

Section 7 - Sources of Income and Service Use**Questions 80-84**

HHS considers all questions in this section to be essential. VA also considers Question 80 essential. These questions describe receipt of benefits, other income sources, and total income for the month before the interview. They also describe respondent experiences with a variety of HHS, USDA, and local government benefits, including any change of benefits that might have played a role in the respondent becoming homeless.

Section 8 - Veteran Status**Questions 85-89**

The VA submitted these questions and considers them essential. In particular, they have no other national source of data on war zone or combat exposure (Questions 87 and 88), which may play a critical role in the need for services as an antecedent of homelessness.

Section 9 - Food Intake**Questions 90-93**

These questions are considered essential by HHS.

Questions 94a-95b

The Census Bureau needs these questions to calculate estimates of the number of homeless people.

The Census Bureau requires Question 95b to determine if asking respondents to report names of soup kitchens can be used to assess the completeness of the survey's list of soup kitchens.

Section 10 - Current Physical Health**Question 96**

HHS and VA consider this item essential.

Questions 97-117

HHS considers questions 97-107 to be essential. For many questions, the set of items to be asked about were specified by agency personnel (e.g., specific health conditions for Question 96, specific service sites for Question 99; all of Questions 101 and 103).

The VA needs information about the use of VA facilities. The VA considers the VA-relevant information in Question 99 essential, as it will assist them in determining whether veterans are using other medical facilities to the exclusion of, or in addition to, VA facilities.