

Homeward Trust Edmonton Dataset

1. INTRODUCTION

Homeward Trust Edmonton has a locally-administered Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). This electronic database collects and securely stores information about clients interacting with Housing First and homeless-serving agencies in Edmonton.

2. DATA

- Date: April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2016 (4 years).
- Frequency of unique clients:

	Housing Programs	Other Support Programs (limited data)*	Total
Clients	2,526	2,972	3,183
Dependents	1,435	1,748	5,498
Total	3,961	4,720	8,681

*To Feb 29, 2016. Additional data to be added by May 1.

3. VARIABLES

1. **Demographics:** Date of birth, gender, ethnicity, aboriginal group (if applicable), postal code, citizenship and immigration status, migration status, primary language, veteran status
2. **Program Enrollment Information**
3. **Client-Worker Interactions:** Approximately 400,000 interactions between clients and workers or efforts by workers on behalf of clients. Contains category of interaction, date, location, and time spent by staff member. Accompanying case notes are generally not available for research.
4. **Intake, Follow-Up and Exit Assessments¹** (more than 70 questions) collected at housing, at 3, 6, 9 and 12 months after housing and at program exit. Categories include: Family information, homelessness history, personal history, housing needs, income, employment and education, health information, justice and legal information.
5. **Housing Placement Form** collected every time a client moves and updated when other information changes: Postal code, rent, damage deposit, number of bedrooms, monthly income, rental assistance amount, length of lease, move-in date, move-out date
6. **Service Prioritization and Decision Assistance Tool** (15 categories scored 0-4, across 4 domains) collected at program intake, housing, 30 days, 3 months and every 3 months thereafter:
 - History of housing and homelessness
 - Socialization and daily functions
 - Risks
 - Wellness

Please note: Not all variables are available for all participants. Categories 3-6 are not available for dependents and categories 4-6 are not available for Non-Housing Support Programs. Some data may be suppressed to protect client identity.

¹ These questions are almost entirely the same as the Calgary Homeless Foundation. For more details, see their summary and links to forms.