

How to Calculate 3.917 Prior Living Situation Data Set

Sample Script	Calculating Episodes
Where did you sleep last night? "In my car."	7/11/23 = Homeless 1 day
About how long have you been sleeping in your car? "About a week and a half."	7/11/23 since 7/1/23 = Homeless 11 days
The night before you started sleeping in your car, where did you sleep? "On the beach" About how long did you sleep on the beach? "About a month."	7/1/23 since 6/1/23 =Homeless 30 + 11 days = 41 days Approximate Date Homelessness Started ↓ = 2 months
The night before you started sleeping on the beach, where did you sleep? "At my mom's house." About how long did you stay with your mom? "3 months."	6/1/23 since 3/1/23 =Not homeless/BREAK in homelessness
The night before you went to your mom's, where did you sleep? "In a tool shed." About how long did you sleep in the tool shed? "About 8 months."	3/1/23 since 7/1/23 =Homeless 8 months = 8 months
The night before you started sleeping in the tool shed, where did you sleep? "On the floor at my friend's apartment." About how long did you stay with your friend? "About a year."	7/1/23 since 7/1/23 =Not homeless/BREAK in homelessness
The night before you started staying with your friend, where did you sleep? "In a shelter." About how long were you at the shelter? "About a year."	7/1/23 since 7/1/23 =Homeless 1 year = 12 months STOP (3 years accounted for)

Episode 1

Episode 2

Episode 3

Be sure to work backwards from date of intake until you have captured the last three years. Then count breaks in experiencing homelessness to identify separate times or episodes. Then count the total months experiencing homelessness.

"Approximate date homelessness started" should be entered as the first day of episode 1. You can interpret this question more accurately as "approximate date the most recent episode of homelessness started."

In this case, the client info would be entered into the Program Entry as follows:

Approximate date homelessness started: 6/1/23

Number of times on the street, in ES, or SH in the past three years including today: Three times

Total number of months homeless on the street, in ES or SH in the past three years: More than 12 months (22)

Literally Homeless	NOT Literally Homeless
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place not meant for habitation (e.g., beach, woods, car, abandoned building) Emergency shelter Transitional housing Dwelling without electricity &/or water hook ups Hotel/motel paid for by charity or gov't entity Hospital or jail for less than 90 days, IF homeless prior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staying with friends/family ("doubled-up" or "couch surfing") Hotel/motel paid for by self Institutional setting (e.g., hospital, detox, jail) for more than 90 days Rental by client Owned by client

If you have any questions about how to properly capture this important data in HMIS, please contact us at <https://tchcsc.org>

