

PRA Request – Assessed Clients by Race and Intervention

August 2016 to August 2021

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Proposed Approval Date by: *8/14/2021*

Data Source (if applicable): *HMIS*

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact DataSupport@lahsa.org.*

Request:

This is a request under the California Public Records Act. I am requesting data held by the agency on its use of the coordinated entry system (or “coordinated assessment”) for assessing intervention options for people experiencing homelessness.

I am seeking data for all assessments made through the system in the past five years. If data is not available for the full five years, please provide all of the available data.

I request that you include the following inputs in the data:

1. The race of the person being assessed.
2. The final assessment score.
3. The type of intervention ultimately provided (permanent housing, etc.).

If the data includes inputs beyond those and it is more convenient to provide them as well, please don’t hesitate to do so.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. It will be used in the course of news reporting for The Markup (www.themarkup.org), a non-profit news site that covers technology.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer to receive responsive documents electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not. If possible, please send responsive data in csv, xls, or xlsx format.

Thank you very much for your assistance. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 calendar days, as the statute requires. I’m happy to discuss this request further by phone as well, at 480-688-2228.

Results:

See the attached Excel file “122114 - PRA Assessed Clients by Race and Intervention.xlsx”.

Data Details

Base Population

The data includes all clients assessed through the Coordinated Entry System (CES) in HMIS from 8/4/2016 to 8/4/2021.

Definitions

- Client ID – Unique identifier for each client. Note that this has been anonymized to protect client confidentiality.
- Race – Race of the client, as self-reported. Race categories are defined by HUD in the [HMIS Data Standards](#).
- Assessment Name – The type of assessment given to the client. There are three types of assessments, based on population:
 - CES for Individuals - CES Survey Part 1
 - Clients aged 24+
 - CES for Youth - Next Step Tool
 - Clients aged 16-24
 - CES for Families - VI-FSPDAT v2
 - Households with children under the age of 18
- Acuity Score – Client's score as determined by their responses to the CES assessments. For more information, see the [CES Prioritization Policy](#).
- Intervention – Indicates the client's latest status:
 - Assessed Only
 - Client has only been assessed and not yet enrolled in any programs.
 - Currently active in "Coordinated Entry" program
 - Client's latest active program is a coordinated entry program.
 - Currently active in "Day Shelter" program
 - Client's latest active program is a day shelter program.
 - Currently active in "Emergency Shelter" program
 - Client's latest active program is an emergency shelter program.
 - Currently active in "Homeless Prevention" program
 - Client's latest active program is a homelessness prevention program.
 - Currently active in "Other" program
 - Client's latest active program is in a type of program not included in the other categories.
 - Currently active in "PH - Rapid Re-Housing" program
 - Client's latest active program is a rapid re-housing program.
 - Currently active in "Safe Haven" program
 - Client's latest active program is a safe haven program.
 - Currently active in "Services Only" program
 - Client's latest active program is a services only program.

- Currently active in "Street Outreach" program
 - Client's latest active program is a street outreach program.
- Currently active in "Transitional Housing" program
 - Client's latest active program is a transitional housing program.
- Deceased
 - Client was indicated as deceased in their latest program exit.
- Exited to a permanent destination
 - Client exited their latest enrollment to a permanent housing destination.
- Exited to a place not meant for habitation
 - Client exited their latest enrollment to a place not meant for habitation.
- Exited to a temporary destination
 - Client exited their latest enrollment to a temporary destination.
- Exited to an institutional destination
 - Client exited their latest enrollment to an institutional destination.
- Exited to an other or unknown destination
 - Client exited their latest enrollment to an other type of destination or their destination was not known.
- Matched to Permanent Housing, Not Yet Housed
 - Client is currently matched to a permanent housing resource, but is not yet housed.
- Permanently Housed
 - Client is confirmed housed, either through a housing move-in date, enrollment into a permanent housing program, or a completed CES match.

Additional Considerations

- In households with more than one person, only the head of household is assessed.
- If a client is assessed multiple times, only the latest assessment is used.
- If a client is enrolled in multiple programs, only the latest used for the intervention.