Q5a Chronic Homelessness

If the program serves only clients experiencing chronic homelessness, review the Total number of persons served and the Number of chronically homeless persons to see if these numbers match.

Q5a. Report Validations Table

Program Applicability: All Projects

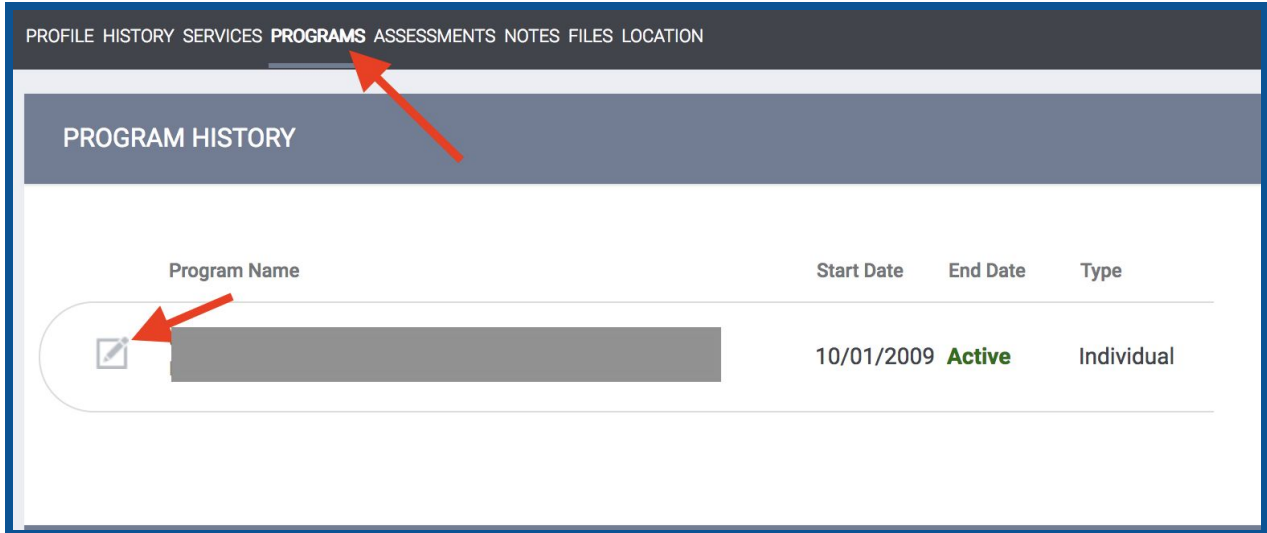|	
Total number of persons served	19
Number of adults (age 18 or over)	19
Number of children (under age 18)	0
Number of persons with unknown age	0
Number of leavers	1
Number of adult leavers	1
Number of adult and head of household leavers	1
Number of stayers	18
Number of adult stayers	18
Number of veterans	2
Number of chronically homeless persons	2
Number of youth under age 25	0
Number of parenting youth under age 25 with children	0
Number of adult heads of household	19
Number of child and unknown-age heads of household	0
Heads of households and adult stayers in the project 365 days or more	17

Compare the lists of Total number of persons served and Number of chronically homeless persons. The list of clients will appear by clicking on the number in row. If clients are not showing as chronically homeless, review the client's enrollment screen to ensure the client's Living Situation and the Disabling Condition on the enrollment meet the HUD definition of Chronic Homelessness. Below is the HUD definition of Chronic Homelessness, highlighted with key indicators.
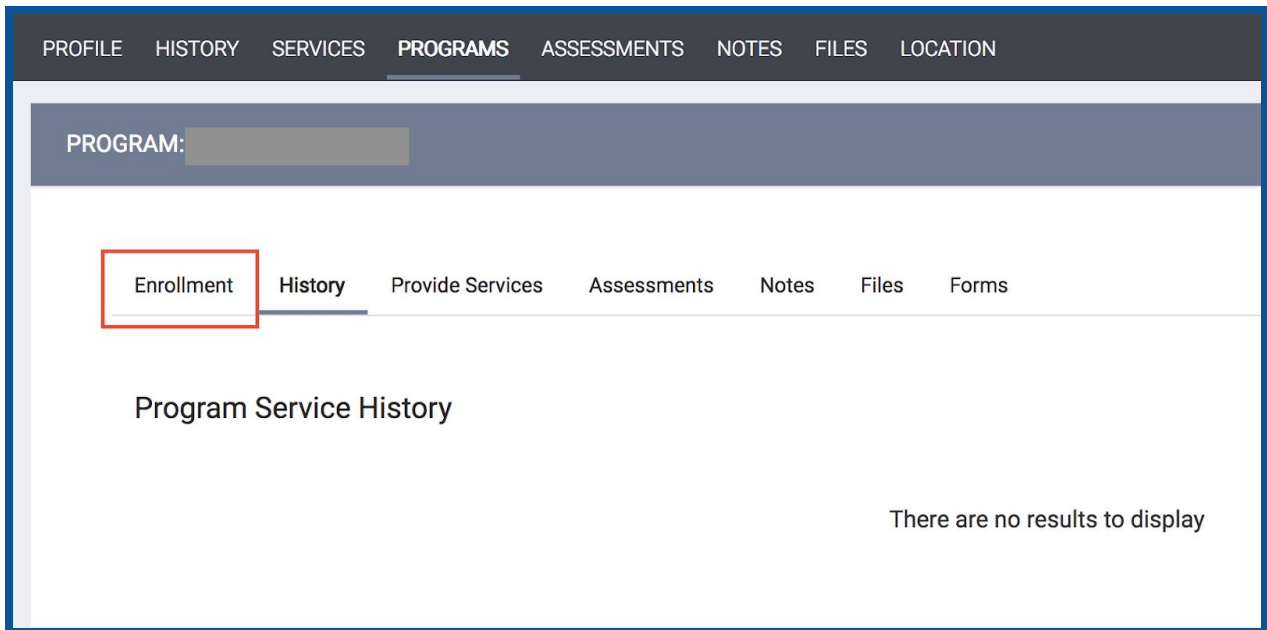
HUD Definition of Chronic Homelessness:

"The following is a summary of the most significant changes between the definitions of chronically homeless previously in effect and the definition included in the CoC Program interim rule as amended by the Final Rule Defining "Chronically Homeless":

- To be considered chronically homeless, an individual or head of household must meet the definition of "homeless individual with a disability" from the McKinney-Vento Act, as amended by the HEARTH Act and have been living in a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, or in a safe haven for the last 12 months continuously or on at least four occasions in the last three years *where those occasions cumulatively total at least 12 months;*
- The term "disabling condition" was replaced with "homeless individual with a disability" from the Act. While the types of conditions that can be considered are the same, the definition of "homeless individual with a disability" also requires that the condition be of long and continuing duration; substantially impedes the individual's ability to live independently; and, is expected to improve with the provision of housing. To be eligible for permanent supportive housing generally, an individual or family member must be considered a "homeless individual with a disability", therefore, HUD adopted this term into the definition of chronically homeless to ensure consistency;
- Occasions are defined by a break of at least *seven nights* not residing in an emergency shelter, safe haven, or residing in a place meant for human habitation (e.g., with a friend or family). Stays of fewer than seven nights residing in a place meant for human habitation, or not in an emergency shelter or safe haven do not constitute a break and count toward total time homeless; and
- Stays in institutions of fewer than 90 days where they were residing in a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, or in a safe haven immediately prior to entering the institution, do not constitute as a break and the time in the institution counts towards the total time homeless. Where a stay in an institution is 90 days or longer, the entire time is counted as a break and none of the time in the institution can count towards a person's total time homeless."

Access the Enrollment Screen: To access the program enrollment screen search for the client, select programs, and then click edit next to the program screen:

Next, select enrollment.

Living Situation

Scroll down to the Living Situation section of the enrollment screen. In the example below, the client is living in a **Place not meant for habitation** for **90 days or more, but less than one year**. Also, the client was on the street **One Time** in the past three years.

According to the first bullet point in the HUD definition: " living in a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, or in a safe haven for the last 12 months continuously or on at least four occasions in the last three years *where those occasions cumulatively total at least 12 months*"

This client would not appear on on the list of chronically homeless clients on Q5a since the client lived in a place not meant for habitation for **90 days or more, but less than one year; One Time.** According to the responses, this client did not have at least four occasions in the last three years *where those occasions cumulatively total at least 12 months.*

LIVING SITUATION	
Type of Residence	Place not meant for habitation ⌄
Length of Stay in Prior Living Situation	90 days or more, but less than one year ⌄
Approximate Date Homelessness Started	05/11/1997 📅
Number of times on the streets, in ES, or Safe Haven in the past three years	One Time ⌄
Total number of months homeless on the streets, in ES, or Safe Haven in the past three years	Three Months ⌄

Disabling Condition

Scroll down to the Disabling Conditions and Barriers section of the enrollment screen. In the example below, Physical Disability, Developmental Disability, and Chronic Health Condition, and Mental Health problem are marked yes, while the first question, Disabling Condition is marked Data not collected. Make sure the first disabling condition question is marked yes if the client has a disabling condition.

According to the second bullet point in the HUD definition: "While the types of conditions that can be considered are the same, the definition of "homeless individual with a disability" also requires that the condition be of long and continuing duration; substantially impedes the individual's ability to live independently." These questions are asked on the enrollment screen after "Yes" is selected to a disability type question. In the example below, Physical Disability and Developmental Disability are marked yes, and the additional questions appear.