

Key findings

The first nationwide study to measure the scale of homelessness in Singapore found the following:

The Ministry of Social and Family Development has defined a homeless person as someone "who feels he has no home to go back to, whether he owns a house or is renting a place".

Areas with the largest numbers of homeless people:

Downtown

Bedok

Kallang

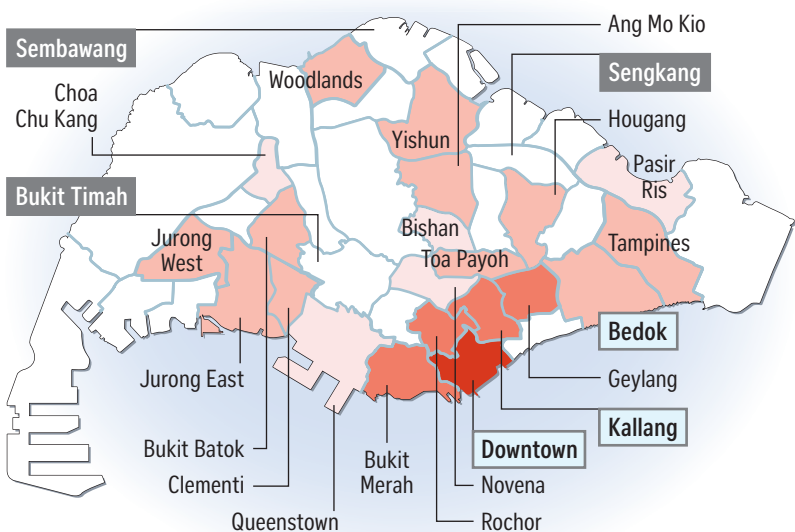
Areas with the fewest include:

Bukit Timah

Sengkang

Sembawang

0-10 11-20 21-50 51-100 >100



DEMOGRAPHICS

Over **80%** of the homeless were men

54 Average age of those interviewed

EDUCATION LEVEL

35% had primary school or lower education

2 people completed university

41% had secondary school education

SOME HAVE HOMES TO GO BACK TO

<30% of those interviewed said they had rented an HDB public rental flat or bought an HDB flat

37% were homeless due to family conflicts or familial break-up

HOW LONG THEY HAVE BEEN HOMELESS

1 in 3 has been sleeping in public for six or more years and four said they have been homeless for over 20 years

EMPLOYMENT PROFILE



6 in 10

were working, often in jobs such as cleaners or security guards, or doing odd jobs. Their median pay was \$1,400 a month.

When they were interviewed, which was around midnight,



1 in 4

said they had only one meal that day or had eaten nothing