# THE LONGITUDINAL SYSTEM ANALYSIS

#### November 2021



## LSA **OVERVIEW**

Formerly known as AHAR, the LSA is a nationwide collection of information about homeless providers, service providers, people and households experiencing homelessness. This includes both HIC and PIT. The third piece is community-level information focused on people and households served by the continuum projects over the course of the year.

This report is meant to be used beyond the HUD collection to congress, but more so CoC's can utilize the information for a range of purposes.

- Demographic characteristics like age, race, gender, and veteran status; ٠
- Length of time homeless and patterns of system use;
- Information specific to populations whose needs and/or eligibility for services may differ from the broader homeless population, such as veterans, people and households experiencing chronic homelessness, and others; and
- Housing outcomes for those who exit the homeless services system.

- Fiscal Year October 1 September 30 • CoC Code -DE-500
- Systemwide LSA (All Projects)

The export of HMIS CSV 6.11 files involves all Project Descriptor Data Elements (PDDEs) for the following project types:

HMIS Value	Project Type
1	Emergency Shelter
2	Transitional Housing
3	PH - Permanent Supportive Housing
8	Safe Haven
9 3	PH – Housing Only
10	PH – Housing with Services (no disability re
13	PH - Rapid Re-Housing

## **HMIS DATA UNIVERSE**

equired for entry)

## **HMIS Data Elements**

DS#	Dictionary Field Label	Reference Name	
2.3.1	Continuum Code – HUD-Assigned CoC Codes for the	ProjectCoC	
	Project Location		
2.2.1	Project ID	ProjectID	
2.4.1	Continuum Project	ContinuumProject	
2.4.2	Project Type	ProjectType	
2.5.1	Method of Tracking ES Utilization	TrackingMethod	
2.8.7	Project Geography	Geography	
5.8	Personal ID	PersonalID	
3.3.1	Date of Birth	DOB	
3.3.2	DOB Data Quality	DOBDataQuality	
3.4.1	Race	Race	
3.5.1	Ethnicity	Ethnicity	
3.6.1	Gender	Gender	
3.7.1	Veteran Status	VeteranStatus	
5.6	Enrollment ID	EnrollmentID	
3.10.1	Project Start Date	EntryDate	
5.9	Household ID	HouseholdID	
3.16	Information Date (no field number)	InformationDate	
3.16.1	HUD Assigned CoC Code for the Client's Location	EnrollmentCoC	
3.917.1	Type of Residence	LivingSituation	

Dictionary Field Label	Reference Name	
Length of Stay in Prior Living Situation1	LengthOfStay	
On the Night Before Did You Stay on the Streets, ES, or SH?	PreviousStreetESSH	
Approximate Date Homelessness Started	DateToStreetESSH	
Number of times the client has been on the streets, in ES,	TimesHomelessPastThreeYears	
or SH in the past three years including today		
Total number of months homeless on the street, in ES, or	MonthsHomelessPastThreeYears	
SH in the past three years		
Relationship to Head of Household	RelationshipToHoH	
Disabling Condition	DisablingCondition	
Information Date	InformationDate	
Domestic Violence Victim/Survivor	DomesticViolenceVictim	
Are You Currently Fleeing?	CurrentlyFleeing	
Housing Move-In Date	MoveInDate	
Bed-Night Date	BedNightDate	
Project Exit Date	ExitDate	
Destination	Destination	
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## **PROVIDER SET-UP**

- CoC Code
- Geo Code
- Housing Type
- Operating Start Date
  - Only projects active during timeframe

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HUD Standards Information	
Organization Identifier	
Victim Services Provider	⊖ <u>Yes</u>
Operating Start Date	11 / 20 / 2017 🔊 🧞
Operating End Date	
Continuum Project	● <u>Yes</u> ○ <u>No</u>
Project Type	Emergency Shelter (HUD)
Emergency Shelter Tracking Method	Entry/Exit Date 🗸
Housing Type	Site-based - single site 🔹
Target Population	NA: Not Applicable
Target Population A (OPTIONAL)	-Select-
HOPWA funded Medically Assisted Living facility	NA non HOPWA Funded Project 🗸
Principal Site	● <u>Yes</u> ○ <u>No</u>
Provider Grant Type	-Select- 🗸
Service Transaction Workflow (Program does not use Entry/Exits	;) ○ <u>Yes</u> ● <u>No</u>

- Zipcodes

## • Project Type • Continuum Project

## PROVIDER DATA QUALITY

- Enrollments are still active when the project is closed
- Overlapping Enrollments
- Housing Type
- Operating Start Date
  - Only projects active during timeframe



### HOUSEHOLD TYPE

Determines the type of inventory



Determines dedicated beds, non-dedicated

beds



Determines bed type, availability, total beds

capacity set-up must be identical to the hic

## **INVENTORY SET-UP**

### UNIT SET-UP

### **HIC COMPARISON**

# INVENTORY SET-UP

### ACCURACY & DQ

- The information must be complete
- Unique inventory records for household types
- LSA will compare entry/exit data to the inventory setup

#### I and Unit Inventory

#### Add Bed / Unit Inventory

nuu beu , ente intentor,	
Provider	
Name *	
COC Code	-Select- 🗸
Household Type *	-Select-
Bed Type*	-Select-
Availability *	-Select- 🗸
Total Bed Inventory*	
Of the total inventory what numbe	er of beds are dedicated to:
Chronically Homeless Vetera Bed Inventory	an *
Youth Veterans Bed Invento	ory *
Any Other Veteran Bed Inventory	*
Chronically Homeless Youth Bed Inventory	•
Any Other Youth Bed Inventory	*
Any Other Chronically Homeless Bed Inventory	*
Non-dedicated Bed Invento	ry*
Chronic Homeless Bed Inventor (PSH Only) (Retired)	ry
Veteran Bed Inventory (Retired	i)
Youth Beds Inventory (Retired)	
Unit Inventory	
Inventory Start Date*	//
Inventory End Date	//
HMIS Participating Beds (Retired)	
HMIS Participation Start Date (Retired)	
HMIS Participation End Date (Retired)	
McKinney Vento Funding	⊖ <u>Yes</u> ® <u>No</u>

Save

Cancel

X

# DATA QUALITY

### **CLIENTS MUST HAVE DOB**

• Members age is necessary to calculate household types

### **OVERLAPPING ENROLLMENTS**

- Enrolled in the same project with overlapping dates
- concurrent ES to ES projects
- Concurrent ES to TH projects

#### **MULTIPLE HOH RECORDS**

• Enrollments can have only 1 HoH and 1 member must be identified as the HoH



• Independent children under 5 are deemed wards of the

These missing elements will cause the file to be invalid

#### **CANNOT HAVE INDEPENDANT RECORDS UNDER THE AGE OF 5**

state and cannot be entered into HMIS

### **MISSING ETHNICITY AND RACE**

### **PROJECT SPECIFIC POPULATION TYPES**

PSH clients must have a disabling condition

• Project specified as AC but the majority of entries are AO

# LSA TIMEFRAME

#### DEC 6 - DEC 20

Submission in HDX 2.0

### DEC 20 - FEB 15

Data Cleaning and Confirmation



### DUE FEB 15

Final Submission

# LSA FLAGS

#### Flag Summary

	Errors			nings	Τα	otal
Flag Category	Distinct Flags Triggered	Number of Records Flagged	Distinct Flags Triggered	Number of Records Flagged	Distinct Flags Triggered	Number of Records Flagged
Total	10	12	49	100	59	112
Comparisons with Prior LSA	0	0	8	8	8	8
Comparisons with the HIC: Bed Counts	0	0	20	20	20	20
Geography	1	3	0	0	1	3
LSACalculated: DQ counts	1	1	0	0	1	1
total, by project type; bed nights; overall population	2	2	0	0	2	2
LSACalculated: Sum of HHType AO, AC, CO, UN values > all HHs value; bed nights; overall population (CoC level)	2	2	0	0	2	2
LSACalculated: Sum of HHType AO, AC, CO, UN values > all HHs value; bed nights; overall population (project level)	1	1	0	0	1	1
TH counts > combined ES/SH/TH count; bed nights	1	1	0	0	1	1
LSAReport File	1	1	0	0	1	1
LSAReport vs. LSACalculated	1	1	0	0	1	1
Unclassified Households / Missing Age	0	0	1	1	1	1
Utilization	0	0	20	71	20	71

HUD maybe including the LSA flags within HDX 2.0 this year



# LSA FLAGS

25384	Error	Inventory	The number of HMIS-participating beds.
25390	Error	Inventory	This inventory record for an emer The Bed Type field is required for
25391	Error	Inventory	This inventory record for an emer The Availability field is required fo
25469	Error	Funder	You reported that this project rece TBRA) funding. If so, the project s
25471	Error	Funder and Inventory	You reported that this project rece any dedicated veteran beds amor



g beds cannot be greater than the total number of

rgency shelter project is missing a value for Bed Type. emergency shelter inventory records.

rgency shelter project is missing a value for Availability. or emergency shelter inventory records.

eived HOPWA-Transitional Housing (facility-based or should be classified as TH.

eives funding from VA sources, yet you did not report ong the project's active inventory.

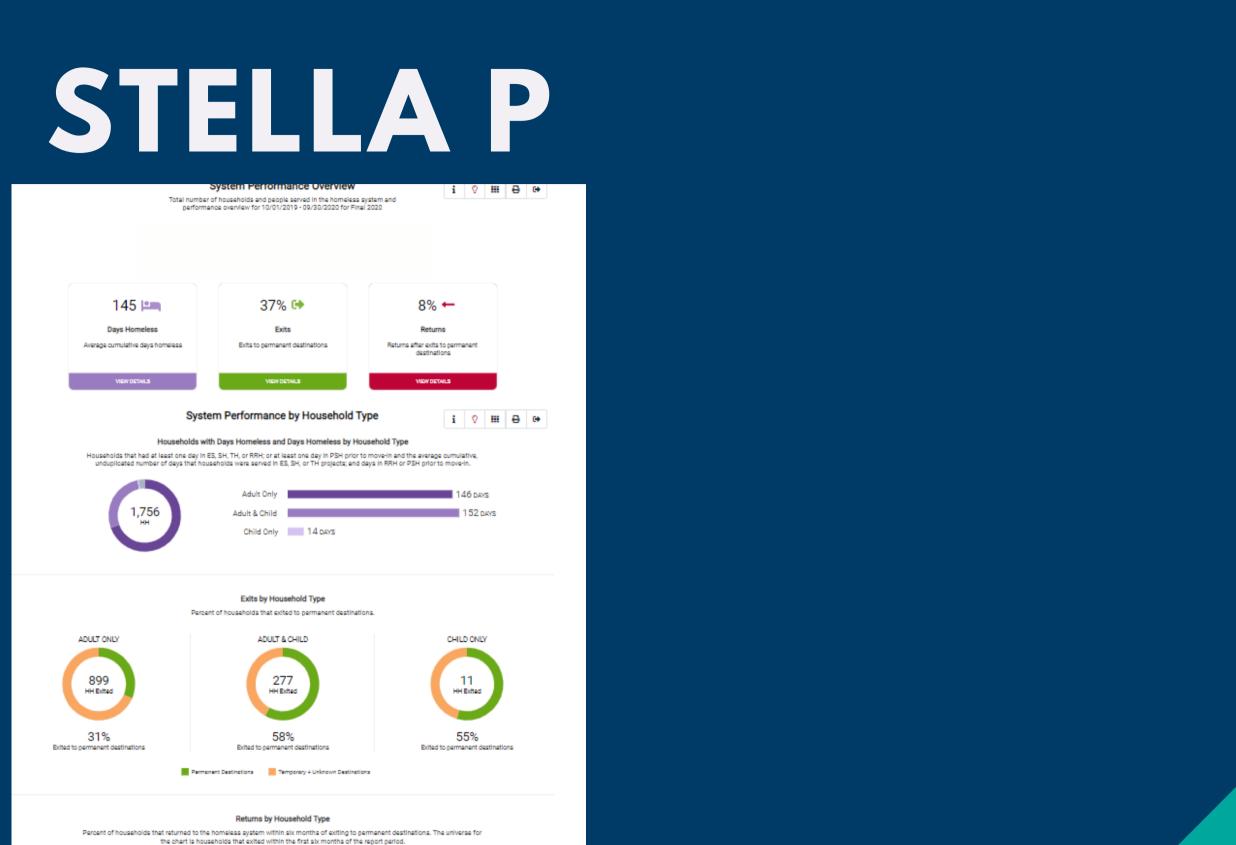
# LSA FLAGS

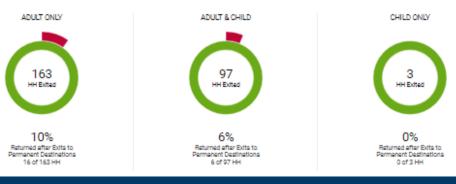
You reported that there were households active in this continuum project but whose enrollment was not associated with any CoC (i.e., the enrollment was missing the client location CoC code). Because of the importance of the client location, this issue could potentially have a large impact on usability.

You have reported a large\* number of people active in residence in this project were in unclassifiable households. This means there were many clients with missing ages. The household type is very important for the LSA and has an outsized importance for data quality. Please explain and verify whether you have used all available information to fill in the clients' ages (including case manager files outside of HMIS, if they are available). (\* For

All households: You reported that zero people were served (active in residence) during the entire report period in this HMIS-participating project. Please confirm and explain.







# QUESTIONS ?

