

4.12 Current Living Situation

Rationale: To record each contact with people experiencing homelessness by street outreach and other service projects and to provide information on the number of contacts required to engage the client, as well as to document a current living situation as needed in any applicable project.

Data Collection Instruction: Record the date and location of each interaction with a client by recording their *Current Living Situation*. The first *Current Living Situation* with the client will occur at the same point as *Project Start Date* (and recording of client's *Prior Living Situation*) and therefore requires a record to be opened in the HMIS for the client. Refer to guidance in HMIS Program Manuals ([PATH, CoC, ESG, VA or RHY](#)) for more details.

If client's *Current Living Situation* is in a temporary or permanent situation from the Living Situation Options List of headers, record additional housing status information to calculate imminent and at-risk of homelessness housing statuses based on HUD's definition of homelessness.

All street outreach projects are expected to record every contact made with each client by recording their *Current Living Situation*, including when the *Project Start Date*, *Prior Living Situation* or *Date of Engagement* is recorded on the same day. There may or may not be a contact made at project exit.

If a client meets CoC requirements for an automatic exit, their *Project Exit Date* would be backdated to the date of their most recent contact date, according to their *Current Living Situation* record.

Contacts that require the collection of *Current Living Situation* include activities such as a conversation between a street outreach worker and client about the client's well-being or needs, an office visit to discuss their housing plan, or a referral to another community service.

For Coordinated Entry projects, record a Current Living Situation anytime any of the following occurs:

1. A Coordinated Entry Assessment or Coordinated Entry Event is recorded; or
2. The client's living situation changes; or
3. If a Current Living Situation hasn't been recorded for longer than a community-defined length of time (i.e., longer than 90 days). The CoC **must** be involved in the determination of "community-defined length of time;" or
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Mobile HMIS data entry can be helpful for working in the field. If it is not possible, data will need to be securely recorded and transported for entry at an office or data can be entered remotely by a colleague by phone.

4. Program Specific Data Elements

Night-by-Night shelters should only record a *Current Living Situation* if the interaction between the shelter personnel and client goes beyond a basic provision of shelter services. A *Current Living Situation* for emergency shelter does not include activities of daily sheltering (e.g. bed registration, request for personal care items, dinner sign-up, meals, etc.), nor should it be redundant with data element 4.14 *Bed-Night Date*.

System Logic and Other System Issues: The data in this element are transactional data; each time there is a contact, a record of the contact must be recorded including the date and the client location.

Data Collection requirements for PATH-funded components is limited to the following fields from the Living Situation Options List:

- Place not meant for habitation (e.g. a vehicle, an abandoned building, bus/train/subway station/airport or anywhere outside) (16)
- Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher, or RHY-funded Host Home shelter (1)
- Safe Haven (18)
- Other (17)
- Worker unable to determine (37)

Field 3 should be populated by the list of CoC Project names in 2.02.2, if 2.02.5 indicates that the project is a continuum project.

Dependent A and its dependencies can be used to calculate imminent and at risk of homelessness housing statuses based on HUD's definition of homelessness.

One record of contact is required as an update for each contact made along with the response to Field 2 which may change over the project stay.

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4.12 Data Element Fields and Responses:

Field Number	Field Name	Dependency	Response Category/ Data Type	Descriptions
1	Information Date	None	[Date]	The date the information was collected.
2	Current Living Situation	None	See Appendix A - Living Situation Option List for a complete list of Living Situation Responses and Destinations	