



HMIS Exit Data Reference Guide

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This document is intended to provide a reference to consult when there is question about how to classify a participant exit. The categories include:

- Permanent Destination
- Temporary Destinations
- Institutional Setting Destination
- Other Destinations

Permanent Destination	Explanation
Owned by client, no ongoing housing subsidy	The unit the client is living in is owned by the client and has no ongoing housing subsidy attached to it.
Owned by client, with ongoing housing subsidy	The unit the client is living in is owned by the client and has an ongoing housing subsidy (mortgage payment support) attached to it.
Rental by client, with other ongoing housing subsidy	The unit the client is renting is being supported by a private subsidy.
Rental by client, with no other ongoing housing subsidy	The unit the client is renting is not supported by any government or private subsidy. This may include Sober Living Environments "SLE's" or other "Shared" housing.
Rental by client in a public housing unit	The client has moved into a subsidized property where the government subsidy is attached to the property, not the client (e.g., if the client moves to another apartment, their rent will no longer be subsidized)
Rental by client, VASH subsidy	The unit the client is renting is being supported by a HUD-VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) subsidy.
Rental by client, with HCV voucher (tenant or project based)	The client has moved into a rental where they are using a Section 8 voucher or other Housing Choice Voucher (HCV). A project-based voucher

	may be used in a privately owned complex that is not a public housing unit but is funded by a government subsidy.
Rental by client, with RRH or equivalent subsidy	The client is in a rapid re-housing program and has moved into a rental unit.
Rental by client, GPD TIP subsidy	The unit the client is renting is being supported by a VA Grant per Diem subsidy.
Rental by client, with other ongoing housing subsidy	The unit the client is renting is being supported by a subsidy – either government or private, either site-based or voucher.
Permanent housing (other than RRH) for formerly homeless persons	<p>The unit the client is renting is being subsidized by any homeless funding source.</p> <p>This could be a scattered-site or site-based supportive housing where the rental subsidy is from Shelter Plus Care, Permanent Supportive Housing Program, Emergency Housing Voucher or a local source of subsidy restricted strictly for homeless persons. (CoC, HOPWA, etc.)</p>
Staying or living with family – Permanent tenure	The client has moved into a room, apartment or house occupied by a family member and is intending on living there. Use “permanent” if the client has NOT been given a specific time limit in which they need to leave or if exit destination is short term but leads to a permanent destination such as doubled up for two weeks until an apartment is ready.
Staying or living with friends – Permanent tenure	The client has moved into a room, apartment or house occupied by a friend and is intending on living there. Use “permanent” if the client has NOT been given a specific time limit in which they need to leave or if exit destination is short term but leads to a permanent destination such as doubled up for two weeks until an apartment is ready.
Moved from HOPWA funded project to HOPWA PH	The client has exited to a Permanent Housing project funded by Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA), for example if a hotel room was being paid for using HOPWA funds and the client is now moving into a rental unit.

Temporary Destinations	Explanation
Place not meant for human habitation (i.e., a vehicle, an abandoned building, bus/train/airport or anywhere outside)	The client has returned to the streets, or any place not meant for human habitation (for example, a vehicle, abandoned building, bus/train/subway/airport station, chicken coop, campsite, or anywhere outside).
Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher, or Host Home shelter	The client has exited to an Emergency Shelter, including a hotel or motel, Domestic Violence shelter or Mission paid for with an emergency shelter voucher.
Transitional housing for homeless persons (including youth)	The client has exited to a Transitional Housing program for the homeless (including Youth transitional housing programs). Does NOT include an exit to substance abuse treatment facility.
Staying or living with family – Temporary Tenure	The client has exited to a room, apartment or house occupied by a family member and is intending on staying there only a short time. Use “temporary” if client is given a time limit in which they need to leave or if the Case Manager has knowledge that the destination is meant to be very short term and/or is lacking stability, such as overcrowding (more than 1.5 persons per room).
Staying or living with friends – Temporary Tenure	The client has exited to a room, apartment or house occupied by a friend and is intending on staying there only a short time. Use “temporary” if client is given a time limit in which they need to leave or if the Case Manager has knowledge that the destination is meant to be very short term and/or is lacking stability, such as overcrowding (more than 1.5 persons per room).
Safe Haven	HUD specific program for those who are unwilling or unable to participate in supportive services. Must be formally designated as a Safe Haven. Includes: CoC Safe Haven, VA Community Contract Safe Haven and locally-funded Safe Haven type projects

Host Home (non-crisis)	An arrangement to stay in a third party's home, no homeless criteria required. Often a program for clients aging out of the foster care system.
Hotel or motel, paid for without emergency shelter voucher	The client has exited to a hotel or motel and is paying for it themselves (no voucher).
Residential project or halfway house with no homeless criteria	The client moved into a publicly owned facility or reintegration facility that does not have a homeless requirement for entry.
Moved from HOPWA funded project to HOPWA TH	The client has exited to a Transitional Housing project funded by HOPWA.

Institutional Setting Destination	Explanation
Foster Care Home or foster care group home	The client has exited to an adult or child foster care home or foster care group home.
Psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility	The client has exited to a psychiatric facility or psychiatric hospital, or psychiatric unit of a local hospital.
Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center	The client has exited to a substance abuse treatment program, detox program or other substance abuse residential facility.
Hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility	The client has exited to a hospital for any reason other than psychiatric. Includes any residential care involving a medical need (hospital, nursing home, rehabilitation center).
Jail, prison, or juvenile detention	The client has been arrested and is residing in a local jail, prison (state or federal) or juvenile detention facility.
Long-term care facility or nursing home	The client has exited to an extended stay nursing home or other long-term care facility. This may include a Board and Care Facility.

Other Destinations	Explanation
Deceased	The client died while in the program.
Other	Some place other than what is available in any of the above fields. A description must be provided in the text field.
Client doesn't know	The client exited the program without knowing where they will be staying
No exit interview completed	The client left the program before an exit conversation.
Client prefers not to answer	Client indicated they do not want to share where they are going after leaving shelter.
Data not collected	This person did not complete an exit form.