

**Data collection on homelessness in EU:
Recent Eurostat initiative explained**

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Ending street homelessness in your city

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Data collection on homelessness in EU: quick overview

- State level
 - Most no data
 - Regular large surveys
 - FR, ES, IT
 - Solid data (admin, surveys, NGO)
 - DK, IE, NL **Alice Chapman-Hatchett**
 - Not comparable across borders
- Local level
 - Regular surveys
 - Quality of data
- EU
 - Nothing
 - Huge ethical problems

Link data - policy

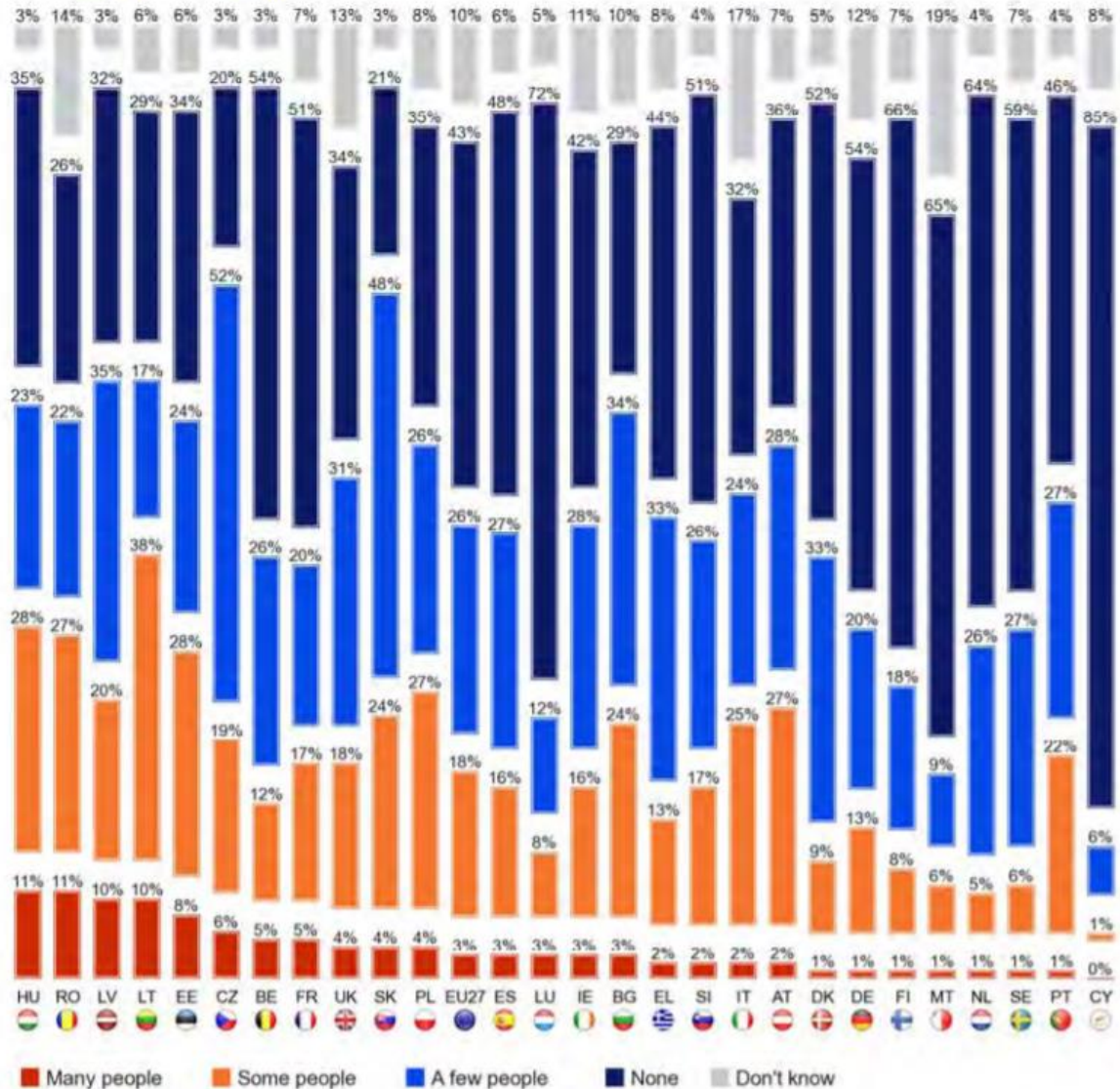
- Better data – better policies?!
- Missing
 - Time people are homeless
 - Chronic, Episodical, Transitional
 - Link with complexity of need
 - Pathways in and out
 - Reasons

What data at EU level

- **EU-SILC**
 - Household survey
 - Housing exclusion
 - Housing costs
 - » Housing cost overburden
 - 40% of income
 - Housing deprivation
 - » Overcrowding
 - » Quality housing
 - Specific modules
 - » Reasons loss of housing
 - No homelessness
- **Eurofound**
 - Quality of life household survey
 - More detail on housing exclusion
- **Eurobarometer**
 - Public opinion surveys
 - Fear of becoming homeless ...
- **OECD**
 - Pooling data MS
 - Housing exclusion data base
 - Quality!
- **Eurostat Census 2011**
 - Homeless need to be included

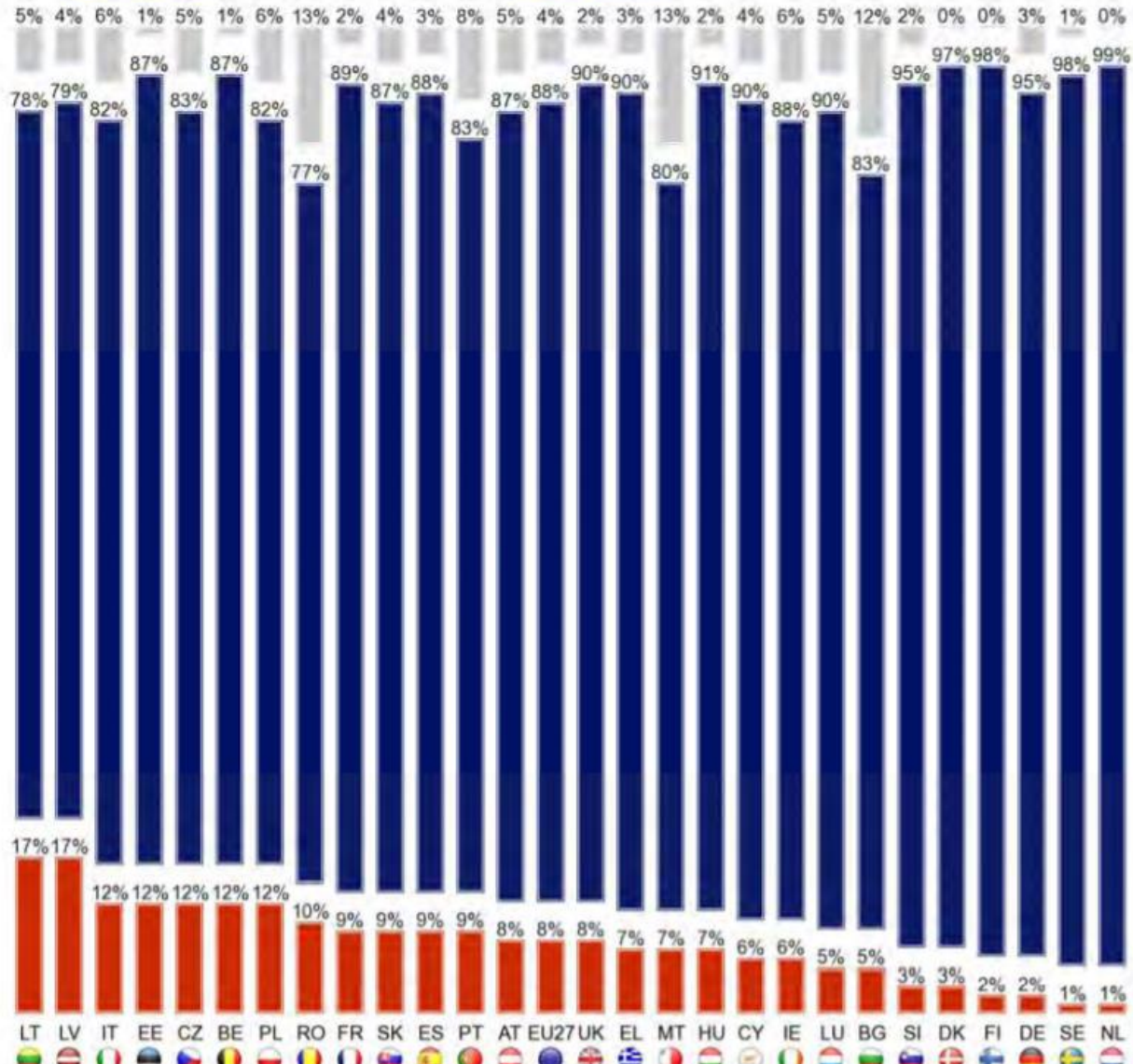
Eurobarometer

QA29. In the area where you live, please tell me if there are people who are homeless? Would you say there are many people, some people, a few people or none who is homeless?



Eurobarometer

QA33. How likely is it that you could ever become homeless, yourself?



Census

Malta	2	Belgium	0
Croatia	137	Denmark	0
United Kingdom	240	Germany	0
Luxembourg	274	Spain	0
Bulgaria	287	Cyprus	0
Portugal	696	Netherlands	0
Lithuania	857	Slovenia	0
Estonia	864	Finland	0
Romania	1,524	Sweden	0
Ireland	2,045		
Latvia	2,342		
Greece	3,381		
Hungary	5,571		
Austria	5,811		
Poland	8,699		
Czech Republic	11,496		
France	16,339		
Slovakia	23,483		
Italy	34,653		

OECD

Figures include *more than* persons 1) living rough, 2) living in emergency accommodation, and 3) living in accommodation for the homeless?

	Year	Number of homeless	Homeless as % of total population ²	
Australia	2011	105,237	0.47%	Yes
Austria	2014	14,603	0.17%	No
Canada	2011	150,000	0.44%	No
Chile	2011	12,255	0.16%	No
Croatia	2013	462	0.01%	No
Czech Republic (3)	2015	68,500	0.65%	Yes
Denmark	2013	6,138	0.10%	Yes
Estonia	2011	864	0.06%	Yes
Finland	2015	7,200	0.13%	Yes
France	2012	141,500	0.22%	No
Germany (4)	2014	335,000	0.42%	Yes
Greece	2009	21,216	0.19%	Yes
Hungary	2014	10,068	0.10%	Yes
Ireland	2015	3,625	0.08%	No
Italy (5)	2014	50,724	0.08%	No
Japan	2015	6,235	0.00%	No
Latvia	2011	2,342	0.11%	Yes
Lithuania	2011	857	0.03%	No
Luxemburg	2006	715	0.15%	Yes
Mexico	2010	40,911	0.04%	Yes
Netherlands	2015	31,000	0.18%	Yes
New Zealand	2006	41,705	0.94%	Yes
Norway	2012	6,259	0.13%	Yes
Poland	2015	36,161	0.10%	Yes
Portugal	2009	2,133	0.02%	No
Slovenia	2015	2,700	0.13%	No
Spain	2012	22,938	0.05%	No
Sweden	2011	34,000	0.36%	Yes
United Kingdom (6)	2015-16	(57,750 households)	0.25% (households)	Yes, but limited to certain priority categories
United States	2015	564,708	0.18%	Yes

How many ppl are homeless in EU

- ?????
- Rough estimate
 - 4 million per year
- Academically not robust
 - 400.000 in shelter/street any given date
 - No data for ½ MS
 - Extrapolation on basis population
 - Indication underestimate
 - Service paradox !
 - Facto 10 – PIT/prevalence
 - Indications overestimate

What trends

A faint, light gray background graphic is centered on the slide. It consists of a stylized house outline with a triangular roof and a chimney on the right side. Below the house, there is a stylized human figure with arms outstretched, suggesting a family or community. The entire graphic is composed of thick, rounded lines.

- **Growing**
 - Except FI
 - Rapidly in many States
- **Profile**
 - Growth young & family
- **Causes**
 - Increasingly changes to social welfare system / dysfunctional housing markets

HOMELESSNESS IN EUROPE: AN ALARMING PICTURE



FINLAND



single homeless
in 3 years

LITHUANIA



people in shelters
for mothers and children
in 8 years

GERMANY



homeless people estimated
in 2 years

ITALY



homeless people
in 6 years

IRELAND

DUBLIN



families in homeless
accommodation in 1 year

BELGIUM

BRUSSELS



homeless people
in 4 years

SPAIN



homeless people
in 7 years

SPAIN

BARCELONA



homeless people
in 2 years

FRANCE



homeless people
in 11 years

NEDS

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ears

Eurostat specific module



- 2018
- Module on material deprivation & well being & housing difficulties
- Questions on past experience of homelessness
- Voluntary
 - NSI not keen on more...
- Maybe integrated in new EU Regulation of social surveys post 2020

What questions



- Have you ever been “homeless”?
 - Rough sleeping
 - Homeless shelter
 - Family/friends
 - Place not intended as permanent home
- Duration of last experience
- Main reason
 - Relationship or family problems
 - Health problems
 - Unemployment
 - End of rental contract
 - Uninhabitable accommodation
 - Leaving an institution after a long stay and no home to go to
 - Financial problems/Insufficient income
 - Other
- Other reason
- Reasons for exiting
 - Existing, new or renewed relationship with family or partner
 - Addressed health problems
 - Gained employment
 - Moved into social or subsidised private housing
 - Other
 - Still experiencing housing difficulties

But

- Voluntary
- Unclarity in definitions
- Sample size
 - App 10.000 individuals (+16) per State
 - Maybe too small to capture statistically relevant into

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- Thank you for your attention
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