



## Summary of key findings

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

Homelessness is defined as “a person who does not own an accommodation or building or does not have any other right to use such an accommodation or building and resides in temporary accommodation or public places.”

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

- 4 317 individuals, representing 0.15% of the total population (2022)
- 21% are women, 79% are men
- Flow count, based on the Annual Survey of Social Services
- 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.LTU)

According to the Law on Social Services, data on the number of persons staying in shelters for people experiencing homelessness must be collected.

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

There is no national homelessness strategy in Lithuania.

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

- Annual Survey of Social Services: Shelters for the homeless, crisis centres and shelters for temporary living for mothers and children provide the number of clients to Statistics Lithuania (Table 5.1.LTU)
- Population and Housing Census: Census questionnaire includes a question on homelessness (Table 5.2.LTU).

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Table 1.LTU. Official statistical definition of homelessness

<b>Homelessness</b>	A homeless person is defined as “a person who does not own an accommodation or building or does not have any other right to use such an accommodation or building and resides in temporary accommodation or public places.”
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Table 2.LTU. 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
4 317 79% men <sup>(a)</sup> 21% women <sup>(a)</sup>	0.15%	Not included	2 636	1 681	Not included	Not included	Not included

Type of count: Point-in-time  Flow

Year: 2022

Included in headline estimate: Children (<18)

Temporary accommodation for: Asylum seekers  Refugees  Victims/survivors of domestic violence

Note: (a) Data refer to the gender breakdown of ETHOS 3.

Source: OECD Questionnaire on Affordable and Social Housing (QuASH), 2023; Statistics Lithuania (2023), Annual survey of social services

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

<b>Law that governs data collection on homelessness</b>	<a href="#">Law on Social Services</a>
<b>Legal obligations</b>	Data on the number of persons staying in shelters for people experiencing homelessness must be collected.

Table 4.LTU. National homelessness strategy

<b>National homelessness strategy in place</b>	<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 5.LTU. Approaches to collect data on homelessness**

5.1.LTU. Annual Survey of Social Services	
<p><b>Description</b></p> <p>Shelters for the homeless, crisis centres and shelters for temporary living for mothers and children provide the number of users of their services to Statistics Lithuania every year.</p>	
<p><b>Type of count generated</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Point-in-time</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flow (period)</p>	<p><b>Methods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service-based method</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lead authority(ies)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistics Lithuania</li> </ul>	<p><b>Source(s) of information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homelessness institutions report information to Statistics Lithuania</li> </ul>
<p><b>Scope</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coverage based on availability of services</li> </ul>	<p><b>Depth of data</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simple enumeration</li> </ul>
<p><b>Frequency</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual</li> </ul>	
<p><b>ETHOS Light groups included</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ETHOS 1: Living on the streets, in public spaces</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ETHOS 2: Emergency accommodation (e.g., shelters)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ETHOS 3: Accommodation for the homeless (e.g., hostels and women’s refuges)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ETHOS 4: People in institutions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ETHOS 5: People in non-conventional dwellings (e.g., caravans, cars or tents)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ETHOS 6: Living temporarily with others in conventional housing (e.g., sofa-surfing)</p> <p>Note: Each ETHOS Light group includes one or more sub-categories of living situations. ETHOS Light groups are considered as “included” in the data collection approach if at least one of the sub-categories is counted.</p>	
<p><b>Notes</b></p> <p><a href="#">Database of indicators - Official Statistics Portal</a></p>	

**5.2.LTU. Population and Housing Census****Description**

The population of Lithuania must fill out the census, which includes a question on homelessness. Statistics Lithuania uses lists of people experiencing homelessness and other materials in municipalities and various social assistance institutions to obtain the most accurate number of people experiencing homelessness

<b>Type of count generated</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Point-in-time <input type="checkbox"/> Flow (period)	<b>Methods</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Population census</li> </ul>
<b>Lead authority(ies)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statistics Lithuania</li> </ul>	<b>Source(s) of information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General population</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>Key demographic characteristics</li> </ul>
<b>Frequency</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every 10 years</li> </ul>	

**ETHOS Light groups included**

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**Notes**

[Population and Housing Census – Official Statistics Portal Gyventojų ir būstų surašymai - Oficialiosios statistikos portalas](#)