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# LESS

# MEET

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# VALENCIA

## Presentation of results

The European  
**End Street Homelessness**  
Campaign

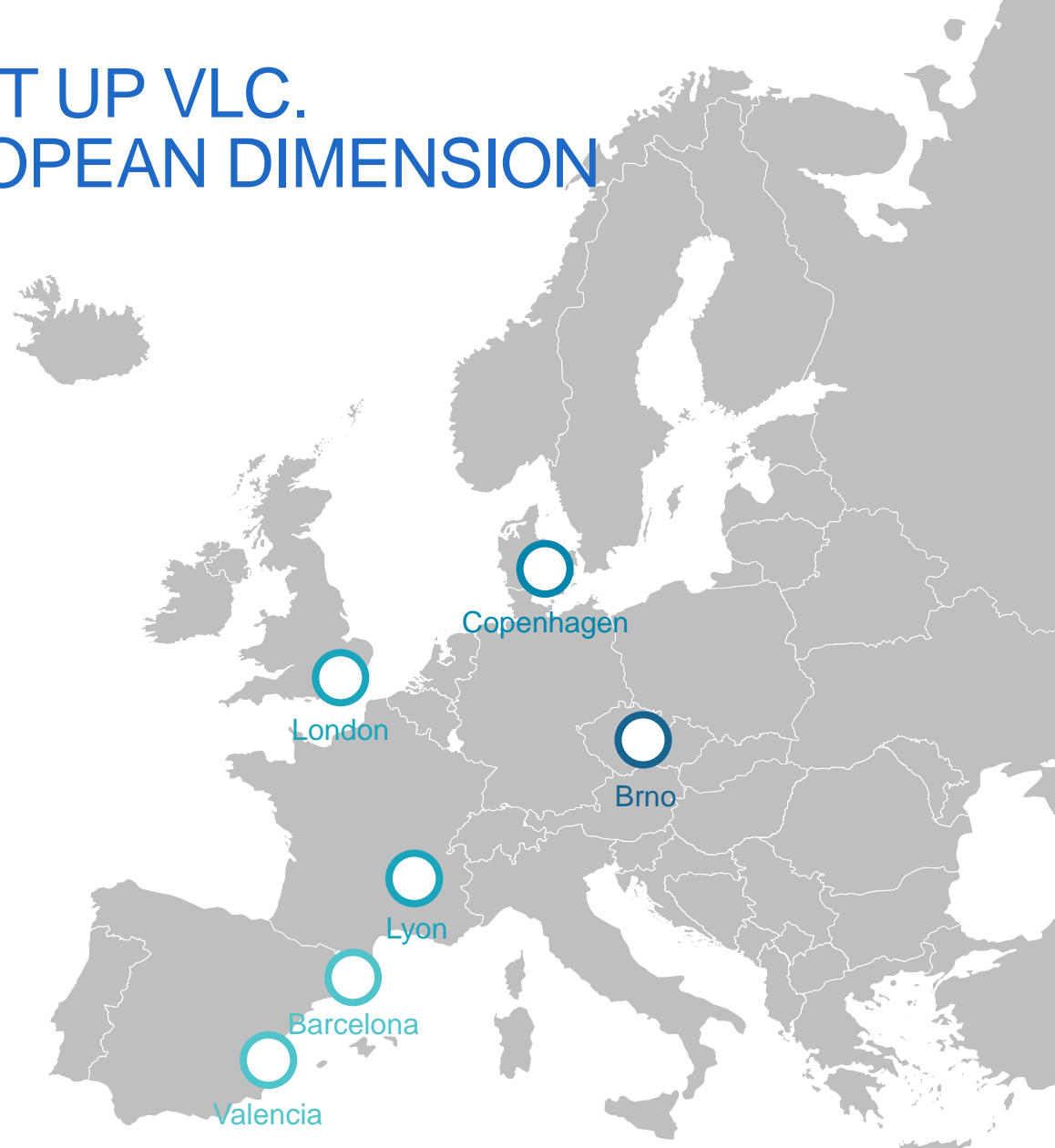


#HomelessMeetUpVLC

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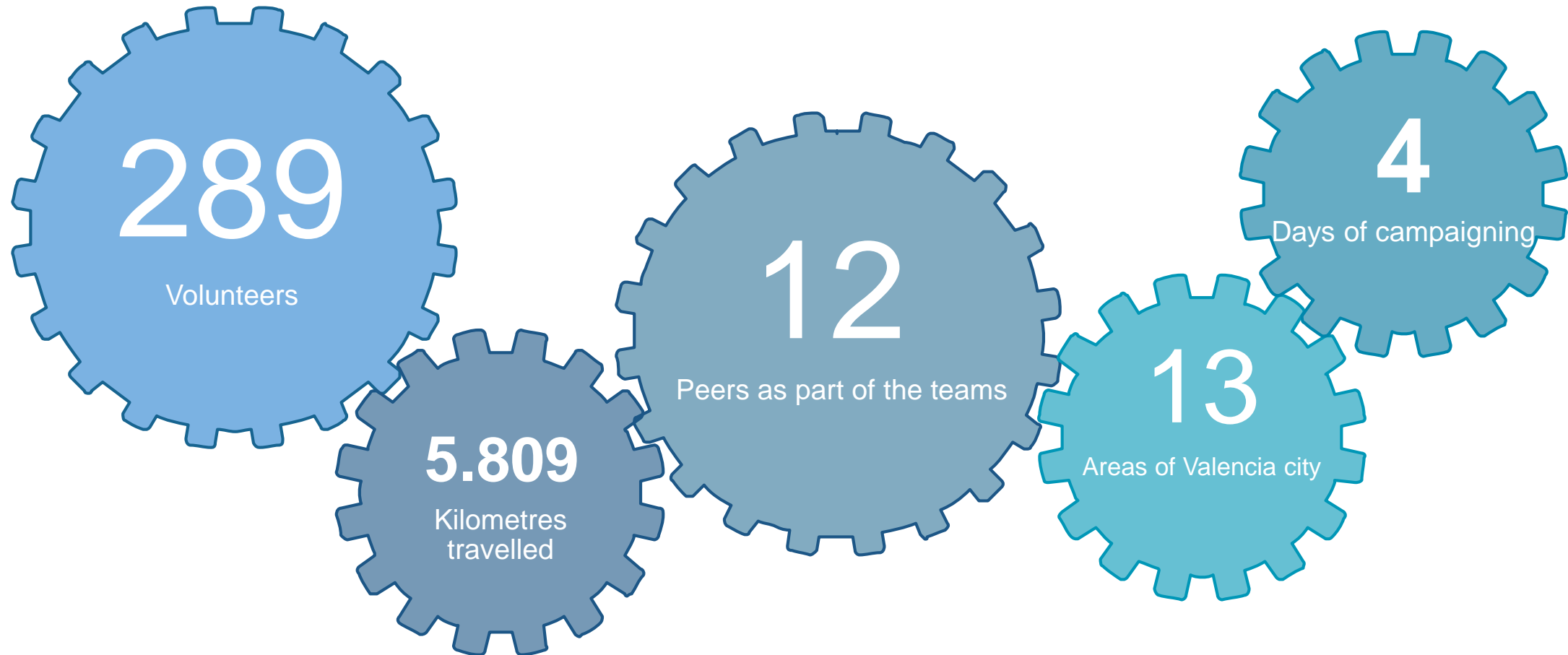
# HOMELESS MEET UP VLC. LOCAL ACTION OF A EUROPEAN DIMENSION

- HOMELESS MEET UP VLC is an action that forms part of the European End Street Homelessness Campaign.
- A European movement of cities aimed at eradicating street homelessness by 2020.
- The Campaign is inspired by the successful *100,000 homes* campaign (USA and Canada), which managed to accommodate 105,580 homeless persons permanently in individual homes (Housing First) and to transform a service system aimed at managing homelessness into one aimed at eradicating it with the involvement of the Community.



# INVOLVING THE COMMUNITY

We took to the streets for three continuous nights to meet the homeless **persons** who sleep on them.



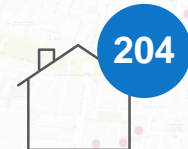
## HOMELESS PERSONS LOCALISED

- A total of **404** persons were localised.
- **268** street homeless persons were interviewed.
- **90%** of persons reported that they routinely sleep on the street.
- Only **1,4%** of persons reported that they routinely sleep in shelters or night centres.

## HOMELESS PERSONS IN THE CITY OF VALENCIA



Street homeless  
persons

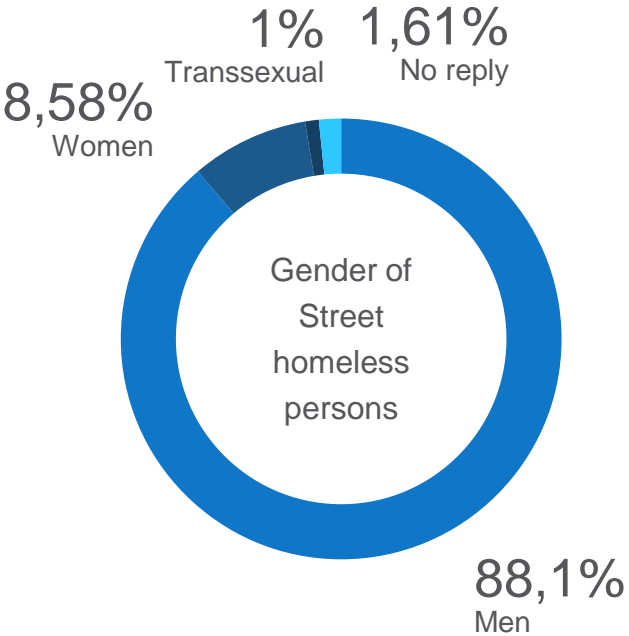
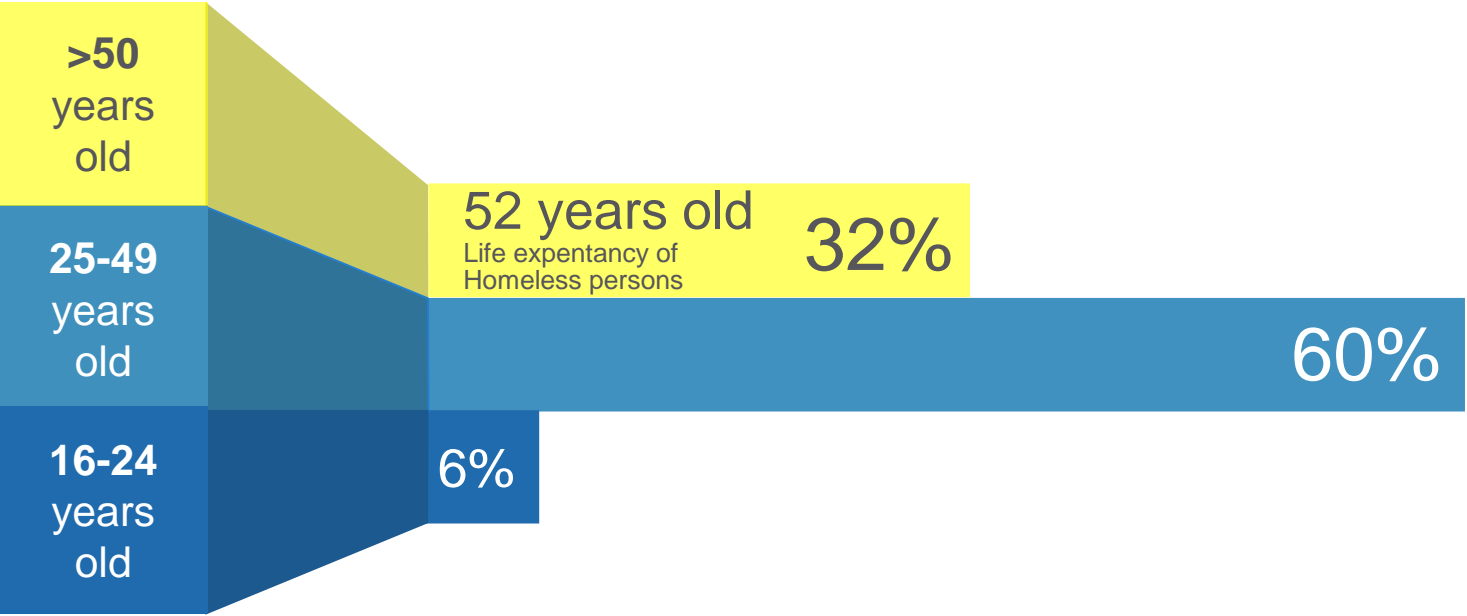


Sheltered homeless  
persons

# 608

Homeless persons

# GENDER AND AGE

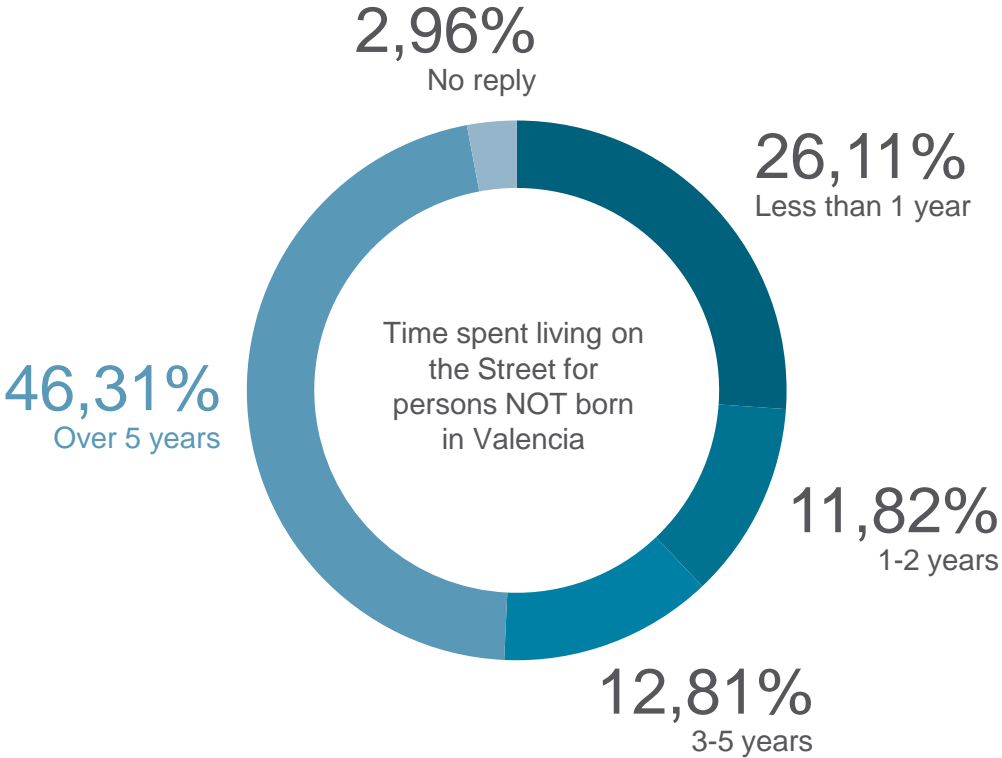
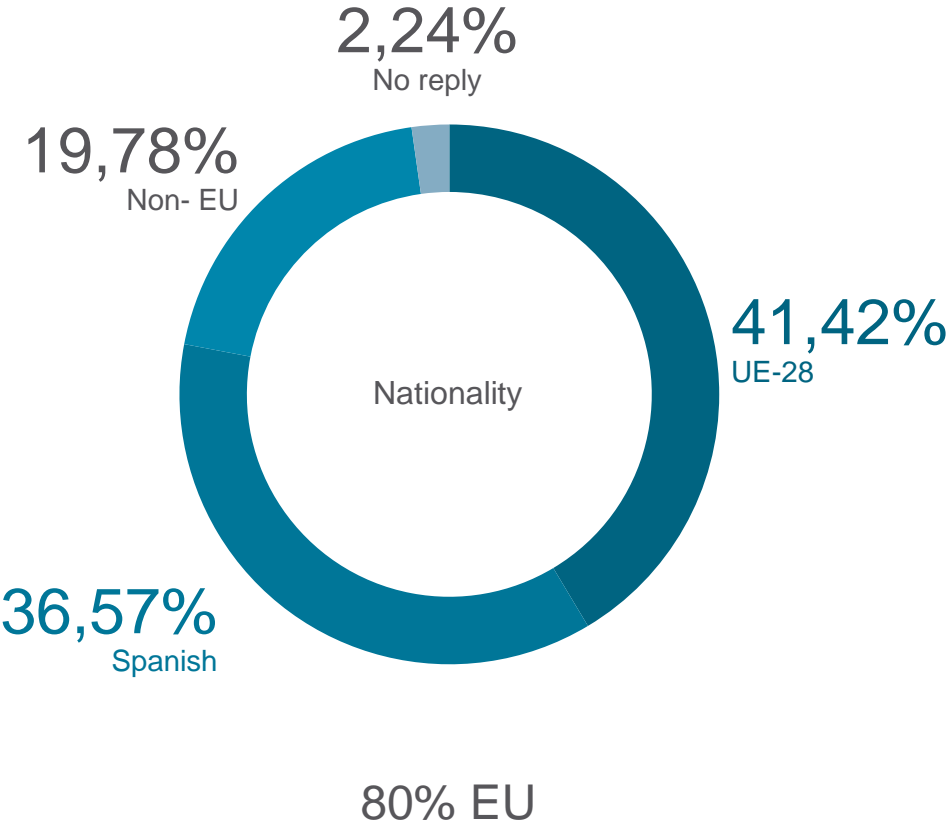


# CHRONIFICATION, AGE AND LIFE EXPECTANCY

- ✓ Life expectancy in Spain is 80 years old for the general population. In the case of homeless persons, it is 52 years old. 32% of street homeless persons are over 50 years old, and find themselves on the brink of the mortality risk.
- ✓ 57.84% of street homeless persons have been in this situation for over 3 years.
- ✓ For every day spent on the street, a homeless person increases his/her probability of continuing to live on the street



# COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND ROOTEDNESS IN TERRITORY

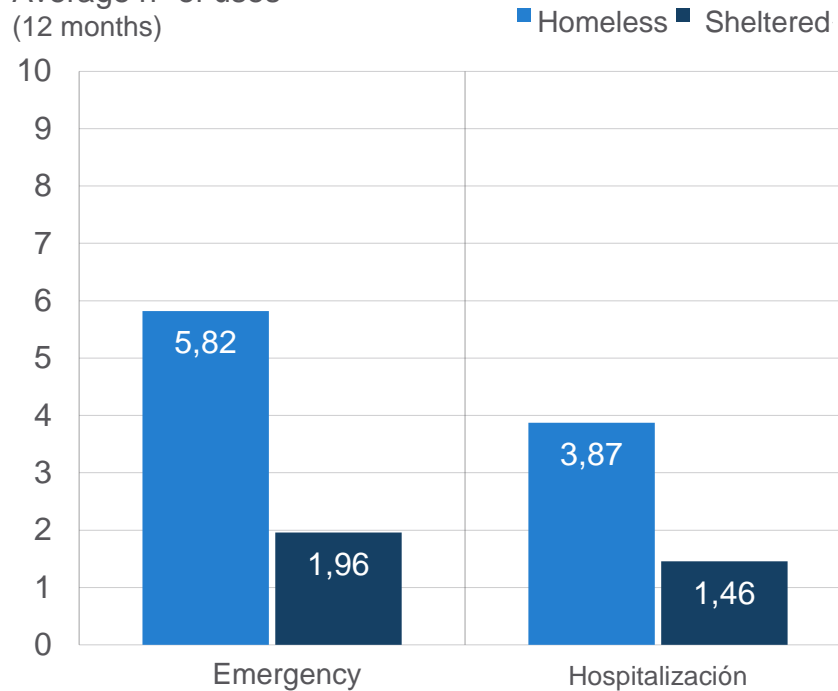


46% of people not born in Valencia have spent more than 5 years in the street



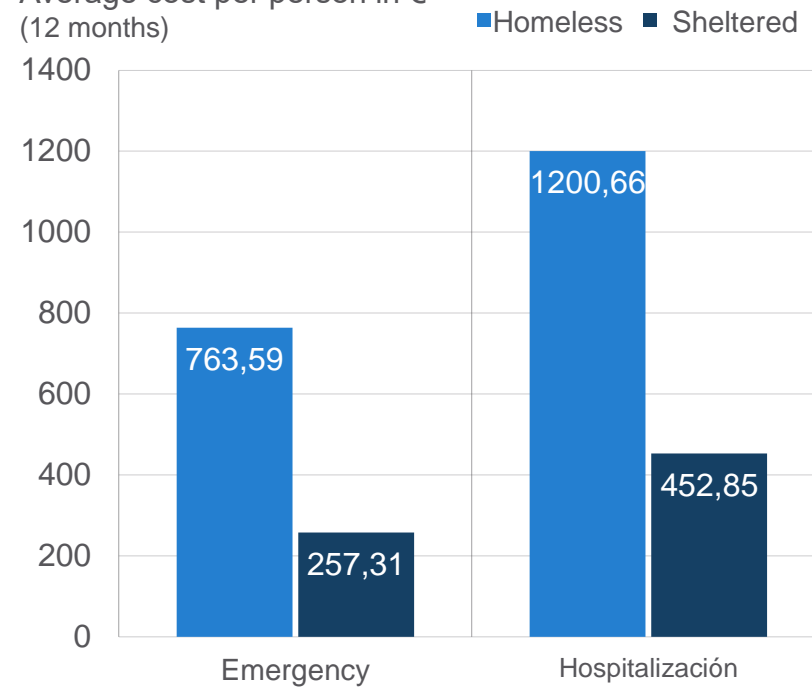
# USE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Average nº of uses  
(12 months)



Homeless people use three times more emergency services that address population.

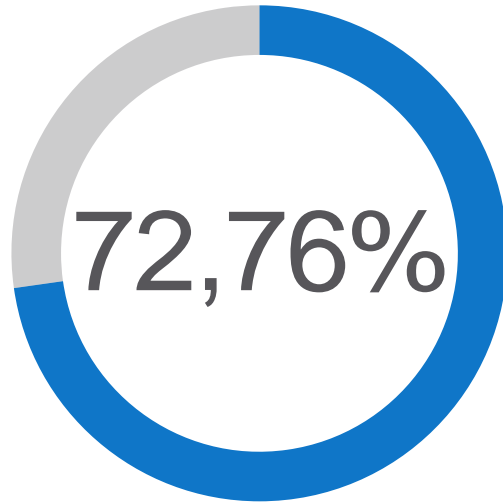
Average cost per person in €  
(12 months)



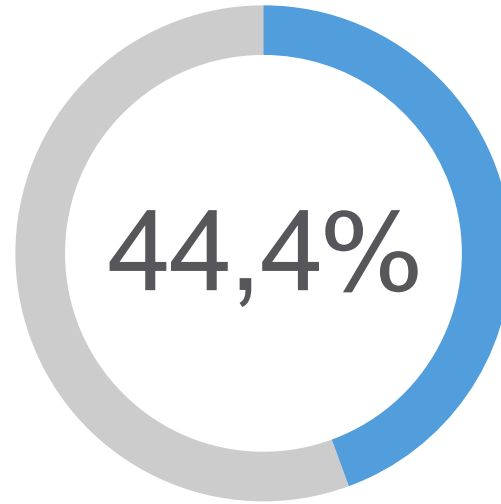
The 404 homeless persons localized spend half a million euros more in emergency departments and hospitalizations than address population. 40 Housing First units cost half a million euros.



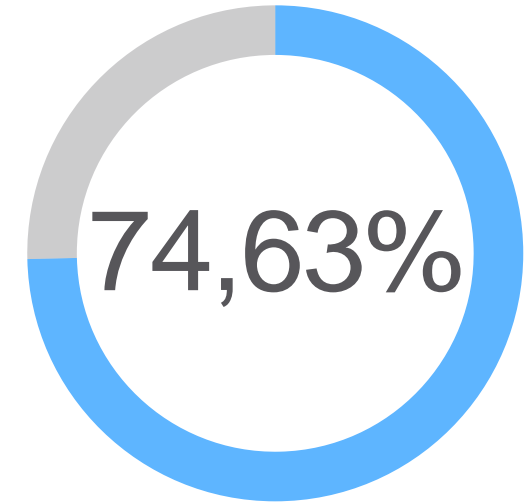
# PARTICIPATION AND SOCIAL CARE



Persons who do not carry out activities beyond survival.








Persons who have not received professional care in the last 6 months.



Persons willing to initiate a programme helping them to stop living on the street.



# VULNERABILITY

-  **45.15%** of respondents have suffered attacks or assaults.
-  **77%** of respondents have no type of income, and thus do not receive any public allowance.
-  **29%** cannot cover their basic needs.
-  **57%** of persons have severe physical health problems. In 27% of cases, their health problems are of a chronic nature.
-  **24%** report that drug use has caused their expulsion from a flat or accommodation programme, and hinders their access and permanence therein.



# VULNERABILITY



## Example of high vulnerability (8+).

### **Mario:**

Over 60 years old, living on the street for the past 5 years, has been assaulted at least once since being on the street, does not have any type of income or allowance, with a mental health problem, with heart disease, with alcohol addiction, without adherence to medical / pharmacological treatment.



## Example of medium vulnerability (4-7).

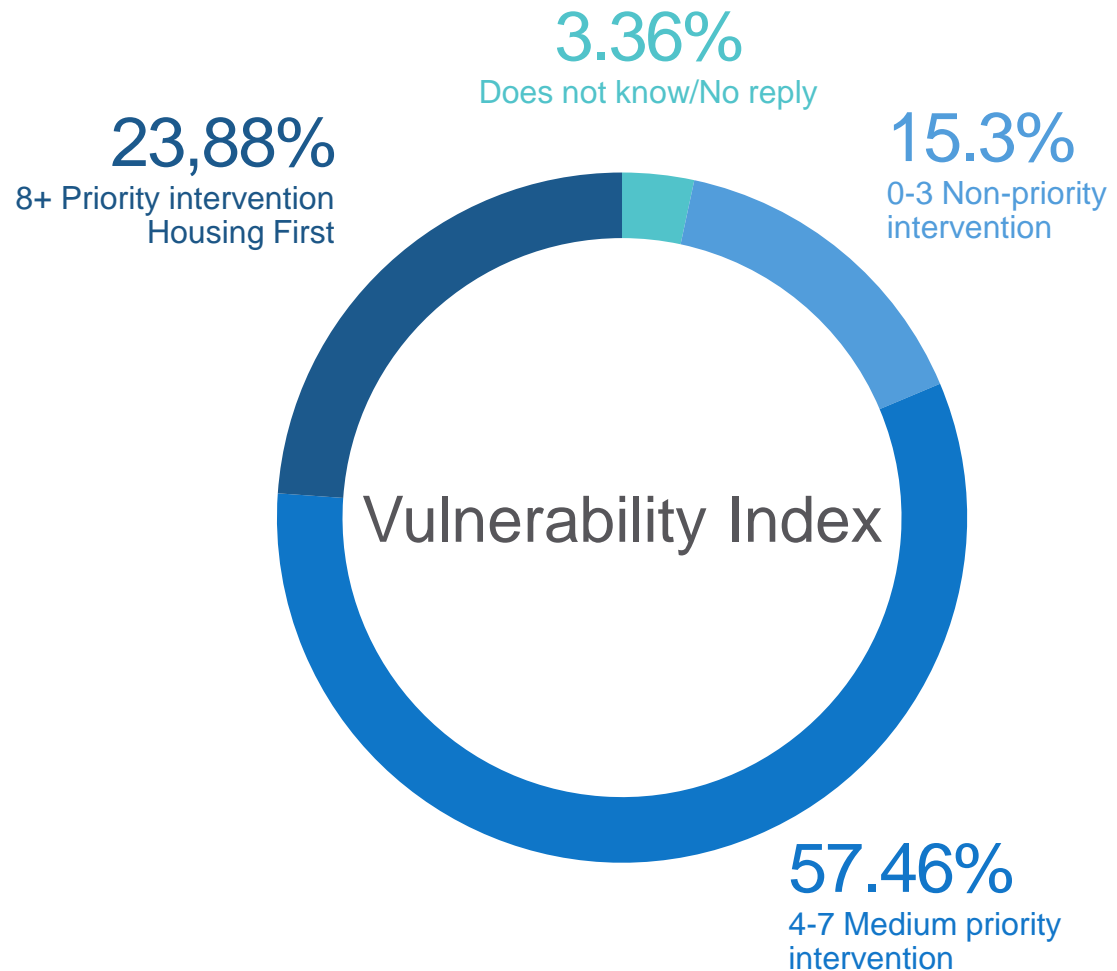
### **Raquel:**

39 years old, living on the street for the past 3 years, pregnant, with a mental health problem (schizophrenia), the cause of her homelessness is a traumatic situation (abuse).



# VULNERABILITY

The methodology identifies the degree of vulnerability of the person according to 17 variables, establishing three levels: High, Medium and Low.



0-3

**Low** vulnerability level.  
Necessary non-priority intervention. Care provided by general social services or early care by specialised social services.

4-7

**Medium/High** vulnerability level.  
Medium priority. Care provided by specialised services.

8+

**Very High** vulnerability level.  
Priority intervention. Permanent accommodation under Housing First model.



# IN SUMMARY

- 300 citizens, through their participation in the Homeless Meet Up Valencia campaign, have unveiled a hitherto hidden reality.
- At least 404 persons routinely live and sleep on the streets of Valencia every night, over twice the number of homeless persons who sleep in shelters or similar services.
- The majority of these persons experience a situation of great vulnerability that requires urgent attention. Many of them are victims of assaults and Hate crimes.
- The problem grows, is chronified and aggravated with every day that passes without offering solutions.
- WE MUST ACT!!



# SOLUTIONS

- **PREVENT:** Establish prevention programmes against homelessness to detect and intervene as a priority in cases of a first experience of living on the street.
- **PROVIDE COVERAGE:** Increase the dimension and coverage of social services and of the care network for homeless persons in the city of Valencia, with a low or medium level of vulnerability.
- **INNOVATE:** Launch a Housing First programme in Valencia aimed at homeless persons with a higher level of vulnerability. The programme would foresee the development of 100 homes in the next 3 years, beginning this summer with the development of a pilot project.







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