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Summary:
Hard to Reach Populations, the assessment of their dimensions, the investigation of their socio-economic characteristics is both a challenge and a dare, especially when dealing with homelessness.
There are many experiences of homeless count and survey in a big city. Many of them are based on Point in Time (PIT) Approach. It is well known in literature that PIT count varies according to the city and the population characteristics. The presented contribution describes the experience practiced in Roma with the "Notte della Solidarietà" (Night of Solidarity – 20 April 2024).
The original plan was to have a PIT Count and Survey in the entire Municipality of Rome; however the count was limited to a section of a city. The total Municipal area (not the Metropolitan Area) is much bigger than many European Capitals like Paris, Berlin or Madrid. The methodology of PIT count in Rome and the reasons for a limited count will be described and discussed in this contribution as well as the main results, their strengths and weaknesses.
Finally, we will discuss how it is possible to have an indirect assessment of the Total Homeless Population based on the "Notte della Solidarietà" figures. Which assumptions must be considered according to the different approaches and the results of a first indirect count.

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