

The GISS is a social research institute from Bremen. The state of North Rhine-Westphalia has charged the GISS with counting and surveying homeless people. The survey is intended to help improve the aid systems for homeless people. We ask for your help in this!

We would appreciate it, if you filled out the survey below. It should take about 10 minutes. As a thank you, you will receive a voucher.

You can participate, if one of the three answer options to the question below applies to you.

In one of the last seven nights, did you ...

1. ...sleep outside, for example **on the street, under a bridge, in a park, or entry way?**

yes no

2. ...sleep in a makeshift shelter, **like a garden shed, a shack, a derelict building, a barn, basement, attic, tent, camper van, or car?**

yes no

3. ...stay overnight **with friends, a partner, or family member**, even though you do not live there permanently and do not have your own rental agreement?

yes no

Privacy Protection Explanation

- Participation in this survey is voluntary and will only proceed with your consent (Art. 6 Abs. 1 lit. a DSGVO). There will be no disadvantages for you, if you choose not to participate.
- We strictly follow legal rules regarding privacy protection.
- We do not need to know your full name. It will not be possible to identify you after the survey.
- Uzbonn, a company in Bonn, helps us process data. They too will be following privacy protection rules.
- Your personal information will not be shared with public offices, authorities, or other organisations.
- So as not to count people more than once a code is generated. The code is constructed in a way that protects your data, so that nobody can trace your answers back to you. When the final count is concluded all codes will be irreversibly deleted.
- All data will be analyzed without being linked to personal information.
- You can get more information regarding the security of your personal data through our colleague Axel Steffen (Phone: 0421/3347083, Email: as@giss-ev.de).
- You also have the option of filing a complaint with Helga Block, Landesbeauftragte für Datenschutz und Informationsfreiheit in Nordrhein-Westfalen (Phone: 0211/38424-0, Email: poststelle@ldi.nrw.de).

Start here!

1. We are not asking for your full name, that way your answers will be anonymous, and nobody will be able to recognize you.

First letter of your first name: _____

First letter of your last name: _____

On what day of the month were you born? _____

In what year were you born? _____

The code is constructed in a way that protects your information and anonymity. It will not be possible to identify you from your answers.

e.g. „1“ or „31“

e.g. „1975“

2. Do you live with other people?

- I live alone.
- I live with my partner.
- I live with my partner and one or more children under 18 years of age.

Number of children: _____

- I am a single parent and live with one or more children under 18 years of age.

Number of children: _____

- I live together with other homeless people or family members.

- I prefer not to answer.

We want to know if you have family members or dependants who are homeless with you.

We are not asking for your host, or people who you hang out or „crash“ with.

3. If you do not live alone: Please fill in the following blanks with the information of the oldest person who lives with you.

First letter of their first name: _____

First letter of their last name: _____

On which day of the month were they born? _____

In what year were they born? _____

4. In what town or city did you spend the night of June 30?

Town/city: _____

I prefer not to answer.

5. On this night, did you stay in an official shelter, emergency housing, a designated safe sleeping facility, or in another public institution?

no yes

I prefer not to answer.

6. How old are you?

Please fill in your age here.

_____ years

I prefer not to answer.

7. What is your gender?

Female

Male

Nonbinary/other

I prefer not to answer.

8. Where were you born?

- In Germany
- In _____
- I prefer not to answer.

Please fill in the country where you were born here.

9. What is your nationality?

- German
- Other: _____
- I am stateless.
- I prefer not to answer.

Please fill in your nationality here.

10. How long have you been in Germany?

- Always
- Less than 3 months
- 3 months and more but less than 1 year
- 1 to 5 years
- More than 5 years
- I prefer not to answer.

11. Are you a refugee?

- no yes
- I prefer not to answer.

You are from a country outside of the EU. You filed for and were granted asylum or refugee status.

12. What is the main source of income for you and the people you live with?

Please check all that apply.

Payments from the Jobcenter

Hartz IV, Arbeitslosengeld 2, Tagessätze, 1-Euro-Job, coupons

Payments from the Sozialamt

Sozialhilfe, Grundsicherung im Alter und bei Erwerbsminderung

Payments for Students, apprentices, or trainees

e.g. BAB, BAföG

Arbeitslosengeld 1 from the Arbeitsagentur (unemployment benefits)

Pension

e.g. retirement benefits, widow or orphan pension, disability pension

Social benefits for children and parents

e.g. Kindergeld, Elterngeld, Unterhaltsvorschuss

Alimony payments for your children or yourself

e.g. from parents, or the child's other parent

Wages

e.g. taxed income, Minijob, 450-Euro-Job, self-employment

Income from undeclared work

Panhandling, collecting bottles, ...

Other: _____

I do not have income.

I prefer not to answer.

13. Do you have a health insurance card valid in Germany?

no yes

I prefer not to answer.

14. Many people who experience homelessness have serious health issues. How about you?

Please check all that apply.

Do you have a **physical illness?**

no yes No answer

If so, do you receive treatment for it?

no yes No answer

Do you have a **mental illness?**

no yes No answer

If so, do you receive treatment for it?

no yes No answer

Do you suffer from **addiction?**

no yes No answer

If so, do you receive treatment for it?

no yes No answer

15. When was the last time you lived in a place for which you signed a rental agreement?

- In June 2021
- Between June 2020 und May 2021
- Before June 2020
- Never
- I prefer not to answer.

**16. In what town or city was that?
In which country?**

- Town/ city: _____
- Country: _____
- I prefer not to answer.

17. Have you ever lost a home due to eviction or termination of a rental agreement with immediate effect?

- No
- Yes, I had rental debt.
- Yes, I had rental debt, and there were other reasons for the termination / eviction.
- Yes, but rental debt was not the cause of the termination / eviction.
- I prefer not to answer.

18. If you ever lost a home, did you try to get help before you lost the home?

Please check all that apply.

- I have never lost a home.
- No, I did not try to seek out help.
- Yes, I ...
 - asked the Jobcenter for help.
 - asked the city for help.
 - visited a counseling center.
 - tried to negotiate with my landlord without success.
 - tried borrowing money.
 - Other: _____
- I prefer not to answer.

e.g. Sozialamt

Caritas, Diakonie, or other institution

19. There have to be safe sleeping facilities and emergency shelters for houseless people. Have you ever stayed at a shelter like that?

Shelters where you are placed, e.g. through a public institution, or provider of social aid services.

- no
- yes
- no answer

20. When was the last time you stayed at a shelter?

- In June 2021
- Between June 2020 und May 2021
- Before June 2020
- Never
- I prefer not to answer.

21. Why don't you live/sleep at one of these shelters at the moment?

Please check all that apply.

I don't/ didn't know that was an option (here).

The shelter is full, I can't find a place.

You can only stay for a few days at a time.

I am banned from entering.

I can't find a place for another reason.

I can find better sleeping arrangements.

Too many people for me.

Too dirty.

Too dangerous.

e.g. fear of theft, violence, or sexual harassment

The house rules are too strict.

e.g. no visitors, ban on alcohol/drugs

My partner can't stay with me.

I can't share a room with my family.

They do not allow people with animals to stay there.

Other: _____

I prefer not to answer.

22. We would like to know which of the following services you use regularly. If you do not use them, we would like to know why.

This helps us find out which services are needed.

Check the services you use.	If you do not use the service, why?
<input type="radio"/> I use facilities where I can stay during the day (e.g. day centers).	<input type="radio"/> I don't need it. <input type="radio"/> I could use it but am not aware of a service like that. <input type="radio"/> I know a service like that but can't get to it. <input type="radio"/> I have had bad experiences. <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ <input type="radio"/> No answer
<input type="radio"/> I use facilities where I can stay over the weekend .	<input type="radio"/> I don't need it. <input type="radio"/> I could use it but am not aware of a service like that. <input type="radio"/> I know a service like that but can't get to it. <input type="radio"/> I have had bad experiences. <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ <input type="radio"/> No answer
<input type="radio"/> I use a food or clothing bank, soup kitchen , or other similar services.	<input type="radio"/> I don't need it. <input type="radio"/> I could use it but am not aware of a service like that. <input type="radio"/> I know a service like that but can't get to it. <input type="radio"/> I have had bad experiences. <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ <input type="radio"/> No answer

Check the services you use.	If you do not use the service, why?
<input type="radio"/> I use a social counseling service .	<input type="radio"/> I don't need it. <input type="radio"/> I could use it but am not aware of a service like that. <input type="radio"/> I know a service like that but can't get to it. <input type="radio"/> I have had bad experiences. <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ <input type="radio"/> No answer
<input type="radio"/> I am given a postal address .	<input type="radio"/> I don't need it. <input type="radio"/> I could use it but am not aware of a service like that. <input type="radio"/> I know a service like that but can't get to it. <input type="radio"/> I have had bad experiences. <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ <input type="radio"/> No answer
<input type="radio"/> I use an addiction counseling service .	<input type="radio"/> I don't need it. <input type="radio"/> I could use it but am not aware of a service like that. <input type="radio"/> I know a service like that but can't get to it. <input type="radio"/> I have had bad experiences. <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ <input type="radio"/> No answer
<input type="radio"/> I use health care services .	<input type="radio"/> I don't need it. <input type="radio"/> I could use it but am not aware of a service like that. <input type="radio"/> I know a service like that but can't get to it. <input type="radio"/> I have had bad experiences. <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ <input type="radio"/> No answer

Check the services you use.	If you do not use the service, why?
<input type="radio"/> I use money management services/ have an escrow account.	<input type="radio"/> I don't need it. <input type="radio"/> I could use it but am not aware of a service like that. <input type="radio"/> I know a service like that but can't get to it. <input type="radio"/> I have had bad experiences. <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ <input type="radio"/> No answer
<input type="radio"/> I receive support in looking for permanent housing.	<input type="radio"/> I don't need it. <input type="radio"/> I could use it but am not aware of a service like that. <input type="radio"/> I know a service like that but can't get to it. <input type="radio"/> I have had bad experiences. <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ <input type="radio"/> No answer

23. Have you experienced violence since you lost your home?

Please check all that apply.

No

Yes, the following...

- Insults, harassment, threats
- Theft or robbery
- Assault
- Sexual harassment, sexual assault, or rape
- Forced prostitution or trafficking
- Another form of violence.

I prefer not to answer.

Thank you for your contribution!