

TO: Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness (DAPEPH)
FROM: Housing Forward
DATE: November 15, 2023
SUBJECT: DAPEPH Data Requests Memorandum

On October 30, 2023, there was a request from the Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness (DAPEPH) to provide data from the Homeless Management Information System. Please see Appendix 1 with this information, which is similar to other data recently requested by the City of Dallas.

The nature of these data requests suggests an interest in understanding the overall impact and performance of the homeless response system. However, this data alone does not indicate the health of the system, or how well the community is effectively responding to, and ending homelessness for individuals and families in Dallas.

As the backbone agency for the All-Neighbors Coalition, Housing Forward actively helps the community use data to evaluate the homeless response system. Housing Forward would like to meet with the DAPEPH to understand more specifically which aspects of the system require deeper examination from the committee. This will allow Housing Forward to clearly scope the data required; and help the DAPEPH to answer key questions and translate the results into meaningful insights for system improvement.

There are also standard ways the community tracks progress on system performance, which can also be leveraged. This includes examining reductions in the overall count of people experiencing homelessness, the rate the system is placing people in permanent housing, reductions in the length of time it takes people to obtain housing, and the extent to which people do not return to homelessness after being housed.

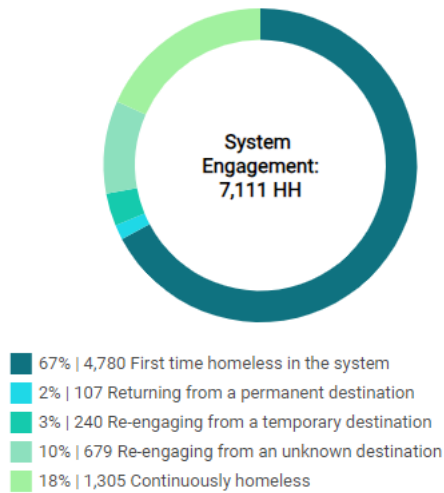
Another opportunity for the DAPEPH to receive system analysis is through The All-Neighbors Coalition annual planning process. This year the All Neighbors Coalition will draw on a 'system modelling tool' recently published and promoted by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support robust analysis on the:

- Size and needs of subpopulations of people experiencing homelessness;
- Types and level of resources needed to effectively meet the housing and service needs of these groups; and
- Coordinated investments required to scale high impact homeless response strategies.

Housing Forward will coordinate this effort with the All-Neighbors Coalition and looks forward to collaborating with DAPEPH to right-size the homeless response system and ensure the most efficient and effective use of limited resources. Please let us know when Housing Forward can meet with the committee to begin collaborating on system planning.

APPENDIX 1: Data Request

1. The number of active homeless in the HMIS as of 10/1/2023.
 - On 10-1-2023 there were 2,136 people who were actively experiencing homelessness, as captured in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). This includes all clients currently enrolled in Emergency Shelter, Safe Haven, Transitional Housing, and Street Outreach project.
 - Please note: this number will always be an undercount as compared to the Point-In-Time (PIT) count which shows that 4,244 people experience homeless on any given night in Dallas and Collin Counties. Unlike the PIT, data pulled from HMIS does not include a) people enrolled in Domestic Violence projects (which are inhibited from entering data into HMIS), b) people enrolled in agencies not participating in HMIS, or c) people living unsheltered who are not working with a Street Outreach team.
2. The number of active unsheltered homeless in HMIS as of 10/1/2023, by subpopulation.
 - Of the 2,136 people reported above, 490 were enrolled in street outreach programs. While we cannot be sure these individuals were living in an unsheltered setting on that day, being active in a street outreach program is the closest proxy Housing Forward has to measure unsheltered homelessness outside of the January PIT count.
 - Here are subpopulation breakouts for the 490 people enrolled in HMIS-participating street outreach programs on 10/1/2023:
 - Single adults, 25 to 64 years old: 372
 - Single adults 65 years or older: 36
 - Single adults, 18 to 24 years old: 45
 - Unaccompanied youth: 4 (they were all 15 to 17 years old)
 - 13 households, comprised of 27 adults, 6 children
3. The number of homeless that were entered into HMIS in 2022 as new , by subpopulation.
 - Unfortunately, this is not a straight-forward data pull. Housing Forward needs more information about how this is being defined and what questions DAPEPH would like to answer with this data.
 - To give more general context on the question asked, Housing Forward was able to pull data from October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022 that was generated using HUD's longitudinal system analysis reporting specifications. This chart only reports data for people who were served in HMIS-participating shelters, transitional housing and safe havens during Federal FY21-22.



4. The number of records of homeless that were reactivated in HMIS in 2022.
 - a. Housing Forward needs more information about how this is being defined and what questions DAPEPH would like to answer with this data.
5. Dallas and Collin Counties – Targeted Homeless Investments:
 - a. Attached is 2022 investment mapping (prior to new Unsheltered and YHDP funding award) of annual public dollars targeted to homeless assistance interventions across Cities in Dallas and Collin County. Please note: funding amounts captured may not include *all* general revenue or private dollars being spent on homelessness by Cities.