



## Summary of key findings

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

According to the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), the homeless population is defined as people who do not have a place of residence, that is, who spend the night in public places.

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

- 5 778 individuals, representing 0.005% of the total population (2020)
- 13% are women, 87% are men
- Point-in-time count, based on the Population and Housing Census
- 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.MEX)

There is no legal obligation to collect data on homelessness at national level.

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

Mexico does not have a national homelessness strategy, but regional and local strategies exist.

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

- Population and Housing Census (*Censo de Población y Vivienda*): Series of questions which collects information on housing conditions and arrangements (Table 5.1.MEX)

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Table 1.MEX. Official statistical definition of homelessness

<b>Homelessness</b>	According to the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), the homeless population is defined as people who do not have a place of residence, that is, who spend the night in public places.
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Table 2.MEX. Latest national estimates of 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
5 778 87% men 13% women	0.005%	5 778	Not included <sup>(a)</sup>	Not included <sup>(b)</sup>	Not Included	Not included <sup>(c)</sup>	Not included

Type of count: Point-in-time  Flow 

Year: 2020

Included in headline estimate: Children (<18): Temporary accommodation for: Asylum seekers  Refugees  Victims/survivors of domestic violence 

Note: (a) The Census enumerated 36 660 people staying in shelters for indigenous people, shelters for migrants, shelters for women or victims of domestic violence and displaced persons' camps. (b) The census enumerated 24 909 people in accommodation for the homeless. (c) The census enumerated 145 633 people living in spaces not intended as housing (e.g., commercial buildings, warehouses, factories, offices, barns, etc.).

Source: OECD Questionnaire on Affordable and Social Housing (QuASH), 2023; Population and Housing Census (2020) (*Censo de Población y Vivienda*).

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

<b>Law that governs data collection on homelessness</b>	None.
<b>Legal obligations</b>	Although it is not explicitly considered by current legislation, the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) is responsible for regulating and coordinating the National System of Statistical and Geographic Information, which includes statistics to estimate the number of people living on the streets.

Table 4.MEX. National homelessness strategy

<b>National homelessness strategy in place</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, but regional and/or local strategies exist <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Table 5.MEX. Approaches to collect data on homelessness

5.1.MEX. Population and Housing Census	
<b>Description</b>	
<p>All residents in Mexico are required to complete the Population and Housing Census (<i>Censo de Población y Vivienda</i>), which includes questions on housing conditions, including sleeping rough, collective living and living in non-conventional dwellings. Nevertheless, only people sleeping rough (ETHOS 1) are included in official national homeless statistics. A special operation to enumerate the population of individuals sleeping rough was conducted on a single night in March at pre-identified locations.</p>	
<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 and Housing Census</li> </ul>
<b>Lead authority(ies)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI)</li> </ul>	<b>Source(s) of information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-reported by the general population through a dedicated series of questions in the Census.</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> <li>Living situation, including sleeping rough, collective living and living in non-conventional dwellings</li> </ul>
<b>Frequency</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every 10 years</li> </ul>	
<b>ETHOS Light groups included</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ETHOS 1: Living on the streets, in public spaces <input type="checkbox"/> ETHOS 2: Emergency accommodation (e.g., shelters) <input type="checkbox"/> ETHOS 3: Accommodation for the homeless (e.g., hostels and women’s refuges) <input type="checkbox"/> ETHOS 4: People in institutions <input type="checkbox"/> ETHOS 5: People in non-conventional dwellings (e.g., caravans, cars or tents) <input type="checkbox"/> ETHOS 6: Living temporarily with others in conventional housing (e.g., sofa-surfing)	
<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>	
<b>Notes</b> <a href="https://inegi.org.mx">Census of Population and Housing 2020 [Censo de Población y Vivienda] (inegi.org.mx)</a>	