

2026 HMIS Data Standards Summary

Data Elements removed from HUD Standard Data:

- **Gender** has been removed from the HUD Data Standards entirely (affects all records)
- **Sexual Orientation** is no longer a required data element (affects RHY, YHDP, and CoC-Y)
- VA-funded and VASH programs are no longer required to collect some **Common Data Elements** (Income, Disability, Health Insurance, and Non-Cash Benefits)
- Language **Translation Assistance** data is no longer required to be collected (affects CoC-funded programs and any programs using CoC standard data collection screens)

New Data Elements Added to the HUD Standard Data:

- A “**Sex**” Data element has replaced Gender allowing the following responses:

Female

Male

Client doesn't know

Client prefers not to answer

Data not collected

- The Sex data element is collected on each enrollment. Gender was collected as part of the client profile and allowed one response per person. Each enrollment may have a different response for Sex.
- VA-funded programs are now required to collect **Mental Health Consultation** data upon enrollment with the following response options:

Mental health consultation completed

Mental health consultation being coordinated/arranged with VA provider

Mental health consultation being coordinated/arranged with other provider

Offer declined
- SSVF is now required to collect **Healthcare Navigation** service provision data via Service Transactions

Changes to Existing Data Elements:

- “Hispanic/Latina/o/e” has removed “Latine” and retains “Hispanic/Latina/o” as a valid response