Summary of key findings

Official statistical definition of homelessness (Table 1.HUN)

In Hungary, homelessness is defined as persons without any registered place of residence, except for persons whose registered places of residence are accommodation for homeless people. In addition, any person shall be deemed to be homeless who spends nights in public areas or premises not designed for housing purposes.

Latest national estimates of homelessness (Table 2.HUN)

The exact number of people experiencing homelessness in Hungary is not known.

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

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

National homelessness strategy (Table 4.HUN)

Hungary does not have a national homelessness strategy.

Approaches to collect data on homelessness (Table 5.HUN)

- Registry of users (KENYSZI): Clients of homelessness services are recorded in a registry (Table 5.1.HUN)
- Service Register (MŰKENG): The number of spaces in shelters for people experiencing homelessness is recorded (Table 5.2.HUN)

Table 1.HUN. Official statistical definition of homelessness

Homelessness	According to the [Act III of 1993 on social administration and social services](), homelessness is defined as:
	(1) persons without any registered place of residence, except for persons whose registered places of residence are accommodation for homeless people, and;
	(2) any person shall be deemed to be homeless who spends nights in public areas or premises not designed for housing purposes.

Table 2.HUN. Data on people experiencing homelessness

The exact number of people experiencing homelessness in Hungary is not known.

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

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

Table 4.HUN. National homelessness strategy

National homelessness strategy in place	☐ Yes
	☐ No, but regional and/or local strategies exist
	☒ No

Table 5.HUN. Approaches to collect data on homelessness

5.1.HUN. Registry of users (KENYSZI)

Description

People experiencing homelessness who use the homeless care system are recorded in the registry of users.

Type of count generated ☐ Point-in-time ☒ Flow (period)	**Methods** • Service-based method
Lead authority(ies) • Hungarian State Treasury	**Source(s) of information** • Service providers record daily usage in the registry.
Scope • National level	**Depth of data** • Enumeration
Frequency • Ongoing	

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)

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.

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5.2.HUN. Service register (MŰKENG)

Description

The total number of spaces and the number of temporary spaces available to people experiencing homelessness are recorded. This includes spaces in night shelters, temporary and day accommodation for people experiencing homelessness, rehabilitation institutions for people experiencing homelessness and homeless homes.

Type of count generated	Methods
☒ Point-in-time ☐ Flow (period)	• Service-based method

Lead authority(ies)	Source(s) of information
• Hungarian State Treasury	• Service providers record the number of spaces available for people experiencing homeless in the register.

Scope	Depth of data
• National level	• Enumeration

Frequency	
• Ongoing	

ETHOS Light groups included

No groups directly counted, but provides information on the availability of various types of shelter resources.

Notes

National Social Information System (nrszh.hu)