

Current definition of **Chronically Homeless** for HMIS:

Page 4 of a document titled “The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act As amended by S. 896 The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009” :

(2) CHRONICALLY HOMELESS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘chronically homeless’ means, with respect to an individual or family, that the individual or family—

(i) is homeless and lives or resides in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter;

(ii) has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter continuously for at least 1 year or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years; and

(iii) has an adult head of household (or a minor head of household if no adult is present in the household) with a diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability (as defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002)), post traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from a brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability, including the co-occurrence of 2 or more of those conditions.

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“Translated,” this means that a person is chronically homeless if that person...

- Is homeless, and
- Has a disabling condition (homelessness is not itself a disabling condition), and
- Has been homeless for one year or more, OR has been homeless at least 4 times in the last 3 years.
- If the head of household meets these conditions, then all household members are considered chronically homeless.