

FY2026 HMIS DATA STANDARDS UPDATES

HMIS Data standards are established by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and participating federal partners. HUD Updates the HMIS Data Standards every other year and the next version of Data Standards, FY 2026, will be effective as of October 1, 2025.

FY2026 Data Standards Updates will include updates to the HMIS Data Dictionary, HMIS Data Standards Manual, CSV Export files, and reporting specifications including System Performance Measures (SPM), Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA), CoC APR/ESG CAPER, Coordinated Entry APR, and the PATH Annual Report.

This document will outline the Data Standards Updates and the impacted forms, workflows, dropdown lists, and reports. Individual updates to how to guides, user manuals, new user trainings, and all other resources will be made by the IN BoS CoC HMIS team in the coming months.

If you have any questions about the data standards changes outlined in this document, please feel free to reach out to your respective helpdesk at HMISHelpdesk@ihcda.gov or DVHelpdesk@ihcda.in.gov.

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System Wide Data Standards Updates

Race and Ethnicity

HUD updated the data fields for “Race and Ethnicity”. Here are the new fields that will be shown while creating a new client under the Basic Client Demographics section:

Basic Client Demographics

The screenshot displays the 'Basic Client Demographics' form. The 'Birth Date' field is set to 01/01/2000. The 'Client Age' is 25. The 'Date of Birth Quality' is set to 'Full DOB Reported'. The 'Race and Ethnicity' dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous', 'Asian or Asian American', 'Black, African American, or African', 'Hispanic/Latina/o', and 'Middle Eastern or North African'. The 'Additional Race and Ethnicity Detail' field is empty. A red box highlights the 'Race and Ethnicity' dropdown and the 'Additional Race and Ethnicity Detail' field.

Birth Date: * 01/01/2000

Client Age: 25

Date of Birth Quality: * ☒ Full DOB Reported
☐ Approximate or Partial DOB Reported
☐ Client doesn't know
☐ Client prefers not to answer
☐ Data not collected

Race and Ethnicity: *
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous
Asian or Asian American
Black, African American, or African
Hispanic/Latina/o
Middle Eastern or North African

Additional Race and Ethnicity Detail:

Sex and Gender

HUD added a required field for “Sex” to the new client demographics page, the field for “Gender” will still be shown but will now be listed as an optional field. The data field “Sexual Orientation” will also be updated to an optional field. HUD is requiring these changes to align its data collection with other federal data systems and to comply with federal Executive Orders.

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Basic Client Demographics

Race and Ethnicity: * ?

- American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous
- Asian or Asian American
- Black, African American, or African
- Hispanic/Latina/o
- Middle Eastern or North African

Additional Race and Ethnicity Detail:

Sex: -- SELECT -- ?

Gender: ?

- Woman (Girl, if child)
- Man (Boy, if child)
- Culturally Specific Identity (e.g., Two-Spirit)
- Transgender
- Non-Binary

The field for “Sex” should not cause errors for any clients created before 10/1/25. Please feel free to add this information to existing client profiles:

Search

Client Dashboard

Find Client

Intake

COVID-19 Vaccine Intake

▼ Client Profile

Edit Client

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Additional Race and Ethnicity Detail:

Sex: -- SELECT --

Gender: -- SELECT --

Pregnancy Status:

Veteran Status: * No

Female

Male

Client doesn't know

Client prefers not to answer

Data not collected

Two-Spirit)

Finish

Cancel

After selecting the correct data element for “Sex”, click on “Finish” to save the changes and return to the client’s profile.

Translation Assistance Needed

HUD has announced the retiring of the Translation Assistance Needed element from the Data Dictionary. We may still collect this information, but this will no longer be a required field.

Historical data can be found through the following steps:

Client Workspace > Common Assessments > Translation Assistance Needed

RHY Project Specific Updates

Family Critical Issues

There will be a new update to the allowable responses in the “Critical Issue” portion of the RHY Entry Assessment workflow. Each Critical Issue will allow the response of “Client doesn’t know”, “Client prefers not to answer”, and “Data not collected”.

An example of these new allowable options in the “Critical Issue” portion of the workflow can be found below.

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The screenshot shows the 'RHY Entry Assessment' form for client SPM_m1, c1 (ClientID 444147). The form is titled 'RHY Entry Assessment' and includes a description: 'The RHY Entry Assessment is used to collect project entry data for RHY funded projects. This Entry Assessment is also used to collect sexual orientation information for CoC, Unsheltered Special NOFO and Rural Special NOFO funded projects.' The form is divided into sections: 'Assessment Active', 'Assessment Date' (05/31/2025), 'Sexual Orientation' (dropdown), and 'Referral Source' (dropdown). Below these are checkboxes for 'Critical Issue', 'Unemployment - Family member' (checked), 'Mental Health Disorder - Family member', 'Physical Disability - Family member', and 'Alcohol or Substance Use Disorder - Family member'. A 'Status' dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'No', '-- SELECT --', 'Yes', 'Client Doesn't Know', 'Client prefers not to answer', and 'Data Not Collected'.

SSVF Project Specific Updates

Services Provided

A new SSVF service type, 10/ Healthcare Navigation, has been added to the allowable SSVF Type of Service. The service “SSVF- Referral to Healthcare Navigator” will be tied to the “HealthCare Navigation” SSVF Type of Service Category. Users will not notice a change when recording services. This change has been made on the back end and will only effect report logic.

This service was previously tied to the “Case management services” service under the SSVF Type of Service category.

An example of the new Healthcare Navigation SSVF Service Category can be found below.

The screenshot shows the 'Service Setup' form for HUD and Partner Agency funded services. The form is divided into three sections: 'Service Setup', 'Additional Details', and 'Report Mappings'. The 'Service Setup' section includes dropdowns for 'ESG Service Category', 'HUD Financial Assistance Type', 'HOPWA Service Category', 'SSVF Financial Assistance Category', and 'HOPWA Financial Assistance Type'. The 'Additional Details' section includes dropdowns for 'SSVF Type of Service' (with a dropdown menu open showing options like 'Other (non-TFA) supportive service approved by VA', 'Outreach services', 'Case management services', 'Assistance obtaining VA benefits', 'Assistance obtaining/coordinating other public benefits', 'Direct provision of other public benefits', 'Other (non-TFA) supportive service approved by VA', 'Extended Shallow Subsidy', 'Returning Home', 'Rapid Resolution', and 'HealthCare Navigation'), 'PATH Service Category', 'RHY Service Category', 'DEPRECATED RHY Referral Category', 'Coordinated Entry Event Mapping', 'Moving On Assistance', 'Outreach Contact', and 'HUD Bed Night'.

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Financial Assistance and Information Date

HUD has added an additional date field, “Information Date”, to be collected when recording services tied to “SSVF Financial Assistance”. This field will default to the same value as the financial assistance start date.

An example of the new field in the “Service” tab can be found below.

HUD has added an additional date field, Information Date, to be collected when adding a Financial Assistance service to an SSVF enrollment.

Here is an example of the new data element being collected:

Service

Enter the information about the service provided to the client below.

Family Income:

Income	Family Income	Family Members	Poverty Level	% of Poverty
\$0.00	\$0.00	1	\$1,304.17	0.00 %

Enrollment: 08/01/2025 - HUD CoC PSH - FY2026

Grant: -- SELECT --

Service: SSVF Financial Assistance

Location: Eccovia County PSH

Financial Assistance Start Date: 08/26/2025

Financial Assistance End Date: MM/DD/YYYY

Information Date: 08/26/2025

Units Of Measure: ☐ Dollars ☐ Minutes ☒ Count ☐ Hours

Units: 1.00

Unit Value: \$0.00

Total: \$0.00

User Performing the Service: Jessica Fleming

Save Pause Cancel

Mental Health Consultation

A new element, Mental Health Consultation, has been added for VA funded projects to be collected at start for heads of households and veterans. This element offers four response options to the primary question of Mental Health Consultation Status. The four allowable response options are:

- 1 / Mental health consultation completed
- 2 / Mental health consultation being coordinated/arranged with VA provider
- 3 / Mental health consultation being coordinated/arranged with another provider
- 4 / Offer declined

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Federal Grant Program	Project Type
VA: SSVF	13 / Rapid Rehousing (Project Type 55 in ClientTrack) 12 / Homelessness Prevention
VA: Grant Per Diem	Case Management/Housing Retention

This element will appear under a new section of the form titled, Veteran Elements. Other elements appearing under this new section are Housing Income as a Percentage of AMI, HP Screening Score, and VAMC Station Number.

Form Update – HP Targeting Criteria

Two new questions have been added to the HMIS HP Target Criteria form:

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HP Targeting Criteria

☐ Incarcerated two or more times

Discharged from jail or prison within last six months after incarceration of 90+ days or more (adults): ☐ Yes ☐ No

Registered sex offender (any household members):* ☐ Yes ☐ No

Head of household with disabling condition (physical health, mental health, substance use) that directly affects ability to secure/maintain housing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Currently pregnant (any household member):* ☐ Yes ☐ No

Single parent/guardian household with minor child(ren):* ☐ Yes ☐ No

Household includes one or more young children (age six or under), or a child* who requires significant care: ☐ No ☐ Youngest child is under 1 year old ☐ Youngest child is 1 to 6 years old and/or one or more children (any age) require significant care

Household size of 5 or more requiring at least 3 bedrooms (due to household composition):* ☐ Yes ☐ No

Households which may include one or more members meeting other criteria for targeting prevention determined by the CoC: ☐ Yes ☐ No

HP applicant total points: 0

Grantee targeting threshold score:

This form also has updated language for dependent question P & Q.

PATH Project Specific Updates

PATH Annual Report

The PATH Annual Report has been updated to align with the retiring of the Gender data element in the HMIS Data Dictionary. Q26a, Gender has been removed. Q26l, has been added to capture Sex related information.

An updated label for Hispanic/Latina/o has been added in Q26c. This change is consistent with the updates to the FY2026 HMIS Data Dictionary.

These updates will be reflected in the PATH Annual CSV Export, the Drilldowns, and the Detail/Validation files.

Data Standard Reporting

HUD Data Quality Report

There will be two new changes in the 2026 version of the “HUD Data Quality Report”. The report will be renamed from “2024 HUD Data Quality Report” to “2026 HUD Data Quality Report”. However, the location of the report has not changed.

The row for Gender in DQ2, “Personally Identifiable Information (PII)”, has been retired to align with the retiring of the Gender data element in the HMIS Data Dictionary.

An example of the new Q2, Personally Identifiable Information (PII) table can be found below.

Q2. Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

Data Element	Client Doesn't Know / Prefers Not to Answer	Information Missing	Data Issues	Total	% of Issue Rate
Name (3.1)	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Social Security Number (3.2)	44	0	7	51	52.58%
Date of Birth (3.3)	2	0	3	5	5.15%
Race and Ethnicity(3.4)	5	1		6	6.19%
Overall Score				53	54.64%

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Additionally, DQ7, “Inactive Records: Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter”, will now consider project types in each row. DQ7 reports on inactive enrollments for specific project types including street outreach and night-by-night shelter projects.

To align with updated guidance for PATH funded projects:

- “Entry/Exit Emergency Shelter”, Project Type 1 will be removed from consideration in Row 2.
- **PATH-funded** “Services Only”, Project Type 6 will be added to Row 2 to ensure that inactive records are being tracked for clients who are served in sheltered locations.

The appearance of report will remain the same, however, an example of the new Q7, “Inactive Records: Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter” table can be found below.

Q7. Inactive Records: Street Outreach & Emergency Shelter

Data Element	# of Records	# of Inactive Records	% of Inactive Records
Contact (Adults and Heads of Household in Street Outreach)	0	0	0.00%
Bed Night (All clients in ES - NBN)	0	0	0.00%

CoC APR & ESG CAPER

There will be a few changes to the CoC APR and ESG CAPER in order to align with the FY2026 changes. These reports will be renamed from “CSV APR- FY24 v1.0” and “CSV CAPER- FY24 v1.0” to “CSV APR- 2026” and “CSV CAPER- FY 2026” respectively. However, the location of these reports has not changed.

The row for Gender in DQ2/Q6a- “Personally Identifiable Information (PII)” has been retired to align with the retiring of the Gender data element in the HMIS Data Dictionary.

The following questions referencing Gender have been retired:

- Q10a
- Q10d
- Q24c
- Q25c
- Q26c
- Q27c

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Additionally, DQ7/Q6f- “Inactive Records: Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter” will now consider project types in each row. DQ7 reports on inactive enrollments for specific project types including street outreach and night-by-night shelter projects.

To align with updated guidance for PATH funded projects:

- “Entry/Exit Emergency Shelter”, Project Type 1 will be removed from consideration in Row 2.
- **PATH-funded** “Services Only”, Project Type 6 will be added to Row 2 to ensure that inactive records are being tracked for clients who are served in sheltered locations.

The following questions will be updated with the new label for Hispanic/Latina/o:

- Q12
- Q22f
- Q22g
- Q23e

In addition, Q24d will be retired in the FY 2026 APR/CAPER to align with the HMIS Data Dictionary update to retire C4, “Translation Assistance Needed” field.

Q24e will be a **new** question in the FY2026 APR/CAPER. If a client does not have a value entered for Sex, the APR/CAPER will include that client data in the “Data Not Collected” row.

An example of the new table can be found below.

	Total	Without Children	With Children and Adults	With Only Children	Unknown HH Type	Response Options
Female						0 / Female
Male						1 / Male
Client Doesn't Know/Prefers not to answer						8 / Client doesn't know 9/Client Prefers not to answer
Data not collected						99 / Data not collected
Total						

Coordinated Entry APR

There will be a few changes to the Coordinated Entry APR, CE APR. The report has been renamed from “CSV CE APR- FY2024” to “CSV CE APR-FY2026”.

To align with the Data Quality Report updates, the row for Gender in DQ2/Q6a- “Personally Identifiable Information (PII)” has been retired to align with the retiring of the Gender data element in the HMIS Dictionary.

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The updated questions will be reflected in the CE APR CSV Export, CE APR Viewer, CE APR Dill-Downs, and Detail/Validation files.

An example of the new Q6a- “Personally Identifiable Information (PII) table can be found below.

Q6a - Data Quality: Personally Identifiable Information

Data Element	Client Doesn't Know / Prefers Not to Answer	Information Missing	Data Issues	Total	Percent of Error Rate
Name (3.01)	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Social Security Number (3.02)	39	0	3	42	79.25%
Date of Birth (3.03)	2	0	3	5	9.43%
Race and Ethnicity (3.04)	3	0		3	5.66%
Sex (4.21)	0	53		53	100.00%
Overall Score				53	100.00%

HMIS CSV Export

The HMIS CSV Export will be renamed from “CSV Export 2024 (Includes RHY and SSVF)” to “CSV Export 2026”. However, the location of the report will remain unchanged.

Export.csv

The export.csv will be updated to allow for multiple CoC codes to be selected when setting up the export. This feature will allow for the reporting of multiple CoC's data if that data has been made available in the HMIS.

Client.csv

The client.csv will be updated to remove the columns related to Gender. There will be a new column added for the new Sex data element. The column header for Hispanic/Latina/o will be relabeled to align with the FY2026 Data Dictionary. The update will also ensure that all veteran related elements are null for non-veterans.

Enrollment.csv

The Enrollment.csv will be updated to remove the columns related to Sexual Orientation and Translation Assistance Needed. There will be a new column added for Mental Health Consultation.

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Each of these will include the options “Client doesn’t know”, “Client prefers not to answer”, and “Data not collected”.

Services.csv

The Services.csv will be updated to include additional logic for the “Date Provided” field when an SSVF Financial Assistance service type is recorded. Please Refer to the [SSVF Project Specific Updates](#) section for more information.

CurrentLivingSituation.csv

The CurrentLivingSituation.csv will be updated to allow for more characters. This will increase the limit from 100 characters to 200 characters.

System Performance Measures

The Data Quality section of the System Performance Measures was clarified via community AAQ after final submission for the SPM due in early 2025. The DQ section is being updated to deduplicate enrollments by each project type, not across all project types.

A quick example: If a client is enrolled in both an Emergency Shelter and a Rapid Re-Housing project, in previous SPMs, the client would have been included in only one of those project types for the Data Quality portion. With the updated clarification, the client would be included in both of those project types.