

A Shared Outcome Framework for the Homelessness Sector

Indicator Data Dictionary

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INTRODUCTION

This Indicator Data Dictionary provides information about prioritised outcome indicators for the NSW homelessness sector. It makes reference to population data collections for these indicators that can be used for comparison with service or sector data.

The indicators in the Dictionary are organised by domain (e.g. economic, health, home, etc), with information about each indicator set out in tables. The example below explains how the tables are laid out.

DOMAIN: HOME

Outcome	Access to appropriate and affordable housing
Indicator	% of clients whose housing costs exceed 30 percent of their income
Measure	ABS Survey of Income and Housing (SIH)
	Calculated using annual income and housing costs
	Annual income
	Housing expenditure
Definition	Numerator: Number of clients whose housing costs exceed 30 percent of their income
	Denominator: Number of clients
Reference data source	ABS Survey of Income and Housing (SIH), CURF
Further	For more information see Rowley, S. and Ong, R.
information	(2012) Housing affordability, housing stress
	and household wellbeing in Australia, AHURI Final
	Report No.192.
	Melbourne: Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute.

Outcome for clients resulting from their contact with homelessness services

Prioritised indicator for the homelessness sector that is a measure of the outcome

The question or tools used in a population survey to collect and measure data for this indicator. For best comparison or benchmarking of service data to population data, use the exact wording of the question, where given.

Explanation of how the indicator is **defined** when using this specific data collection tool

Reference source where population data has been collected for this outcome

A publication or URL for **further information** about this outcome indicator

DOMAIN: ECONOMIC

Outcome	Access to employment
Indicator	% of clients who are employed
Measure	Sax Institute 45 and Up Study Questionnaire
	What is your current work status?
	in full time paid
	work self-employed
	in part time paid work
	doing unpaid work
	completely retired/pensioner
	• studying
	partially retired looking after home/family
	disabled/sick
	unemployed
	• other
Definition	Numerator: Number of clients aged 18 years and older who are employed.
	Denominator: Number of clients in the labour force
Reference	Sax Institute 45 and Up Study Questionnaire
sources	Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA)
Further	For more information on the measures and questions used to construct the access to employment
information	indicator, please visit https://www.online.fbe.unimelb.edu.au/HILDAodd/KWCrossWaveCategoryDetails.aspx?varnt=esbrd

Outcome	Material resources
Indicator	% of clients who have experienced a shortage of money and subsequently could not pay mortgage or rent
Measure	HILDA
	Since [Date] did any of the following happen to you because of a shortage of money
	b) Could not pay the mortgage or rent on time [Yes / No]
Definition	Numerator: Number of clients who could not pay the mortgage or rent on time
	Denominator: Number of clients
Reference	HILDA
data source	
Further	For more information on the variable see
information	https://www.online.fbe.unimelb.edu.au/HILDAodd/VariableDetails.aspx?varn=fiprbmr&&varw=16

Outcome	Financial position
Indicator	% of clients with income below the poverty line
Measure	Sax Institute 45 and Up Study Questionnaire
	What is your usual yearly HOUSEHOLD income before tax, from all sources? (please include benefits, pensions, superannuation, etc)
	less than \$5,000 per year
	• \$30,000-\$39,999 per year
	• \$5,000-\$9,999 per year
	• \$40,000-\$49,999 per year
	• \$10,000-\$19,999 per year
	• \$50,000-\$69,999 per year
	• \$20,000-\$29,999 per year
	• \$70,000 or more per year
	I would rather not answer this question
Definition	Percentage of persons in low income, under the 50% poverty line (where income is calculated using financial year positive and negative equivalized household disposable income)
Reference	Sax Institute 45 and Up Study Questionnaire
data source	Survey of Income and Housing ABS
	HILDA
Further information	For more information see http://melbourneinstitute.unimelb.edu.au/research-programs/labour-economics-and-social-policy/henderson-poverty-line

DOMAIN: EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Outcome	Participation in education
Indicator	Level of engagement at school by clients who are students
Measure	Student School Engagement Measure (SSEM)
	My family knows how I am doing in school
	2. I like most of my teachers
	3. If I do not know what something means, I do something to figure it out
	4. I study at home
	5. I plan to pursue more education after high school
	6. There is someone in my family who helps me when I have trouble completing my homework
	7. Most days, I look forward to going to school.
	8. I pay attention to my teachers.
	9. When I am doing school work, I make sure I understand what I am learning
	10. I look for more information about things we are learning in school
	11. My school work is important
	12. Being successful in school will help me in the future
	13. I am proud to be a student at this school
	14. When learning new things, I try to connect them to things I already know
	15. When I have an assignment due, I keep working until it is finished
	16. Getting good grades is important to me.
	17. It is important to me to be successful in a job.
	18. I talk to my family about problems I have at school
	19. There is a lot I can learn from my teachers
	20. Teachers help me to be successful at school
	21. I know how to study for tests.
	22. I feel like a part of my school
Definition	Scoring and benchmarks will need to be defined.
Reference data source	No existing population data source
Further information	Hazel, C. E., G. E. Vazirabadi & J. Gallagher (2013) 'Measuring aspirations, belonging, and productivity in secondary students: validation of the Student School Engagement Measure', Psychology in the Schools, 50(7): 689-704.

Outcome	Participation in education
Indicator	% of children of clients enrolled in preschool, infant, primary, secondary, non-school further education, or tertiary school
Measure	ABS Census Q1: Is the person attending a school or any other educational institution? No Yes, full-time student Yes, part-time student Q2: What type of educational institution is the person attending? Infants/Primary School - Government Infants/Primary School - Catholic Infants/Primary School - Other Non-Government Secondary school - Government Secondary school - Catholic Tertiary institution - Technical or further educational institution (including TAFE Colleges) Tertiary institution - University or other higher educational institution Other educational institution
Definition	Numerator: number of children of clients enrolled in preschool, infant, primary, secondary, non-school further education, or tertiary school Denominator: total number of clients of children
Reference data source	ABS Census
Further information	For more information see http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4240.0

DOMAIN: EMPOWERMENT

Outcome	Client goal setting
Indicator	% of clients who agree that the goals set are aligned with their aspirations and that they have participated in setting them
Measure	 Client-centeredness of Goal Setting Scale The goals are what I want to work on The goals are what my friend/relative wants me to work on The goals are what my therapist wants me to work on Significant people in my life (i.e. family, friends) were involved in planning the goals as much as I wanted them to be The therapist encouraged me to participated in setting the goals I was an active participant in the goal setting My views and opinions about the goals were listened to I felt like a partner in the goal setting process (along with the other people involved in my goal-setting session(s)) I made the final decision about which goals were set The goal is meaningful and important to me as it relates to who I am and my future The goal is relevant to my everyday life as it relates to what I want to do at home, work or in the community The goal is what I am motivated to work on The goal is my own goal
Definition	Scoring to be defined.
Reference data source	N/A
Further information	Doig, E., S. Prescott, J. Fleming, P. Cornwell & P. Kuipers (2015) 'Development and construct validation of the Client-Centredness of Goal Setting (C-COGS) scale', Scandinavian Journal of Occupational Therapy, 22(4): 302-310

Outcome	Self-determination
Indicator	% of clients who feel empowered to make or keep themselves safe
Measure	Measure of Victim Empowerment Related to Safety (MOVERS)
	I can cope with whatever challenges come at me as I work to keep safe. [Internal tools]
	2. I have to give up too much to keep safe. [Trade-offs]
	3. I know what to do in response to threats to my safety. [Internal tools]
	4. I have a good idea about what kinds of support for safety that I can get from people in my community (friends, family, neighbours, people in my faith community, etc.).
	[Expectations of support]
	5. I know what my next steps are on the path to keeping safe. [Internal tools]6. Working to keep safe creates (or will create) new problems for me. [Trade-offs]
	7. When something doesn't work to keep safe, I can try something else. [Internal tools] 8. I feel comfortable asking for help to keep safe. [Expectations of support]
	9. When I think about keeping safe, I have a clear sense of my goals for the next few years. [Internal tools]
	10. Working to keep safe creates (or will create) new problems for people I care about. [Trade-offs]
	11. I feel confident in the decisions I make to keep safe. [Internal tools]
	12. I have a good idea about what kinds of support for safety I can get from community
	programs and services. [Expectations of support]
	13. Community programs and services provide support I need to keep safe. [Expectations of support]
Definition	Scale 0-4: 0 = never true, sometimes true, half the time true, mostly true, 4= always true
	Items in trade-offs subscale must be reverse coded.
	Scoring procedure to be determined.
Reference data source	N/A
Further	Goodman, L. A., K. A. Thomas & D. Heimel (2015) A guide for using the Measure of Victim
information	Empowerment Related to Safety (MOVERS), available at: dvevidenceproject.org/evaluation-
	tools;
	https://www.dvevidenceproject.org/wp-content/uploads/MOVERS_v6-Goodman-20153.pdf

Outcome	Self-determination
Indicator	% of clients who see themselves as being in control of the forces that importantly affect their lives
Measure	Pearlin Mastery Scale
	How well does this statement apply to you?
	I have little control over the things that happen to me
	2. There is really no way I can solve some of the problems I have
	3. There is little I can do to change many of the important things in my life
	4. I often feel helpless in dealing with the problems of life
	5. Sometimes I feel that I'm being pushed around in life
	6. What happens to me in the future mostly depends on me
	7. I can do just about anything I really set my mind to do.
	Scoring for items 4 and 6:
	strongly agree=4
	• agree=3
	• disagree=2
	• strongly disagree=1
	 Scoring for items 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 is reversed so that higher scores represent greater mastery.
	 Scores of 10 items were summed. Total score could range from 7 to 28 points. If one item is missing, the scale score is coded as missing.
Definition	The indicator benchmark is yet to be defined. Higher score indicators greater levels of mastery.
Reference data source	N/A
Further information	https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/health-happiness/pearlin-mastery-scale/

DOMAIN: HEALTH

Outcome	Positive growth from trauma
Indicator	Average client score for the degree to which they feel they've increased their personal strength as a result of as a result of support for trauma
Measure	The Posttraumatic Growth Inventory: Measuring the Positive Legacy of Trauma Degree to which people feel they've increased their personal strength as a result of trauma A feeling of self-reliance Knowing I can handle difficulties Being able to accept the way things work out I discovered that I'm stronger than I thought I was
Definition	Mean score of four items on a six-point Likert scale from "I did not experience this change as a result of my crisis" to "I experienced this change to a very great degree as a result of my crisis"
Reference data source	N/A
Further information	Tedeschi, R.G. and Calhoun, L.G. (1996). The Posttraumatic Growth Inventory: Measuring the Positive Legacy of Trauma. Journal of Traumatic Stress, 9(3), 455-472.

DOMAIN: HOME

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data source	
Further	For more information see Rowley, S. and Ong, R. (2012) Housing affordability, housing stress
information	and household wellbeing in Australia, AHURI Final Report No.192.
	Melbourne: Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute.

Outcome	Homelessness
Indicator	% of clients who are homeless
Measure	ABS Census
	Administration data
Definition	ABS Homeless Operational Groups
	Persons living in improvised dwellings, tents, sleepers out
	2. Persons in supported accommodation for the homeless
	3. Persons staying temporarily with other households
	4. Persons living in boarding houses
	5. Persons in other temporary lodging
	6. Persons living in 'severely' crowded dwellings
Reference data	ABS Census
source	
Further	For more information see Rowley, S. and Ong, R. (2012) Housing affordability, housing stress
information	and household wellbeing in Australia, AHURI Final Report No.192.
	Melbourne: Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute.

Outcome	Satisfied with housing
Indicator	% of clients satisfied with the home they live in
Measure	HILDA I am now going to ask you some questions about how satisfied or dissatisfied you are with some of the things happening in your life. I am going to read out a list of different aspects of life and, I want you to pick a number between 0 and 10 that indicates your level of satisfaction with each. The more satisfied you are, the higher the number you should pick. The less satisfied you are, the lower the number. The home in which you live? Response scale: Don't know Refused/Not stated O - Totally dissatisfied, 5 - Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 10 - Totally satisfied
Definition	Proportion of clients who feel satisfied with the home they live in. The benchmark score for homelessness services would need to be defined.
Reference data source	HILDA
Further information	For more information see https://www.online.fbe.unimelb.edu.au/HILDAodd/KWCrossWaveCategoryDetails.aspx?varnt=lo sathl

DOMAIN: SAFETY

Outcome	Child exposure to domestic violence
Indicator	% of child clients who have experienced or witnessed their mother's partner abusing their mother
Measure	Children's exposure to domestic violence scale Children's Exposure to Domestic Violence Scale (PDF Download Available). Available from: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/253295861_Children's_Exposure_to_Domestic_Violence_Scale
Definition	Four-point scale (never, sometimes, often, almost always) Followed by asking the child how they knew about the abuse I saw the outcome I heard about it afterwards I heard it while it was happening I saw it from far away while it was happening I saw it and was near while it was happening
Reference data source	N/A
Further information	Edleson, J.L., Johnson, K.K., and Shin, N. (2007). Children's exposure to domestic violence scale. Minnesota Centre Against Domestic Violence

Outcome	Safety
Indicator	% of clients who are satisfied with their overall safety
Measure	Personal Wellbeing Index How satisfied are you with how safe you feel? Scale: 0 means no satisfaction at all. 10 means completely satisfied.
Definition	Numerator: number of clients who are satisfied with their overall safety
	Denominator: total number of clients
Reference data	Personal Wellbeing Index
source	
Further	For more information on the Personal Wellbeing Index visit
information	https://www.australianunity.com.au/media-centre/wellbeing

Outcome	Safety
Indicator	% of clients who have experienced physical violence against them in the last 12 months
Measure	ABS General Social Survey In the last 12 months, did anyone, including people you know, use physical force or violence against you?
Definition	Numerator: number of clients have experienced physical violence against them in the last 12 months Denominator: total number of clients
Reference data source	ABS General Social Survey
Further information	For more information visit http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4159.0

DOMAIN: SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY

Outcome	Healthy relationships
Indicator	% of clients who feel socially supported and connected
Measure	 Duke Social Support Index (DSSI) Other than members of your family how many persons in your local area do you feel you can depend on or feel very close to? Code Response 1 None 2 1-2 people 3 More than 2 people How many times during the past week did you spend time with someone who does not live with you, that is, you went to see them, or they came to visit you or you went out together? How many times did you talk to someone (friends, relatives or others) on the telephone in the past week (either they called you, or you called them)? About how often did you go to meetings of clubs, religious meetings, or other groups that you belong to in the past week? Code Re-code Re-code Response Item 2 Items 3 & 4 0 1 1 None 1 2 1 Once 2 2 2 Twice 3 3 2
Definition	The indicator benchmark scores need to be defined.
	More information on the calculation of the DSSI see Further information.
Reference data source	N/A
Further information	The DSSI has been validated for use with older people. https://www.alswh.org.au/images/content/pdf/InfoData/Data_Dictionary_Supplement/DDSSection2DSSI.pdf

Outcome	Connection and belonging to community
Indicator	% of clients who feel part of their community
Measure	HILDA
	I am now going to ask you some questions about how satisfied or dissatisfied you are with some of the things happening in your life. I am going to read out a list of different aspects of life and, I want you to pick a number between 0 and 10 that indicates your level of satisfaction with each. The more satisfied you are, the higher the number you should pick. The less satisfied you are, the lower the number.
	Feeling part of your local community?
	Response scale:
	Don't know
	Refused/Not stated
	0 - Totally dissatisfied, 5 - Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 10 - Totally satisfied
Definition	Proportion of clients who feel part of their community. The benchmark score for homelessness services would need to be defined.
Reference data source	HILDA
Further information	https://www.online.fbe.unimelb.edu.au/HILDAodd/KWCrossWaveCategoryDetails.aspx?varnt=losatlc

Outcome	Connection and belonging to community
Indicator	% of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander clients who identify with a clan, tribal or language
	group, mission or regional group
Measure	ABS National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey
	1) Do you identify with any of these?
	1. A tribal group
	2. A language group
	3. A clan
	4. A mission
	5. Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander/ Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander regional group
	6. 6. None of the above
Definition	Numerator: Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients that identify with tribal or
	language group and traditional country
	Denominator: Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients
Reference data	ABS Measures of Australia's Progress
source	ABS National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey
	ABS National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey
	HILDA
Further	AIHW (2009) Measuring the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait
information	Islander peoples, cat. no. IHW 24, Canberra: AIHW.

DOMAIN: OTHER

Outcome	Overall wellbeing
Indicator	% of clients who are satisfied overall with their life
Measure	HILDA All things considered, how satisfied are you with your life? Again, pick a number between 0 and 10 to indicate how satisfied you are.
	 Response scale: Don't know Refused/Not stated Totally dissatisfied, 5 - Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 10 - Totally satisfied
Definition	Scoring and benchmarks will need to be defined.
Reference data source	HILDA
Further information	https://www.online.fbe.unimelb.edu.au/HILDAodd/VariableDetails.aspx?varn=losat&varw=16

Outcome	Overall wellbeing
Indicator	% of clients who are satisfied with their quality of life
Measure	Personal Wellbeing Index The following questions ask how satisfied you feel, on a scale from zero to 10. Zero means you feel no satisfaction at all and 10 means you feel completely satisfied. How satisfied are you with your standard of living? How satisfied are you with your health? How satisfied are you with what you are achieving in life? How satisfied are you with your personal relationships? How satisfied are you with how safe you feel? How satisfied are you with feeling part of your community? How satisfied are you with your future security?
Definition	Scoring and benchmarks will need to be defined.
Reference data source	HILDA Australian Unity Personal Wellbeing Index
Further information	For more information see the International Wellbeing Group (2013). Personal Wellbeing Index: 5th Edition. Melbourne: Australian Centre on Quality of Life, Deakin University (http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/acqol/instruments/wellbeing-index/index.php)

Outcome	Access to referrals and appropriate services
Indicator	% of referred clients who completed referral at receiving service
	% of clients satisfied with the service received (from specific programs/sectors)
Measure	Referral Systems Assessment and Monitoring Tool (RSAM)
Definition	Numerator: Count the number of clients for whom there is evidence of a completed referral,
	based on records at the receiving service.
	Denominator: Count the number of clients who were provided with a referral during the
	reporting period (same as numerator for Referral Initiation Indicator).
	For reporting purposes, separate counts should be done for each type of service. The
	numerator, denominator, and proportion should each be reported. % will be used to monitor
	individual referring services and make comparisons between them. The actual denominators
	and numerators are needed to aggregate data from multiple referring services.
Reference data	Not available
source	
Further	MEASURE Evaluation (2013) 'Referral systems assessment and monitoring toolkit'
information	