

# HMIS SUPPORTS A VISION FOR DATA AND PERFORMANCE SUCCESS

## THE HMIS LEAD AGENCY SUPPORTS COMPREHENSIVE AND QUALITY PARTICIPATION IN THE HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM

Minnesota’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a web-based database used by homeless service organizations across the state to collect client-level data on households experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The administration of an HMIS is a mandate from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

HUD’s Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs outlined a set of goals for the field of homelessness assistance, and three strategy areas where communities should examine their current state and track progress toward an advanced state. HMIS plays an important role in communities’ achievement of these goals.

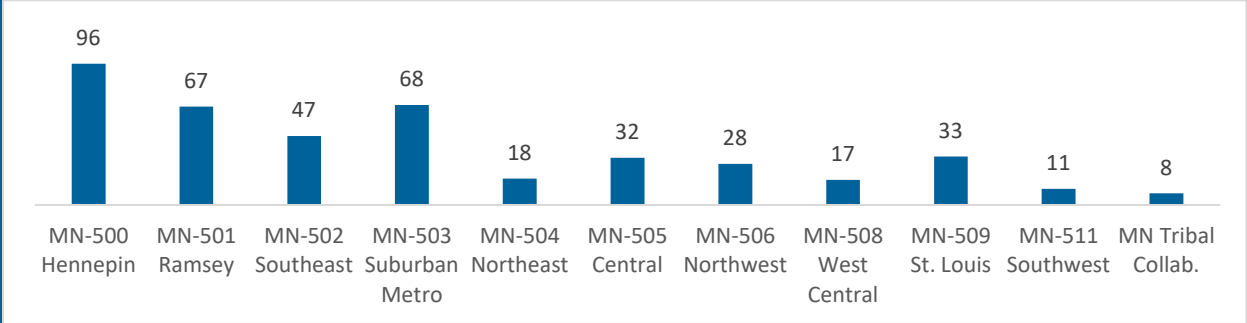
This document covers **Strategy 2: Data systems collect accurate, comprehensive, and timely data.**

## SUPPORTING SYSTEM COVERAGE ACROSS COMMUNITIES

How does Minnesota’s HMIS support comprehensive representation of the homelessness response system?

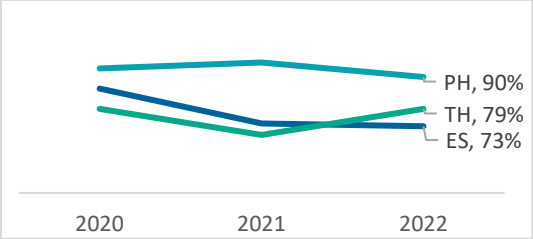
More than 200 agencies across the state of Minnesota operate projects that participate in HMIS.

Participating Agencies

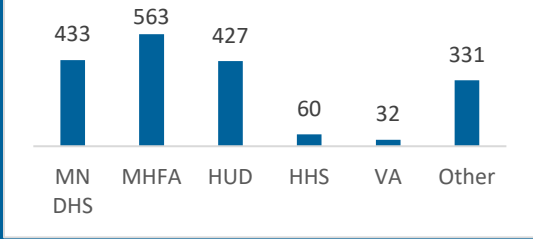


A high rate of participation in the system among projects for people experiencing homelessness means that HMIS can increasingly be relied on as a trusted source of information on resource availability and utilization.

Bed Coverage



Projects by Funding Source



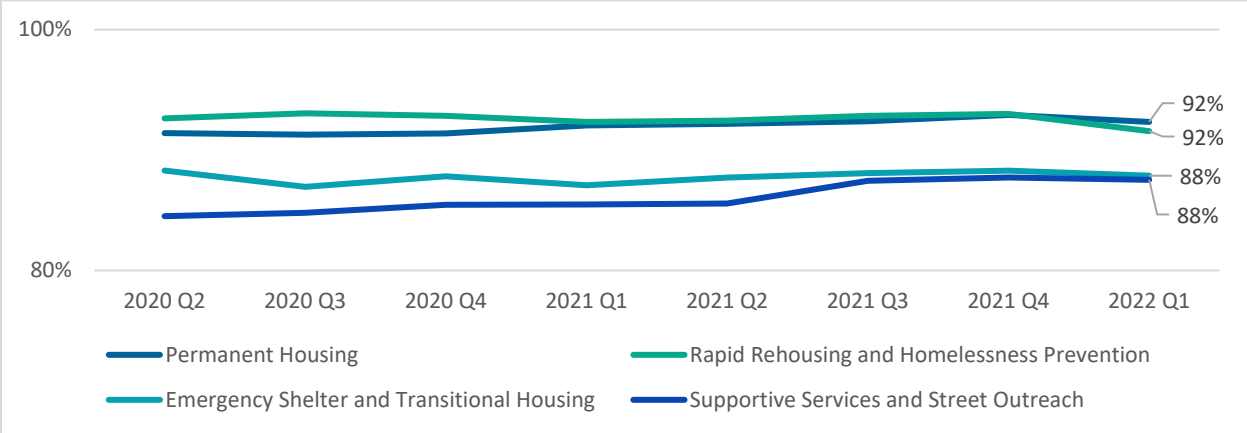
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*SUPPORTING QUALITY DATA THAT IS TIMELY, ACCURATE, AND COMPREHENSIVE*

**How does Minnesota’s HMIS support the entry and maintenance of high-quality data?**

A statewide data quality management program called Quarterly Data Quality (QDQ) invites all projects that enter data into the system to review their data according to a set of HUD-informed standards each quarter. Projects are scored on the degree to which their data is complete, accurate, and timely, based on standards tailored to their project type. The average overall score for the entire system over the last eight quarters was 90%.

**Data Quality Trends in Total Score by Project Type**



CoC Coordinators and state program partners jointly engage in data quality monitoring to ensure projects get the recognition and support they need to maintain and improve their data quality. In the first four quarters of the monitoring initiative, half or more of the projects who scored below an identified threshold improved their score in the following quarter.

Quarter	Project Types	Projects Below Threshold	Projects Improved Score Next Quarter	Improvement Percentage
2020 Q4	Emergency Shelter Transitional Housing	52	29	56%
2021 Q1	Homelessness Prevention Rapid Rehousing	33	18	55%
2021 Q2	Supportive Services Street Outreach	36	29	81%
2021 Q3	Permanent Housing	54	27	50%

