

HMIS FY26 Data Standards Updates

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and its partners set the rules for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data. The HMIS Data Dictionary helps vendors and administrators know what data to collect. HUD updates these rules every two years, with the next update, Fiscal Year 2026 (FY2026) starting on October 1, 2025.

These updates include changes to the Data Dictionary, Data Standards Manual, CSV Export files, and reporting guidelines for several reports.

This document outlines plans for changes to the CaseWorthy application to comply with the upcoming update.

All Navigation Paths are in the [HMIS All Features Role](#).

Please note that List IDs are included throughout this document. These IDs could change with the move from UAT to production.

Timeline

The schedule below outlines the key milestones and release dates for CaseWorthy's HMIS FY2026 update, culminating in production availability ahead of HUD's October 1, 2025, effective date.

- May-August: Development, Internal testing, and QA
- August 25, 2025: Updates made available in UAT environments.
- September 30, 2025: Updates will be available in PROD environments.*

***NOTE:** If you have SSVF reporting due shortly after the new standards are set to go into effect, HUD recommends completing your report early to reduce the impact on your reporting.

Data Standards Updates

The following updates reflect HUD's FY2026 HMIS Data Standards changes. Each data element or category is listed below with details on what has been added, retired, or revised.

2.06 Funding Sources

Navigation: HMIS All Features role - Administration tab > Project Set Up > Project's menu - HMIS Projects Dashboard > Project Setup

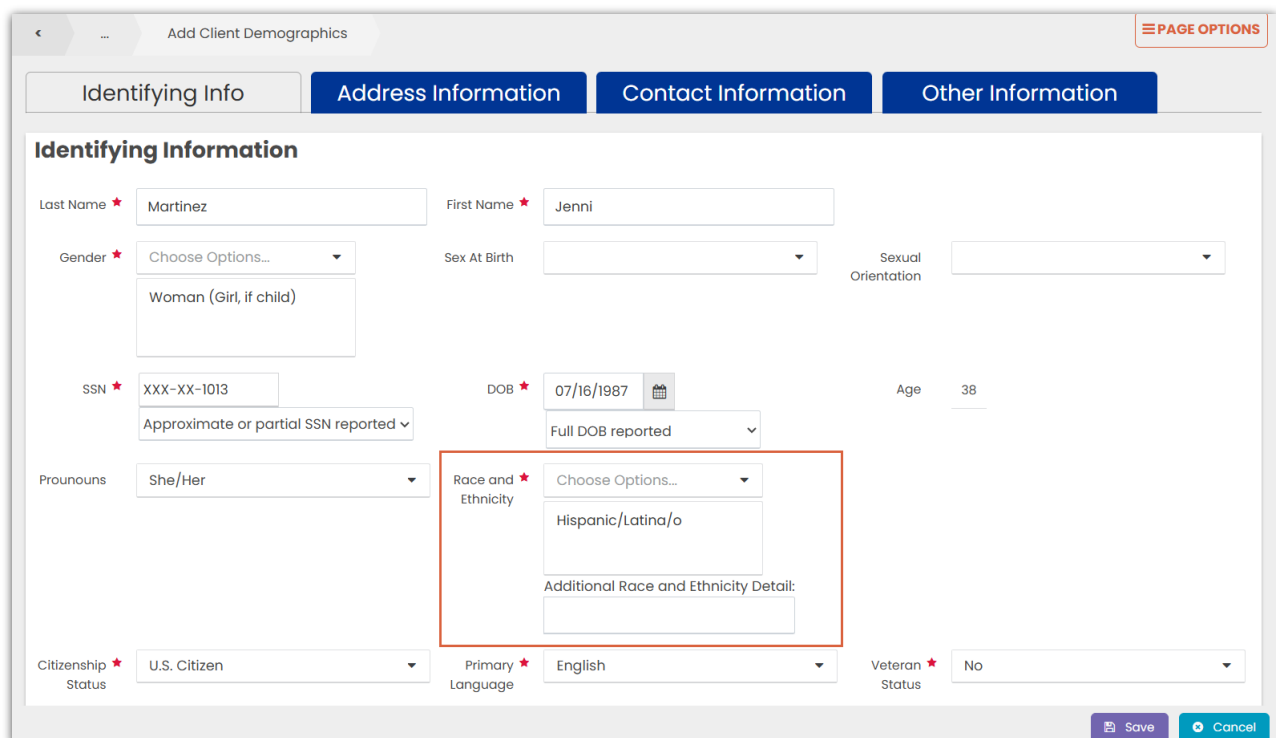
One Funding Source was added, and two Funding Sources were retired. See table below for details.

Action	Funding Program and Component	Component ID
Retired	HUD: ESG-CV	47
Retired	HUD: HOPWA-CV	48
Added	HUD: CoC Builds	56

3.04 Race and Ethnicity

Navigation: HMIS All Features role - Case Management tab: Case Management > Client Demographics

The **Race and Ethnicity** fields were updated on the *Client Demographics* form (FormID 5620).



The screenshot shows the 'Add Client Demographics' form with the 'Identifying Information' tab selected. The 'Race and Ethnicity' section is highlighted with a red box. It contains a dropdown menu with 'Hispanic/Latina/o' selected, and an 'Additional Race and Ethnicity Detail' field below it. Other fields in the form include Last Name (Martinez), First Name (Jenni), Gender (Woman (Girl, if child)), SSN (XXX-XX-1013), DOB (07/16/1987), Age (38), Pronouns (She/Her), Citizenship Status (U.S. Citizen), Primary Language (English), and Veteran Status (No).

- In the **Race and Ethnicity** multi-select dropdown, the label for “Hispanic/Latina/e/o” is now “Hispanic/Latina/o”.
- The **Additional Race and Ethnicity Detail** textbox field is optional and can be used to enter further details regarding the Client’s race, if needed.

3.06 Gender

Navigation: HMIS All Features role - Case Management tab: Entity Corner > DEMOGRAPHICS button (form ID 5620)

Navigation: HMIS All Features role - Case Management tab: Case Management > Family and Contacts > Add Family Member Spreadsheet (form ID 5678)

The **Gender** element will be retired as part of the FY26 Data Standards updates.

This field will remain on the baseline Demographics forms (Form IDs 1 and 5620) as well as the baseline Add Family forms (Form IDs 5678 and 7114) but the forms in the HMIS All Features role (Form IDs 5620 and 5678) will no longer have the **Gender** element as required.

As part of this update, there are also several validation rules on the form and working in the background to ensure that HUD’s selection options are adhered to. We will be removing both. Individual communities will be able to determine whether they would like to keep the **Gender** element on their forms moving forward or not.

IMPORTANT: Vendors have been instructed not to script or move any data from the retired **Gender** element to the new **Sex** element.

Should a community wish to no longer have it visible, we can assist with customizations.

4.05–4.10 Specific Disabling Conditions

Retired data elements for VA-funded programs.

4.13 Date of Engagement

Navigation: HMIS All Features role - Case Management tab: Case Management > Project Enrollment > ONE TIME FIELDS button

Added HUD: CoC- Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) as a relevant Funding Source for Street Outreach projects.

No change is required in the CaseWorthy application, as HUD just added clarifying language for this use case.

4.21 Sex

Navigation: HMIS All Features role - Case Management tab: Entity Corner > DEMOGRAPHICS button (form ID 5620)

Navigation: HMIS All Features role - Case Management tab: Case Management > Family and Contacts > Add Family Member Spreadsheet (form ID 5678)

Navigation: HMIS All Features role - Case Management tab: Assessments > HUD Assessments Dashboard > HUD Program > ADD NEW button (form ID 782)

A new element has been added on the *HMIS Demographics* form (Form ID 5620). It will be labeled “**Sex**” and the table/column is Client.HMISSex but it will not be required at this point.

The collection point for this new element is “Record Creation”. Therefore, in addition to the element being on the *HMIS Demographics* form, it will also be on the *HUD Program Assessment*. If it was completed on the demographics form, it will populate on the assessment. Depending on Funding Source/Project Type, it may or may not be required.

A New list (List ID 8793) has been created for this element. The list will contain the following options:

- Female
- Male
- Client Doesn’t Know
- Client Prefers not to answer
- Data not Collected

This data element is to be collected for the following Funding Sources and Project Types:

Funding Source	Project Type
HUD: CoC HUD: CoC Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) HUD: Unsheltered Special NOFO HUD: Rural Special NOFO	All components except SSO Coordinated Entry
HUD: CoC Builds HUD: ESG HUD: HOPWA HHS: RHY HUD: PFS VA: GPD	All components

Funding Source	Project Type
HUD: ESG RUSH	All components except Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach
HUD: HUD - VASH	HUD VASH Collaborative Case Management
VA: SSVF	RRH and Homelessness Prevention
VA: Community Contract Safe Haven	
VA: CRS Contract Residential Services	

IMPORTANT: Vendors have been instructed not to script or move any data from the retired **Gender** element to the new **Sex** element. This new element is meant to be separate and distinct from the retired **Gender** element.

C4 Translation Assistance Needed

Navigation: HMIS All Features role - Case Management tab: Assessments > HUD Assessments Dashboard > HUD Program > ADD NEW button (form ID 782)

This data element will be retired. The data column is still on the table, but the field will no longer be visible on the form. The data will not be removed from your system. Should you wish to still use this field, please create a support ticket.

R3 Sexual Orientation

Navigation: HMIS All Features role - Case Management tab: Assessments > HUD Assessments Dashboard > HUD Program > ADD NEW button (form ID 782)

This element will be retired. The element will be updated on the *HUD Program Assessment* so it is no longer required, and the relevant validation rules will be removed. Should a community wish to no longer have it visible, we can assist with Form Masking.

R4 Last Grade Completed, R6 Employment Status, R7 General Health Status

Navigation: HMIS All Features role - Case Management tab: Assessments > HUD Assessments Dashboard > HUD Program > ADD NEW button (form ID 782)

Corrected name on HUD VASH program name in the Data Dictionary. No change in CaseWorthy system.

R13 Family Critical Issues

Navigation: HMIS All Features role - Case Management tab: Assessments > HUD Assessments Dashboard > HUD RHY Dashboard > RHY Family Critical Issues > ADD NEW button (form ID 5587)

HUD expanded the allowable response options to include:

- 8: Client doesn't know
- 9: Client prefers not to answer
- 99: Data not collected

V2 Services Provided – SSVF

Navigation: HMIS All Features role - Administration tab > Report Mapping > SSVF menu > Map SSVF Services > MAPPING TYPES button

The new mapping option “Healthcare Navigation” was added as a Compliance Line Item in report Mapping Types.

V3 Financial Assistance – SSVF

Navigation: HMIS All Features role - Case Management tab: Case Management > Services > ADD NEW button (form ID 5676)

- The **Begin Date** field was added to the form and will display as **Date Provided** on the report. **Date Provided** reflects the date the financial assistance was identified as a need.
- The **Financial Assistance Start Date** field was added to the form and will display as **Start Date of Financial Assistance** on the report.
 - **Start Date of Financial Assistance** reflects the date the financial assistance began.
 - The **Start Date of Financial Assistance** field will only be visible if a service is mapped to SSVF > Financial Services under Report Mapping.

Navigation: HMIS All Features role - Administration tab > Report Mapping > SSVF menu - Map SSVF Financial Services

V7 HP Targeting Criteria

Navigation: HMIS All Features role - Case Management tab: Assessments > HUD Assessments Dashboard > HUD Program > ADD NEW button (form ID 782)

The question label in Dependency P and Q have been updated.

Dependency P

Previously: Household size of 5 or more requiring at least 3 bedrooms (due to age/gender mix).

New: Household size of 5 or more requiring at least 3 bedrooms (due to household composition).

Dependency Q

Previously: Household includes one or more members of an overrepresented population in the homelessness system when compared to the general population.

New: Households which may include one or more members meeting other criteria for targeting prevention determined by the CoC.

V10 Mental Health Consultation

Navigation: HMIS All Features role - Case Management tab: Assessments > HUD Assessments Dashboard > HUD Program > ADD NEW button (form ID 782)

- Mental Health Consultation has been added as a new data element.
- New single-select dropdown: AssessHUDProgram.MHconsult
- Field label: Mental Health Consultation
- New List ID: 8794
- New List's allowable 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

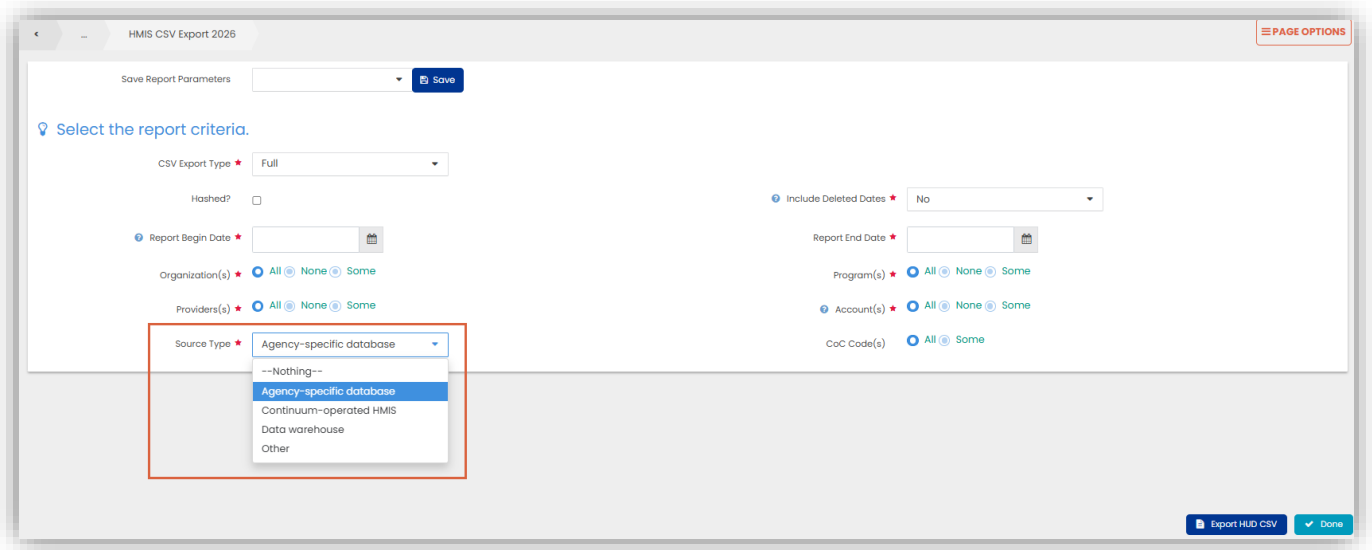
This data element is to be collected for the following Funding Sources and Project Types:

Funding Sources	Project Type
VA: SSVF	Rapid Rehousing Homelessness Prevention
VA: Grant Per Diem	Case Management/Housing Retention

HUD CSV Report Launch Form

Navigation: HMIS All Features role – Reports tab: HUD CSV Export 2026

A new **Source Type** dropdown has been added.



The added **Source Type** dropdown includes the following list options:

1. Agency-specific database
2. Continuum-operated HMIS
3. Data warehouse
4. Other

It is set to “Agency-specific database” by default, as this is the report code that it had previously been set to and is what most communities will need to have selected.

A new CoC Code has been added.

The HUD CSV’s SourceID (Export.csv) will now allow for the inclusion of multiple CoC Codes so there will be a CoC Code multi-select field on the report launch form to accommodate this need.