

# HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING DATA GUIDANCE

Homelessness Continua of Care (CoC) are required to store information on people experiencing homelessness in a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Data captured in HMIS typically includes client demographic information, current homelessness status, and history and information on services accessed. Depending on the assessment tool that is used to collect data within the CoC, HMIS might also include information on a client's physical and behavioral health needs and service usage.

The data elements below are neither exhaustive nor all required to complete data analysis successfully. The goal is to review as much data as is useful and available to answer the project's learning questions.

1. Age
2. Race/Ethnicity
3. Gender
4. Where do you sleep most frequently
5. Length of time homeless
6. Total time homeless
7. Health insurance status
8. Health Plan
9. Receive healthcare most frequently
10. Number of ED visits in the last year
11. Number of inpatient hospital stays
12. Any physical or mental health crises
13. Any physical health or mental health conditions
14. Any difficulty with the activities of daily living
15. Any long-term disability?
16. Currently receiving mental health treatment
17. Location/provider of mental health treatment
18. Currently receiving case management services
19. Location/provider of case management
20. Currently receiving substance use services
21. Location/provider of substance use services