

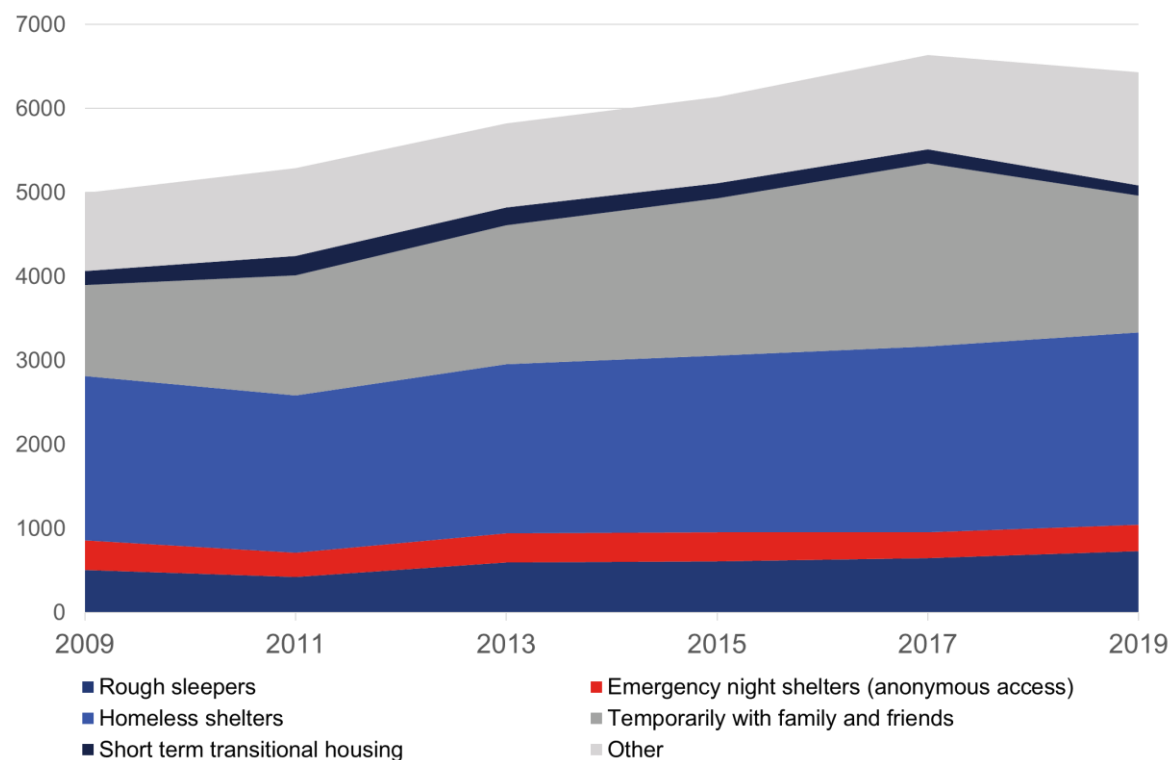


Mutual Learning Event – 23nd of June 2022

The Danish Strategy on Combatting Homelessness

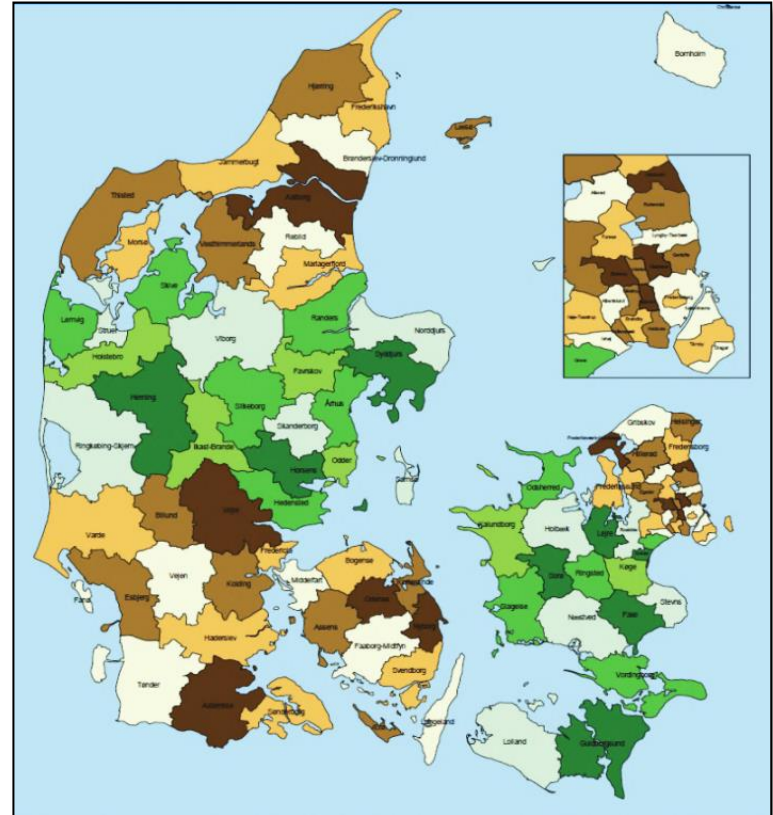
Homelessness in Denmark

- Biannual counts of people living in homelessness since 2009
- The latest count shows a total of 6.431 homeless people



The Social System in Denmark

- Equal access to services
- Social System that is tax financed
- A regulative Framework Act on Social Services
- 98 municipalities that play a key role in delivering the social service



National strategies in Denmark



Level: 1 2009-2013

- The national homelessness strategy
- 17 municipalities
- Method testing and development in a Danish context

Level 2: 2014-2016

- 25 municipalities
- Implementation of Housing First and supported housing
- A youth project

Level 3: 2016-2019

- ≥25 municipalities
- Dissemination and implementation of Housing First in even more municipalities
- Testing of transitional housing for young people

Level 4: 2018-2021

- ≥25 municipalities
- A national plan to combat homelessness
- Social Investment Initiatives
- Housing First for youth

Level 5: 2021-

- New political agreement on
 1. more affordable housing for people in homelessness and people at risk of homelessness
 2. rearrangement of the economic incentive structure for the municipalities, to support the full implementation of Housing First in Denmark
- ongoing implementation. Affordable housing will be available before new demands are made on social support.

Learning points and barriers

In 2020 the National Board of Social Service carried out a research about the barriers of full implementation of Housing First.

- Some of the barriers for full implementation of Housing First are:
 - Relevant housing available to homeless citizens.
 - Cooperation across relevant subject areas internally in the municipalities and across sectors.
 - Knowledge of the Housing First approach as an effective approach.
 - The political and managerial prioritization of the Housing First approach in the municipalities and at national level.
 - Financial incentive for the use of the Housing First approach.

The new political agreement 2021

New political agreement on combatting homelessness with increased focus on the Housing First-method and the ambition:

- 1) To reduce the number of homeless citizens significantly.
- 2) To end long-term homelessness.



Key elements in the new political agreement

- Providing more affordable housing
- Rearrangement of the economic incentive structure for the municipalities, to support the full implementation of Housing First in Denmark
- Establishment of a national partnership of central stakeholders
- Investment in the role of civil society under a strengthened implementation of Housing First



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