

FY 2026 HUD Data Standards

Crucial Updates for CA-508 Santa Cruz County CoC

What are the HUD Data Standards?

These standards provide explicit instructions for HMIS data collection and are updated every two years. The new FY 2026 standards will impact everything from questions asked to the overall data entry workflow starting **October 1st, 2025**

New

As of October 1st, HUD is requiring the “Sex” field to be collected for all new program enrollments.*

**This excludes Coordinated Entry Program enrollments.*

***HUD is prohibiting mapping data from the gender field to the new sex field.*

Sex (4.21)

- Female
- Male
- Client Doesn't Know
- Client Prefers Not to Answer
- Data Not Collected

Resources

2026 HMIS Data Standards Manual

You can find your 2026 Community Forms [here](#)

2026 Data Standards Update

Updated Field

Race and Ethnicity (3.04)

The race and ethnicity label is being updated from Hispanic/Latina/o/e to **Hispanic/Latina/o**

Local Requirements

These fields are no longer required by HUD however, your local community will continue to collect this information.

- Gender (3.06)
- Sexual Orientation (R3)
- Translation Assistance (C4)



Changes Based on Funding Source

Your System Administrators have updated your HMIS Screens to be in compliance with HUD and your CoC. Please continue to enter data in all fields that appear in your HMIS.

New Field Update: Housing Move-In Date (3.20) – VA GPD & Case Management/Housing Retention

HUD now **requires**

Housing Move-In Date to be collected for all VA: Grant Per Diem – Case Management/Housing Retention Services Only Programs.

New Field Added: Mental Health Consultation (V10) - SSVF RRH, SSVF- HP, & VA GPD Programs Only

HUD is **adding**

Mental Health Consultation is required to be collected at enrollment and users must select from the following:

- Mental Health Consultation Completed
- Mental Health Consultation being coordinated/arranged with VA Provider
- Mental Health Consultation being coordinated/arranged with other Provider
- Offer declined

Relabeling: HP Targeting Criteria (V7) – HUD is Relabeling the Following Fields - SSVF Homelessness Prevention Only

Household size of 5 or more requiring at least 3 bedrooms (due to age/gender mix)

Household size of 5 or more requiring at least 3 bedrooms (**due to household composition**)

Household includes one or more members of an overrepresented population in the homelessness system when compared to the general population

Households **which may** include one or more members **meeting other criteria for targeting prevention determined by the CoC**

VA Funded and HUD VASH Programs will not require the collection of the following fields however, your local community will continue to collect them.

- Physical Disability
- Developmental Disability
- Chronic Health Condition
- HIV – AIDS
- Mental Health Disorder
- Substance Use Disorder

VA Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

New Service: **Healthcare Navigation (V2.2)**

New: Date Fields Added **Financial Assistance (V3)**

- *Start date of Financial Assistance & End date of Financial Assistance*

Update: Relabeled Fields

- *Event Date of Financial Assistance → Date Provided*
- *Expense Amount → Financial Assistance Amount*

NEW Funding Source:

- HUD: CoC Builds (56)

Retired Funding Source:

- HUD: ESG-CV (47)
- HUD: HOPWA-CV (48)