence [See Appendix A – Living Situation Option List]
Dependency Logic	[If response to Field 1: "Type of Residence" is a Homeless Situation (values 100–199), display Fields 3, 4, and 5]
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 1 Response 435	Rental Subsidy Type [See Appendix A]
Field 2 & Responses	Length of stay in the prior living situation
	10 One night or less
	11 Two to six nights
	2 One week or more, but less than one month
	3 One month or more, but less than 90 days
	4 90 days or more, but less than one year
	5 One year or longer
	8 Client doesn't know
	9 Client prefers not to answer

Header	Instruction
99	Data not collected
DEPENDENCIES	FOR INSTITUTIONAL SITUATIONS
Field 2A – for Institutional Situations	Did you stay less than 90 days?
0	No
1	Yes
Dependency Logic	<i>[If No – no other response options required]</i> <i>[If Yes – use Field #2 response options 10, 11, 2, 3 and go to Field 2C]</i>
DEPENDENCIES	FOR TEMPORARY, PERMANENT, AND OTHER SITUATIONS
Field 2B – for Housing Situations	Did you stay less than 7 nights?
0	No
1	Yes
Dependency Logic	<i>[If No – no other response options required]</i> <i>[If Yes – use Field #2 response options 10, 11, and go to Field 2C]</i>
DEPENDENCY FOR YES TO 2A OR 2B	
Field 2C – For yes to 2a or 2b	On the night before did you stay on the streets, ES, or SH
0	No
1	Yes
Dependency Logic	<i>[If No – no other response options required]</i> <i>[If Yes – go to Field 3, followed by Field 4, and then Field 5]</i>
ELEMENTS FOR CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS	
Field 3 & Responses	Approximate date this episode of homelessness started: <i>([date field])</i>
Field 4 & Response	Regardless of where they stayed last night, <u>number of times</u> the client has been on the streets, in ES, or SH in the past three years including today
1	One Time

Header	Instruction
2	Two times
3	Three times
4	Four or more times
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Field 5 & Responses	Total number of months homeless on the street, in ES, or SH in the past three years
101	One month (this time is the first month)
102-112	([integers 2-12])
113	More than 12 months
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Element Type	Universal
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	2: Transitional Housing 3: PH – Permanent Supportive Housing (disability required for entry) 6: Services Only 7: Other 9: PH – Housing Only 10: PH – Housing with Services (no disability required for entry) 11: Day Shelter 12: Homelessness Prevention 13: PH – Rapid Re-Housing 14: Coordinated Entry
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Start
Relationship to Enrollment	No more than one Living Situation per Enrollment

Header	Instruction
ID (an enrollment)	
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Living Situation per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>This data element, 3.917B, is required for all project types in an HMIS other than Emergency Shelter (either entry exit or night-by-night type), Street Outreach, and Safe Haven. No substitution in language or form may be made in this data element.</p> <p>HMIS end users must be able to edit data to correct errors or to enter a response for a client who has turned 18. Responses to this data element must always reflect living situation and circumstances as of the Project Start Date and not at the time of collection.</p> <p>An HMIS must be able to create dependencies for this data element. Data for the fields of this data element should be logically consistent. It is strongly recommended that an HMIS is programmed to enforce these rules or to notify HMIS end users when inconsistent data has been entered.</p> <p>If there is a “yes” response, then the next response data elements must be available for data entry. If there is any other response, then the next response data element must either be hidden or darkened or in some other way identified as not to be completed.</p> <p>The internal field numbers for each of the fields and dependents contained within this data element MUST be the same as the field numbers used for 3.917A.</p>
CSV	Enrollment
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

PROGRAM SPECIFIC DATA ELEMENTS

COMMON PROGRAM SPECIFIC DATA ELEMENTS

4.02 Income and Sources

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Income and Sources
Field 1 & Response	Information Date (date information was collected) (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Responses	Income from Any Source
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
	<i>[If yes for "Income from any source"]</i> Indicate all sources and dollar amounts for the source that apply
Field 3 & Responses	Earned income (i.e., employment income)
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 3 & Response 1	Monthly Amount (<i>[currency/decimal]</i>)
Field 4 & Responses	Unemployment Insurance
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent B – Dependent to Field 4 & Response 1	Monthly Amount (<i>[currency/decimal]</i>)
Field 5 & Responses	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
0	No
1	Yes

Header	Instruction
Dependent C – Dependent to Field 5 & Response 1	Monthly Amount (<i>[currency/decimal]</i>)
Field 6 & Responses	Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent D – Dependent to Field 6 & Response 1	Monthly Amount (<i>[currency/decimal]</i>)
Field 7 & Responses	VA Service-Connected Disability Compensation
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent E– Dependent to Field 7 & Response 1	Monthly Amount (<i>[currency/decimal]</i>)
Field 8 & Responses	VA Non-Service-Connected Disability Pension
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent F – Dependent to Field 8 & Response 1	Monthly Amount (<i>[currency/decimal]</i>)
Field 9 & Responses	Private disability insurance
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent G – Dependent to Field 9 & Response 1	Monthly Amount (<i>[currency/decimal]</i>)
Field 10 & Responses	Worker’s Compensation
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent H – Dependent to Field 10 & Response 1	Monthly Amount (<i>[currency/decimal]</i>)
Field 11 & Responses	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) <i>[or use local name]</i>
0	No

Header	Instruction
1	Yes
Dependent I – Dependent to Field 11 & Response 1	Monthly Amount (<i>[currency/decimal]</i>)
Field 12 & Responses	General Assistance (GA) <i>[or use local name]</i>
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent J – Dependent to Field 12 & Response 1	Monthly Amount (<i>[currency/decimal]</i>)
Field 13 & Responses	Retirement Income from Social Security
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent K – Dependent to Field 13 & Response 1	Monthly Amount (<i>[currency/decimal]</i>)
Field 14 & Responses	Pension or retirement income from a former job
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent L – Dependent to Field 14 & Response 1	Monthly Amount (<i>[currency/decimal]</i>)
Field 15 & Responses	Child support
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent M – Dependent to Field 15 & Response 1	Monthly Amount (<i>[currency/decimal]</i>)
Field 16 & Responses	Alimony and other spousal support
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent N – Dependent to Field 16 & Response 1	Monthly Amount (<i>[currency/decimal]</i>)
Field 17 & Responses	Other source

Header	Instruction
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent O – Dependent to Field 17 & Response 1	Monthly Amount (<i>[currency/decimal]</i>)
Dependent P – Dependent to Field 17 & Response 1	<i>[If Yes for “Other Source”]</i> Text box for Specify Source
Field 18 & Response	Total Monthly Income [<u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u> .00]
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	<p>HUD: CoC – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: CoC Builds – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: ESG – Collection required for all components except ES-NbN</p> <p>HUD: ESG RUSH – Collection required for all components except Emergency Shelter or Street Outreach</p> <p>HUD: HOPWA – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: Unsheltered Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: Rural Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: HUD-VASH – Collection required for HUD VASH Collaborative Case Management</p> <p>HUD: PFS – Collection required for all permanent housing projects</p> <p>HHS: PATH – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HHS: RHY – Collection only required for MGH, TLP, and Demo</p> <p>VA: SSVF – Collection required for RRH and Homelessness Prevention</p> <p>VA: GPD – Collection required for all components</p> <p>VA: Community Contract Safe Haven</p> <p>VA: CRS Contract Residential Services</p>
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults

Header	Instruction
Collection Point	Project Start, Update, Annual Assessment, and Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more Income and Sources per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Income and Sources per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>The system must record the appropriate data collection stage for each record of this data element.</p> <p>Systems must allow users to create “update” records to document changes between required collection points. Allow corrections for data entry errors at all stages.</p> <p>Dependent P has a 50-character limit when exporting in the HMIS CSV.</p> <p>Data for the fields of this data element should be logically consistent. It is expected that an HMIS is programmed to enforce these rules or to notify users when inconsistent data has been entered. If there is a “yes” response to “Income from any source” then at least one source of income must be identified. If a source is identified, then a “Monthly amount” must be entered. If a “Monthly amount” is entered for any source, then a “Total monthly income” amount is required.</p> <p>If there is a “no” response to Field 2 “Income from any source” then the HMIS must automatically record all sources as “no” and leave dollar amounts null or \$0.00.</p> <p>To reduce data collection and reporting burden:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systems are encouraged to auto-calculate total monthly income to avoid mathematical errors and reduce data collection (generate a \$0.00 for total monthly income if “Income from any source” = “no”). • If a client reports receiving income, an HMIS may be designed such that HMIS end users only need to directly enter “yes” for the income source the client receives and have the HMIS automatically generate a “no” response for the other income sources. • An HMIS may facilitate data accuracy by automatically changing a “no” in “income from any source” to a “yes” if source(s) and dollar amount(s) are indicated.

Header	Instruction
	Updates are required for persons aging into adulthood. An HMIS end user must be able to create or edit the Income and Sources record at project start as well as enter an update as of the participant's 18 th birthday.
CSV	IncomeBenefits
2026 Revision Summary	Addition of HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) and HUD: CoC Builds (56) as relevant funding source

4.03 Non-Cash Benefits

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Non-Cash Benefits
Field 1 & Response	Information Date (date information was collected) (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Responses	Non-Cash Benefits from Any Source
	0 No
	1 Yes
	8 Client doesn't know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected
	<i>[If yes for Non-cash benefits from any source"]</i> Indicate all sources that apply
Field 3 & Responses	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (Previously known as Food Stamps)
	0 No
	1 Yes
Field 4 & Responses	Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
	0 No
	1 Yes
Field 5 & Responses	TANF Child Care services <i>[or use local name]</i>
	0 No

Header	Instruction
1	Yes
Field 6 & Responses	TANF transportation services <i>[or use local name]</i>
0	No
1	Yes
Field 7 & Responses	Other TANF-funded services
0	No
1	Yes
Field 8 & Responses	Other source
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 8 & Response 1	<i>[If Yes for "Other Source"]</i> Text box for Specify Source
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	<p>HUD: CoC – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: CoC Builds – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: ESG – Collection required for all components except ES-NbN</p> <p>HUD: ESG RUSH – Collection required for all components except Emergency Shelter or Street Outreach</p> <p>HUD: HOPWA – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: Unsheltered Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: Rural Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: HUD-VASH – Collection required for HUD VASH Collaborative Case Management</p> <p>HUD: PFS – Collection required for all permanent housing projects</p> <p>HHS: PATH – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HHS: RHY – Collection only required for BCP (HP and ES), MGH, TLP, and Demo</p> <p>VA: SSVF – Collection required for RRH and Homelessness Prevention</p>

Header	Instruction
	VA: GPD – Collection required for all components VA: Community Contract Safe Haven VA: CRS Contract Residential Services
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Start, Update, Annual Assessment, and Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more Non-Cash Benefits per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Non-Cash Benefits per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>The system must record the appropriate data collection stage for each record of this data element. Systems must allow HMIS end users to create “update” records to document changes between required collection points. Allow corrections for data entry errors at all stages.</p> <p>Dependent A has a 50-character limit when exporting in the HMIS CSV. Data for the fields of this data element should be logically consistent. It is expected that the HMIS is programmed to enforce these rules or to notify users when inconsistent data has been entered. If there is a “Yes” response to “Non-Cash Benefits from Any Source” then at least one source of non-cash benefit must be identified. If there is a “No” response to “Non-Cash Benefit from Any Source” then the HMIS must automatically record all sources as “No.”</p> <p>To reduce data collection and reporting burden:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a client reports receiving non-cash benefits, an HMIS may be designed such that HMIS end users only need to directly enter “Yes” for the benefit source the client receives and have the HMIS automatically generate a “No” response for the other benefit sources. • An HMIS may facilitate data accuracy by automatically changing a “No” in “Non- Cash Benefits from Any Source” to a “Yes” if source(s) are indicated. <p>Updates are required for persons aging into adulthood. An HMIS end user must be able to create or</p>

Header	Instruction
	edit the Non-Cash Benefits record at Project Start as well as enter an update as of the participant's 18 th birthday. Non-cash benefits may be entered into more detailed categories as long as these categories can be aggregated into the above-stated non-cash benefits.
CSV	IncomeBenefits
2026 Revision Summary	Addition of HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) and HUD: CoC Builds (56) as relevant funding source

4.04 Health Insurance

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Health Insurance
Field 1 & Response	Information Date (date information was collected) (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Responses	Covered by Health Insurance
	0 No
	1 Yes
	8 Client doesn't know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected
	<i>[If yes for "Covered by Health Insurance"]</i> Indicate all sources that apply
Field 3 & Responses	MEDICAID
	0 No
	1 Yes
Field 4 & Responses	MEDICARE
	0 No
	1 Yes
Field 5 & Response	State Children's Health Insurance Program <i>[or use local name]</i>
	0 No

Header	Instruction
1	Yes
Field 6 & Responses	Veteran's Health Administration (VHA)
0	No
1	Yes
Field 7 & Responses	Employer-Provided Health Insurance
0	No
1	Yes
Field 8 & Responses	Health Insurance obtained through COBRA
0	No
1	Yes
Field 9 & Responses	Private Pay Health Insurance
0	No
1	Yes
Field 10 & Responses	State Health Insurance for Adults <i>[or use local name]</i>
0	No
1	Yes
Field 11 & Responses	Indian Health Services Program
0	No
1	Yes
Field 12 & Responses	Other
0	No
1	Yes
(if yes to other-Specify source)	(text)
Dependent A – Dependent to Fields 3-11 & Response O HOPWA FIELD ONLY	<i>If "No" for each of the health insurance sources, Reason</i>
1	Applied; decision pending
2	Applied; client not eligible

Header	Instruction
3	Client did not apply
4	Insurance type N/A for this client
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	<p>HUD: CoC – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: CoC Builds – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: ESG – Collection required for all components except ES-NbN</p> <p>HUD: ESG RUSH – Collection required for all components except Emergency Shelter or Street Outreach</p> <p>HUD: HOPWA – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: Unsheltered Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: Rural Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: HUD-VASH – Collection required for HUD VASH Collaborative Case Management</p> <p>HUD: PFS – Collection required for all permanent housing projects</p> <p>HHS: PATH – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components</p> <p>VA: SSVF – Collection required for RRH and Homelessness Prevention</p> <p>VA: GPD – Collection required for all components</p> <p>VA: Community Contract Safe Haven</p> <p>VA: CRS Contract Residential Services</p>
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Project Start, Update, Annual Assessment, and Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment	One or more Health Insurance per Enrollment

Header	Instruction
ID (an enrollment)	
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Health Insurance per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>The system must record the appropriate collection stage for each record of this data element. Systems must allow HMIS end users to create “update” records to document changes between required collection points. Allow corrections for data entry errors at all stages.</p> <p>Dependent 4.04.12A has a 50-character limit when exporting in the HMIS CSV. Data for the fields of this data element should be logically consistent. It is expected that an HMIS is programmed to enforce these rules or to notify users when inconsistent data has been entered. If there is a “yes” response to “Covered by health insurance” then at least one source of health insurance must be identified. If there is a “no” response to “Covered by health insurance” then the HMIS must automatically record all sources as “no.”</p> <p>To reduce data collection and reporting burden:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a client reports “Covered by health insurance” as “yes,” an HMIS may be designed such that HMIS end users only need to directly enter “yes” for the health insurance the client is covered by and have the HMIS automatically generate a “no” response for the other health insurance sources. • An HMIS may facilitate data accuracy by automatically changing a “no” in “Covered by health insurance” to a “yes” if source(s) are indicated.
CSV	IncomeBenefits
2026 Revision Summary	Addition of HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) and HUD: CoC Builds (56) as relevant funding source

4.05 Physical Disability

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Physical Disability

Header	Instruction
Field 1 & Response	Information Date (date information was collected) ([date field])
Field 2 & Responses	Physical Disability
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 2 & Response 1	[If Yes for "Physical Disability"] Expected to be of long–continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: CoC – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry HUD: CoC Builds – Collection required for all components HUD: ESG – Collection required for all components HUD: ESG RUSH – Collection required for all components except Emergency Shelter or Street Outreach HUD: HOPWA – Collection required for all components HUD: Unsheltered Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry HUD: Rural Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry HUD: PFS – Collection required for all permanent housing projects HHS: PATH – Collection required for all components

Header	Instruction
	HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Project Start, Update, and Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more Physical Disability per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Physical Disability per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>The system must record the appropriate data collection stage for each record of this data element. Systems must allow HMIS end users to create “update” records to document changes between required collection points. Systems must also allow corrections for data entry errors at all stages.</p> <p>HMIS may be programmed to only display dependent questions if the HMIS end user selects the appropriate response.</p>
CSV	Disabilities
2026 Revision Summary	<p>Addition of HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) and HUD: CoC Builds (56) as relevant funding source</p> <p>Retired data element for VA-funded programs</p>

4.06 Developmental Disability

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Developmental Disability
Field 1 & Response	Information Date (date information was collected) (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Responses	Developmental Disability
	0 No
	1 Yes
	8 Client doesn't know
	9 Client prefers not to answer

Header	Instruction
99	Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	<p>HUD: CoC – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: CoC Builds – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: ESG – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: ESG RUSH – Collection required for all components except Emergency Shelter or Street Outreach</p> <p>HUD: HOPWA – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: Unsheltered Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: Rural Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: PFS – Collection required for all permanent housing projects</p> <p>HHS: PATH – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components</p>
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Project Start, Update, and Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more Developmental Disability per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Developmental Disability per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>The system must record the appropriate data collection stage for each record of this data element. Systems must allow HMIS end users to create “update” records to document changes between required collection points. Systems must also allow corrections for data entry errors at all stages.</p> <p>HMIS may be programmed to only display dependent questions if the HMIS end user selects the appropriate response.</p>

Header	Instruction
CSV	Disabilities
2026 Revision Summary	Addition of HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) and HUD: CoC Builds (56) as relevant funding source Retired data element for VA-funded programs

4.07 Chronic Health Condition

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Chronic Health Condition
Field 1 & Response	Information Date (date information was collected) (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Responses	Chronic Health Condition
	0 No
	1 Yes
	8 Client doesn't know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 2 & Response 1	<i>[If Yes for "Chronic Health Condition"]</i> Expected to be of long–continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently
	0 No
	1 Yes
	8 Client doesn't know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: CoC – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry HUD: CoC Builds – Collection required for all components

Header	Instruction
	<p>HUD: ESG – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: ESG RUSH – Collection required for all components except Emergency Shelter or Street Outreach</p> <p>HUD: HOPWA – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: Unsheltered Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: Rural Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: PFS – Collection required for all permanent housing projects</p> <p>HHS: PATH – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components</p>
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Project Start, Update, and Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more Chronic Health Condition per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Chronic Health Condition per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>The system must record the appropriate collection stage for each data element. Systems must allow HMIS end users to create “update” records to document changes between required collection points. Systems must also allow corrections for data entry errors at all stages.</p> <p>HMIS may be programmed to only display dependent questions if the HMIS end user selects the appropriate response.</p>
CSV	Disabilities
2026 Revision Summary	<p>Addition of HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) and HUD: CoC Builds (56) as relevant funding source</p> <p>Retired data element for VA-funded programs</p>

4.08 HIV/AIDS

Header	Instruction
Element Name	HIV/AIDS
Field 1 & Response	Information Date (date information was collected) (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Response	HIV/AIDS
	0 No
	1 Yes
	8 Client doesn't know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	<p>HUD: CoC – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: CoC Builds – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: ESG – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: ESG RUSH – Collection required for all components except Emergency Shelter or Street Outreach</p> <p>HUD: HOPWA – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: Unsheltered Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: Rural Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: PFS – Collection required for all permanent housing projects</p>
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Project Start, Update, and Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more HIV/AIDS per Enrollment

Header	Instruction
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more HIV/AIDS per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	The system must record the appropriate data collection stage for each record of this data element. Systems must allow HMIS end users to create “update” records to document changes between required collection points. Systems must also allow corrections for data entry errors at all stages.
CSV	Disabilities
2026 Revision Summary	Addition of HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) and HUD: CoC Builds (56) as relevant funding source Retired data element for VA-funded programs

4.09 Mental Health Disorder

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Mental Health Disorder
Field 1 & Response	Information Date (date information was collected) (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Response	Mental Health Disorder
	0 No
	1 Yes
	8 Client doesn’t know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 2 & Response 1	<i>[If Yes for “Mental Health Disorder”]</i> Expected to be of long–continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently
	0 No
	1 Yes
	8 Client doesn’t know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected

Header	Instruction
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	<p>HUD: CoC – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: CoC Builds – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: ESG – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: ESG RUSH – Collection required for all components except Emergency Shelter or Street Outreach</p> <p>HUD: HOPWA – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: Unsheltered Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: Rural Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: PFS – Collection required for all permanent housing projects</p> <p>HHS: PATH – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components</p>
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Project Start, Update, and Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more Mental Health Disorder per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Mental Health Disorder per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>The system must record the appropriate data collection stage for each record of this data element. Systems must allow HMIS end users to create “update” records to document changes between required collection points. Systems must also allow corrections for data entry errors at all stages.</p> <p>HMIS may be programmed to only display dependent questions if the HMIS end user selects the appropriate response.</p>
CSV	Disabilities

Header	Instruction
2026 Revision Summary	Addition of HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) and HUD: CoC Builds (56) as relevant funding source Retired data element for VA-funded programs

4.10 Substance Use Disorder

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Substance Use Disorder
Field 1 & Response	Information Date (date information was collected) (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Responses	Substance Use Disorder
0	No
1	Alcohol use disorder
2	Drug use disorder
3	Both alcohol and drug use disorders
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 2 & Response(s) 1 – 3	<i>[If Alcohol use disorder, Drug use disorder, or Both alcohol and drug use disorders for “Substance Use Disorder”]</i> Expected to be of long–continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: CoC – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) – Collection required for all components

Header	Instruction
	<p>except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: CoC Builds – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: ESG – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: ESG RUSH – Collection required for all components except Emergency Shelter or Street Outreach</p> <p>HUD: HOPWA – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: Unsheltered Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: Rural Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: PFS – Collection required for all permanent housing projects</p> <p>HHS: PATH – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components</p>
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Project Start, Update, and Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more Substance Use Disorder per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Substance Use Disorder per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>The system must record the appropriate collection stage for each data element. Systems must allow HMIS end users to create “update” records to document changes between required collection points. Systems must also allow corrections for data entry errors at all stages.</p> <p>HMIS may be programmed to only display dependent questions if the HMIS end user selects the appropriate response.</p>
CSV	Disabilities
2026 Revision Summary	<p>Addition of HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) and HUD: CoC Builds (56) as relevant funding source</p> <p>Retired data element for VA-funded programs</p>

4.11 Domestic Violence

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Domestic Violence
Field 1 & Response	Information Date (date information was collected) (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Responses	Survivor of Domestic Violence
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 2 & Response 1	<i>If Yes for "Survivor of Domestic Violence"</i> When experience occurred
1	Within the past three months
2	Three to six months ago (excluding six months exactly)
3	Six months to one year ago (excluding one year exactly)
4	One year ago, or more
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent B – Dependent to Field 2 & Response 1	<i>If Yes for "Survivor of Domestic Violence"</i> Are you currently fleeing?
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-	HUD: CoC – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry

Header	Instruction
Component	<p>HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: CoC Builds – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: ESG – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: ESG RUSH – Collection required for all components except Emergency Shelter or Street Outreach</p> <p>HUD: HOPWA – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: Unsheltered Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: Rural Special NOFO – Collection required for all components except SSO Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: HUD-VASH – Collection required for HUD VASH Collaborative Case Management</p> <p>HUD: PFS – Collection required for all permanent housing projects</p> <p>HHS: PATH – Collection required for all components</p> <p>VA: SSVF – Collection required for RRH and Homelessness Prevention</p> <p>VA: GPD – Collection required for all components</p> <p>VA: Community Contract Safe Haven VA: CRS Contract Residential Services</p>
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Start, Update
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more Domestic Violence per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Domestic Violence per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>The system must record the appropriate collection stage for each data element. Systems must also allow for “update” information if a change occurs mid-year. The system must allow for corrections for data entry errors at all stages.</p> <p>HMIS may be programmed to only display dependent questions if the HMIS end user selects the appropriate response.</p>

Header	Instruction
CSV	HealthAndDV
2026 Revision Summary	Addition of HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) and HUD: CoC Builds (56) as relevant funding source

4.12 Current Living Situation

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Current Living Situation
Field 1 & Response	Information Date (date of contact) (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Responses	Current Living Situation <i>[See Appendix A – Living Situation Information]</i>
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 2 Response 435	Rental Subsidy Type <i>[See Appendix A]</i>
Field 3 & Response (<i>Coordinated Entry Projects ONLY</i>)	Living situation verified by <i>[list of Continuum projects]</i>
Dependent B – Dependent to Field 2 Responses all non-homeless situation responses (17, 37, and all responses between 200 and 499 inclusive)	Is client going to have to leave their current living situation within 14 days?
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent C – Dependent to Dependent B response: 1	Has a subsequent residence been identified?

Header	Instruction
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent D – Dependent to Dependent B response: 1	Does individual or family have resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing?
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent E – Dependent to Dependent B response: 1	Has the client had a lease or ownership interest in a permanent housing unit in the last 60 days?
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent F – Dependent to Dependent B response: 1	Has the client moved 2 or more times in the last 60 days?
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Field 4 & Response	Location details (<i>[text box]</i>)
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-	HUD: CoC – Collection required for SSO – Street Outreach, SSO – Coordinated Entry

Header	Instruction
Component	<p>HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) – Collection required for any project type serving clients who meet Category 2 or 3 of the homeless definition</p> <p>HUD: ESG – Collection only required for Street Outreach, and NbN shelter</p> <p>HUD: ESG RUSH – Collection required for Street Outreach, Coordinated Entry, and ES – NbN</p> <p>HUD: Unsheltered Special NOFO – Collection required for SSO – Street Outreach, SSO – Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HUD: Rural Special NOFO – Collection required for SSO – Street Outreach, SSO – Coordinated Entry</p> <p>HHS: PATH – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HHS: RHY – Collection only required for Street Outreach</p>
Project Type Applicability	<p>1: Emergency Shelter – Night-by-Night</p> <p>4: Street Outreach</p> <p>6: Services Only</p> <p>14: Coordinated Entry (or other depending on CoC design of Coordinated Entry system)</p>
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Occurrence Point (At the Time of Contact)
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	0 or more Current Living Situation per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	1 or more Current Living Situation per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>The information recorded for this data element is transactional; each time there is a contact, a record of the contact must be recorded including the date and the client’s current living situation.</p> <p>Data Collection requirements for PATH-funded components are limited to the following field 2 Living Situation Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (116) Place not meant for habitation (e.g., a vehicle, an abandoned building, bus/train/subway station/airport or anywhere outside) • (101) Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher, or Host Home shelter • (118) Safe Haven

Header	Instruction
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (17) Other • (37) Worker unable to determine <p>Field 3 should be populated by the list of CoC Project names in 2.02.2 <i>Project Information Project Name</i>, if 2.02.5 <i>Continuum Project</i> indicates that the project is a continuum project.</p> <p>Dependent A and its dependencies can be used to calculate imminent and at-risk of homelessness housing statuses based on HUD’s definition of homelessness.</p> <p>Field 4 has a 250-character limit when exporting in the HMIS CSV. One Current Living Situation is required as an update for each contact made along with the response to Field 2, which may change over the project stay.</p>
CSV	CurrentLivingSituation
2026 Revision Summary	Added HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) as relevant funding source

4.13 Date of Engagement

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Date of Engagement
Field 1 & Response	Date of Engagement (<i>[date field]</i>)
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	<p>HUD: CoC – Collection only required for Street Outreach</p> <p>HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) – Collection required for Street Outreach</p> <p>HUD: ESG – Collection only required for Street Outreach and ES – NbN</p> <p>HUD: Unsheltered Special NOFO – Collection required for Street Outreach</p> <p>HUD: Rural Special NOFO – Collection required for Street Outreach</p> <p>HHS: PATH – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HHS: RHY – Collection only required for Street Outreach</p>

Header	Instruction
Project Type Applicability	1: Emergency Shelter – Night-by-Night 4: Street Outreach 6: Services Only
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Occurrence Point (At the Point of Engagement)
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	No more than one Date of Engagement per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Dates of Engagement per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>Only one Date of Engagement is allowed between the Project Start Date and Project Exit Date.</p> <p>If a client returns to the project at a later date, the previous Date of Engagement does not apply to the new project enrollment. A new Date of Engagement is recorded based on the situation during the new project enrollment.</p> <p>It is possible that a case may be closed without the client becoming engaged and thus, Date of Engagement would be null in that enrollment record.</p>
CSV	Enrollment
2026 Revision Summary	Added HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) as a relevant funding source

4.14 Bed-Night Date

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Bed-Night Date
Field 1 & Response	Bed-Night Date (<i>[date field]</i>)
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: ESG – Collection required for ES – NbN HUD: ESG RUSH – Collection required for ES – NbN
Project Type Applicability	1: Emergency Shelter – Night-by-Night

Header	Instruction
	(Applicability extends to all NbN type emergency shelters that participate in HMIS, regardless of funding source)
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Occurrence Point (As Provided)
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	Zero or more Bed-Night Date per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	Zero or more Bed-Night Date per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>Collect once for each bed night utilized. A Bed-Night Date indicates that the client has utilized a bed in a night-by-night emergency shelter on that date. The system must be able to store an unlimited number of bed night dates for any 5.06 <i>Enrollment Identifier</i> associated with a night-by-night emergency shelter. Entry exit emergency shelters (Project Type 0) do not use bed nights to track client stays.</p> <p>There must be a record of a bed night on the Project Start Date into the shelter; any additional bed night dates must be after the Project Start Date and <i>before</i> the Project Exit Date.</p> <p>The Bed-Night Date must be exportable in the [date field] format.</p>
CSV	Services
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

4.19 Coordinated Entry Assessment

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Coordinated Entry Assessment
Field 1 & Response	Date of assessment [date]
Field 2 & Response	Assessment location [drop down]
Field 3 & Responses	Assessment Type
1	Phone

Header	Instruction
2	Virtual
3	In person
Field 4 & Responses	Assessment Level
1	Crisis Needs Assessment
2	Housing Needs Assessment
Field 5 & Responses	Assessment questions – Local determination – as defined by the community
1..n	Questions
Dependent A - Dependent to Field 5 responses	Assessment answers – Local determination – responses to questions defined by community
1..n	Answer for each question in Field 5
Field 6 & Responses	Assessment Result Type – Local determination – as defined by the community
1..n	Result Type
Dependent B - Dependent to Field 6	Assessment Result
1..n	Result for each result type in Field 6
Field 7 & Responses	Prioritization Status
1	Placed on prioritization list
2	Not placed on prioritization list
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: CoC – Collection required for all components providing Coordinated Entry HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) – Collection required for all components providing Coordinated Entry HUD: ESG – Collection required for all components providing Coordinated Entry
Project Type Applicability	14: Coordinated Entry (or other depending on CoC design of Coordinated Entry system)
Data Collected About	Head of Household
Collection Point	At occurrence
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more Coordinated Entry Assessment per enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID	One or more Coordinated Entry Assessment per client

Header	Instruction
(a client)	
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>Field 2 – It is recommended that a list managed by an HMIS Administrator be used for this field. If such functionality does not exist in the HMIS, a text box must be provided.</p> <p>Fields 5 & 6 and Dependents A and B are representative of whatever assessment a community uses. There is no specified structure or format for an assessment, and an HMIS might have more than one type of assessment (crisis needs, housing needs, or multiples of each). The system must be able to treat a single assessment recorded for a client as one unit of data including the fields listed here as well as the community-defined fields.</p> <p>Field 5 and Dependent A are a list of key-value (question and response) pairs for every question in the assessment, e.g., “Where did you sleep last night” / “On the streets.”</p> <p>Similarly, Field 6 and Dependent B are a list of key-value (result type and result) pairs used to contain any number of possible results, scores, or calculations on the assessment. For example, one assessment might have three results: “Housing stability score” / “10”; “Total score” / “81”; “Recommended placement” / “RRH.”</p> <p>Fields 1-4 and field 7 will be required for reporting purposes. Fields 5 & 6 are included as placeholders for communities who currently do, or want to in the future, collect CE Assessment questions, answers, and results in HMIS. These fields also serve as a common frame of reference when transferring data via HMIS CSV.</p> <p>Data must be able to be added in multiple stages to complete a client record for a single assessment.</p>
CSV	Assessment, AssessmentQuestions, AssessmentResults
2026 Revision Summary	Added HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) as a relevant funding source

4.20 Coordinated Entry Event

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Coordinated Entry Event
Field 1 & Response	Date of event [date]
Field 2 & Response	Event
Header:	Access Events
1	Referral to Prevention Assistance project
2	Problem Solving/Diversion/Rapid Resolution intervention or service
3	Referral to scheduled Coordinated Entry Crisis Needs Assessment
4	Referral to scheduled Coordinated Entry Housing Needs Assessment
Header:	Referral Events
5	Referral to post-placement/follow-up case management
6	Referral to Street Outreach project or services
7	Referral to Housing Navigation project or services
8	Referral to Non-continuum services: Ineligible for continuum services
9	Referral to Non-continuum services: No availability in continuum services
10	Referral to Emergency Shelter bed opening
11	Referral to Transitional Housing bed/unit opening
12	Referral to Joint TH-RRH project/unit/resource opening
13	Referral to RRH project resource opening
14	Referral to PSH project resource opening
15	Referral to Other PH project/unit/resource opening
16	Referral to emergency assistance/flex fund/furniture assistance
18	Referral to a Housing Stability Voucher
Dependent A - Dependent to Field 2 & Response 2	Problem Solving/Diversion/Rapid Resolution intervention or service result - Client housed/re-housed in a safe alternative
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent B - Dependent to	Referral to post-placement/follow-up case management result - Enrolled in Aftercare project

Header	Instruction
Field 2 & Response 5	
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent C- Dependent to Field 2 & Responses 10-15	Location of Crisis Housing or Permanent Housing Referral [Project name and/or Project ID]
Dependent D- dependent to Field 2 responses 10-15 or 18	Referral Result
1	Successful referral: client accepted
2	Unsuccessful referral: client rejected
3	Unsuccessful referral: provider rejected
Dependent E – Dependent to Dependent D	Date of result [date]
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: CoC – Collection required for all components providing Coordinated Entry HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) – Collection required for all components providing Coordinated Entry HUD: ESG – Collection required for all components providing Coordinated Entry
Project Type Applicability	14: Coordinated Entry (or other depending on CoC design of Coordinated Entry system)
Data Collected About	Head of Household
Collection Point	At occurrence
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more Coordinated Entry Event per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Coordinated Entry Event per Client
System Logic & Other	Because the collection point for this data element is “at occurrence,” fields must be updateable over

Header	Instruction
System Issues	<p>time as events take place and information becomes available (e.g., Dependent A).</p> <p>The list of options for Dependent C should display a list of Project Names to the HMIS end user and save the selected Project ID to the database for reporting. The list should consist of those projects where 2.09.2 Project Receives CE Referrals = "Yes" as of the "Date of event" (field 1) and the projects' PDDEs align with the referral type as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When Field 2 is "Referral to Emergency Shelter bed opening," Dependent C should show Emergency Shelter - Entry Exit (0), Emergency Shelter - Night-by- Night (1), and Safe Haven (8) projects • When Field 2 is "Referral to Transitional Housing bed/unit opening," Dependent C should show Transitional Housing (2) projects • When Field 2 is "Referral to Joint TH-RRH project/unit/resource opening," Dependent C should show Transitional Housing and PH - Rapid Re-Housing projects that have an associated funding source record where Funder Program and Components is either HUD: CoC - Joint Component TH/RRH (44), HUD: Unsheltered Special NOFO (54), or HUD: Rural Special NOFO (55) and the Grant End Date is either null or in the future • When Field 2 is "Referral to RRH project resource opening," Dependent C should show PH - Rapid Re-Housing (13) projects • When Field 2 is "Referral to PSH project resource opening," Dependent C should show PH - Permanent Supportive Housing (disability required for entry) (3) projects • When Field 2 is "Referral to Other PH project/unit/resource opening," Dependent C should show PH - Housing Only (9) and PH - Housing with Services (no disability required for entry) (10) projects <p>The system must allow for multiple records per project stay to record each instance and must record the date the event occurred (may be more than 1 event per date).</p>
CSV	Event
2026 Revision Summary	Added HUD: CoC - Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) as a relevant funding source

4.21 Sex

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Sex
Field 1 & Responses	Sex
0	Female
1	Male
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	<p>HUD: CoC – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: CoC Builds – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: ESG – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: ESG RUSH – Collection required for all components except Emergency Shelter</p> <p>HUD: HOPWA – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: Unsheltered Special NOFO – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: Rural Special NOFO – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HUD: HUD-VASH – Collection required for HUD VASH Collaborative Case Management</p> <p>HUD: PFS – Collection required for all components</p> <p>HHS: PATH – Street Outreach & Supportive Services Only</p> <p>HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components</p> <p>VA: SSVF – Collection required for RRH and Homelessness Prevention</p> <p>VA: GPD – Collection required for all components</p> <p>VA: Community Contract Safe Haven</p> <p>VA: CRS Contract Residential Services</p>
Project Type Applicability	<p>0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit</p> <p>1: Emergency Shelter – Night-by-Night</p> <p>2: Transitional Housing</p>

Header	Instruction
	3: PH – Permanent Supportive Housing (disability required for entry) 4: Street Outreach 6: Services Only 8: Safe Haven 9: PH – Housing Only 12: Homelessness Prevention 13: PH – Rapid Re-Housing
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Record Creation
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	N/A
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One Sex per client
System Logic & Other System Issues	An HMIS end user must be able to edit data to correct errors or reflect changes in client responses. This data element is distinctly different from the retired Gender data element (3.06) and data previously collected for 3.06 will not be mapped to this data element.
CSV	Client
2026 Revision Summary	New data element

FEDERAL PARTNER PROGRAM SPECIFIC DATA ELEMENTS

These data elements are listed under the federal partner program which maintains the data element. There are data elements maintained by one partner and shared with others. When combined with UDEs and Common PSDEs, these data elements form the basis of data collection requirements for specific project level reporting generated by an HMIS.

HUD-CoC Only Required Data Elements

C2 Moving On Assistance Provided

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Moving On Assistance Provided
Field 1 & Responses	Date of Moving On Assistance (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Responses	Moving On Assistance
	1 Subsidized housing application assistance
	2 Financial assistance for Moving On (e.g., security deposit, moving expenses)
	3 Non-financial assistance for Moving On (e.g., housing navigation, transition support)
	4 Housing referral/placement
	5 Other (please specify)
Dependent A to Field 2 Response 5	Other (please specify) <i>[text]</i>
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: CoC – Collection required for Permanent Supportive Housing HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) – Collection required for Permanent Supportive Housing HUD: CoC Builds – Collection required for Permanent Supportive Housing HUD: Unsheltered Special NOFO – Collection required for Permanent Supportive Housing HUD: Rural Special NOFO – Collection required for Permanent Supportive Housing
Project Type Applicability	3: PH – Permanent Supportive Housing (disability required for entry)
Data Collected About	Head of Household
Collection Point	Occurrence Point (as provided)
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	Zero or more Moving-On Assistance Provided per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID	Zero or more Moving-On Assistance Provided per Client

Header	Instruction
(a client)	
System Logic & Other System Issues	Dependent A has a 50-character limit when exporting in the HMIS CSV. Systems must allow for update information if a change occurs mid-year and allow corrections for data entry errors at all stages.
Other System Issues	None
CSV	Services
2026 Revision Summary	Addition of HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) and HUD: CoC Builds (56) as relevant funding source

C3 Youth Education Status

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Youth Education Status
Field 1 & Response	Information Date (date information was collected) (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Responses	Current school enrollment and attendance
0	Not currently enrolled in any school or educational course
1	Currently enrolled but NOT attending regularly (when school or the course is in session)
2	Currently enrolled and attending regularly (when school or the course is in session)
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent A – dependent to Field 2 & Response 0	Most Recent Educational Status
0	K12: Graduated from high school
1	K12: Obtained GED
2	K12: Dropped out
3	K12: Suspended
4	K12: Expelled
5	Higher education: Pursuing a credential but not currently attending

Header	Instruction
	6 Higher education: Dropped out
	7 Higher education: Obtained a credential/degree
	8 Client doesn't know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected
Dependent B – dependent to Field 2 Response 1 OR Response 2	Current Educational Status
	0 Pursuing a high school diploma or GED
	1 Pursuing Associate's Degree
	2 Pursuing Bachelor's Degree
	3 Pursuing Graduate Degree
	4 Pursuing other post-secondary credential
	8 Client doesn't know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: CoC – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP)
Project Type Applicability	2: Transitional Housing 3: PH – Permanent Supportive Housing (disability required for entry) 6: Services Only 13: PH – Rapid Re-Housing
Data Collected About	Head of Household
Collection Point	Project Start, Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or two Youth Education Status per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Youth Education Status per Client

Header	Instruction
System Logic & Other System Issues	The system must record the appropriate collection stage for each data element. Systems must allow corrections for data entry errors at all stages.
CSV	YouthEducationStatus
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

HUD-HOPWA Only Required Data Elements

W1 Services Provided – HOPWA

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Services Provided – HOPWA
Field 1 & Response	Date of Service (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Responses	Type of Service
	1 Adult day care and personal assistance
	2 Case management
	3 Child care
	4 Criminal justice/legal services
	5 Education
	6 Employment and training services
	7 Food/meals/nutritional services
	8 Health/medical care
	9 Life skills training
	10 Mental health care/counseling
	11 Outreach and/or engagement
	12 Substance use services/treatment
	13 Transportation
	14 Other HOPWA funded service

Header	Instruction
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: HOPWA – Collection required for all components
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 3: PH – Permanent Supportive Housing (disability required for entry) 6: Services Only 12: Homelessness Prevention
Data Collected About	All clients receiving services
Collection Point	Occurrence Point (As Provided)
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	Zero or more Services Provided – HOPWA per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	Zero or more Services Provided – HOPWA per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	Data are time sensitive and may change over the project stay. Systems must allow for multiple records per project stay to record each instance and must record the date the service was provided. The information recorded for this data element is transactional; each time the service is delivered, a record of the date of service and the service data element must be maintained. If the service benefits the entire household, it may be recorded solely for the Head of Household.
CSV	Services
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

W2 Financial Assistance – HOPWA

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Financial Assistance – HOPWA
Field 1 & Response	Date of Financial Assistance ([date field])

Header	Instruction
Field 2 & Responses	Financial Assistance Type
	1 Rental assistance <i>[collect for PHP and STRMU and PH-TBRA]</i>
	2 Security deposits <i>[collect for PHP]</i>
	3 Utility deposits <i>[collect for PHP]</i>
	4 Utility payments <i>[collect for PHP and STRMU]</i>
	7 Mortgage assistance <i>[collect for STRMU]</i>
Field 3 & Response	Financial Assistance Amount (<i>[currency/decimal]</i>)
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: HOPWA – Collection required for PHP and STRMU only as indicated above
Project Type Applicability	6: Services Only
	12: Homelessness Prevention
Data Collected About	Head of Household
Collection Point	Occurrence Point (As Provided)
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	Zero or more Financial Assistance – HOPWA per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	Zero or more Financial Assistance – HOPWA per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>Data are time sensitive and may change over the project stay. Systems must allow for multiple records per project stay to record each instance and must record the date the financial assistance was provided.</p> <p>The information recorded for this data element is transactional; each time there is financial assistance provided, a record of the assistance must be recorded including the date and financial assistance information.</p> <p>Records of financial assistance should be attached to the Head of Household.</p>
CSV	Services
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

W3 Medical Assistance

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Medical Assistance
Field 1 & Response	Information Date (date information was collected) ([date field])
Field 2 & Responses	Receiving AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent B – Dependent to Field 3 & Response 0	<i>If No for "Receiving AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)"</i> Reason
1	Applied; decision pending
2	Applied; client not eligible
3	Client did not apply
4	Insurance type N/A for this client
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Field 4 & Responses	Receiving Ryan White-funded Medical or Dental Assistance
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent C – Dependent to Field 4 & Response 0	<i>If No for "Receiving Ryan White-funded Medical or Dental Assistance"</i> Reason
1	Applied; decision pending

Header	Instruction
2	Applied; client not eligible
3	Client did not apply
4	Insurance type N/A for this client
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: HOPWA – Collection required for all components
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 3: PH – Permanent Supportive Housing (disability required for entry) 6: Services Only 12: Homelessness Prevention
Data Collected About	All Household Members with HIV/AIDS
Collection Point	Project Start, Update, Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more Medical Assistance per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Medical Assistance per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	The system must record the appropriate collection stage for each data element. Systems must also allow for updated information if a change occurs mid-year. The system must allow corrections for data entry errors at all stages.
CSV	IncomeBenefits
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

W4 T-Cell (CD4) and Viral Load

Header	Instruction
Element Name	T-Cell (CD4) and Viral Load
Field 1 & Response	Information Date (date information was collected) (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Responses	T-Cell (CD4) Count Available
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 2 & Response 1	<i>If a yes to "T-Cell (CD4) Count Available" then</i> T-Cell Count (integer between 0 – 1500)
Dependent B – Dependent to Field 2 & Response 1	<i>If a number is entered in the T-Cell (CD4) count, then</i> How was the information obtained
1	Medical Report
2	Client report
3	Other
Field 3 & Responses	Viral Load Information Available
0	Not Available
1	Available
2	Undetectable
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent C – Dependent to Field 3 & Response 1	<i>If "Viral Load Information Available" then</i> Count (<i>[integer between 0 – 999999]</i>)
Dependent D – Dependent to Field 3 & Response 1	<i>If a number is entered in the Viral Load count, then</i> How was the information obtained
1	Medical Report
2	Client report
3	Other

Header	Instruction
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: HOPWA – Collection required for all components
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 3: PH – Permanent Supportive Housing (disability required for entry) 6: Services Only 12: Homelessness Prevention
Data Collected About	All Household Members with HIV/AIDS
Collection Point	Project Start, Update, Annual Assessment, Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more T-Cell (CD4) and Viral Load per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more T-Cell (CD4) and Viral Load per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>The system must record the appropriate collection stage for each data element. Systems must also allow for updated information if a change occurs mid-year. The system must allow corrections for data entry errors at all stages.</p> <p>It is recommended that an HMIS only display this question as dependent to 4.08 <i>HIV/AIDS</i> where the response is “yes.”</p> <p>If possible, the system should limit the numeric range of the “viral load information available” – response option 1 “available” to 21 to 999,999 as a response of 20 or less is associated with an “undetectable viral load.”</p>
CSV	Disabilities
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

W5 Housing Assessment at Exit

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Housing Assessment at Exit
Field 1 & Responses	Housing Assessment at Exit
1	Able to maintain the housing they had at project entry
2	Moved to new housing unit
3	Moved in with family/friends on a temporary basis
4	Moved in with family/friends on a permanent basis
5	Moved to a transitional or temporary housing facility or program
6	Client became homeless – moving to a shelter or place unfit for human habitation
7	Jail/prison
10	Deceased
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 1 & Response 1	<i>If Able to maintain the housing they had at project entry for "Housing Assessment at Exit"</i> Subsidy information
1	Without a subsidy
2	With the subsidy they had at project entry
3	With an on-going subsidy acquired since project entry
4	Only with financial assistance other than a subsidy
Dependent B – Dependent to Field 1 & Response 2	<i>If Moved to new housing unit for "Housing Assessment at Exit"</i> Subsidy information
1	With on-going subsidy
2	Without an on-going subsidy
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: CoC – Collection required only for Homelessness Prevention component HUD: ESG – Collection required only for Homelessness Prevention component HUD: ESG-RUSH – Collection required for Homelessness Prevention component

Header	Instruction
	HUD: HOPWA – Collection required for all components
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 3: PH – Permanent Supportive Housing (disability required for entry) 6: Services Only 12: Homelessness Prevention
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	Zero or one Housing Assessment at Exit per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	Zero or more Housing Assessment at Exit per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	System stores collected information as “project exit” information and retains for historical purposes.
Other System Issues	None
CSV	Exit
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

W6 Prescribed Anti-Retroviral

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Prescribed Anti-Retroviral
Field 1 & Response	Information Date (date information was collected) (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Responses	Has the participant been prescribed anti-retroviral drugs?
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected

Header	Instruction
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: HOPWA – collection required for all components
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 3: PH – Permanent Supportive Housing (disability required for entry) 6: Services Only 12: Homeless Prevention
Data Collected About	All Household Members with HIV/AIDS
Collection Point	Project Start, Update, Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more Prescribed Anti-Retroviral per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Prescribed Anti-Retroviral per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	The system must record the appropriate collection stage for each data element. Systems must allow for updated information if a change occurs mid-year and allow corrections for data entry errors at all stages. It is recommended that an HMIS only display this question as dependent to 4.08 <i>HIV/AIDS</i> where the response is “yes.”
CSV	Disabilities
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

HHS-PATH Only Required Data Elements

P1 Services Provided – PATH Funded

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Services Provided – PATH Funded
Field 1 & Response	Date of Service (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Responses	Type of PATH FUNDED Service Provided
	1 Re-engagement
	2 Screening
	14 Clinical assessment
	3 Habilitation/rehabilitation
	4 Community Mental Health
	5 Substance use treatment
	6 Case management
	7 Residential supportive services
	8 Housing minor renovation
	9 Housing moving assistance
	10 Housing eligibility determination
	11 Security deposits
	12 One-time rent for eviction prevention
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HHS: PATH – Collection required for all components
Project Type Applicability	4: Street Outreach 6: Services Only
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Occurrence Point (As Provided)
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	Zero or more Services Provided-PATH Funded per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	Zero or more Services Provided-PATH Funded per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	Data are time sensitive and may change over the project stay. Systems must allow for multiple records per project stay to record each instance and must record the date the service was provided.

Header	Instruction
	<p>If a service benefits the entire household, it must be recorded for the Head of Household.</p> <p>PATH only records <u>services that are PATH funded</u>. If providers want to collect other services, then a separate data element must be created to distinguish PATH funded services from non-PATH funded services.</p> <p>PATH reports will only include services for persons who received services and are enrolled.</p>
CSV	Services
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

P2 Referrals Provided – PATH

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Referrals Provided PATH
Field 1 & Response	Date of Referral (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Responses	Type of Referral
	1 Community Mental Health
	2 Substance Use Treatment
	3 Primary Health/ Dental Care
	4 Job Training
	5 Educational Services
	6 Housing Services
	11 Temporary Housing
	7 Permanent Housing
	8 Income Assistance
	9 Employment Assistance
	10 Medical Insurance
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 2 & Responses 1–10	<i>If any "Type of Referral" made</i> Select Outcome for each

Header	Instruction
1	Attained
2	Not attained
3	Unknown
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HHS: PATH – Collection required for all components
Project Type Applicability	4: Street Outreach 6: Services Only
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Occurrence Point (As Provided)
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	Zero or more Referrals Provided – PATH per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	Zero or more Referrals Provided – PATH per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>Data are time sensitive and may change over the project stay. Systems must allow multiple records per project stay to record each instance and must record the date the referral was provided.</p> <p>Multiple types of the same referral may be made over the course of project enrollment. Each referral should have an outcome response.</p> <p>Referral outcome is being shown as a dependent response. However, the responses of attained, not attained, or unknown may have better ways of presentation for data collection than as dependent fields as the response may not be known at the same time as identification of the referral. Vendors may choose means other than a dependent field to improve data quality. The referral outcome information is required for reporting.</p> <p>PATH reports will only include referrals for persons who received referrals and are enrolled.</p>
CSV	Services
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

P3 PATH Status

Header	Instruction
Element Name	PATH Status
Field 1 & Response	Date of Status Determination (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Responses	Client Became Enrolled in PATH
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 2 & Response 0	<i>If No for “Client Became Enrolled in PATH”</i> Reason not enrolled
1	Client was found ineligible for PATH
2	Client was not enrolled for other reason(s)
3	Unable to locate client
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HHS: PATH – Collection required for all components
Project Type Applicability	4: Street Outreach 6: Services Only
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Occurrence Point (At Determination; collect once, at or before exit, when the status is determined)
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	No more than one PATH Status per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more PATH Status per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>Only one PATH status date and response is allowed for each project stay. If a client exits and returns to the project later, the previously entered enrollment data does not apply and a new response must be entered based on the new project start and project exit service period.</p> <p>If an HMIS supports requiring data elements, then this data element and its dependent response should be required for PATH at project exit and the client should not be able to be exited without a</p>

Header	Instruction
	response to this data element. This data element is critical to PATH reporting.
CSV	Enrollment
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

P4 Connection with SOAR

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Connection with SOAR
Field 1 & Responses	Connection with SOAR
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HHS: PATH – Collection required for all components VA: SSVF – Collection required for RRH and Homelessness Prevention
Project Type Applicability	4: Street Outreach 6: Services Only 12: Homelessness Prevention 13: PH – Rapid Re-Housing
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Start, Update, Annual Assessment, and Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more Connection with SOAR per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Connection with SOAR per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	The system must record the appropriate collection stage for each data element. Systems must also allow for updated information if a change occurs mid-year and allow corrections for data entry errors

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	at all stages. If the SOAR program is locally available, CoCs may find this data element helpful to their CoCs for implementation in programs other than PATH.
CSV	IncomeBenefits
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

HHS-RHY Only Required Data Elements

R1 Referral Source

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Referral Source
Field 1 & Responses	Referral Source
1	Self-Referral
2	Individual: Parent/Guardian/Relative/Friend/Foster Parent/Other Individual
7	Outreach Project
11	Temporary Shelter
18	Residential Project
28	Hotline
30	Child Welfare/CPS
34	Juvenile Justice
35	Law Enforcement/ Police
37	Mental Hospital
38	School
39	Other Organization
8	Client doesn't know

Header	Instruction
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 1 & Response 7	<i>If Outreach Project: FYSB for “Referral Source” is selected</i> Number of times approached by outreach prior to entering the project (<i>[Box for integer response]</i>)
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components except for Street Outreach
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 12: Homelessness Prevention
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Start
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	No more than one Referral Source per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Referral Source per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	System stores collected information as “project start” information and retains for historical purpose.
CSV	Enrollment
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

R2 RHY – BCP Status

Header	Instruction
Element Name	RHY – BCP Status
Field 1 & Response	Date of Status Determination (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Responses	Youth Eligible for RHY Services
0	No

Header	Instruction
1	Yes
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 2 & Response 0	<i>If No for “Youth Eligible for RHY Services”</i> Reason why services are not funded by BCP grant
1	Out of age range
2	Ward of the State – Immediate Reunification
3	Ward of the Criminal Justice System – Immediate Reunification
4	Other
Dependent B – Dependent to Field 2 & Response 1	<i>If Yes for “Youth Eligible for RHY Services”</i> Runaway youth
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn’t know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HHS: RHY – Collection required for BCP only
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 12: Homelessness Prevention
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Project Start
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	No more than one RHY-BCP Status per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more RHY-BCP Status per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	Only one RHY status date and only one response for “FYSB Youth’ is allowed for each project stay. If a client returns to the project at a later date, the previous data does not apply and must be entered based on the new project start and project exit date service period.

Header	Instruction
	<p>Youth who identify as “No” to “FYSB Youth” are also not experiencing homelessness under the HUD definition of homelessness. Data on these youth who are identified as “No” to “FYSB Youth” does transmit in the RHY CSV export for the national data transfers but are filtered out in analysis.</p> <p>If the system supports required data elements, then this data element should be required for RHY: BCP-ES funded projects and the client should not be able to exit the project without a response to this data element.</p>
CSV	Enrollment
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

R4 Last Grade Completed

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Last Grade Completed
Field 1 & Responses	Last Grade Completed
1	Less than Grade 5
2	Grades 5-6
3	Grades 7-8
4	Grades 9-11
5	Grade 12/High school diploma
6	School program does not have grade levels
7	GED
10	Some college
11	Associate’s degree
12	Bachelor’s degree
13	Graduate degree
14	Vocational certification
8	Client doesn’t know
9	Client prefers not to answer

Header	Instruction
99	Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: HUD-VASH – Collection required for HUD/VASH Collaborative Case Management HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components except for Street Outreach VA: SSVF – Collection required for RRH and Homelessness Prevention
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 3: PH – Permanent Supportive Housing (disability required for entry) 12: Homelessness Prevention 13: PH – Rapid Re-Housing
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Start, Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more Last Grade Completed per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Last Grade Completed per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	System stores collected information as “project start” or “project exit” information and retains for historical purpose.
CSV	EmploymentEducation
2026 Revision Summary	Corrected HUD-VASH funder program-component name.

R5 School Status

Header	Instruction
Element Name	School Status
Field 1 & Responses	School Status
1	Attending school regularly
2	Attending school irregularly
3	Graduated from high school

Header	Instruction
	4 Obtained GED
	5 Dropped out
	6 Suspended
	7 Expelled
	8 Client doesn't know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components except for Street Outreach
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 12: Homelessness Prevention
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Start, Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more School Status per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more School Status per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	System stores collected information as “project start” or “project exit” information and retains for historical purpose.
CSV	EmploymentEducation
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

R6 Employment Status

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Employment Status
Field 1 & Response	Information Date (date information was collected) (<i>[date field]</i>)

Header	Instruction
Field 2 & Responses	Employed
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 2 & Response 1	<i>If Yes for "Employed"</i> Type of Employment
1	Full-time
2	Part-time
3	Seasonal / sporadic (including day labor)
Dependent B – Dependent to Field 2 & Response 0	<i>If No for "Employed"</i> Why Not Employed
1	Looking for work
2	Unable to work
3	Not looking for work
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: HUD-VASH – Collection required for HUD/VASH Collaborative Case Management HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components except for Street Outreach VA: SSVF – Collection required for RRH and Homelessness Prevention VA: GPD – collection required for all components
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 3: PH – Permanent Supportive Housing (disability required for entry) 6: Services Only 8: Safe Haven 9: PH – Housing Only 12: Homelessness Prevention 13: PH – Rapid Re-Housing

Header	Instruction
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Start, Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more Employment Status per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Employment Status per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	The system must record the appropriate collection stage for each data element. System stores collected information as “project start” or “project exit” information and retains for historical purpose.
CSV	EmploymentEducation
2026 Revision Summary	Corrected HUD-VASH funder program-component name.

R7 General Health Status

Header	Instruction
Element Name	General Health Status
Field 1 & Responses	General Health Status
	1 Excellent
	2 Very good
	3 Good
	4 Fair
	5 Poor
	8 Client doesn't know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: HUD-VASH – Collection required for HUD/VASH Collaborative Case Management HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components except for Street Outreach
Project Type Applicability	O: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit

Header	Instruction
	2: Transitional Housing 3: PH – Permanent Supportive Housing (disability required for entry) 12: Homelessness Prevention
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Start, Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more General Health Status per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more General Health Status per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	System stores collected information as “project start” or “project exit” information and retains for historical purpose.
CSV	HealthAndDV
2026 Revision Summary	Corrected HUD-VASH funder program-component name.

R8 Dental Health Status

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Dental Health Status
Field 1 & Responses	Dental Health Status
	1 Excellent
	2 Very good
	3 Good
	4 Fair
	5 Poor
	8 Client doesn't know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-	HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components except for Street Outreach

Header	Instruction
Component	
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 12: Homelessness Prevention
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Start, Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more Dental Health Status per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Dental Health Status per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	System stores collected information as “project start” or ‘project exit” information and retains for historical purpose.
CSV	HealthAndDV
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

R9 Mental Health Status

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Mental Health Status
Field 1 & Responses	Mental Health Status
1	Excellent
2	Very good
3	Good
4	Fair
5	Poor
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected

Header	Instruction
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components except for Street Outreach
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 12: Homelessness Prevention
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Start, Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more Mental Health Status per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Mental Health Status per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	System stores collected information as “project start” or “project exit” information and retains for historical purpose.
CSV	HealthAndDV
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

R10 Pregnancy Status

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Pregnancy Status
Field 1 & Responses	Pregnancy Status
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent A – Dependent	<i>If Yes for “Pregnancy Status”</i>

Header	Instruction
to Field 2 & Response 1	<i>Due Date ([date field])</i>
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 4: Street Outreach 12: Homelessness Prevention
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Start, Update
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	One or more Pregnancy Status per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Pregnancy Status per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	Data is time sensitive and may change over the project stay. System must allow for updated information collection as change occurs, must record the date the information was collected with a data collection stage of “project update,” and retain all updates for historical purpose. There may be multiple records of this data element per project stay; each time there is pregnancy, a record of the pregnancy must be recorded.
CSV	HealthAndDV
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

R11 Formerly a Ward of Child Welfare/Foster Care Agency

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Formerly a Ward of Child Welfare/Foster Care Agency
Field 1 & Responses	Formerly a Ward of Child Welfare or Foster Care Agency
0	No

Header	Instruction
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 1 & Response 1	<i>If Yes for "Formerly a Ward of Child Welfare or Foster Care Agency"</i> Number of Years
1	Less than one year
2	1 to 2 years
3	3 to 5 or more years
Dependent B – Dependent to Dependent A & Response 1	<i>If Less than one year for "Number of Years"</i> Number of Months (<i>[integers 1-11]</i>)
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components except for Street Outreach
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 12: Homelessness Prevention
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Start
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	No more than one Formerly a Ward of Child Welfare or Foster Care Agency per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Formerly a Ward of Child Welfare or Foster Care Agency per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	System stores collected information as "project start" information and retains for historical purpose. HMIS may be programmed to only display dependent questions if the HMIS end user selects the appropriate response.
CSV	Enrollment

Header	Instruction
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

R12 Formerly a Ward of Juvenile Justice System

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Formerly a Ward of Juvenile Justice System
Field 1 & Responses	Formerly a Ward of Juvenile Justice System
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 1 & Response 1	<i>If Yes for "Formerly a Ward of Juvenile Justice System"</i> Number of Years
1	Less than one year
2	1 to 2 years
3	3 to 5 or more years
Dependent B – Dependent to Dependent A & Response 1	<i>If Less than one year for "Number of Years"</i> Number of Months (1-11)
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components except for Street Outreach
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 12: Homelessness Prevention
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Start
Relationship to Enrollment	No more than one Formerly a Ward of Juvenile Justice System per Enrollment

Header	Instruction
ID (an enrollment)	
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Formerly a Ward of Juvenile Justice System per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	System stores collected information as “project start” information and retains for historical purpose. HMIS may be programmed to only display dependent questions if the HMIS end user selects the appropriate response.
CSV	Enrollment
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

R13 Family Critical Issues

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Family Critical Issues
Field 9 & Responses	Unemployment – Family member
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn’t know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Field 11 & Responses	Mental Health Disorder – Family member
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn’t know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Field 15 & Responses	Physical Disability – Family member
0	No
1	Yes

Header	Instruction
	8 Client doesn't know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected
Field 21 & Responses	Alcohol or Substance Use Disorder – Family member
	0 No
	1 Yes
	8 Client doesn't know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected
Field 22 & Responses	Insufficient Income to support youth – Family member
	0 No
	1 Yes
	8 Client doesn't know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected
Field 24 & Responses	Incarcerated Parent of Youth
	0 No
	1 Yes
	8 Client doesn't know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components except for Street Outreach
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 12: Homelessness Prevention
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Start

Header	Instruction
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	No more than one Family Issues per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Family Issues per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	System stores collected information as “project start” information and retains for historical purpose.
Other System Issues	None
CSV	Enrollment
2026 Revision Summary	Expanded response options to include “client doesn’t know”, “client prefers not to answer”, and “data not collected”

R14 RHY Service Connections

Header	Instruction					
Element Name	RHY Service Connections	BCP-P	BCP-ES	TLP&MGH	SOP	DEMO
Field 1 & Response	Date of Service ([date field])	X	X	X		X
Field 2 & Responses	Type of RHY Service	X	X	X		X
2	Community service/service learning (CSL)			X		X
7	Criminal justice /legal services	X	X	X		X
5	Education	X	X	X		X
6	Employment and/or training services			X		X
14	Health/medical care	X	X	X		X
26	Home-based Services	X				
8	Life skills training	X	X	X		X
10	Parenting education for youth with children	X	X	X		X
27	Post-natal newborn care (wellness exams; immunizations)			X		X
12	Post-natal care for client (person who			X		X

Header	Instruction					
	gave birth)					
13	Pre-natal care			X		X
28	STD Testing	X	X			
29	Street-based Services	X				
17	Substance use disorder treatment	X	X	X		X
18	Substance Use disorder Ed/Prevention Services	X	X	X		X
Funder: Program –Component	HHS: RHY – Collection required for components – as outlined above					
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 6: Services Only 12: Homelessness Prevention					
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults					
Collection Point	Occurrence Point (At First Service)					
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	Zero or more RHY Service Connections per Enrollment					
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	Zero or more RHY Service Connections per Client					
System Logic & Other System Issues	Data is time sensitive and may change over the project stay. The system must allow for multiple records per project stay to record each instance and must record the date the new information was collected. If the service benefits the entire household, it may be recorded solely for the Head of Household.					
CSV	Services					
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions					

R15 Commercial Sexual Exploitation/Sex Trafficking

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Commercial Sexual Exploitation/Sex Trafficking
Field 1 & Responses	<u>Ever</u> received anything in exchange for sex (e.g., money, food, drugs, shelter)
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 1 & Response 1	<i>If Yes for "Ever received anything in exchange for sex"</i> In the last three months
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent B – Dependent to Field 1 & Response 1	<i>If Yes for "Ever received anything in exchange for sex"</i> How many times
1	1-3
2	4-7
3	8-11
4	12 or more
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent C – Dependent to Field 1 & Response 1	<i>If Yes for "Ever received anything in exchange for sex"</i> Ever made/persuaded/forced to have sex in exchange for something
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer

Header	Instruction
	99 Data not collected
Dependent D – Dependent to Dependent C & Response 1	<i>If Yes for “Ever made/persuaded/forced to have sex in exchange for something?”</i> In the last three months?
	0 No
	1 Yes
	8 Client doesn’t know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 4: Street Outreach 12: Homelessness Prevention
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	Zero or 1 Commercial Sexual Exploitation per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	Zero or more Commercial Sexual Exploitation per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>System stores collected information as “project exit” information and retains for historical purposes. HMIS may be programmed to only display dependent questions if the HMIS end user selects the appropriate response.</p> <p>If mouse over/hover functionality is available in the system for explanations/definitions, RHY requests the information to read as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field 1: “Have you ever received anything in exchange for having sexual relations with another person, such as money, food, drugs, or shelter?” • Dependent B: “How many times have you received something in exchange for having

Header	Instruction
	<p>sexual relations with another person, such as money, food, drugs, or shelter?"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dependent C: "Did someone ever <u>make you or persuade you</u> to have sex with anyone else in exchange for something such as money, food, drugs, or shelter?"
CSV	Exit
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

R16 Labor Exploitation/Trafficking

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Labor Exploitation/Trafficking
Field 1 & Responses	Ever afraid to quit/leave work due to threats of violence to yourself, family, or friends
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Field 2 & Responses	Ever promised work where work or payment was different than you expected
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 1 & 2 Response 1	<i>If Yes for either "Workplace violence threats" <u>OR</u> "Workplace promise difference" – Felt forced, coerced, pressured, or tricked into continuing the job</i>
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected

Header	Instruction
Dependent B – Dependent to Field 1 & 2 Response 1	<i>If Yes for either “Workplace violence threats” OR “Workplace promise actual difference” – In the last 3 months</i>
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn’t know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 4: Street Outreach
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	Zero or one Labor Exploitation per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	Zero or more Labor Exploitation per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>System stores collected information as “project exit” information and retains for historical purposes. HMIS may be programmed to only display dependent questions if the HMIS end user selects the appropriate response.</p> <p>If mouse over/hover functionality is available in the system for explanations/definitions, RHY requests the information to read as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field 1: “Have you ever been afraid to leave or quit a work situation due to fears of violence or other threats of harm to yourself, family or friends?” • Field 2: “Have you ever been promised work where the work or payment ended up being different from what you expected?” • Dependent A: “Did you feel forced, coerced, pressured or tricked into continuing this

Header	Instruction
	job?"
CSV	Exit
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

R17 Project Completion Status

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Project Completion Status
Field 1 & Responses	Project Completion Status
	1 Completed project
	2 Client voluntarily left early
	3 Client was expelled or otherwise involuntarily discharged from project
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 1 & Response 3	<i>If Client was expelled or otherwise involuntarily discharged from project for "Project Completion Status"</i> Select the major reason
	1 Criminal activity/destruction of property/violence
	2 Non-compliance with project rules
	3 Non-payment of rent/occupancy charge
	4 Reached maximum time allowed by project
	5 Project terminated
	6 Unknown/disappeared
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components except for Street Outreach and BCP-Prevention
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit
	2: Transitional Housing
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Exit

Header	Instruction
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	Zero or one Project Completion Status per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	Zero or more Project Completion Status per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	System stores collected information as “project exit” information and retains for historical purposes.
CSV	Exit
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

R18 Counseling

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Counseling
Field 1 & Responses	Client received counseling
0	No
1	Yes
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 1 & Response 1	If Yes Identify the type(s) of counseling received
1	Individual
2	Family
3	Group – including peer counseling
Dependent B – Dependent to Field 1 & Response 1	If yes, Identify the number of sessions received by exit
1	<i>([integers 1-48+])</i>
Field 2 & Response	Total number of sessions planned in client’s treatment or service plan
1	<i>([integers 1-48+])</i>
Field 3 & Responses	A plan is in place to start or continue counseling after exit
0	No
1	Yes

Header	Instruction
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components except for Street Outreach
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 12: Homelessness Prevention
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	Zero or one Counseling per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	Zero or more Counseling per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	System stores collected information as “project exit” information and retains for historical purposes.
CSV	Exit
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

R19 Safe and Appropriate Exit

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Safe and Appropriate Exit
Field 1 & Responses	Exit destination safe – as determined by the client
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Field 2 & Responses	Exit destination safe – as determined by the project/caseworker
0	No
1	Yes

Header	Instruction
	2 Worker does not know
Field 3 & Response	Client has permanent positive adult connections outside of project
	0 No
	1 Yes
	2 Worker does not know
Field 4 & Response	Client has permanent positive peer connections outside of project
	0 No
	1 Yes
	2 Worker does not know
Field 5 & Response	Client has permanent positive community connections outside of project
	0 No
	1 Yes
	2 Worker does not know
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components except for Street Outreach and Homelessness Prevention
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	Zero or 1 Safe and Appropriate Exit per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	Zero or more Safe and Appropriate Exit per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	System stores collected information as “project exit” information and retains for historical purposes.
CSV	Exit
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

R20 Aftercare Plans

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Aftercare Plans
Field 1 & Response	Information Date (date information was collected) ([date field])
Field 2 & Responses	Aftercare was provided
	0 No
	1 Yes
	9 Client prefers not to answer
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 2	<i>If yes – Identify the primary way it was provided</i>
	1 Via email/social media
	2 Via telephone
	3 In person: one-on-one
	4 In person: group
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HHS: RHY – Collection required for all components except for Street Outreach
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 12: Homelessness Prevention
Data Collected About	Head of Household and Adults
Collection Point	Post Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	Zero or one Aftercare Plans per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	Zero or more Aftercare Plans per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	Information may be entered post exit for a period of up to 180 days after which point no data should be entered. Any data entered prior to the date of exit or after the 180 th day will not be considered in reporting or exports.

Header	Instruction
	Multiple “primary ways” (dependent A) must be able to be identified in one entry or there must be the ability to have multiple instances of the data element to support data entry for a client who received aftercare via multiple methods. A process may be required to reopen a record with an exit to record Aftercare information.
CSV	Exit
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

VA Required Data Elements

V1 Veteran’s Information

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Veterans Information
Field 1 & Response	Year Entered Military Service (<i>[year]</i>)
Field 2 & Response	Year Separated from Military Service (<i>[year]</i>)
Field 3 & Responses	Theatre of Operations: World War II
	0 No
	1 Yes
	8 Client doesn’t know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected
Field 4 & Responses	Theatre of Operations: Korean War
	0 No
	1 Yes
	8 Client doesn’t know
	9 Client prefers not to answer
	99 Data not collected

Header	Instruction
Field 5 & Responses	Theatre of Operations: Vietnam War
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Field 6 & Responses	Theatre of Operations: Persian Gulf War (Operation Desert Storm)
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Field 7 & Responses	Theatre of Operations: Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom)
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Field 8 & Responses	Theatre of Operations: Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom)
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Field 9 & Responses	Theatre of Operations: Iraq (Operation New Dawn)
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer

Header	Instruction
99	Data not collected
Field 10 & Responses	Theatre of Operations: Other Peace-keeping Operations or Military Interventions (such as Lebanon, Panama, Somalia, Bosnia, Kosovo)
0	No
1	Yes
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Field 11 & Responses	Branch of the Military
1	Army
2	Air Force
3	Navy
4	Marines
6	Coast Guard
7	Space Force
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Field 12 & Responses	Discharge Status
1	Honorable
2	General under honorable conditions
6	Under other than honorable conditions (OTH)
4	Bad conduct
5	Dishonorable
7	Uncharacterized
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected
Element Type	Program Specific

Header	Instruction
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: HUD-VASH – Collection required for all components VA: SSVF – Collection required for RRH and Homelessness Prevention VA: GPD – Collection required for all components VA: Community Contract Safe Haven VA: CRS Contract Residential Services
Project Type Applicability	0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit 2: Transitional Housing 3: PH – Permanent Supportive Housing (disability required for entry) 6: Supportive Services Only 8: Safe Haven 9: PH – Housing Only 12: Homelessness Prevention 13: PH – Rapid Re-Housing
Data Collected About	All Veterans
Collection Point	Record Creation
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	N/A
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One Veteran’s Information per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	None
CSV	Client
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

V2 Services Provided – SSVF

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Services Provided – SSVF
Field 1 & Response	Date of Service ([date field])

Header	Instruction
Field 2 & Responses	Type of Service
1	Outreach services
2	Case management services
3	Assistance obtaining VA benefits
4	Assistance obtaining/coordinating other public benefits
5	Direct provision of other public benefits
6	Other (non-TFA) supportive service approved by VA
7	Shallow Subsidy
8	Returning Home
9	Rapid Resolution
10	Healthcare Navigation
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 2 Response 3	<i>If "Assistance obtaining VA benefits"</i>
1	VA vocational and rehabilitation counseling
2	Employment and training services
3	Educational assistance
4	Health care services
Dependent B – Dependent to Field 2 Response 4	<i>If "Assistance obtaining/coordinating other public benefits"</i>
1	Health care services
2	Daily living services
3	Personal financial planning services
4	Transportation services
5	Income support services
6	Fiduciary and representative payee services
7	Legal services – child support
8	Legal services – eviction prevention
9	Legal services – outstanding fines and penalties
10	Legal services – restore/acquire driver's license

Header	Instruction
	11 Legal services – other
	12 Child care
	13 Housing counseling
Dependent C – Dependent to Field 2 Response 5	<i>If “Direct provision of other public benefits”</i>
	1 Personal financial planning services
	2 Transportation services
	3 Income support services
	4 Fiduciary and representative payee services
	5 Legal services – child support
	6 Legal services – eviction prevention
	7 Legal services – outstanding fines and penalties
	8 Legal services – restore/acquire driver’s license
	9 Legal services – other
	10 Child care
	11 Housing counseling
Dependent D – Dependent to Field 2 Response 6	<i>If “Other (Non-TFA) Supportive Service approved by VA”</i> <i>[text box] Specify</i>
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program- Component	VA: SSVF – Collection required for RRH and Homelessness Prevention
Project Type Applicability	12: Homelessness Prevention 13: PH – Rapid Re-Housing
Data Collected About	All Clients receiving services
Collection Point	Occurrence Point (As Provided)
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	0 or more Services Provided – SSVF per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	1 or more Services Provided – SSVF per Client
System Logic & Other System	Services will be recorded as they are provided. The system must allow for a theoretically

Header	Instruction
Issues	<p>unlimited number of records per project stay. HMIS end users must be able to edit existing records and delete records entered in error.</p> <p>Dependent D has a 50-character limit when exporting in the HMIS CSV. Services will be recorded for the Head of Household (only) unless a specific service is of benefit only to a particular household member.</p>
CSV	Services
2026 Revision Summary	Added response option 10: Healthcare Navigation

V3 Financial Assistance – SSVF

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Financial Assistance – SSVF
Field 1 & Response	Date Provided (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Response	Start Date of Financial Assistance (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 3 & Response	Financial Assistance Amount (<i>[currency/decimal]</i>)
Field 4 & Responses	Financial Assistance Type
	1 Rental assistance
	4 Utility fee payment assistance
	2 Security deposit
	3 Utility deposit
	5 Moving costs
	8 Transportation services: tokens/vouchers
	9 Transportation services: vehicle repair/maintenance
	10 Child care
	12 General housing stability assistance
	14 Emergency housing assistance
	15 Shallow subsidy financial assistance
	16 Food assistance

Header	Instruction
17	Landlord incentive
18	Tenant incentive
Field 5 & Response	End Date of Financial Assistance (<i>[date field]</i>)
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder–Program Component	VA: SSVF – Collection required for RRH and Homelessness Prevention
Project Type Applicability	12: Homelessness Prevention 13: PH – Rapid Re-Housing
Data Collected About	All Clients receiving financial assistance
Collection Point	Occurrence Point (As Provided)
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	0 or more Financial Assistance – SSVF per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	1 or more Financial Assistance – SSVF per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>Both the Date Provided and the Start Date of Financial Services are required, even if they are recorded as the same date. The Date Provided reflects the date that the financial assistance was identified as a need while the Start Date of Financial Services is the date the financial assistance is supposed to begin.</p> <p>Financial assistance will be recorded as it is provided. The system must allow for a theoretically unlimited number of records per project stay. HMIS end users must be able to edit existing records and delete records entered in error.</p> <p>Financial assistance will be recorded for the Head of Household (only) unless a specific service is of distinct benefit only to a particular household member.</p>
CSV	Services
2026 Revision Summary	Added Field 1 Date Provided and updated System Logic & Other System Issues language

V4 Percent of AMI (SSVF Eligibility)

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Percent of AMI (SSVF Eligibility)
Field 1 & Responses	Household Income as a Percentage of AMI
	1 30% or less
	2 31% to 50%
	3 51% to 80%
	4 81% or greater
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	VA: SSVF – Collection required for RRH and Homelessness Prevention
Project Type Applicability	12: Homelessness Prevention 13: PH – Rapid Re-Housing
Data Collected About	Head of Household
Collection Point	Project Start
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	No more than one Percent of AMI (SSVF Eligibility) per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Percent of AMI (SSVF Eligibility) per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>System stores collected information as “project start” information and retains for historical purpose.</p> <p>The system may not automatically calculate this field unless the VA Annual Income worksheet is part of the HMIS and the field is calculated from that worksheet.</p> <p>Calculation from Income and Sources is prohibited.</p>
CSV	Enrollment
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

V6 VAMC Station Number

Header	Instruction
Element Name	VAMC Station Number
Field 1 & Response	VAMC Station Number <i>[drop down list of all VAMC Station codes and names]</i>
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	<p>HUD: HUD-VASH – Collection required for all components</p> <p>VA: SSVF – Collection required for RRH and Homelessness Prevention</p> <p>VA: GPD – Collection required for all components</p> <p>VA: CRS Contract Residential Services</p> <p>VA: Community Contract Safe Haven Program</p>
Project Type Applicability	<p>0: Emergency Shelter – Entry Exit</p> <p>2: Transitional Housing</p> <p>3: PH – Permanent Supportive Housing (disability required for entry)</p> <p>6: Services Only</p> <p>8: Safe Haven</p> <p>9: PH – Housing Only</p> <p>12: Homelessness Prevention</p> <p>13: PH – Rapid Re-Housing</p>
Data Collected About	Head of Household
Collection Point	Project Start
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	No more than one VAMC Station Number per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more VAMC Station Number per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>Valid VAMC Station Numbers are up to 8 alphanumeric characters and should correspond to the VA service location (as opposed to 3.16 <i>Enrollment CoC</i>).</p> <p>SSVF grantees will be provided with station numbers that correspond to their service locations. Station Numbers are provided to vendors through the Vendor Hub.</p>

Header	Instruction
	No information date or data collection stage is required; the effective information date is the Project Start Date and data are only collected at project start.
CSV	Enrollment
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

V7 HP Targeting Criteria

Header	Instruction
Element Name	HP Targeting Criteria
Field 1 & Responses	Is Homelessness Prevention targeting screener required?
0	No
1	Yes
Dependency A, dependent to Field 1 Response 1	Housing loss expected within...
0	1-6 days
1	7-13 days
2	14-21 days
3	More than 21 days
Dependency B, dependent to Field 1 Response 1	Current household income
0	\$0 (i.e., not employed, not receiving cash benefits, no other current income)
1	1-14% of Area Median Income (AMI) for household size
2	15-30% of AMI for household size
3	More than 30% of AMI for household size
Dependency C, dependent to Field 1 Response 1	Past experience of Homelessness (street/shelter/transitional housing) (any adult)
0	Most recent episode occurred within the last year
1	Most recent episode occurred more than one year ago

Header	Instruction
2	None
Dependency D, dependent to Field 1 Response 1	Head of Household is not a current leaseholder/renter of unit
0	No
1	Yes
Dependency E, dependent to Field 1 Response 1	Head of Household has never been a leaseholder/renter of unit
0	No
1	Yes
Dependency F, dependent to Field 1 Response 1	Currently at risk of losing a tenant-based housing subsidy or housing in a subsidized building or unit (household)
0	No
1	Yes
Dependency G, dependent to Field 1 Response 1	Rental Evictions within the past 7 years (any adult)
0	No prior rental evictions
1	1 prior rental eviction
2	2 or more prior rental evictions
Dependency H, dependent to Field 1 Response 1	Criminal record for arson, drug dealing or manufacture, or felony offense against persons or property (any adult)
0	No
1	Yes
Dependency I, dependent to Field 1 Response 1	Incarcerated as adult (any adult in household)
0	Not incarcerated
1	Incarcerated once
2	Incarcerated two or more times
Dependency J, dependent to Field 1 Response 1	Discharged from jail or prison within last six months after incarceration of 90 days or more (adults)

Header	Instruction
0	No
1	Yes
Dependency K, dependent to Field 1 Response 1	Registered sex offender (any household members)
0	No
1	Yes
Dependency L, dependent to Field 1 Response 1	Head of Household with disabling condition (physical health, mental health, substance use) that directly affects ability to secure/maintain housing
0	No
1	Yes
Dependency M, dependent to Field 1 Response 1	Currently pregnant (any household member)
0	No
1	Yes
Dependency N, dependent to Field 1 Response 1	Single parent/guardian household with minor child(ren)
0	No
1	Yes
Dependency O, dependent to Field 1 Response 1	Household includes one or more young children (age six or under), or a child who requires significant care
0	No
1	Youngest child is under 1 year old
2	Youngest child is 1 to 6 years old and/or one or more children (any age) require significant care.
Dependency P, dependent to Field 1 Response 1	Household size of 5 or more requiring at least 3 bedrooms (due to household composition)
0	No
1	Yes
Dependency Q, dependent to	Households which may include one or more members meeting other criteria for targeting

Header	Instruction
Field 1 Response 1	prevention determined by the CoC.
0	No
1	Yes
Dependency R, dependent to Field 1 Response 1	HP applicant total points (<i>[integer]</i>)
Dependency S, dependent to Field 1 Response 1	Grantee targeting threshold score (<i>[integer]</i>)
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program- Component	VA: SSVF – Collection required for Homelessness Prevention
Project Type Applicability	12: Homelessness Prevention
Data Collected About	Head of Household
Collection Point	Project Start
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	No more than one SSVF HP Targeting Criteria per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more SSVF HP Targeting Criteria per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>Records must be editable for users to correct data entry errors.</p> <p>There are redundancies between this data element and other data collection, including 3.08 <i>Disabling Condition</i>, 4.02 <i>Income and Sources</i>, V1 <i>Veteran’s Information</i>, V4 <i>Percent of AMI (SSVF Eligibility)</i>, and data related to household composition.</p> <p>Consistency in responses for this data element and others will be used in evaluation of SSVF data quality.</p>
CSV	Enrollment
2026 Revision Summary	Updated language for Dependency P and Dependency Q

V8 HUD-VASH Voucher Tracking

Header	Instruction
Element Name	HUD-VASH Voucher Tracking
Field 1 & Response	Information date (<i>[date field]</i>)
Field 2 & Responses	Voucher change
	1 Referral package forwarded to PHA
	2 Voucher denied by PHA
	3 Voucher issued by PHA
	4 Voucher revoked or expired
	5 Voucher in use – veteran moved into housing
	6 Voucher was ported locally
	7 Voucher was administratively absorbed by new PHA
	8 Voucher was converted to Housing Choice Voucher
	9 Veteran exited – voucher was returned
	10 Veteran exited – family maintained the voucher
	11 Veteran exited – prior to ever receiving a voucher
	12 Other
Dependent A – Dependent to Field 2 & Response 12	<i>If Other–</i> <i>[text box]</i> Specify
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: HUD-VASH – Collection required for HUD/VASH Collaborative Case Management
Project Type Applicability	3: PH – Permanent Supportive Housing (disability required for entry)
Data Collected About	Head of Household/Veteran
Collection Point	Occurrence Point (as provided)
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	Zero or more HUD-VASH Voucher Tracking per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	Zero or more HUD-VASH Voucher Tracking per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	There may be only one response per Information Date. The system must record the appropriate collection stage for each data element. Systems must also allow for updated information if a change occurs mid-year. Allow corrections for

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	data entry errors at all stages.
CSV	Services
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

V9 HUD-VASH Exit Information

Header	Instruction
Element Name	HUD-VASH Exit Information
Field 1 & Responses	Case Management Exit Reason
	1 Accomplished goals and/or obtained services and no longer needs CM
	2 Transferred to another HUD-VASH program site
	3 Found/chose other housing
	4 Did not comply with HUD-VASH CM
	5 Eviction and/or other housing related issues
	6 Unhappy with HUD-VASH housing
	7 No longer financially eligible for HUD-VASH voucher
	8 No longer interested in participating in this program
	9 Veteran cannot be located
	10 Veteran too ill to participate at this time
	11 Veteran is incarcerated
	12 Veteran is deceased
	13 Other
Dependent B – Dependent to Field 1 & Response 13	<i>If Other–</i> <i>[text box]</i> Specify
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	HUD: HUD-VASH – Collection required for HUD/VASH Collaborative Case Management
Project Type Applicability	3: PH – Permanent Supportive Housing (disability required for entry)
Data Collected About	Head of Household/Veteran

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Collection Point	Project Exit
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	Zero or one HUD-VASH Exit Information per Enrollment
Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	Zero or more HUD-VASH Exit Information per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	The system must record the appropriate collection stage for each data element.
CSV	Exit
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

V10 Mental Health Consultation

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Mental Health Consultation
Field 1 & Responses	Mental Health Consultation Status
	1 Mental health consultation completed
	2 Mental health consultation being coordinated/arranged with VA provider
	3 Mental health consultation being coordinated/arranged with other provider
	4 Offer declined
Element Type	Program Specific
Funder: Program-Component	VA: SSVF – Collection required for RRH and Homelessness Prevention VA: Grant Per Diem – Case Management/Housing Retention
Project Type Applicability	6: Services Only 12: Homelessness Prevention 13: PH – Rapid Re-Housing
Data Collected About	All Veterans
Collection Point	Project Start
Relationship to Enrollment ID (an enrollment)	No more than one Mental Health Consultation Status per Enrollment

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Relationship to Personal ID (a client)	One or more Mental Health Consultation Status per Client
System Logic & Other System Issues	Only one Mental Health Consultation Status is allowed for each project stay. If a client returns to the project at a later date, the previous data does not apply and must be entered based on the new project start and project exit date service period.
CSV	Enrollment
2026 Revision Summary	New data element

METADATA ELEMENTS

The term *metadata* is often defined as “data about data.” Instead of capturing information about a project or a client, Metadata Elements capture information about the data itself:

- When it was collected
- When it was entered into HMIS
- Who entered it
- Which project is responsible for it

The Metadata Elements are intended to facilitate reporting from HMIS, to simplify the writing of programming specifications, and to provide an audit trail. These metadata elements do not represent an attempt to standardize the way that an HMIS stores data. As long as an HMIS is able to accomplish the purposes identified for the Metadata Elements, the software is not required to use the exact metadata elements listed here. Future programming specifications for reports will reference these Metadata Elements. The Metadata Elements are:

5.01 Date Created

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Date Created
Field 1 & Response	<i>([date field])</i>
Element Type	Metadata
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components

Header	Instruction
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Records
Collection Point	Record Creation
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>HMIS auto-generated. An HMIS must have the ability to identify the date on which a record was first created in HMIS for any data element. Data elements that are collected together on a single form may share a single Date Created. HMIS end users and HMIS Administrators must not have the ability to enter or to modify the information in this Metadata Element.</p> <p>An HMIS must store this metadata for all client-level data elements. It is not necessary that this information be displayed in the user interface of the HMIS, but it must be accessible in the programming of reports. Date Created must not change when a data element is edited. If two client records representing the same person are merged, the earliest Date Created must be retained for data elements for which an HMIS stores only one value per client (e.g., name, SSN, date of birth).</p>
CSV	<*><DateCreated> (Field collected across multiple files)
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

5.02 Date Updated

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Date Updated
Field 1 & Response	<i>([date field])</i>
Element Type	Metadata
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Data Elements
Collection Point	Record Creation / Edit
System Logic & Other System Issues	HMIS auto-generated. Created by the HMIS when a record for any data element is first created and updated by the HMIS every time the record is saved by an HMIS end user.

Header	Instruction
	An HMIS must be able to determine, for all data elements, the date on which it was last edited by an HMIS end user. Each time an HMIS end user saves data, the HMIS must store the current date as the Date Updated with the data being saved. Data elements that are collected together on a single form may share a single Date Updated. HMIS end users and HMIS Administrators must not have the ability to enter or to modify the information in this metadata element.
CSV	<*><DateUpdated> (Field collected across multiple files)
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

5.03 Data Collection Stage

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Data Collection Stage
Field 1 & Response	Data Collection Stage
	1 Project start
	2 Project update
	5 Project annual assessment
	3 Project exit
	6 Post exit
Element Type	Metadata
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Data Elements with multiple data collection stages
Collection Point	Client Data Entry of Specified Elements
System Logic & Other System Issues	HMIS auto-generated or HMIS end user selected. An HMIS must be able to distinguish between data collected at different points in time or stages (e.g., at project start, project update (during a project stay), and at project exit).

Header	Instruction
	<p>Data elements that are collected together on a single form generally share a single Data Collection Stage.</p> <p>HMIS end users should not have the ability to create more than one record per data element at either project start or project exit (e.g., for a single project stay, a client should have one and only one record of 4.02 <i>Income and Sources</i> identified at project start).</p> <p>The system must allow a user to save a dated record for a client’s annual assessment as an “annual assessment.” The response categories correlate to response categories defined in the CSV specifications. An “annual assessment” is required as noted in the collection stage for some PSDEs. The Annual Assessment must include updating both the Head of Household’s record and any other household members at the same time.</p> <p>Data elements for which a collection point of “annual assessment” is required and must be collected at least once annually for each client. An Annual Assessment and the <i>Information Date</i> must be no more than 30 days before or after the anniversary of the Head of Household’s <i>Project Start Date</i>; information must be accurate as of the <i>Information Date</i>.</p> <p>The date range of the Annual Assessment is based entirely around the Head of Household’s <i>Project Start Date</i>, not on the date of the client’s or Head of Household’s previous assessment. For all projects which require an annual assessment, data collected as part of an annual assessment must have a <i>Data Collection Stage</i> of “annual assessment.”</p> <p>There should be one and only one record for each data element with a <i>Data Collection Stage</i> of “annual assessment” within the 30 days before or after the anniversary of the Head of Household’s <i>Project Start Date</i>. Regardless of whether the responses have changed since project start or the previous annual assessment, a new record must be created for each annual assessment such that it is possible to view a history, by date, of the values for each data element.</p>

Header	Instruction
CSV	<*><DataCollectionStage> (Field collected across multiple files)
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

5.04 Information Date

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Information Date
Field 1 & Response	<i>([date field])</i>
Element Type	Metadata
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	As Specified in Data Element Definitions
Collection Point	Client Program-Specific Data Entry
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>This Metadata Element is a hybrid in that it pertains to the client data and not directly to the client, but it will be entered in HMIS by HMIS end users.</p> <p>Throughout the Data Dictionary, this Metadata Element has been added to the data elements where it applies (e.g., 4.02 <i>Income and Sources</i>, with Response 1 Information Date). The Metadata Element is included here to provide further information for HMIS vendors and HMIS Administrators.</p> <p>Data that is collected the first time the client is entered into HMIS (e.g., 3.01 <i>Name</i>, 3.02 <i>Social Security Number</i>) do not require an Information Date.</p> <p>Data that is collected only at project start or only at project exit, may be assumed to have an Information Date that matches the Project Start Date or Project Exit Date, respectively.</p> <p>Data elements that are collected together on a single form generally share a single Information Date. This Metadata Element is applicable to all data elements which can change over time.</p>

Header	Instruction
CSV	<*><InformationDate> (Field collected across multiple files)
2026 Revision Summary	Clarified language about data collected only at project start or only at project exit.

5.05 Project Identifier

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Project Identifier
Field 1 & Response	Project Identifier (2.02 <i>Project Information</i>) of the project that entered or edited the data
Element Type	Metadata
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	Specified Data Elements
Collection Point	Record Creation/Edit
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>HMIS auto-generated or HMIS end user selected. If this is HMIS end user selected, HMIS software must enforce uniqueness of this identifier.</p> <p>Data elements that are collected together on a single form/screen generally share a single Project Identifier. To report on data quality on a project's report, it is first necessary to establish that the project in question was responsible for the data.</p> <p>This is a basic requirement that assumes a simple relationship between clients and projects. In circumstances where one project may be responsible for entering data that would appropriately appear on another project's required report (e.g., a central intake point), it may be necessary to create a more sophisticated method to establish responsibility for the data entered.</p>
CSV	<*><ProjectID> (Field collected across multiple files)
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

5.06 Enrollment Identifier

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Enrollment Identifier
Field 1 & Response	A unique project start identifier used to associate data with a particular period of service.
Element Type	Metadata
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Enrollment Level Data
Collection Point	Record Creation
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>HMIS auto-generated. The data element should be created by the HMIS at the time that the record of a project start is first entered into HMIS and should be stored with any data that pertains to that particular period of service.</p> <p>Data elements that are collected together on a single form/screen may share a single Enrollment Identifier. An HMIS should be able to correlate data to a specific project stay.</p> <p>This metadata element must be stored with all data elements identified in this document as having a collection point “Project Start.”</p>
CSV	<*><EnrollmentID> (Field collected across multiple files)
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

5.07 User Identifier

Header	Instruction
Element Name	User Identifier
Field 1 & Response	A unique ID used to associate data with the user who entered and/or edited it
Element Type	Metadata
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types

Header	Instruction
Data Collected About	All Records
Collection Point	All Data Collection Points/Stages
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>HMIS generated. Each HMIS end user must have a unique identifier stored in the HMIS. Every time data is entered or edited in HMIS, the HMIS must keep a record of which HMIS end user entered or edited the data based on the credentials supplied at the time of login.</p> <p>The data element should be stored with any Universal or Program-Specific Data Element entered or edited in an HMIS.</p> <p>It must be possible to determine, for all client-level data, which HMIS end user entered it in the HMIS. Each time an HMIS end user saves data, the HMIS must store the User Identifier of that HMIS end user with the data being saved.</p> <p>Data elements that are collected together on a single form may share a single User Identifier. HMIS end users must not have the ability to enter or to modify the information in this Metadata Element.</p> <p>If a data element is edited, the HMIS must retain the original value, along with the User Identifier of the HMIS end user who entered it, in addition to storing the new value and the User Identifier of the editing HMIS end user.</p>
CSV	<*><UserID> (Field collected across multiple files)
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

5.08 Personal Identifier

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Personal Identifier
Field 1 & Response	Personal ID <i>[HMIS Generated]</i>
Element Type	Metadata

Header	Instruction
Funder: Program-Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Record Creation
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>The purpose of this data element is to ensure that, regardless of how many client records exist for a single person in an HMIS, that person is only counted once for reporting purposes. While the expectation is that every effort will be made to minimize duplicate client records, for those instances where duplication is unavoidable, the Personal ID must link a given person’s client records for the purposes of deduplication within reports.</p> <p>A Personal ID is an automatically generated identifier created by an HMIS application. A Personal ID must be static and unique to a single individual within an HMIS implementation, regardless of how many client records exist for the individual. There is no required format for generating a Personal ID; however, the Universal Data Elements used to create a Personal ID should not be visible in the Personal ID.</p> <p>The Personal ID must be able to be attached to the same individual when served by multiple projects. There is a one-to-one relationship between Personal ID and 3.01 <i>Name</i>, 3.02 <i>Social Security Number</i>, 3.03 <i>Date of Birth</i>, 3.04 <i>Race and Ethnicity</i>, and 3.07 <i>Veteran Status</i> or a combination of these that provides a high degree of confidence that multiple client records represent the same individual.</p> <p>HMIS must have functionality to allow the HMIS Administrators to de-duplicate multiple client records with distinct Personal IDs that are identified as representing the same individual based on identifying information.</p>
CSV	Client
2026 Revision Summary	Removed reference to Gender 3.06

5.09 Household Identifier

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Household Identifier
Field 1 & Response	Household ID <i>[HMIS Generated]</i>
Element Type	Metadata
Funder: Program- Component	All Programs – All Components
Project Type Applicability	All HMIS Project Types
Data Collected About	All Clients
Collection Point	Project Start
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>A Household ID will be assigned to each household at each project start and applies for the duration of that project stay to all members of the household served.</p> <p>The Household ID must be automatically generated by an HMIS application to ensure that it is unique. The Household ID must be unique within each HMIS implementation regardless of how many CoCs it covers. This includes data warehouses that may be pulling in data from multiple HMIS instances, and one or more CoCs.</p> <p>The Household ID has no meaning beyond a single “household enrollment”; it is used in conjunction with the 2.02.1 <i>Project ID</i>, 3.10 <i>Project Start Date</i>, and 3.11 <i>Project Exit Date</i> to link records for household members together and indicate that they were served together. The Household ID is to be unique to each household stay in a project; reuse of the identification for the same or similar household upon readmission into the project is unacceptable.</p> <p>Persons may join a household with members who have already begun a project start or may leave a project while other members of the household remain in the project. A common Household ID must be assigned to each member of the same household.</p> <p>Persons in a household (either adults or children) who are not present when the household</p>

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	initially applies for assistance and later join the household should be assigned the same Household ID that links them to the rest of the persons in the household. The early departure of a household member would have no impact on the Household ID. A household member who leaves and returns to the same household while others in the household remain enrolled should be reassigned the same Household ID as that member's earlier enrollment.
CSV	Enrollment
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

5.10 Implementation Identifier

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Implementation Identifier
Field 1 & Response	Implementation ID [<i>Vendor Generated</i>]
Element Type	Metadata
Data Collected About	All HMIS Implementations
Collection Point	Upon creation of HMIS implementation
System Logic & Other System Issues	<p>The purpose of Implementation ID is to indicate the scope of uniqueness of the primary keys within an export. Each implementation of HMIS is unique and the Implementation ID is to identify that exported data is affiliated with a given HMIS implementation.</p> <p>For example, an HMIS vendor providing HMIS software to two distinct CoCs with two distinct HMIS implementations would have different Implementation IDs for those different implementations. Alternatively, an HMIS vendor providing HMIS software to two distinct CoCs sharing an HMIS implementation would have the same Implementation ID.</p> <p>A unique Implementation ID must be created per HMIS instance, but there is no required format.</p>
CSV	Export
2026 Revision Summary	No revisions

REQUIRED COLLECTION POINTS AND METADATA ELEMENTS TABLE SUMMARY

Required Collection Points

HMIS end users must be able to enter each data element at the appropriate point in time, as identified in each individual data element definition and summarized in the table below.

Data Elements with Multiple Collection Points

- Data elements with multiple collection points must be recorded with 5.03 *Data Collection Stage*.
- There may be no more than one record per 5.06 *Enrollment ID* of any multiple-point data element with a 5.03 *Data Collection Stage* of “project start” or “project exit.”
- Users must be able to create a theoretically infinite number of records per 5.06 *Enrollment ID* with a data collection stage of “update” or “annual assessment” for multiple-point data elements.

Data Elements with a Single Collection Point

- Data elements with a single collection point may be recorded with 5.03 *Data Collection Stage*, but it is not required.
- There may be no more than one record per 5.06 *Enrollment ID* of any data element collected only at project start, only at project exit, or only post-exit.
- Users must be able to create a theoretically infinite number of records per 5.06 *Enrollment ID* for single-point data elements with a plain “X” in the “Update/Occurrence Point” column in the table below.
- There may be no more than one record per 5.06 *Enrollment ID* for single-point data elements with “X (0..1)” in the “Update/Occurrence Point” column in the table below.

Base Metadata

5.01 *Date Created*, 5.02 *Date Updated*, and 5.07 *User Identifier* are not shown in the table below; these base metadata elements are required for every data element. Data elements collected on a single form/stored as fields in one record of a table may share a single set of this base metadata as long as the data elements, as they are defined by this Dictionary, are collected at the same point.

➤ **Example 1:** 5.08 *Personal ID*, 3.02 *Social Security Number*, 3.03 *Date of Birth*, 3.04 *Race and Ethnicity*, 3.07 *Veteran Status*, 4.21 *Sex*, and V1 *Veteran’s Information* all exist at the same level/have a one-to-one relationship with one another. They may share a 5.01

Date Created, 5.02 Date Updated, and 5.07 User ID.

▶ **Example 2:** 3.10 *Project Start Date* and 3.11 *Project Exit Date* both have a one-to-one relationship with 5.06 *Enrollment ID* but have different collection points. To evaluate timeliness of data entry, 3.10 *Project Start Date* and 3.11 *Project Exit Date* must have separate base metadata elements.

Project Identifier, Personal ID, and Household ID

Because 3.10 *Project Start Date* initiates an enrollment, the creation of this data element is assumed to also create 5.06 *Enrollment ID*. Along with the 5.06 *Enrollment ID*, 3.10 *Project Start Date* must also be associated with 5.05 *Project Identifier*, 5.08 *Personal ID*, and 5.09 *Household ID*. The relationship of each of these metadata elements to 5.06 *Enrollment ID* is one-to-one. Every record for any enrollment-related data element (e.g., every data element requiring 5.06 *Enrollment ID*) is associated with a single project, client, and household through the 5.06 *Enrollment ID*.

DE	Element	Collection Points						Required Metadata Elements	
		Record Creation	Project Start	Update/ Occurrence Point	Annual Assessment	Project Exit	Post-Exit	Enrollment ID	Data Collection Stage
3.01	Name	X							
3.02	Social Security Number	X							
3.03	Date of Birth	X							
3.04	Race and Ethnicity	X							
3.07	Veteran Status	X							
3.08	Disabling Condition		X					X	
3.10	Project Start Date		X					X	
3.11	Project Exit Date					X		X	
3.12	Destination					X		X	
3.15	Relationship to Head of Household		X					X	
3.16	Enrollment CoC		X					X	X
3.20	Housing Move-In Date			X (0...1)				X	
3.917	Prior Living Situation (A) and (B)		X					X	
4.02	Income and Sources		X	X	X	X		X	X
4.03	Non-Cash Benefits		X	X	X	X		X	X
4.04	Health Insurance		X	X	X	X		X	X
4.05	Physical Disability		X	X		X		X	X
4.06	Developmental Disability		X	X		X		X	X
4.07	Chronic Health Condition		X	X		X		X	X
4.08	HIV/AIDS		X	X		X		X	X
4.09	Mental Health Disorder		X	X		X		X	X
4.10	Substance Use Disorder		X	X		X		X	X
4.11	Domestic Violence		X	X				X	X
4.12	Current Living Situation			X				X	

DE	Element	Collection Points						Required Metadata Elements	
		Record Creation	Project Start	Update/ Occurrence Point	Annual Assessment	Project Exit	Post-Exit	Enrollment ID	Data Collection Stage
4.13	Date of Engagement			X (O...1)				X	
4.14	Bed-Night Date			X				X	
4.19	Coordinated Entry Assessment			X					
4.20	Coordinated Entry Event			X				X	
4.21	Sex	X							
W1	Services Provided – HOPWA			X				X	
W2	Financial Assistance – HOPWA			X				X	
W3	Medical Assistance		X	X		X		X	X
W4	T-Cell (CD4) and Viral Load		X	X	X	X		X	X
W5	Housing Assessment at Exit					X		X	
W6	Prescribed Anti-Retroviral		X	X		X		X	
C2	Moving On			X				X	
C3	Youth Education Status		X			X		X	X
C4	Translation Assistance Needed		X					X	
P1	Services Provided – PATH Funded			X				X	
P2	Referrals Provided – PATH			X				X	
P3	PATH Status			X (O...1)				X	
P4	Connection with SOAR		X	X	X	X		X	X
R1	Referral Source		X					X	
R2	RHY-BCP Status		X	X (O...1)				X	
R4	Last Grade Completed		X			X		X	X
R5	School Status		X			X		X	X
R6	Employment Status		X			X		X	X
R7	General Health Status		X			X		X	X

DE	Element	Collection Points						Required Metadata Elements	
		Record Creation	Project Start	Update/ Occurrence Point	Annual Assessment	Project Exit	Post-Exit	Enrollment ID	Data Collection Stage
R8	Dental Health Status		X			X		X	X
R9	Mental Health Status		X			X		X	X
R10	Pregnancy Status		X	X				X	X
R11	Formerly a Ward of Child Welfare or Foster Care Agency		X					X	
R12	Formerly a Ward of Juvenile Justice System		X					X	
R13	Family Issues		X					X	
R14	RHY Service Connections			X				X	
R15	Commercial Sexual Exploitation					X		X	
R16	Labor Exploitation					X		X	
R17	Project Completion Status					X		X	
R18	Counseling					X		X	
R19	Safe and Appropriate Exit					X		X	
R20	Aftercare Plans						X	X	
V1	Veteran's Information	X						X	
V2	Services Provided – SSVF			X				X	
V3	Financial Assistance – SSVF			X				X	
V4	Percent of AMI (SSVF Eligibility)		X					X	
V6	VAMC Station Number		X					X	
V7	HP Targeting Criteria		X					X	
V8	HUD-VASH Voucher Tracking		X	X		X		X	X
V9	HUD-VASH Exit Information					X		X	
V10	Mental Health Consultation		X					X	

Appendix A – Living Situation Information

Living Situation Option List

Field #	Response	Prior Living Situation (3.917)	Current Living Situation (4.12)	Destination (3.12)
Header	Homeless Situations (100-199)			
116	Place not meant for habitation (e.g., a vehicle, an abandoned building, bus/train/subway station/airport or anywhere outside)	X	X	X
101	Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher, Host Home shelter	X	X	X
118	Safe Haven	X	X	X
Header	Institutional Situations (200-299)			
215	Foster care home or foster care group home	X	X	X
206	Hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility	X	X	X
207	Jail, prison, or juvenile detention facility	X	X	X
225	Long-term care facility or nursing home	X	X	X
204	Psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility	X	X	X
205	Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center	X	X	X
Header	Temporary Housing Situations (300-399)			
302	Transitional housing for homeless persons (including homeless youth)	X	X	X
329	Residential project or halfway house with no homeless criteria	X	X	X
314	Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher	X	X	X
332	Host Home (non-crisis)	X	X	X
312	Staying or living with family, temporary tenure (e.g., room, apartment, or house)			X

Field #	Response	Prior Living Situation (3.917)	Current Living Situation (4.12)	Destination (3.12)
313	Staying or living with friends, temporary tenure (e.g., room, apartment, or house)			X
327	Moved from one HOPWA funded project to HOPWA TH			X
336	Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment, or house	X	X	
335	Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment, or house	X	X	
Header	Permanent Housing situation (400 -499)			
422	Staying or living with family, permanent tenure			X
423	Staying or living with friends, permanent tenure			X
426	Moved from one HOPWA funded project to HOPWA PH			X
410	Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy	X	X	X
435	Rental by client, with ongoing housing subsidy	X	X	X
421	Owned by client, with ongoing housing subsidy	X	X	X
411	Owned by client, no ongoing housing subsidy	X	X	X
Header	Other (1-99)			
30	No exit interview completed			X
17	Other		X	X
24	Deceased			X
37	Worker unable to determine		X	
8	Client doesn't know	X	X	X
9	Client prefers not to answer	X	X	X
99	Data not collected	X	X	X

Subsidy Types – Dependent Field, relies on Living Situation = 435

Field #	Response
428	GPD TIP housing subsidy
419	VASH housing subsidy
431	RRH or equivalent subsidy
433	HCV voucher (tenant or project based) (not dedicated)
434	Public housing unit
420	Rental by client, with other ongoing housing subsidy
436	Housing Stability Voucher
437	Family Unification Program Voucher (FUP)
438	Foster Youth to Independence Initiative (FYI)
439	Permanent Supportive Housing
440	Other permanent housing dedicated for formerly homeless persons

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