



Chronic Homeless Determination Information Section - HMIS

Client entering from the streets, emergency shelter, or Safe Haven:	YES	**If you have completed the VI-SPDAT with the client, this HAS TO BE A YES . This question is asking where the client is entering the project from . "The project" = the Housing Priority List.
Residence Prior to Project Entry:	(select from dropdown)	**Where the client slept last night is nearly always the correct data point to enter.
Length of Stay in Previous Place:	(select from dropdown)	**"Previous place" refers to the location you selected directly above this question, i.e. "Residence Prior to Project Entry."
Approximate date homelessness started:	(enter date)	**VERY IMPORTANT. This question is asking when the client's most recent episode of literal homelessness began . This is often (not always) different than when the client's overall literal homelessness began .
Number of times the client has been on the streets, etc. in the past three years.	(select from dropdown)	**"Times" = Episodes. It is important to note here that going back three years from the time you are speaking with the client is as far back as you can enter for this specific question . For this question you will need to have an understanding of how HUD calculates "breaks" in literal homelessness.
Total number of months homeless...	(select from dropdown)	**Now that you have the answer to the question above calculating the total number of months homeless should not be too difficult. <i>See next question.</i>
If more than 12 months homeless...	(enter number)	**If, in the above question, you selected "More than 12 months," meaning in the past three years the client has lived in " literal homelessness " for more than 12 months, this is where the total number of months homeless is documented. When calculating this number follow the same parameters as the previous two questions. VERY IMPORTANT – there are only 36 months in three years, this means this answer can never be more than 36 months.