



## Summary of key findings

### Official statistical definition of homelessness (Table 1.CYP)

There is no official statistical definition of homelessness in Cyprus.

### Latest national estimates of homelessness (Table 2.CYP)

- 129 individuals, representing 0.02% of the total population (2017)
- Flow count, based on Social Welfare Services Report
- ETHOS Light groups included:
  - ETHOS 1: Living on the streets, in public spaces
  - ETHOS 2: Emergency accommodation (e.g., shelters)
  - ETHOS 3: Accommodation for the homeless (e.g., hostels and women's refuges)
  - ETHOS 4: People in institutions
  - ETHOS 5: People in non-conventional dwellings (e.g., caravans, cars or tents)
  - ETHOS 6: Living temporarily with others in conventional housing (e.g., sofa-surfing)

### Legal framework to collect data on homelessness (Table 3.CYP)

There is no legal obligation to collect data on homelessness in Cyprus.

### National homelessness strategy (Table 4.CYP)

Cyprus does not have a national homelessness strategy.

### Approaches to collect data on homelessness (Table 5.CYP)

- Social Welfare Services Report: information on the number of users of social services for people experiencing homelessness is collected (Table 5.1.CYP)

Note by the Republic of Türkiye: The information in this document with reference to "Cyprus" relates to the southern part of the Island. There is no single authority representing both Turkish and Greek Cypriot people on the Island. Türkiye recognises the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Until a lasting and equitable solution is found within the context of the United Nations, Türkiye shall preserve its position concerning the "Cyprus issue".

Note by all the European Union Member States of the OECD and the European Union: The Republic of Cyprus is recognised by all members of the United Nations with the exception of Türkiye. The information in this document relates to the area under the effective control of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus.

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Table 1.CYP. Official statistical definition of homelessness

Homelessness	There is no official statistical definition of homelessness in Cyprus.
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Table 2.CYP. Data on people experiencing homelessness

National data, presented according to [ETHOS Light Typology](#)

Headline estimate of homelessness (Individuals)	% of total population	ETHOS 1 People living rough	ETHOS 2 People in emergency accommodation	ETHOS 3 People in accommodation for the homeless	ETHOS 4 People living in institutions	ETHOS 5 People living in unconventional dwellings	ETHOS 6 People staying with family/friends
129	0.02%	Not included	129	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included

Type of count: Point-in-time  Flow

Year: 2017

Included in headline estimate: Children

Temporary accommodation for: Asylum seekers  Refugees  Victims of domestic violence

Source: Ministry of Labour (2017), Social Welfare Services Report

Table 3.CYP. Legal framework to collect data on homelessness

Law that governs data collection on homelessness	None.
Legal obligations	None.

Table 4.CYP. National homelessness strategy

National homelessness strategy in place	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, but regional and/or local strategies exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Table 4.CYP. Approaches to collect data on homelessness

4.1.CYP. Social Welfare Services Report	
<b>Description</b> Since 2021 the Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare, collects information on the number of users of social services for people experiencing homelessness.	
<b>Type of count generated</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Point-in-time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flow (period)	<b>Methods</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service-based method</li> </ul>
<b>Lead authority(ies)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare</li> </ul>	<b>Source(s) of information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social services for people experiencing homelessness</li> </ul>
<b>Scope</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National level</li> </ul>	<b>Depth of data</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enumeration</li> </ul>
<b>Frequency</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irregular</li> </ul>	
<b>ETHOS Light groups included</b> <input type="checkbox"/> ETHOS 1: Living on the streets, in public spaces <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ETHOS 2: Emergency accommodation (e.g., shelters) <input type="checkbox"/> ETHOS 3: Accommodation for the homeless (e.g., hostels and women’s refuges) <input type="checkbox"/> ETHOS 4: People in institutions <input type="checkbox"/> ETHOS 5: People in non-conventional dwellings (e.g., caravans, cars or tents) <i>[covered to varying extents]</i> <input type="checkbox"/> ETHOS 6: Living temporarily with others in conventional housing (e.g., sofa-surfing)	
<b>Notes</b>	