

Calculating Average Number of Months of Assistance

All ERA2 grantees must report the average number of months they paid each type of ERA2 assistance (listed below) to or for participant households between the date of receipt of the ERA2 award and the end of the current reporting period.

Grantees report the overall average amounts on the portal's Rental Assistance Project Data tab and they also report the averages broken out by demographic categories on the Table 4 of the portal's Emergency Rental Assistance Project Demographics Data Tab.

The average number of months must be reported for each of five types of ERA2 Assistance.

- 4A) Rent or Utility/Home Energy Payments
- 4B) Prospective Rent
- 4C) Rent Arrears
- 4D) Prospective Utility/Home Energy
- 4E) Utility/Home Energy Arrears

The averages must also be broken out by the following standard demographic characteristics of the head of household:

- Race
- Ethnicity
- Gender

Recommended Formula for Calculating the Average Number of Months for a Particular Type of Assistance

- 1) Determine the total number of months paid to or for participant households for the particular type of ERA2 assistance.
- 2) Divide the total number of months by the total number of households that received at least one payment for the particular type of assistance since the beginning of the ERA2 project.

To calculate the average number of months participant households received rent payments: determine the total number of months of rental assistance paid since the start of the ERA2 project, then divide that amount by the total number of households that had received at least one rental assistance payment since the start of the project.

For example: where the grantee has provided a total of 1,000 months of rental assistance to or for 500 participant households, the average number of months of rental assistance provided would be:

1,000 months / 500 participant households that received rental assistance payment(s) = An Average of 2 months.

Recommended Formula for Calculating the Average Number of Months of Rent Assistance Provided to Households of a Specific Demographic Category

- 1) Determine the total number of months of ERA2 rental assistance provided to households within the specific demographic category.
- 2) Divide the total number of months by the total number of households in that demographic category that received at least one payment for rental assistance since the beginning of the ERA2 project.

For example: where the grantee has provided a total of 500 months of rental assistance to 200 male headed households, the average number of months of rental assistance provided to households in this demographic category would be:

$$500 \text{ months} / 200 \text{ male-headed households} = \text{An Average of 2.5 months}$$

A “month of assistance” is defined as any calendar month for which the ERA2 grantee provides the particular type of ERA2 assistance (of any amount) to or for a household. For example: Where the ERA grantee provides a participant household one payment for rental assistance costs incurred in one month it is considered one month of assistance.

Where the ERA2 grantee provides a payment covering multiple types of assistance (such as a payment for both rent and utilities) for costs the household incurred in a single month, the combination of rental and utility assistance payments is considered one month of assistance.

Where the ERA2 grantee provides a payment covering expenses incurred by the household in more than one month, such as when the ERA grantee provides a household with one \$1,000 payment that covers \$800 for rent incurred in May and \$200 for prospective rent costs in June, that payment is considered to be two months of assistance. Invoices for costs during a multi-month period (quarterly invoices for utilities for example) may be equally distributed among the months in the multi-month period.