

The Point in Time report, found at the end of [the PIT and HIC Data Collection Notice](#), does not report on a breakdown of clients by disability type other than the inclusion of subpopulation counts at the very end of the report that include mental health and HIV. Therefore, the primary reason for capturing details on other types of disabling conditions is to derive a count of those who are chronically homeless.

The calculation of the chronic definition at a point in time can be found on page 9 of the [HMIS Standard Reporting Terminology Glossary](#). This definition only looks for response to the 3.8 Disabling Condition field to be “Yes”, and does not refer back to the various disability types, or any associated “long and indefinite” qualifiers.

Details on question 3.8 Disabling Condition can be found on page 43 of the [HMIS Data Standards Manual](#). As shown in the image below, the definition indicates that, unlike the other disabling conditions, neither developmental disability or HIV need the “long and indefinite” qualifier for someone to be considered as having a disabling condition. Since 3.8 Disabling Condition does not look at this qualifier for HIV or developmental disability the qualifier is not included in the point in time surveys for these two disability types.

3.8 Disabling Condition

Rationale To indicate whether or not clients have a disabling condition. This data element is to be used with other information to identify whether a client meets the criteria for chronic homelessness.

Data Collection Instruction Record whether the client has a disabling condition at the time of each project start. A disabling condition is one or more of the following:

- A physical, mental, or emotional impairment, including an impairment caused by alcohol or drug abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, or brain injury that:
 - 1) Is expected to be long-continuing or of indefinite duration;
 - 2) Substantially impedes the individual's ability to live independently; and
 - 3) Could be improved by the provision of more suitable housing conditions.
- A developmental disability, as defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002); or
- The disease of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or any condition arising from the etiologic agency for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV).

The need to not require this additional qualifier is further supported on page 6 of the [Sheltered PIT Count and HMIS Element Crosswalk](#) guide. Note that HIV does not have the qualifier while Mental Health Problem does.

| Phase 4: Program Specific Data Elements to Identify Subpopulation Information – Use these data elements to identify subpopulation information among sheltered persons | | |
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| Element Name | Applicable Field & Responses | Purpose |
| 4.8 HIV/AIDS | HIV/AIDS No Yes | To count number of adults who have been diagnosed with AIDS or tested positive for HIV |
| 4.9 Mental Health Problem | Mental Health Problem No Yes Expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently No Yes | To count number of adults with serious mental illness “Yes” must be selected to be counted in this category |
| 4.10 Substance Abuse | Substance Abuse Problem No Alcohol abuse Drug abuse Both alcohol and drug abuse Expected to be if long-continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently No Yes | To count number of adults with a substance use disorder Persons with a substance use disorder must also meet the qualifications identified in the term for “disability” (e.g., “is expected to be long-continuing and indefinite duration.”) |

This is also supported on page 36 of the [HIC/PIT notice...](#)

Disability – An individual with one or more of the following conditions:

- A. A physical, mental, or emotional impairment, including an impairment caused by alcohol or drug abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, or brain injury that:
 - (1) Is expected to be long-continuing or of indefinite duration;
 - (2) Substantially impedes the individual's ability to live independently; and
 - (3) Could be improved by the provision of more suitable housing conditions.
- B. A developmental disability, as defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002); or
- C. The disease of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) or any condition arising from the etiologic agency for Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome.

And the approach is also supported by the [Model Interview Based Unsheltered Night of Count PIT Survey...](#)

Just a few more questions ...

| | Person 1 | Person 2 | Person 3 |
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| 19. Have you/has Person [2-3] ever received special education (or special ed.) services for an extended period of time? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> DK/REF | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> DK/REF | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> DK/REF |
| 20. Do you/does Person [2-3] have AIDS or an HIV-related illness? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> DK/REF | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> DK/REF | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> DK/REF |