



## King County HMIS News November 2023

Welcome to the King County HMIS November 2023 newsletter!

**In this edition, you'll find the following:**

- Community Poll: Share your favorite seasonal recipes, and comfort food!
- 2023 Federal Reports: LSA & SPM's are underway!
- Federal Reports: Preparing for the HIC & PIT Counts
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### **November Community Poll: Share your favorite seasonal recipes and comfort food!**

**October Community Poll:**

As the weather cools down, and the days are a bit darker, I find myself craving comfort food. What's your favorite comfort food, or favorite seasonal recipes?

Share your favorites [here](#). Next month we will share the recipe links with all of you!



Share your faves!

### October's Community Poll - Thank you!

A big thank you to all who shared what types of HMIS training they would like to see offered in the coming year! Your feedback is valuable as we start to plan 2024!



## Announcements

### 2023 Federal Reports: Prep for LSA and SPM's is underway!

Prep for two of HUD's major CoC reports, the Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) and System Performance Measures (SPM), is in full swing! The Bitfocus team may reach out to verify or correct data about your program and/or clients. Please look out for those emails and respond promptly. We truly appreciate all

of the hard work your community does to maintain data that is complete, accurate, and timely!

### **What is the LSA and SPM?**

**HUD's Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA)** is a report submitted to HUD annually that includes a complex analysis across key projects participating in the Continuum of Care (CoC) Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS). The LSA replaced the Annual Homeless Assessment Report's (AHAR) data component in the 2018 reporting year.

**HUD's System Performance Measures (SPM)** focus on evaluating local homeless responses as a coordinated system of homeless assistance options. This data is reported to HUD annually and includes key indicators of a high-performing system, including length of time homeless, exits to permanent housing, returns to homelessness, and more.

### **What Can Your Agency Do to Prepare for LSA and System Performance Measures?**

The System Administration team may reach out to verify or correct data about your program and/or clients. Please look out for those emails and respond promptly. We truly appreciate all of the hard work your community does to maintain data that is complete, accurate, and timely!

### **What Else Should You Know About LSA and SPM Preparation?**

- The best people to review the data are program managers and key staff who work in the programs. We estimate it should take approximately 30 minutes for a staff member familiar with the programs to review the above elements.
- There is overlap with the LSA and SPM timeline and relevant data. Your work on this will benefit both reports and, more broadly, your CoC.
- Want to know more? Check out this [one pager!](#)

Thanks in advance for your help ensuring that our community's data are as accurate as possible!



## News

### Federal Reports: Preparing for the HIC & PIT Counts

#### Agency checklist to prepare for the HIC and PIT Counts:

- Have there been any updates to your Agency's funding sources that should be updated in HMIS?
- Have there been any updates to projects' bed and unit inventories that should be updated in HMIS, including types of beds offered or types of households served?
- Is your Agency updating information in HMIS for clients currently enrolled in programs within 3-7 days, depending on the project type? ([See the Nevada Statewide Data Quality Plan.](#))
- Have there been any changes to your program's other Project Descriptor Data Elements, such as project type, housing type, geocode/address/zipcode, etc?
- Have you run Data Quality Reports such as the [HUDX-227-AD] Annual Performance Report [FY 2024] to identify household issues and potential client exits?
- Do you know of any projects that are not participating in HMIS that should be included in the HIC and PIT?

#### What are the PIT Count and HIC- and what projects are included?

The 2024 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Point In Time (PIT) Count are nearly here - and HUD has released the [2024 HIC and PIT Data Collection Notice](#). Each year, the Notice outlines expectations for information that must be collected to successfully complete the HIC and PIT reporting requirements.

**The CoC Program interim rule requires** CoCs to plan and conduct, at least every other year, a PIT count of persons experiencing homelessness (unsheltered and sheltered) within the geographic area – typically on one night during the last 10 calendar days of January.

**The HIC is** a comparison of persons spending the night in *beds and units dedicated to serving homeless people*, or people who were homeless at project entry, to the number of beds and units available. The HIC includes Emergency

Shelter, Safe Haven, Transitional Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Permanent Supportive Housing, and Other Permanent Housing project types.

**There are some special considerations for federal partner programs, including:**

- **VA:** Grant Per Diem (GDP) programs should be included in the HIC.
- **RHY:** CoCs should not include beds/units in the HIC that are dedicated for children who are in foster care, who are wards of the state, or who are otherwise under government custody or supervision.
- **HUD PIH:** Vouchers set aside for or programs with beds dedicated to people currently or formerly experiencing homelessness should be included in the HIC, using the following project types:
  - Other Permanent Housing (OPH) = Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs), Family Unification Program (FUP), Fostering Youth Independence (FYI)
  - Permanent Supportive Housing = HUD VASH



## Report Spotlight

### Understanding Housing Move-In Dates

One of the most important and complex HUD HMIS data elements is *Housing Move-in Date* (3.20). This article will attempt to explain some of the fine points of how this element is used in HUD and Federal Partner reporting.

Some of the reports where *Housing Move-in Date* comes into play include:

- Annual Performance Report [HUDX-227]
- ESG CAPER [HUDX-228]
- System Performance Measures [HUDX-223-AD]
- Longitudinal System Analysis [HUDX-231-AD]
- Housing Inventory Count [HUDX-123-AD]
- Shelter Count PIT [HUDX-230-AD]

Additionally, Bitfocus has implemented the same logic into other "canned" reports requiring *Housing Move-in Date* as part of the report logic.

[Continue reading](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Upcoming Trainings & Events:

#### Upcoming Coordinated Entry - Monthly Assessor Credential Training

The Monthly Assessor Credential Training is hosted virtually on a monthly basis, and required once a year for all assessors. Come prepared to participate in a Racial and Anti Bias training, followed by an HMIS demo on your basic assessor workflow. The training is designed to help assessors of all levels (new & seasoned) identify and address bias, lead sensitive conversations with empathy, and help you and those we serve navigate through the HMIS system.

- *Wednesday, Dec. 6, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | [Register Here](#)*
- *Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. | [Register Here](#)*
- *Tuesday, Feb. 6, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. | [Register Here](#)*

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