

Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Data for Clients Assessed for Coordinated Entry

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Introduction

In January 2020, the Office of the Mayor – City of Chicago requested Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data to gain insights about people experiencing homelessness who are, or have been, victims of domestic violence and/or of human trafficking, especially related to sex work. Chicago’s HMIS database contains data from tens of thousands of people who experience homelessness. In April 2017, Chicago launched Coordinated Entry (CE) to manage access to housing resources. The CE assessment, which many, though not all people experiencing homelessness complete, includes questions about whether a person is, or has been, a victim of domestic violence or human trafficking¹.

Question 1) Currently residing with, or trying to leave, someone who threatens you or makes you fearful; OR, Anyone in the home has hit, choked, or physically hurt you; OR, Anyone in your home has forced you to do something sexually that you did not want to do?

Question 2) Some people are being forced to trade sex or work in exchange for money, shelter, or other items. Is this something you are impacted by?

The data set contained below includes only those individuals who answered affirmatively to at least one of these questions. The data is presented in tables broken out by a variety of other data elements such as gender, race, prior living situation, etc. The data is organized by those persons who answered affirmatively to question 1 (Yes to Q1), those who answered affirmatively to question 2 (Yes to Q2), and those answered affirmatively to either or both questions (Yes to Either/Both). Each person is only counted once (i.e. the data is unduplicated) even if the person completed a CE assessment more than one time. The data set is drawn from all individuals who completed a CE Housing assessment since Chicago’s CE system began in April 2017 through February 10, 2020. For these individuals, we included shelter involvement from January 1, 2016 through February 10, 2020.

Methodology

In order to ensure that data is anonymous, any data category for which there are less than 10 individuals in its count is combined with one or more other categories and a joint category is used. In the proceeding tables, the joint category is titled generically, for example *Other Language Categories*, and a list the data categories that have been collapsed is provided in an endnote. In order to not restate the category lists, the same list is used for multiple tables for the same data element, such as race. For this reason, the categories in the list do not necessarily each have data in that table’s count. The exception to the “rule of 10” are the categories *don’t know*,

¹ Answering these, and other questions on the CE assessment, is voluntary. A person who chooses not to answer these or other questions has the same access to services.

not collected, and *refused*. Since these categories are not associated with an individual in an identifying manner, counts of less than 10 are included.

Table 1. Terminology Key

For terms that can be abbreviated from the full wording used in the HMIS database, this key lists the full term and its abbreviation. Using abbreviations limits the words needed to label the data in each table.

Term in full	Abbreviation
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	Gender Non-Conforming
Trans Female (MTF or Male to Female)	Trans Female
Trans Male (FTM or Female to Male)	Trans Male
Client doesn't know	Doesn't Know
Client refused	Refused
Data not collected or Blank	Not Collected
Emergency shelter, incl. hotel/motel paid for w/ ES voucher, or RHY-funded Host Home shelter	Emergency shelter
Doesn't Know/Refused/Not Collected	No Response

Demographics

In the following tables, a person who answered yes to both Question 1 and Question 2 is counted in the first and second column and then is only counted once in the third column. Because of this, adding up the first and second columns will equal more than the count in the third. This way the third column can tell us about *each* person who answered yes to either or both questions, instead of counting some people twice.

Example: 2,768 people answered yes to question 1 and 2,208 to question 2. Adding these columns together equals 4,976. Column 3 tells us that 3,697 people answered yes to either or both questions. By subtracting 4,976 minus 3,697, we learn that 1,279 people answered yes to both questions.

Table 2. Total Persons

	Yes to Question 1	Yes to Question 2	Yes to either question
	2,768	2,208	3,697

Tables 3-6 break out the above data for *Yes to Q1*, *Yes to Q2*, and *Yes to Either/Both* by gender, race, veteran status, and primary language.

Table 3. Gender

	Yes to Question 1	Yes to Question 2	Yes to either question
<i>Female</i>	1,814	1,258	2,267
<i>Male</i>	868	816	1,262
<i>Gender Non-Conforming</i>	17	24	33
<i>Trans Female</i>	59	103	122
<i>Trans Male or Transgender</i>	8	6	11
<i>Not Collected</i>	2	1	2

Table 4. Race

	Yes to Question 1	Yes to Question 2	Yes to either question
<i>Black or African American</i>	2,380	1,993	3,214
<i>White</i>	307	160	378
<i>American Indian or Alaska Native</i>	27	18	35
<i>Other Race Categoriesⁱ</i>	25	15	28
<i>No Response</i>	29	22	42

Table 5. Veteran

	Yes to Question 1	Yes to Question 2	Yes to either question
Yes	84	35	95
No	2,439	1,954	3,232
No Response	245	219	370

Table 6. Primary Language

	Yes to Question 1	Yes to Question 2	Yes to either question
English	2,636	2,110	3,520
Other Language Categories ⁱⁱ	34	17	41
Not Collected	98	81	136

Gender

This section cross-references gender and race data categories.

Table 7. Gender by Race for Yes to Either Question

	Black or African American	White	Other Race Categories ⁱ	No Response	Total
Female	1,965	240	34	28	2,267
Male	1,112	117	22	11	1,262
Trans Female	105	11	4	2	122
Trans Male, Transgender, or Gender Non-Conforming	31	10	3	0	44
Not Collected	1	0	0	1	2
Total	3,214	378	63	42	3,697

Table 8. Gender by Race for Yes to Question 1

	Black or African American	White	Other Race Categories ⁱ	No Response	Total
Female	1,558	204	31	21	1,814
Male	758	87	16	7	868
Trans Male, Trans Female, or Gender Non-Conforming	63	16	5	0	84
Not Collected	1	0	0	1	2
Total	2,380	307	52	29	2,768

Table 9. Gender by Race for Yes to Question 2

	Black or African American	White	Other Race Categories ⁱ	No Response	Total
<i>Female</i>	1,133	97	16	12	1,258
<i>Male</i>	745	51	13	7	816
<i>Trans Male, Trans Female, Transgender, or Gender Non-Conforming</i>	115	12	4	2	133
<i>Not Collected</i>	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Total</i>	1,993	160	33	22	2,208

Prior Living Situation

This section shows data related to where the person slept the night before they answered the questions on the CE assessment (prior living situation). The first table shows the prior living situation of the persons in each of the three question categories.

Table 10. Prior Living Situation

	Yes to Question 1	Yes to Question 2	Yes to either question
<i>Emergency shelter</i>	608	397	768
<i>Interim Housing</i>	18	14	23
<i>Place not meant for habitation</i>	1,346	1,286	1,924
<i>Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy</i>	67	39	82
<i>Rental by client, with other ongoing housing subsidy</i>	21	11	24
<i>Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment or house</i>	233	129	274
<i>Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment or house</i>	215	146	268
<i>Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center</i>	49	53	73
<i>Transitional housing for homeless persons (including homeless youth)</i>	50	34	66
<i>Other Prior Living Situation Categoriesⁱⁱⁱ</i>	92	55	114
<i>No response</i>	86	44	80

Tables 11-13 include all those from the *Yes to Either/Both* question category cross-referenced by gender, primary language, and race.

Table 11. Prior Living Situation by Gender for Yes to Either Question

	Female	Male	Trans Male, Trans Female, Transgender, or Gender Non-Conforming	Not Collected	Total
<i>Emergency shelter</i>	513	234	21	0	768
<i>Place not meant for habitation</i>	1,035	764	124	1	1,924
<i>Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy</i>	63	19	0	0	82
<i>Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment or house</i>	217	52	5	0	274
<i>Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment or house</i>	200	60	8	0	268
<i>Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center</i>	43	30	0	0	73
<i>Transitional housing for homeless persons (including homeless youth)</i>	29	33	4	0	66
<i>Other Prior Living Situation Categoriesⁱⁱⁱ</i>	104	52	4	1	161
<i>No response</i>	62	18	0	0	80
<i>Total</i>	2,266	1,262	166	2	3,696

Table 12. Prior Living Situation by Language for Yes to Either Question

	English	Other Language Categories ⁱⁱ	Data Not Collected	Total
<i>Emergency shelter</i>	731	14	23	768
<i>Hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility</i>	20	1	1	22
<i>Host Home (non-crisis)</i>	12	0	0	12
<i>Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher</i>	12	0	0	12
<i>Interim Housing</i>	23	0	0	23
<i>Jail, prison or juvenile detention facility</i>	16	0	1	17
<i>Place not meant for habitation</i>	1,841	18	65	1,924
<i>Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy</i>	78	1	3	82
<i>Rental by client, with other ongoing housing subsidy</i>	23	1	0	24
<i>Safe Haven</i>	19	0	0	19
<i>Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment or house</i>	261	1	12	274
<i>Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment or house</i>	253	1	14	268
<i>Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center</i>	68	2	3	73
<i>Transitional housing for homeless persons (including homeless youth)</i>	60	1	5	66
<i>Other Prior Living Situation Categoriesⁱⁱⁱ</i>	29	0	3	32
<i>No response</i>	74	1	5	80
<i>Total</i>	3,520	41	135	3,696

Table 13. Prior Living Situation by Race for Yes to Either Question

	Black or African American	White	Other Race Categories ⁱ	No Response	Total
<i>Emergency shelter</i>	631	100	23	14	768
<i>Place not meant for habitation</i>	1,722	157	29	16	1,924
<i>Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy</i>	71	10	1	0	82
<i>Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment or house</i>	244	22	3	5	274
<i>Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment or house</i>	242	21	2	3	268
<i>Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center</i>	50	21	1	1	73
<i>Transitional housing for homeless persons (including homeless youth)</i>	52	14	0	0	66
<i>Other Prior Living Situation Categoriesⁱⁱⁱ</i>	133	24	4	0	161
<i>No response</i>	68	9	0	3	80
<i>Total</i>	3,213	378	63	42	3,696

Number of Times in Shelter

This section looks at the number of times each person was enrolled in an emergency shelter. The first table shows this count for each of the three question categories. The subsequent tables include the persons from the *Yes to Either/Both* question category broken out by gender, race, and primary language.

Table 14. Number of Times in Shelter

	Yes to Question 1	Yes to Question 2	Yes to either question
0	1,684	1,489	2,335
1	471	337	599
2	229	159	295
3	123	80	153
4	74	42	90
5	49	27	59
6	36	14	38
7	25	13	29
8-9	28	17	36
10-14	23	12	28
15+	26	18	35
<i>Total</i>	2,768	2,208	3,697

Table 15. Number of Times in Shelter by Gender

	Female	Male	Trans Male, Trans Female, Transgender, or Gender Non-Conforming	Not Collected	Total
0	1,438	775	121	1	2,335
1	364	217	17	1	599
2	188	102	5	0	295
3	99	53	1	0	153
4	52	31	7	0	90
5	45	14	0	0	59
6	25	11	2	0	38
7	16	10	3	0	29
8-9	16	17	3	0	36
10-14	11	14	3	0	28
15+	13	18	4	0	35
<i>Total</i>	2,267	1,262	166	2	3,697

Table 16. Number of Times in Shelter by Race

	Black or African American	White	Other Race Categories ¹	No Response	Total
0	2,087	197	29	22	2,335
1	504	74	11	10	599
2	237	47	8	3	295
3	124	20	6	3	153
4	72	14	4	0	90
5-6	81	13	2	1	97
7-9	55	9	1	0	65
10-14	24	2	1	1	28
15+	30	2	1	2	35
<i>Total</i>	3,214	378	63	42	3,697

Table 17. Number of Times in Shelter by Language

	English	Other Language Categories ⁱⁱ	Not Collected	Total
0	2,211	19	105	2,335
1	574	10	15	599
2	282	9	4	295
3	147	0	6	153
4	85	2	3	90
5	59	0	0	59
6	36	1	1	38
7	29	0	0	29
8	13	0	1	14
9	21	0	1	22
10-14	28	0	0	28
15+	35	0	0	35
<i>Total</i>	3,520	41	136	3,697

Household Composition

Household composition cross references the number of adults and the number of children living in a household. This section has a single table with all persons from the *Yes to Either/Both* question category.

Table 18. Number of Children by Number of Adults in a Household

	One Adult	Two Adults	Three to Four Adults	Total
<i>One Child</i>	569	27	0	596
<i>Two Children</i>	346	18	0	364
<i>Three Children</i>	179	12	1	192
<i>Four Children</i>	95	10	1	106
<i>Five to Six Children</i>	40	2	0	42
<i>Seven to Nine Children</i>	7	1	0	8
<i>None</i>	2,321	67	1	2,389
<i>Total</i>	3,557	137	3	3,697

Area Median Income (AMI)

Area Median Income (AMI) is the middle number of all incomes for a given area, as calculated annually by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This section determines where each person's income at the time of the CES Assessment falls in relation to the AMI. Each table in this section includes all persons from the *Yes to Either/Both* question category.

Table 18 shows the AMI categories distribution for individuals who said *Yes to Either/Both* questions.

Table 19. Area Median Income (AMI)

	Number of People
<i>Less than 30%</i>	3,514
<i>30% to 50%</i>	93
<i>Greater than 50%</i>	11
<i>Not Collected</i>	79
<i>Total</i>	3,697

Tables 19-21 cross reference AMI with gender, primary language and race.

Table 20. AMI by Gender

	Female	Male	Trans Male, Trans Female, Transgender, or Gender Non-Conforming	Not Collected	Total
<i>Less than 30%</i>	2,146	1,203	163	2	3,514
<i>Greater than 30%</i>	60	43	1	0	104
<i>Not Collected</i>	61	16	2	0	79
<i>Total</i>	2,267	1,262	166	2	3,697

Table 21. AMI by Language

	English	Other Language Categories ⁱⁱ	Not Collected	Total
<i>Less than 30%</i>	3,349	37	128	3,514
<i>30% to 50%</i>	88	3	2	93
<i>Greater than 50%</i>	11	0	0	11
<i>Not Collected</i>	72	1	6	79
<i>Total</i>	3,520	41	136	3,697

Table 22. AMI by Race

	Black or African American	White	American Indian or Alaska Native	Other Race Categoriesⁱ	No Response	Total
<i>Less than 30%</i>	3,057	360	35	26	36	3,514
<i>Greater than 30%</i>	87	13	0	2	2	104
<i>Not Collected</i>	70	5	0	0	4	79
<i>Total</i>	3,214	378	35	28	42	3,697

End Notes

ⁱ American Indian or Alaska Native, American Indian/Alaskan Native & White, Asian, Black/African American & White, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and Other.

ⁱⁱ Spanish, Polish, and Other.

ⁱⁱⁱ Safe Haven, Residential project or halfway house with no homeless criteria, Rental by client, with VASH housing subsidy, Rental by client, with other ongoing housing subsidy, Rental by client, with GPD TIP housing subsidy, Rental by client in a public housing unit, Psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility, Permanent housing (other than RRH) for formerly homeless persons, Owned by client, with ongoing housing subsidy, Owned by client, no ongoing housing subsidy, Other, Long-term care facility or nursing home, Jail, prison or juvenile detention facility, Interim Housing, Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher, Host Home (non-crisis), Hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility, and Foster care home or foster care group home.