



Coverage of persons with past episodes of homelessness and housing difficulties

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Policy justification

- *Lack of comparable data on homelessness*
- *Homelessness as a priority on the EU's social agenda*
- *Attempts to collect the data*

Difficulties and investigation

Eurostat worked together with FEANSTA

- *Definition*
 - *ETHOS*
 - *'hidden forms of homelessness' vs. too broad categories*
- *Sample issues*
 - *Reference period*
 - *Experiences from other surveys*

Pre-testing and testing in 2018

- *Focus groups and cognitive interviews*
 - *English, French and Polish*
 - *Tested both on persons with past and current experiences of housing difficulties*
- *On voluntary basis collected in 2018*
 - *Around half of Member States declared that they would collect the data*

Selected variables

PHD01T Past experience of housing difficulties

Yes, staying with friends or relatives temporarily

Yes, staying in emergency or other temporary accommodation

Yes, staying in a place not intended as a permanent home

Yes, 'sleeping rough' or sleeping in a public space

No

PHD02T Duration of the most recent experience of housing difficulties

Duration

Selected variables

PHD03T Main reason for past housing difficulties

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

PHD04T Other reason for past housing difficulties

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

No other reason



Selected variables

PHD05T Exit from housing difficulties

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

Conclusion and next steps

- *First test taking place in 2018*
- *Results in 2019*
- *Based on the results possible revisions will be needed*
- *Planned to be collected every 6-years in revised EU-SILC, first time to be collected in the revised survey in 2023*