2021 HUD System Performance Measures

Sacramento Continuum of Care
Overview of HUD System Performance Measures (SPM)

- HUD identified 7 elements of system performance to measure the progress of each community in meeting the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness.
- For each performance measure, HUD identified specific data points and sources to ensure measurement is the same across Continuums of Care (CoC).
- Data comes from the Point-in-Time Count and HMIS (Homeless Management Information System).
- SPMs are submitted to HUD annually by the HMIS Lead Agency; Sacramento Steps Forward is the lead for Sacramento County.
How HUD Measures Effectiveness

Does the community’s homeless response system:

1. Eliminate homelessness
   
   \textit{SPM 3: Number of persons experiencing homelessness}

2. Reduce the number of people becoming homeless
   
   \textit{SPM 2: Returns to homelessness}
   \textit{SPM 5: First time homelessness}

3. Help people become quickly and stably housed
   
   \textit{SPM 1: Length of time homeless}
   \textit{SPM 4: Employment and income growth}
   \textit{SPM 7: Successful placement and retention of housing}
Key Limitations of Systems Performance Measures

• All system performance measures are based on point-in-time (PIT) count and HMIS data, which have some limitations by design

• SPM 1: Length of Time Homeless reflects length of stay in shelter, safe haven or transitional housing (and does not include length of time in unsheltered situations due to data limitations)

• SPM 2: Returns to Homelessness and SPM 5: First Time Homelessness only look at a 2-year timeframe within the same CoC (so returns after 2 years or homelessness prior to 2 years is not reflected, nor is homelessness elsewhere)

• SPM 4: Unlike other measures, Employment & Income Growth measures only performance of CoC-funded projects and not the entire system
How is Sacramento’s System doing?

**Measure 1:** Length of time persons remain homeless.

The average length of time persons remain homeless in ES, SH and TH projects **increased** between 2020 and 2021.
How is Sacramento’s System doing?

Average Household Cumulative Days Homeless

- White, Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino
- White, Hispanic/Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Multiple Races
- Black or African American or African
- Asian or Asian American
- American Indian, Alaska Native or Indigenous

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How is Sacramento’s System doing?

Measure 2: Percent of persons who return to homelessness.

The percent of persons who return to homelessness within 6 months (yellow) and 12 months (blue) increased between 2020 and 2021. Returns within 24 months (green) decreased between 2020 and 2021.
How is Sacramento’s System doing?

Percent Household Returns from All Destinations within 12 Months

- White, Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino
- White, Hispanic/Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Multiple Races
- Black or African American or African
- Asian or Asian American
- American Indian, Alaska Native or Indigenous
How is Sacramento’s System doing?

Measure 3: Number of individuals experiencing homelessness.

The number of persons who are homeless **increased** between 2020 and 2021.
How is Sacramento’s System doing?

Heads of Households and Adults Experiencing Homelessness

- White, Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino
- White, Hispanic/Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Multiple Races
- Black or African American or African
- Asian or Asian American
- American Indian, Alaska Native or Indigenous

- Share of Sacramento County Population (2019)
- Share of Households Experiencing Homelessness (2021)
How is Sacramento’s System doing?

Measure 4: Employment and income growth for individuals experiencing homelessness in CoC program-funded projects.

Total cash income for homeless persons staying in projects (blue) and leaving projects (orange) increased between 2020 and 2021.
How is Sacramento’s System doing?

Measure 5: Number of persons who become homeless for the first time.

The number of homeless persons in ES, SH, TH and PH projects with no prior HMIS enrollments increased between 2020 to 2021.
How is Sacramento’s System doing?

Measure 7: Successful placement in permanent housing.

The percent of people exiting homelessness to permanent housing decreased between 2020 and 2021.
How is Sacramento’s System doing?

Percent Households Exited to Permanent Destinations

- White, Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino
- White, Hispanic/Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Multiple Races
- Black or African American or African
- Asian or Asian American
- American Indian, Alaska Native or Indigenous