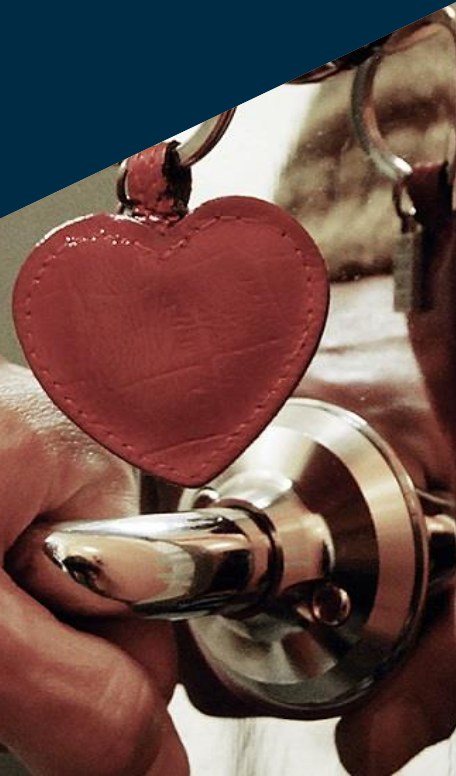


# Homelessness in Sweden 2017

## National Mapping

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# **The Ministry of Health and Social Affairs**

**The national mapping of homelessness in Sweden 2017  
Carried out by the National Board of Health and Welfare  
Commissioned by the Government**

# **The National Board of Health and Welfare (Socialstyrelsen)**

- **Develop statistics, regulations and knowledge for Government, Health care and Social service**

# **The Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning (Boverket)**

- **Analyzing the Housing Market**

# The Government Mission:

- **Identify scope and character of homelessness**
- **Comparable with mapping 2011**
- **Plan for spreading the findings & use in the strategic social work**

**Include:**

- **Individuals 18 years or older (women, men and their children)**
- **Swedish citizens or people with residence permit**

# Four situations of homelessness:

## 1. ACUTE HOMELESSNESS

People living rough, emergency accommodation, shelters

## 2. NO ACCOMMODATION AFTER INSTITUTION

People due to be released from institutions or assisted living

## 3. LONG-TERM LIVING ARRANGEMENTS ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL SERVICES

People receiving accommodation (apartments) arranged by the social services, with contracted supervision, special conditions or rules.

## 4. PRIVATE SHORT-TERM LIVING ARRANGEMENT

Resident in private homes or with insecure sublease contracts. Stay involuntarily contractless with family, relatives or acquaintances

# Approach

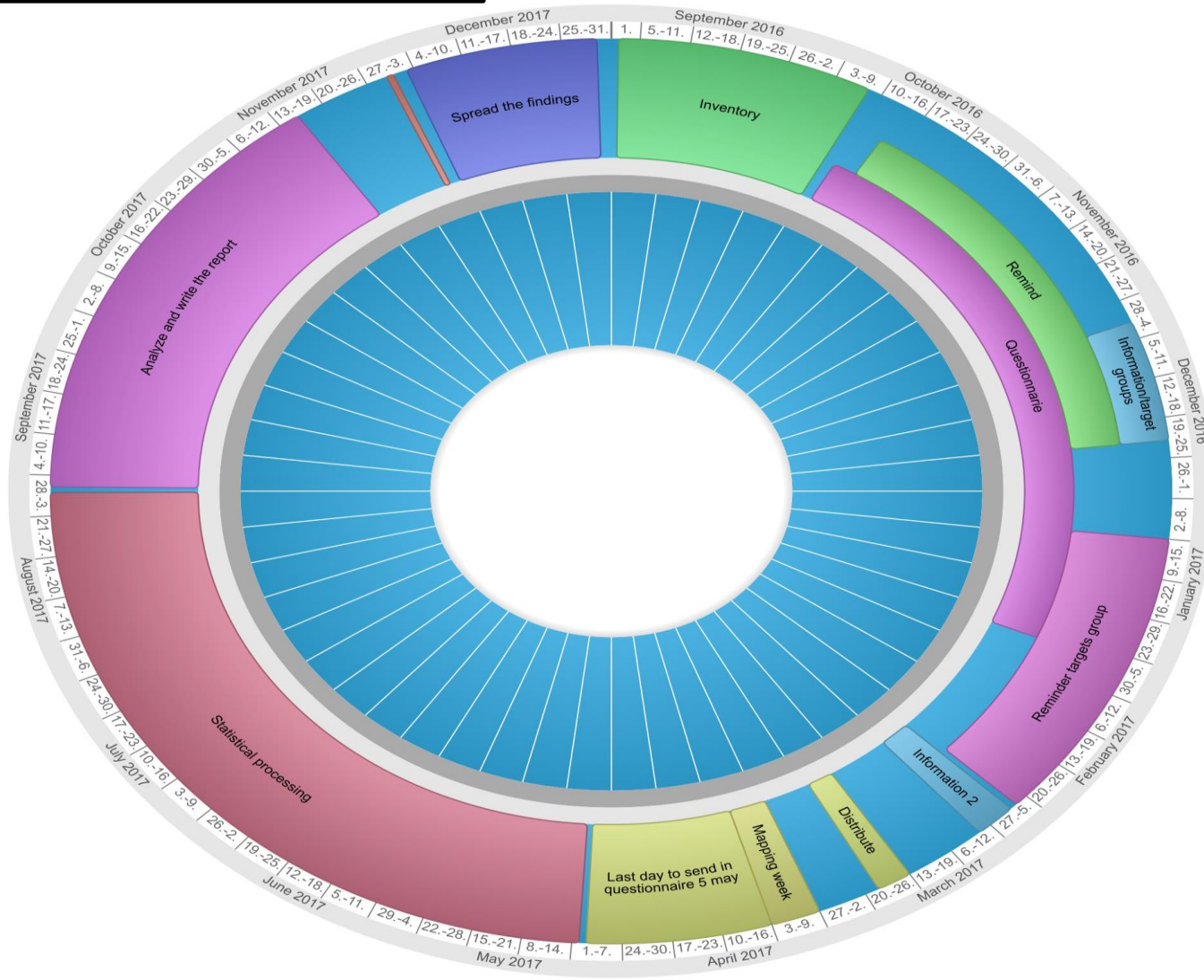
**1. Inventory of activities that meet people in homelessness**



**2. Mapping – questionnaire survey**

Municipalities - Social services, Correctional authorities, Healthcare providers, Parishes, Deacon, NGO:s (hostels, daytime activities, outreachers)

# Time Management



September 1, 2016 - December 30, 2017

# **One questionnaire per person**

## **One week**

- **The respondents should be in contact with the person**
- **The person had ongoing support, care or treatment**



# The questionnaire

## Basics:

- **Identifying number or social security number**
- **Sex, Age**
- **Municipality**
- **Country of birth, time in Sweden**
- **Children under 18**

# The questionnaire

## Questions about:

- 1. Living arrangement survey week**
- 2. Previous stay**
- 3. Time in homelessness**
- 4. Factors that contributed to homelessness**
- 5. Source of income**
- 6. Need for support, care & treatment survey week**
- 7. Need for support, care & treatment last year**

# Limitation

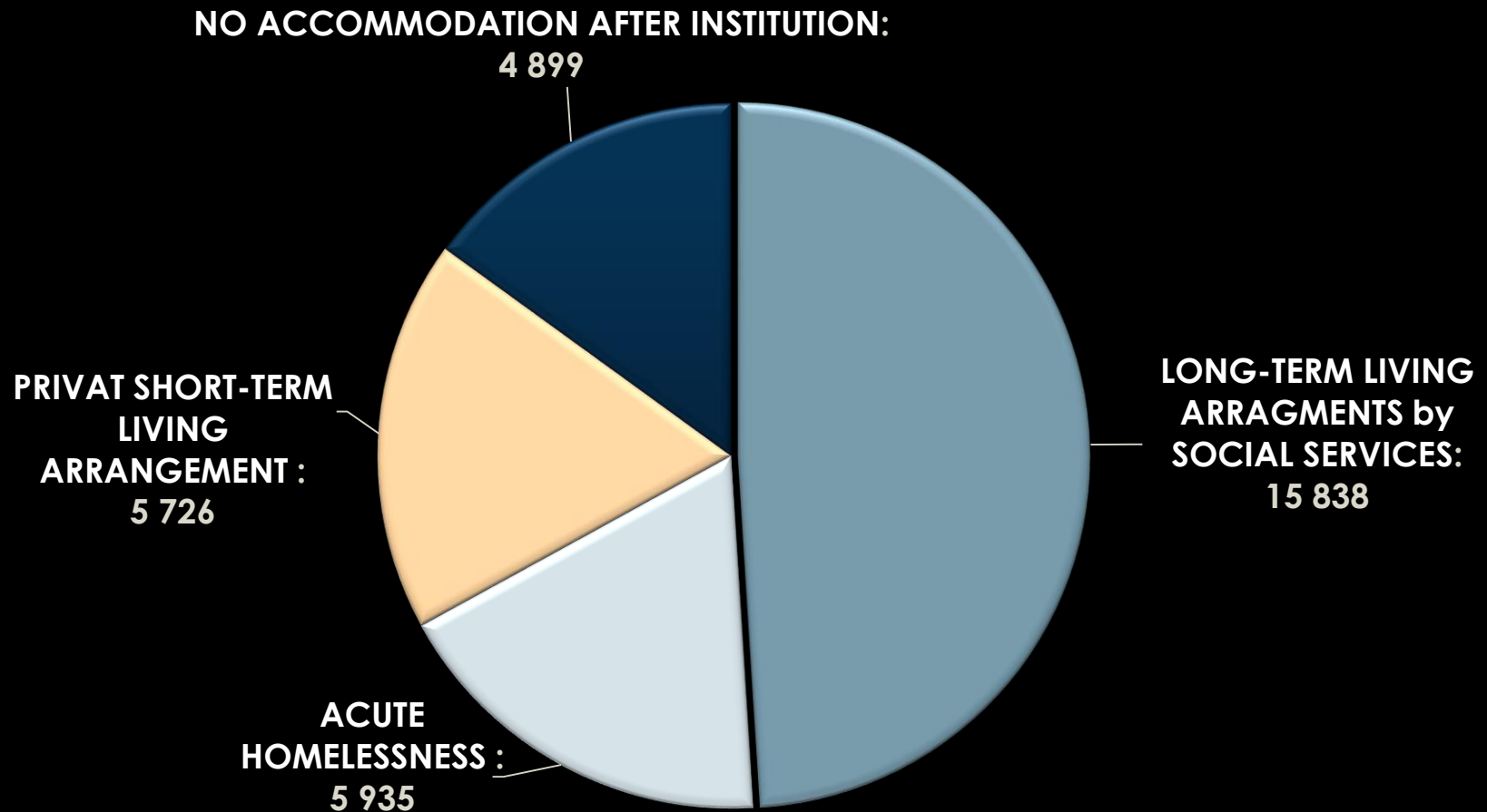
- **Homelessness restricted to one week**
- **All activities that meet homeless may not be reached**
- **Groups of homeless - not included in the survey**
- **Fewer informants participated in the survey**

# MAIN RESULTS 2017

- **Acute homelessness has increased**
- **People receiving long-term accommodation arranged by the social services has increased**
- **At least 33,000 people in homelessness**

Source: National Board of Health and Welfare Homelessness Mapping, 3-9 April 2017

# Individuals in one of the four different homelessness situations, April 3-9 2017



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- Report - National results
- The Ministry of Health and Social Affairs
- Media TV, newspaper, website, radio
- Municipalities request local results
- Conferences, Theme day at the university
- Socialstyrelsens Podcast
- Socialstyrelsens Open comparisons Counteract Homelessness  
and exclusion from the housing market

# Used in practice & policy

*” The children's situation needs attention”*

- Government grants
- Follow-up & improvements in the municipalities
- The governments official investigations
- Socialstyrelsens report on social services
- Kunskapsguiden.se – Theme: Homelessness info, guidelines, methods etc.
- Reports from NGO’s, Researcher

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