



Integrating a street count and extended service based homelessness count

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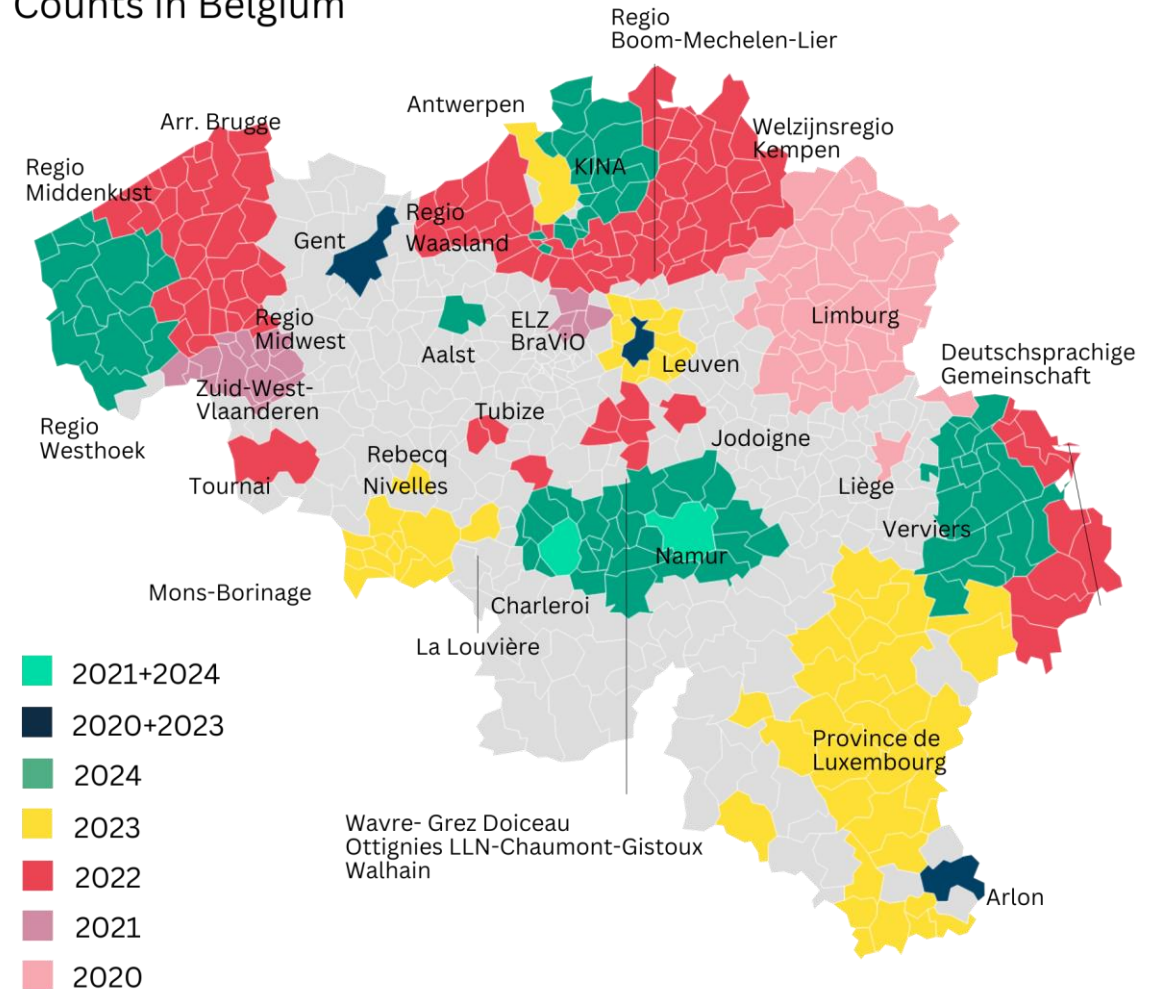
Extended service-based homelessness counts in Belgium

Point-in-time count

October 2020-2024

→ **extent + profile** characteristics

Homelessness Counts in Belgium



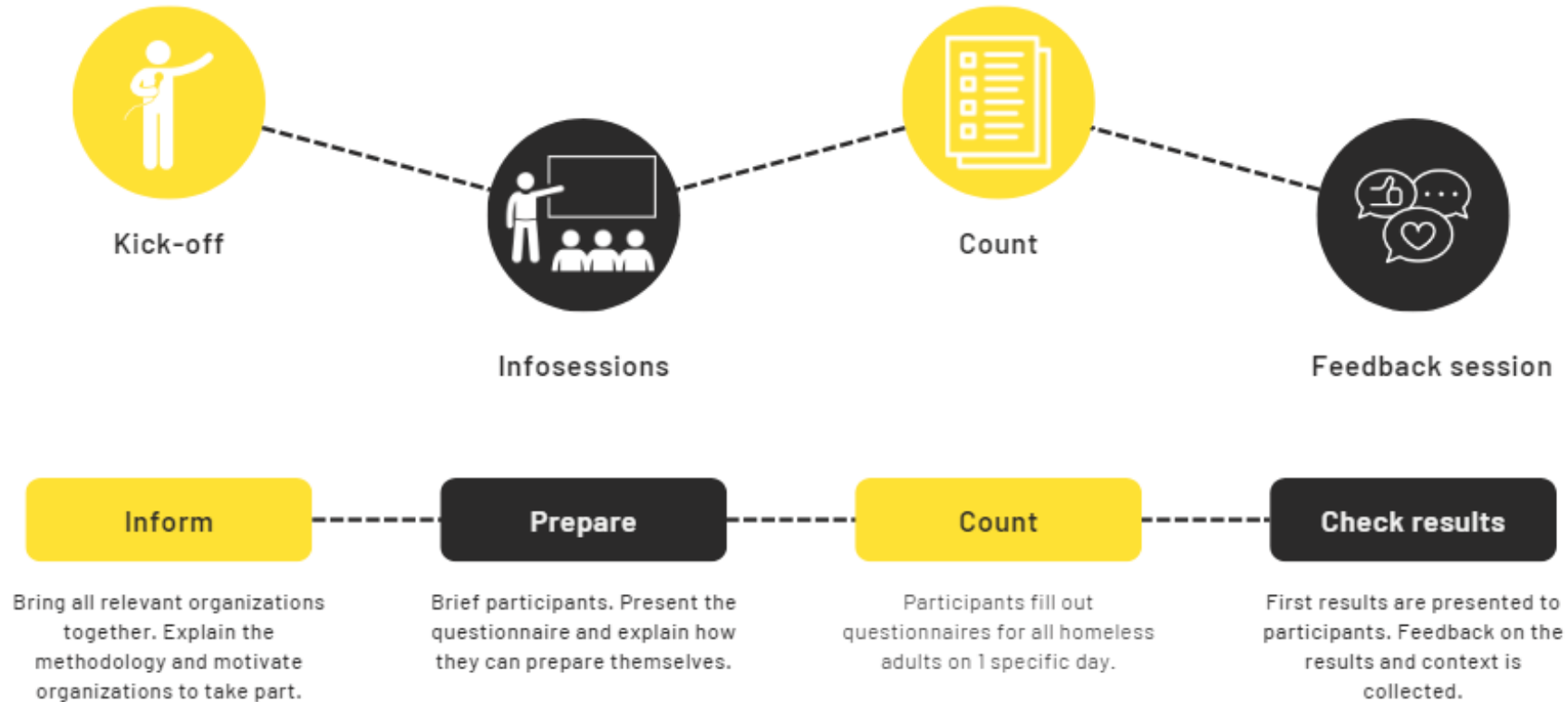
LOCAL ORGANISATION	EXAMPLES
Services for PEH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Night shelters • Emergency shelters • Women shelter • Temporary housing solutions • Outreach services • Mobile health teams,...
Public social services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public welfare centers • General welfare centers • Social work from health insurance • Community health centers,....
Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General hospital, mental health hospital • Youth care organisation • Prison and justice related facilities • Facility for people with disabilities • Reception centers for asylum seekers • Addiction/rehabilitation centers
Railway and police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local/regional police • Railway • Public transport
Low threshold services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop-in centers • Social restaurants • Community initiatives • Volunteer programs providing food/basic amenities •
Housing agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social housing companies

Double counts?

- Anonmyous client identifier
 - First letter first name
 - First letter surname
 - Last letter surname
- Use official and full name
- Gender + age + ...
- Variable deleted after removing duplicates



TIMELINE



1st homelessness count in Antwerp

- Largest Flemish city
- 544.759 inhabitants



1st homelessness count in Antwerp

- Sleeping rough: risk of Administrative fine (GAS-pv)
- 388 fines in 2021



Can we combine street count with extended service-based count?

Preparation by working group with street workers

- 63 professionals
- 25 zones
- Teams of 2-4 professionals per zone
- Briefing 21h
- Count 23-24h



Onderzoekster Evelien Demaerschalk (midden) bestudeert samen met vrijwilligers het kaartje van de zone waar ze zo meteen zullen tellen. © Sociaal.Net / Lisa Develtere

★ Methodology based on Brussels street count (La Strada/Bruss'help) ★




19 oktober 2023

Instructies straathelling Antwerpen

✓ Tel enkel personen mee in jouw zone tussen 23 en 24u
 ✓ Spreek op voorhand met jullie team al hoe jullie de gevilde personen zullen registreren

Dit kan:

- op papier
- via deze QR-code
- via de link die je per mail ontving



✓ Val voor elke persoon een vragenlijst in. Dit is ofwel 1 lijn op de papieren vragenlijst ofwel 1 leer de online vragenlijst. Voor een koppelt met een kind is dit dus:

- 1x online vragenlijst OF 1 lijn op papier voor de man
- 1x online vragenlijst OF 1 lijn op papier voor het kind
- 2x online vragenlijst OF 1 lijn op papier voor het kind
- 2x online vragenlijst ofwel? Na het berecht. Deze persoon is meegeregeld, bedankt!

✓ Online nieuwe vragenlijst invullen? Na het berecht. Deze persoon is meegeregeld, bedankt!

✓ Maak een **checklist** aan!
 ✓ Iemand aanspreken en de straatstelling uitleggen kan zeker
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✓ Wat hebben?
 • Enkel online vragenlijsten ingevuld? Geen andere acties nodig!
 • (ook) op papier ingevuld? Bring deze formulieren binnen
 • in den Belfort Laura Van Barel
 • in Persoon van Schoorhoven
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 • in Persoon van Schoorhoven

✓ scan en e-mail naar anna.mertens@hulsterven.be
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 Graag ten laatste op vrijdag 27 oktober!

Vragen over de vragenlijst?
 Bel Evelyn 0475 337 008 of Nana 0498 53 16 77

Vragen over veiligheid?
 Dwingende politiehulp nodig? Bel 112
 Niet dringende politiehulp? Bel de Blauwe lijn op 0800 123 12

Bedankt om mee te werken!



MON			
TUE			
WED			
THU			
FRI			



- Rather warm night
- Busy in city center
- Event for students



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Numbers of people sleeping rough

Total: 119 persons counted
+ 0 minor children

- In 3 zones 0 persons counted
- In 15 zones 1-5 persons counted
- In 5 zones 6-10 persons counted
- In 1 zone 11-20 persons counted
- In 1 zone 20+ persons counted

Situation



70,6%

awake

84



26,9%

sleeping

32



2,5%

woken up

3

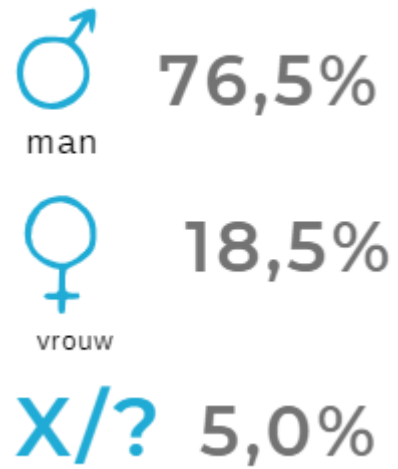


66,4%

talked to the person

79

Profile

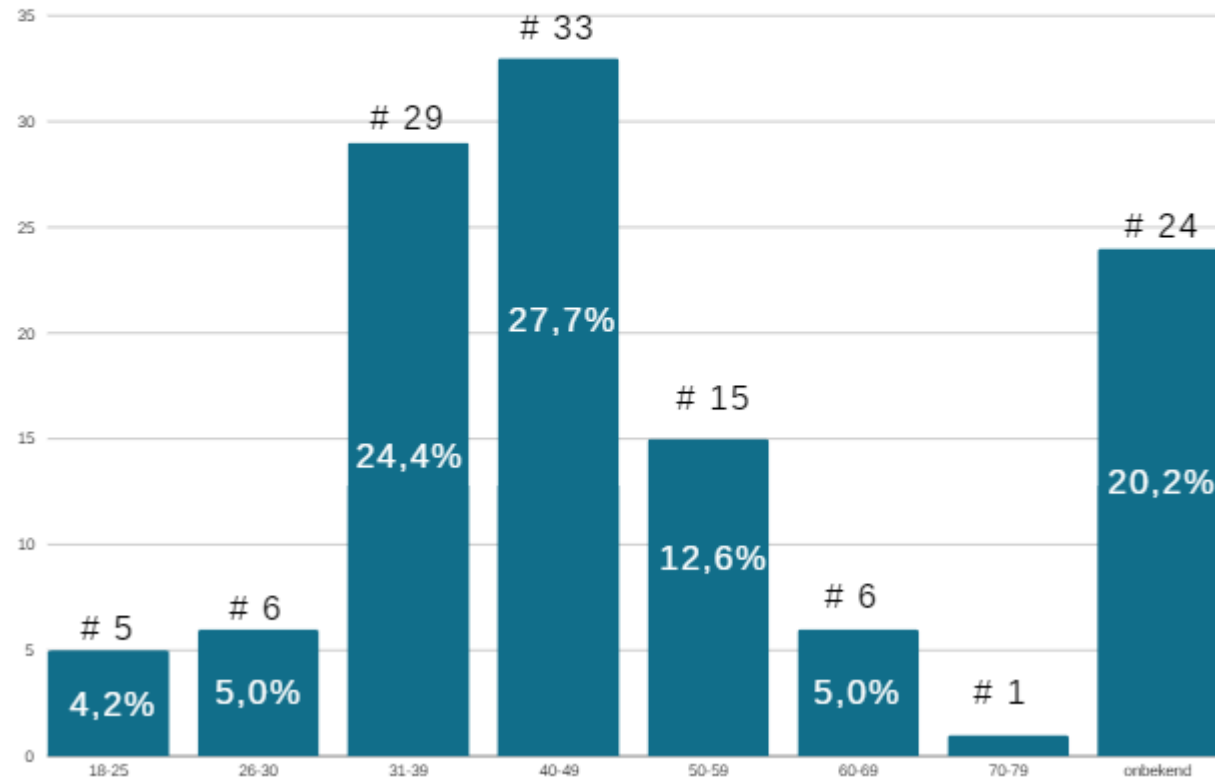


Marc en Bas doen grondig hun werk.

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Profile

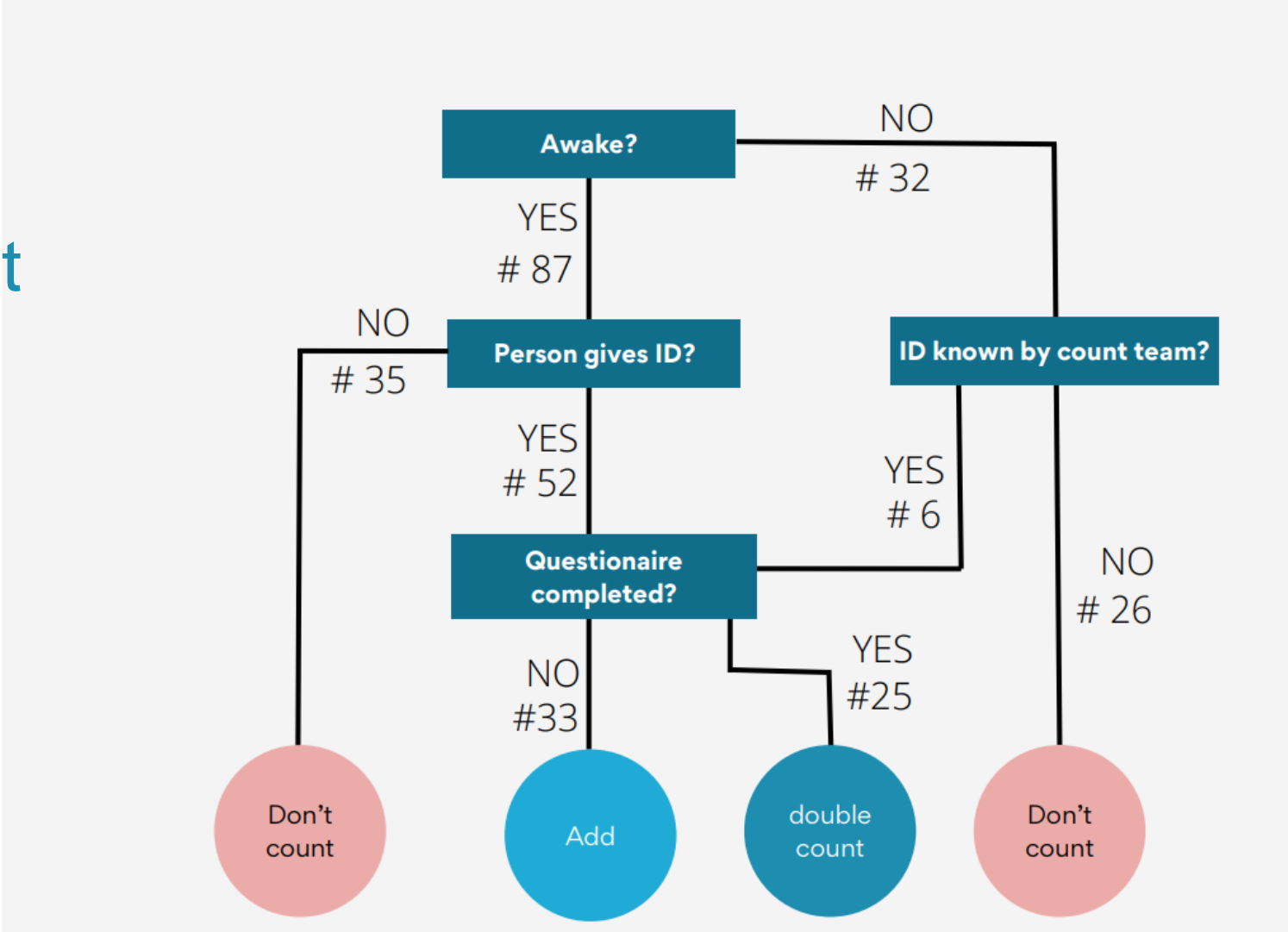
Age



Feedback session

- Professionals expected to count more people
 - Effects of warm night?
 - Missing people in entrance halls of buildings?
 - People sleeping outside city center?
 - Timing of street count?
 - ...
- Street count as a positive experience
- Being able to prepare

Can we combine street count with extended service-based count?



Can we combine street count with extended service-based count?

- 21,0% of people counted = double count
- 27,7% of people counted could be added to the extended service based count

Adding to extended service-based count

	#	%
ETHOS Light 1 in Extended service-based count	193	85,4%
Street count	33	14,6%
TOTAL ETHOS LIGHT 1	226	100,0%

Results

- Both methodologies can
 - Coexist
 - Complement each other
- Proportion of street sleepers are known to services
- A group of people had not yet been in contact with services participating in the extended service-based count

Questions and feedback

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