

Safe Harbors Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Tips to Improve your Data Quality

Tip #3: Veteran Status

Veteran status is a HUD universal data element that can be found on the Household Statistics page in HMIS (see screenshot #1 below). This information is then captured in the entry or first snapshot (see screenshot #2 below).

According to HUD's data standards, a veteran is someone who has served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. This does not include inactive military reserves or the National Guard unless the person was called up to active duty. Please use this definition when gathering Veteran status information on your clients.

Central Intake → Household Statistics

The screenshot shows the 'Household Members' section of the HMIS interface. The 'Veteran' status is set to 'Yes' and is circled in red. Other fields include: Consent (Region), Status (Alive), SSN/Code (Don't Know), HOH (checked), Age (45), First Name (George), Middle Name, Last Name (Bluth), Suffix, Gender (Male), DOB/Code (04/12/1965), Full DOB, Relation (Self), Disabled (No), Education Level (11th Grade), Marital Status, Ethnicity (Non-Hispanic), Identifier (2215762), 1st Language, and 2nd Language.

Client Services Search → Program Entry → Edit Snapshot → Demographics

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Snapshot' form in HMIS. The 'Veteran' status is set to 'Yes' and is circled in red. Other fields include: Consent (Consent Refused), First Name (George), Middle, Last Name (Bluth), Suffix, SSN/Code (Don't kn), Identifier (2215762), DOB/Code (04/12/1965), Full DOB, Birth Year, Gender (Male), Relation (Self), Disabled (No), Education Level (11th Grade), Marital Status, Ethnicity (Non-Hispanic), 1st Language, 2nd Language, Residency Status, Address (Seattle WA 98102), Race (Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, White, US Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African-American, Don't Know, Refused), Head of HH (checked), and buttons for Prev, Next, Save, Prev Address, and Close.