

# **One Year Later:**

## **What did we learn from adding questions about sexual orientation and doubled-up homelessness?**

Data Work Group  
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# Why are we talking about this now?

- In October 2023, the Madison/Dane CoC added 3 new questions to data collection at program entry.
  - We have one year of data collection. What have we learned?

## New Question

What is your sexual orientation  
(heterosexual, gay, lesbian, bisexual,  
questioning/unsure, etc?)

- Added for all project types
- Asked to all adults or heads of household
- Answered the very end of the Clarity enrollment screen

Because.....

- There is national evidence that certain populations experience differential outcomes but we want to see what is happening locally.

# Sexual Orientation by Project Type

New enrollments FY24

Project Type	Hetero sexual	Gay	Lesbian	Bisexual	Questioning/ Unsure	Other	Client doesn't know	Client prefers not to answer	Data not collected	Total
Homelessness Prevention	24%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	16%	55%	458
Coordinated Entry	74%	1%	1%	4%	1%	1%	0%	5%	13%	959
Street Outreach	73%	0%	1%	3%	1%	1%	0%	2%	18%	642
Emergency Shelter	45%	0%	1%	3%	1%	1%	0%	4%	45%	2336
Permanent Housing	63%	1%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%	14%	17%	413
Total	54%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	0%	6%	34%	4808

## New Questions

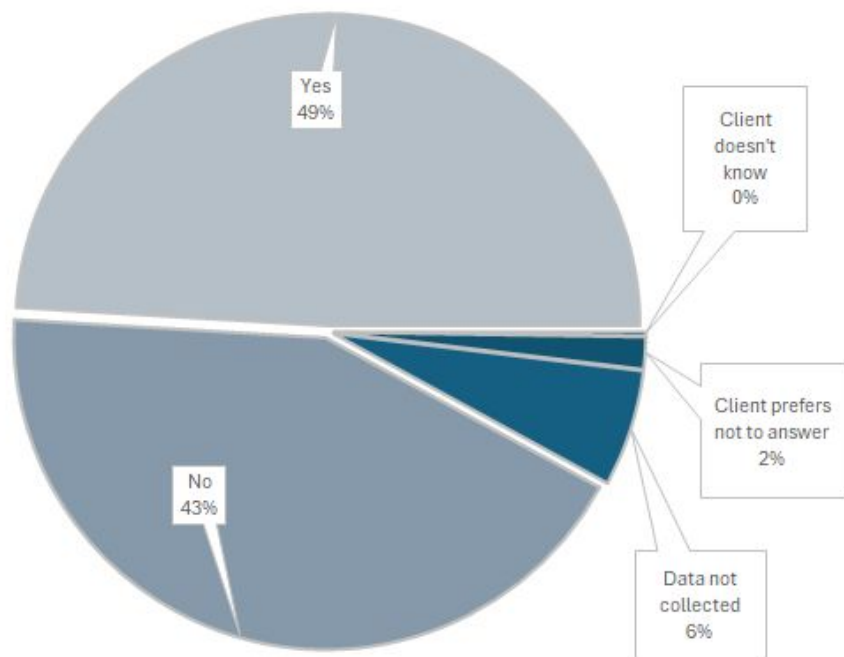
1. In the last 12 months, have you had to temporarily live with someone else for any number of days to avoid spending a night on the street, in a car, or at a shelter?
2. In the last 12 months, have you had to self-pay at a hotel/motel for any number of days to avoid spending a night on the street, in a care, or at a shelter?

- Standard yes/no pick list selections
- Asked by Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter projects
- All adults and/or heads of household
- Answered after the “Prior Living Situation” fields on the enrollment

Because.....

- We have limited data about this population and hope these responses will increase our understanding and support more robust services

## Hotel/Motel Stays



## Friends or Family

