

HMIS System Performance Measures

- **Measure 1:** Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless
- **Measure 2a:** The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness within 6 to 12 Months
- **Measure 2b:** The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness within 2 Years
- **Measure 3:** Number of Homeless Persons
- **Measure 4:** Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Projects
- **Measure 5:** Number of Persons who Become Homeless for the First Time
- **Measure 6:** Homelessness Prevention and Housing Placement of Persons Defined by Category 3 of HUD's Homeless Definition in CoC Program-funded Projects
- **Measure 6a:** Preventing Returns to Homelessness within 6 and 12 Months Among This Subset of Families and Youth
- **Measure 6b:** Preventing Returns to Homelessness within 24 Months Among This Subset of Families and Youth
- **Measure 6c:** Successful Housing Placement Among This Subset of Families and Youth
- **Measure 7a:** Successful Placement from Street Outreach
- **Measure 7b:** Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing

How These Measures Will Be Used *

There are two primary uses of the system-level performance measures. First, HUD will use the data as selection criteria to award projects under future NOFAs. HUD will carefully consider which performance measure data is most appropriate and constructive as selection criteria for awarding grants under the CoC program. HUD will evaluate how CoCs are improving their performance from year to year and take into account their unique circumstances and conditions.

Second, system performance measures data will enable communities to evaluate and improve their performance. Because these are system-level measures, they can reveal significant information about how well homelessness assistance programs are functioning as a whole and where improvements are necessary. The data will also help CoCs identify gaps in data and services. It is critical for CoCs to consider the populations they are serving when evaluating their performance and potential system changes. Populations such as youth, victims of domestic violence, and people experiencing chronic homelessness might have unique circumstances. In comparing services in their system, CoCs should strive to ensure comparisons are made among projects with similar target populations.

* From HUD's "System Performance Measures in Context"