

**Data Specifications for Congregate Meal Programs
January 2016**

Field Name	Data Type, Codes and Maximum Length	Description/Example
Client ID	text – 15 characters	Unique identification number assigned by agency.
Last Name	text - 20 characters	Smith
First Name	text - 15 characters	Jonathan
Middle Name	text - 15 characters	William
Street Address	text - 255 characters	511 15th Avenue S
City	text - 35 characters	Federal Way
Zip Code	text – up to 9 characters	98104
Date of birth	Date – mm/dd/yyyy	Example: 1/30/1928 – use 4 digit years.
Race	Integer	What is the client's race?
	0	Unknown
	1	American Indian or Alaska Native
	2	Asian, Asian American
	3	Black, African, African-American
	4	Hawaiian Native or Pacific Islander
	6	White
	7	Other
	8	Multi-Racial
Ethnicity	Text	What is the client's ethnicity?
	u	Unknown
	y	Hispanic or Latino
	n	Not Hispanic or Latino
Income	Integer	Refer to Income Guidelines for \$ amounts for the categories listed below.
	0	Unknown
	1	Very Low (< 30% Median)
	2	Low (< 50% Median)
	3	Moderate (< 80% Median)
	4	Above Moderate (> 80% Median)
Live Alone	Text	Does the client live alone?
	u	Unknown
	y	Yes
	n	No
Gender	Text	What is the client's gender?
	u	Unknown
	f	Female
	m	Male
	o	Other (e.g. transgender)
Limited English	Text	Does the client have limited English proficiency?
	u	Unknown
	y	Yes
	n	No
Household with Children	Text	Are there children under age 18 living in the household?
	u	Unknown
	y	Yes
	n	No
Disability Status	Text	Description:
	u	Unknown
	y	Yes
	n	No
Refugee Status	Text	Is the client an immigrant or refugee?
	u	Unknown
	y	Yes
	n	No
Homeless	Text	Is the client homeless or living in a temporary shelter?
	u	Unknown
	y	Yes
	n	No
Nutritional Risk	Text	Client has received a score of 6 or greater on Nutritional Risk Screening tool.
	u	Unknown
	y	Yes
	n	No
Veteran	Text	Is the client a veteran?
	u	Unknown

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	y	Yes
	n	No
Sexual Orientation	Integer	What is the sexual orientation of the client?
	0	Unknown
	1	Bisexual
	2	Gay
	3	Heterosexual
	4	Lesbian
	5	Questioning
	6	Other
Service Month	Date	Example: 1/1/2011 – always use the first day of the month.
Units Provided	Integer	Total # of meals provided to this client during service month.
Service Type	Code	What type of meal service did the client receive?
	n2	Congregate dining
	n3	Emergency meals
Site	Text	Site name *This field only applies to programs with multiple sites. Do not include this field if your program has only one site.

Data File Guidelines

- Each client should have a unique identifier or Client ID. This ID # should be used consistently for the same client. ID #'s should not be reused. If a change to your data system causes ID #'s to change (e.g., you purchased a new software system) please let ADS staff know in advance of the change.
- Field names must be at the top of each column and must **exactly match** those in the data specifications.
- Fields can be in any order. You are not required to use them in the order listed above. The one exception is that the Client ID field must be the first column.
- If you do not have information for a particular field, and that field doesn't have a corresponding code or category for Unknown (usually "0" or "U"), please leave the field blank. There must be a first and last name for every client.
- Include only clients who had services during the reporting period. If a client did not have services in the reporting month, they should not appear on the report. Do not keep them on the report with a unit of "0".

Submitting Data Files

- Providers will upload data files to City of Seattle's secure ftp server or through secure email. Contact your contract specialist for information on how to access this server.
- Please send your contract specialist an email letting them know that when you have uploaded the file.
- Data files may be submitted in either spreadsheet (Excel) or delimited (e.g., csv) format.
- Use a unique name for each file that clearly identifies both the provider and the service month. For example: MSM_Jan2016.xls for My Service Mind's January 2016 data file.
- Data files with errors will be sent back for corrections.
- Data files are **due by the 10th working day** of the month. Payment of invoices is contingent upon receipt of all required reports, including monthly data files.

Changes in 2016:

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- Race and ethnicity are two separate fields.
- Single parent and unincorporated are no longer required.
- Sexual orientation is a new field.