

The German Institute of Urban Affairs (difu) and Regio Kontext in Berlin are surveying people who are homeless or without housing on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building. The results are intended to help improve the support system. Please support us by completing the questionnaire. Participation is voluntary. The survey takes about **15 - 20 minutes**. As a thank you, you will receive a Rossmann voucher worth 10 euros.

In the survey, we ask questions about your current living situation and your path to homelessness. Some questions may be distressing. If you feel uncomfortable, please seek support.

1. Have you stayed at the following places in one of the last seven nights?

Tick all that apply.

Outdoors, for example on the street, under a bridge, in a park or building entrance? Yes No

In substitute accommodation, for example in a garden shed, a barrack, a condemned building, a makeshift shelter, a cellar, an attic, a tent, a train, a motorhome or a (wrecked) car? Yes No

Are you staying with friends, colleagues, acquaintances or other family members, even though you don't have your own tenancy agreement there? Yes No

2. Did you stay overnight here on the night of 31 January to 1 February (from Saturday to Sunday): in a hostel, homeless shelter, emergency shelter, overnight accommodation or any other public facility?

Yes No

I don't know. I don't wish to answer.

3. Approximately how many times a week do you have contact (in person or by telephone) with organisations where you receive help?

Per week, I am in contact (in person / by phone) with the organisation that gave me the questionnaire approximately..... times.

e.g. day centres,
advice centres,
emergency
shelters, soup
kitchens, job
centres

Per week, I am in contact (in person / by phone) with other organisations where I receive help approximately..... times.

e.g. '07' or '01'

4. Personal details

First letter of your first name:

We do not ask for your full name.
This way you remain anonymous
and nobody recognises you.

First letter of your surname:

On which day of the month were you born?

e.g. '01' or '31'

What year were you born?

Year

5. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

- Other/diverse
- I don't wish to answer.

6. Which nationality(ies) do you have?

Enter your nationality.

- German
- I am stateless.

- Other:
- I don't wish to answer.

7. Do you currently live with a partner or child/children?

Tick only
one option.

- No, I live alone.
- Yes, with a partner (no children).
- Yes, with a partner and child/children.
- Yes, single parent with child/children.
- Other:
- I don't wish to answer.



Number of children under the age of 18:



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8. Do you also live with other people?

Tick only
one option.

- No, only with the people listed under Question 7
- Yes, with other relatives (e.g. grandparents, siblings, uncles, aunts)
- Yes, with friends, colleagues, acquaintances
- Yes, with other homeless people (e.g. on the street, in a group)
- Other:
- I don't wish to answer.

9. What do you personally do for a living?

Tick all that apply.

- Income from work:
 - Regular earned income (e.g. permanent job, mini-job, self-employment)
 - Irregular earned income (e.g. casual jobs, without a contract)
 - Other activities (e.g. collecting bottles for recycling, begging, street newspaper sales)
- Government benefits:
 - Unemployment benefit 1 (employment agency)
 - Citizen's allowance (job centre)
 - Social assistance / basic security (social welfare office)
 - Benefits for asylum seekers
 - Child benefit, parental benefit, maintenance advance
 - BAföG (study/school allowance)
- Pension (e.g. old-age pension, widow's pension, orphan's pension)
- Support (e.g. help from family/friends)
- Other income:
- I have no income.
- I don't wish to answer.

10. Approximately how much money do you personally have available each month?

- No money 1.000–1,499 euros
- Under 300 euros 1,500–2,500 euros
- 300–599 euros Over 2,500 euros
- 600–999 euros I don't wish to answer.

11. Do you have your own bank account?

- Yes, and I can use it. No, I don't have a bank account.
- Yes, but I can't use it. I don't wish to answer.

12. Do you have health insurance?

- Yes, and I can use all services. No, I don't have health insurance.
- Yes, but I can't use all services. I don't wish to answer.

13. Do you have a long-term illness, impairment or disability?

Tick all that apply.

- Chronic physical illness (e.g. diabetes, heart disease, rheumatism)
- Physical impairment (e.g. affecting walking, seeing, hearing)
- Mental impairment (e.g. learning difficulties)
- Addiction (e.g. alcohol, drugs)
- Mental illness (e.g. depression, anxiety disorder)
- Other: _____
- I have no illness or impairment.
- I don't wish to answer.

14. How long have you been homeless in Germany?

- For less than 3 months
- Between 3 months and one year
- More than one year but less than 5 years
- 5 to 10 years
- Longer than 10 years
- I don't wish to answer.

A person is homeless if they do not have their own flat/room (tenancy agreement or owned).

15. What was your living situation before you became homeless for the first time?

Tick only one option.

- In your own flat / own room / own house. Tenancy agreement / owned
- With my parents.
- In a facility. e.g. youth welfare, women's refuge, prison, hospital, psychiatric ward.
- I came to Germany and didn't have my own flat/room/house here (e.g. after fleeing or migrating).
- Other: _____
- I don't wish to answer.

16. Have you been homeless more than once in your life?

Answer 'Yes' if you have been homeless several times and have had your own flat/room in between. Count any time without your own home separately, even if it was only for a short time.

- No, this is the first time.
- Yes, I have often been without my own flat/room, and I have already been homeless..... e.g. '02' or '10'
 times.
- I was without my own flat/room for the first time in..... (Year)
- I don't wish to answer.

17. If you ever had to give up a flat in Germany and became homeless as a result, what were the reasons?

Tick all that apply.

- I've never had to give up a flat in Germany.
- I had to move to another city.
- My flat was connected to my employment relationship.
- I could no longer pay the rent.
- The authorities did not pay the rent.
- I was given notice of termination for personal use.
- There was an eviction.
- I have experienced domestic violence.
- I had relationship or family problems (quarrels, separation).
- Someone in my family died.
- I had health problems.
- Other:
- I don't wish to answer.

18. Have you ever been homeless directly after a stay in an institution?

- Yes I don't wish to answer.
- No If yes, continue with Question 26.

19. How often have you been homeless after a stay in an institution?

- Only once. Never before. If yes, continue with Question 26.
- Several times, namely... times. I don't wish to answer.

20. You became homeless when you were released from an institution. Which facility was that most recently?

Tick only one option.

- Women's refuge / violence protection centre Youth welfare organisation
- Hospital Prison / correctional centre
- Psychiatric ward Other:
- Addiction support organisation I don't wish to answer.

21. Before your stay in the facility from Question 20,

Tick only one option.

- I did not have my own flat / own room / own house I still had my own flat / own room / own house tenancy agreement / owned
- I was living with my parents. I don't wish to answer.

22. After the stay in the facility from Question 20,

Tick only one option.

- I was temporarily staying with family/friends/colleagues/acquaintances.
- I was in another institution (e.g. youth welfare centre, women's refuge, prison, hospital, psychiatric ward).
- I was in accommodation run by the probation service.
- I was in accommodation for homeless people (e.g. hostel, sheltered housing).
- I was living on the street.
- Other:
- I don't wish to answer.

23. Did you receive support or help with accommodation or a flat/room after your stay in this facility?

- Yes, in the facility itself.
- Yes, at another local organisation/NGO.
- No, there was no support.
- I don't remember.
- Other:
- I don't wish to answer.

24. Did you have to stay longer in this facility because you could not find accommodation or a flat/room?

- Yes.
- No.
- I don't wish to answer.

25. Why were you homeless after your stay at the centre?

Tick all that apply.

- I didn't receive enough support.
- I couldn't apply for a flat/room from there.
- I did not find an affordable flat/room.
- I did not find suitable accommodation / temporary accommodation.
- The assumption of rental or accommodation costs was rejected.
- It was unclear which authority was responsible.
- The applications / assumption of costs were processed too slowly.
- Personal reasons
- Other:
- I don't wish to answer.

Thank you for your participation so far!

There is one final supplementary question on the next page.
We would be very pleased if you would take the time to answer it as well.

We want to understand how your living situation has changed over time.

26. Where did you live before you found yourself in your current situation?

Follow the instructions.

Line A: Think back to the last place before your current situation: Tick how long you were there (dark box) and where exactly you lived (light box).

Line B: Then think further back in time. Where were you before this last stop? Indicate again how long you were there (dark box) and where exactly you lived (light box).

Lines C and D: Repeat this step as far as you can remember or until all four lines have been filled in.

A: Before my current homelessness, I lived...

<input type="checkbox"/> under 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/> In a flat/room (with rental agreement / ownership)	<input type="checkbox"/> With my parents	<input type="checkbox"/> With family/acquaintances/ friends (without rental agreement)	<input type="checkbox"/> In an institution (prison / youth centre / psychiatric ward/ etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> In accommodation for homeless people (hostel, assisted living, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> On the street / without accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input type="checkbox"/> 6–24 months							
<input type="checkbox"/> over 2 years							

B: Before that, I lived...

<input type="checkbox"/> under 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/> In a flat/room (with rental agreement / ownership)	<input type="checkbox"/> With my parents	<input type="checkbox"/> With family/acquaintances/ friends (without rental agreement)	<input type="checkbox"/> In an institution (prison / youth centre / psychiatric ward/ etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> In accommodation for homeless people (hostel, assisted living, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> On the street / without accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input type="checkbox"/> 6–24 months							
<input type="checkbox"/> over 2 years							

C: Before that, I lived...

<input type="checkbox"/> under 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/> In a flat/room (with rental agreement / ownership)	<input type="checkbox"/> With my parents	<input type="checkbox"/> With family/acquaintances/ friends (without rental agreement)	<input type="checkbox"/> In an institution (prison / youth centre / psychiatric ward/ etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> In accommodation for homeless people (hostel, assisted living, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> On the street / without accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input type="checkbox"/> 6–24 months							
<input type="checkbox"/> over 2 years							

D: Before that, I lived...

<input type="checkbox"/> under 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/> In a flat/room (with rental agreement / ownership)	<input type="checkbox"/> With my parents	<input type="checkbox"/> With family/acquaintances/ friends (without rental agreement)	<input type="checkbox"/> In an institution (prison / youth centre / psychiatric ward/ etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> In accommodation for homeless people (hostel, assisted living, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> On the street / without accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input type="checkbox"/> 6–24 months							
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