Homeless status SAAP

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHADD

Knowledgebase ID: 000687   Version number: 1

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration Authority: NHDAMG   Admin status: SUPERSEDED

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Definition: The current period of unsafe, insecure or inadequate housing.

Context: Long term homelessness is likely to have a significant effect on the outcomes resulting from SAAP services. Working with clients who have been homeless for a long time may also have a negative impact on the resources of SAAP agencies.
A SAAP client should either be homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless, as defined by the SAAP Act. A person who requires the support of a SAAP worker to maintain their current housing situation is at imminent risk.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: CODE

Representation layout: NNN

Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 3

Data Domain:
0	Don't know /no information
1	less than one week
2	1 week to 1 month
3	1--3 months
4	3 - 6 months
5	6 - 12 months
6	1 - 2 years
7	2 - 5 years
8	more than 5 years
888	at imminent risk

Guide For Use: Current period of homelessness is only completed with the

consent of the client and hence may not be representative of the entire SAAP client population.

Prior to 1 July 2001, period of homelessness was recorded as either days, weeks, months or years and converted to a three digit integer representing the number of weeks each client had been homeless up to the start of the support period.

The duration since the last secure accommodation may under estimate the homelessness for some clients who pass in and out of homelessness (episodic homelessness) or it may record only the most recent runaway period of a young client who has runaway more than once. This is an acceptable compromise for statistical purposes.

Collection Methods: If a client is unsure about the length of time spent in unsafe, insecure or inadequate housing, record as 0 'not stated/inadequately described'.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Homeless status SAAP version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: SAAP National Data Collection Collectors Manual, July 2001
SAAP client form 2001-02

Source Organisation: SAAP National Data Collection Agency
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Comments: This item is called 'Duration of current homelessness' in the SAAP data collection. It is question 14 on the client form.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

Data Agreements which include this Data Element