

# Need-oriented services for women in a housing emergency situation



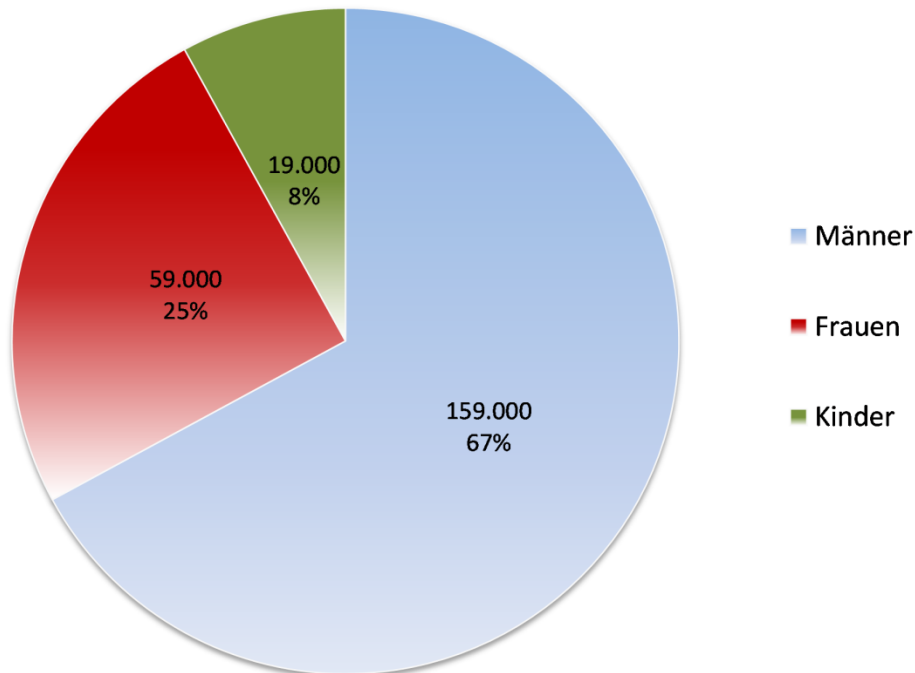
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A view of Germany

# Estimation of homeless people in Germany BAGW 2018



Schätzung der Zahl wohnungsloser Männer, Frauen  
und Kinder in Deutschland (2018)

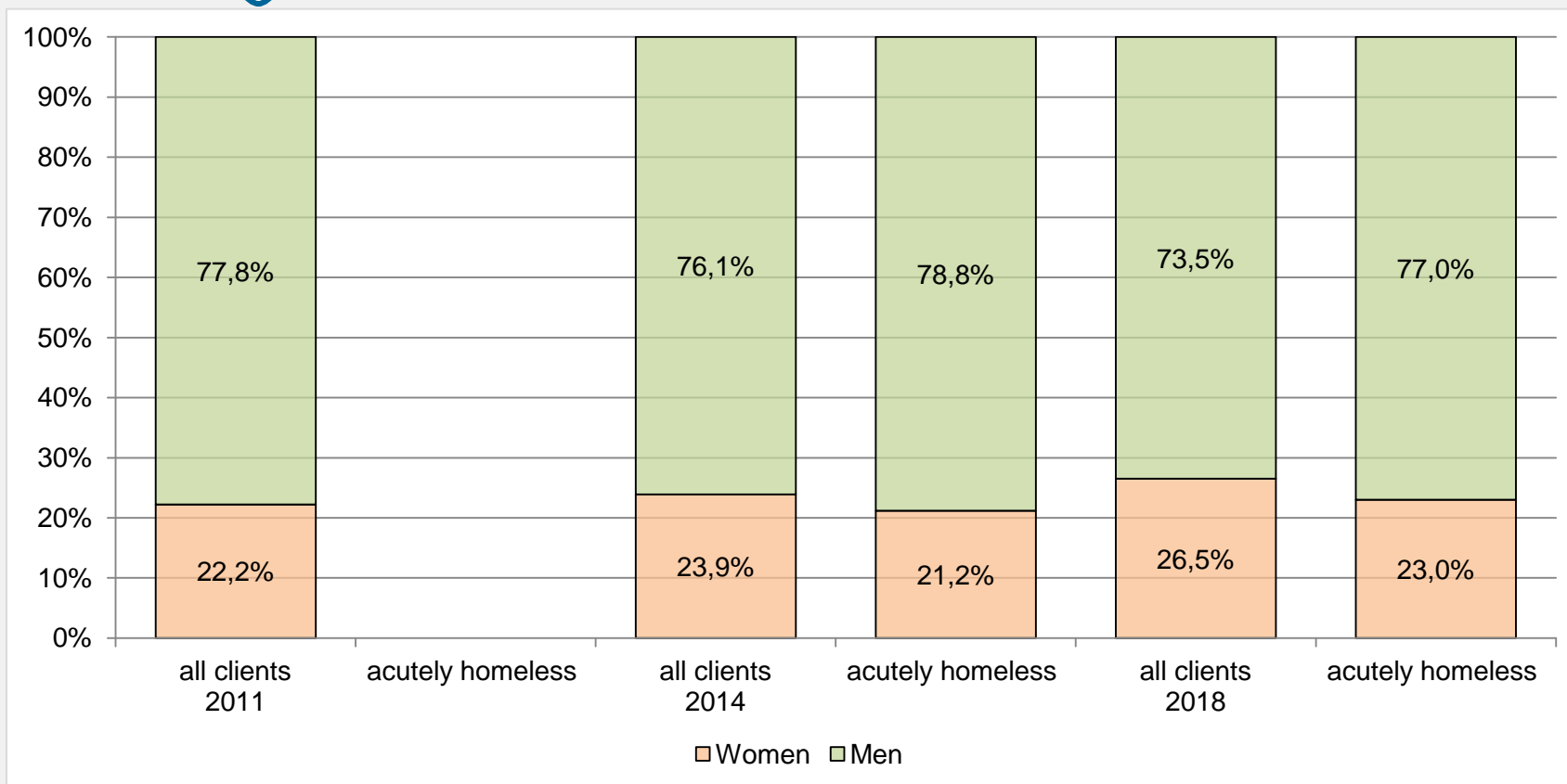


The BAGW estimates a total 237,000 homeless people in 2018.

# Statistical report 2018

## Source: Documentation on homelessness

(BAGW)



# The life situation / circumstances of women



- Hidden homelessness
- Sick women (with addiction or mental illness, chronic physical illness)
- With children and/or in partnerships
- Migrant women
- Young women
- Older women
- Trans\*women and Inter\*people

# What makes women different from men...



Women in housing emergencies	Men in housing emergencies
Younger	Older
Children and in a partnership	Single
	Socially isolated
Shorter periods of homelessness	Longer periods of homelessness
Lack of vocational training	Higher vocational training rate
More often still in their own home	More often without accommodation and on the street
Domestic violence as a pathway to homelessness	

# More women-specific issues



- Difficult family circumstances
- Early pregnancy
- “lost children”
- Violence and abuse - past and present
- Low educational level, poor vocational training, high (long-term) unemployment

# Survey on protection against violence for women in facilities for homeless people (Online survey of BAGW members)



**Target group:** facilities for homeless women, families and mixed-gender groups

**Participants:** 238

**Results:** 70 - 80 % of women have experienced violence

- There are too few support services, high threshold facilities and services for women
- Complex problems, such as addiction, language barriers, etc. make placement difficult
- Time and appropriate training are necessary
- Networking and cooperation

# Our call to ensure need-oriented services for women



- Low-threshold help offers => women's cafés, meeting places, women's advice centres, accommodation and housing offers exclusively for women
- Preventive services => Intensive support in their own home to avoid loss of housing
- Support for women with children
- Accommodation for women with a male or female partner



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- Women-sensitive medical care => outreach work, without health insurance
- Concepts for homeless young, pregnant women and older women in need of long-term care
- Concepts for the support and counselling of trans\*women and inter\*people
- Female professionals who are familiar with women-specific topics and work approaches => and freedom of choice!

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## Social and housing policy



- Gender-differentiated nationwide housing emergency reporting
- Affordable housing / housing contingents for families and women with / without children
- Promotion of participatory processes, self-empowerment of homeless women
- Qualification measures and jobs that address the skills and circumstances of women

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- Jobs close to home and a living environment with the necessary care facilities and nationwide free childcare
- Needs-based standard rates for women with and without children
- Area-wide support and protection services => rural areas!
- Special protection measures for women from violent situations: (Forced) prostitution, violence in partnerships and families, violence in public places  
=> cooperation between facilities for homeless people and shelters for women! Implementation of the Istanbul Convention

# Karla 51 in München (Munich)

Social agency:

Evangelisches Hilfswerk, Diakonie Oberbayern



# Klara 51



- ⇒ is an emergency accommodation, clearing and advice centre in Munich for homeless women in need, with or without children
- ⇒ this specialised shelter for homeless women has existed for almost 24 years now,
- ⇒ no admission requirements and no exclusion criteria
- ⇒ every woman in need who does not know where to stay overnight can find shelter, advice and help around the clock, every day of the year
- ⇒ 55 one-room flats are available at two locations
- ⇒ The women's café, which is integrated into the place, is a meeting place for residents as well as for external visitors. Women should not stay for more than eight weeks



Thank you very much for your attention!

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If you have some questions, so you can send me an email.

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