DATA REPORTS FOR THE DETROIT COC

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What are Data Reports and why are they important?

Part of the important work the Continuum of Care (CoC) does is track data related to persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. This data collection tracks components such as how many people are experiencing homelessness, length of time homeless, placements to programs or services, and more. The Data Reports published by HAND are a collaborative effort lead by the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) team. Data Reports are important to show what is working within the homelessness system and where there can be continued improvements. Furthermore, Data Reports allow for transparency and are necessary for grants and funding.

Examples of Types of Data Reports





Point in Time (PIT) Count Reports

The Point-in-Time (PIT) count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. HUD requires that Continuums of Care conduct an annual count of people experiencing homelessness who are sheltered in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Havens on a single night. Continuums of Care also must conduct a count of unsheltered people experiencing homelessness every other year. Each count is planned, coordinated, and carried out locally. The report offers detailed information about the different groups within the count, such as Veterans, Unaccompanied Youth, and Parenting Youth Households.

Housing Inventory Count (HIC) Reports

The Detroit Continuum of Care (CoC), Homeless Action Network of Detroit (HAND), and the City of Detroit track housing projects for people experiencing homelessness. The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) includes various types of housing, such as Emergency Shelters, Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, and Transitional Housing. These projects are located in Detroit, Hamtramck, and Highland Park. The count reflects projects that are operating on the night of the inventory or those scheduled to start within the next year.

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Annual State of Homelessness Reports

The Annual State of Homelessness Reports highlight the core populations and outcome data that is the most relevant for our community. The HMIS team plans to produce a more comprehensive Annual Report every 3 years (at a minimum). This data includes number of overall homeless in Detroit CoC, CAM key data points, data on different types of populations in the Detroit CoC, project effectiveness, and more.

System Performance Measures (SPM)

HUD requires CoC's to annually report performance based upon data generated from local HMIS implementation. This data focuses key elements of performance at a systems-level rather than on a programmatic or agency level. HUD uses the system-level performance information as a competitive element in its annual CoC Funding Competition and to gauge the state of the homeless response system nationally.

Difference Between LSA and SPM

The core difference the LSA and SPM is that LSA performance data looks at how households are moving through a CoC's system (using the head of household's data), while the SPM report is based on all persons served. This difference is because SPMs are intended to be overall CoC benchmarks, while the LSA is intended to give CoCs detail about system functioning to inform interventions to improve that functioning.



Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA)

The LSA is a requirement from HUD and replaces the formerly required Annual Homeless Assessment Reports (AHAR). The LSA report provides HUD and Continuums of Care (CoCs) with critical information about how people experiencing homelessness use their system of care. The LSA is produced from a CoC's Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) database and submitted annually to HUD.

For More Information:

- HAND Published Data Reports: https://www.handetroit.org/reports
- CAM Published Data Reports: https://camdetroit.org/reports/
- Additional Information on Detroit CoC Programs: https://www.handetroit.org/coctraining
- Difference Between SPM and LSA: https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/quick-reference-differences-between-lsa-and-spm-reporting-logic.pdf