

# HUD 2024 Data Standards Overview

## Overview

With effect from October 1, 2023, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will initiate a series of updates to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data standards. These updates will encompass a spectrum of adjustments to existing fields, the selective retirement of specific elements, and the integration of newly introduced data components.

## Language Updates

- "Domestic Violence Victims" will be **"Domestic Violence Survivors"**
- "Client Refused" will change to **"Client prefers not to answer"**
- "Veteran's Administration (VA) Medical Services" will be **"Veteran's Health Administration (VHA)"**
- "Approximate date homelessness started" will become **"Approximate date this episode of homelessness started"**
- "Client location" will be **"Enrollment CoC"**

## Changes to Existing Data Elements

- **Veteran Status:** Specific definition removed, refer to VA Data Guide.
- **Name:** Clients may provide Preferred Name; "Legal name" optional if not required by funder.
- **Race and Ethnicity:** Merged into one element; added options (Hispanic/Latina/e/o, Middle Eastern/North African, Additional detail).
- **Gender:** Updated response choices including Non-Binary, Two-Spirit, etc.
- **Living Situation:** Expanded options for subsidized housing scenarios.



## Changes/Updates by Funding Type

- Social Security Number: CoC, ESG, and SAMHSA PATH projects use last four digits; others need full SSN.
- **Translation Assistance:** CoC, ESG, and SAMHSA PATH projects now require translation aid.
- **Sexual Orientation:** CoC PSH projects must provide this information for improved support.
- **RHY (Runaway and Homeless Youth):** Term change to 'client'; inclusive updates for post-natal care.
- **HOPWA:** Clarity in terminology; removal of specific elements.
- **VA (Veterans Affairs):** Additions and alterations to branches, financial aid, and targeting criteria.

## Coordinated Entry

- Major CE changes deferred until FY 2026; Elements 4.19 and 4.20 are unchanged.

## Data Elements Retiring

- Ethnicity
- Wellbeing
- Worst Housing Situation
- Last Permanent Address