

Migrants' Pathways into Homelessness in Finland's Capital Region

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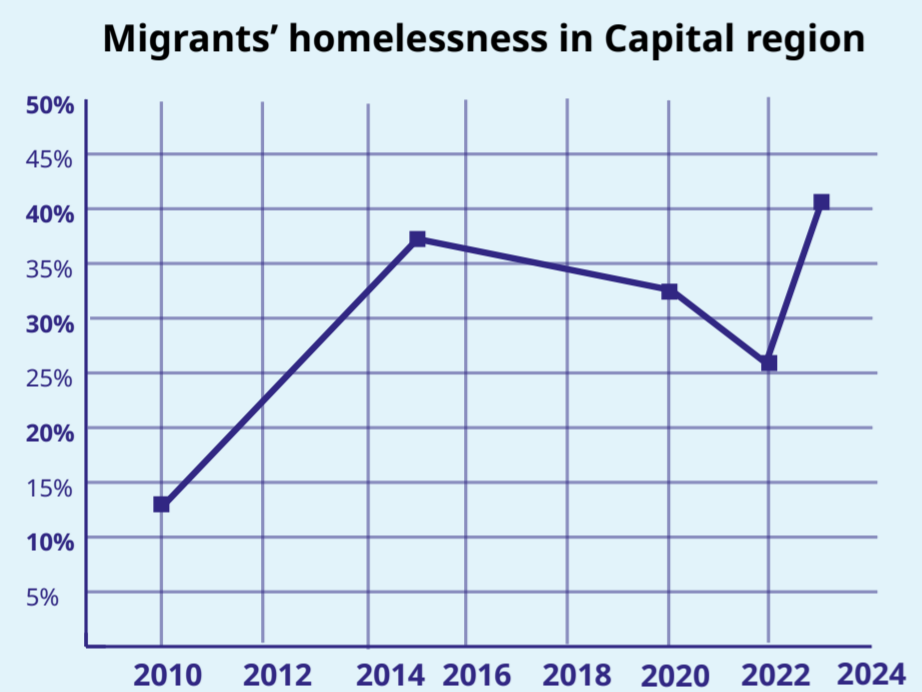
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Introduction

Research questions: Who are homeless migrants? What have been their pathways into homelessness?



Methods and procedures

Participants: 29 (19 living alone, 4 families and 6 undocumented).

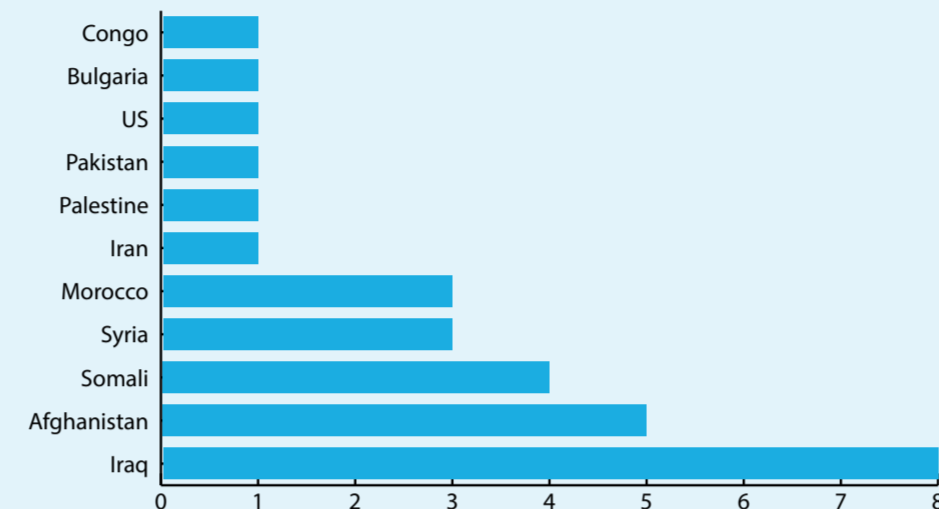
Instruments: 1. Background survey

2. Semi-structured Interview

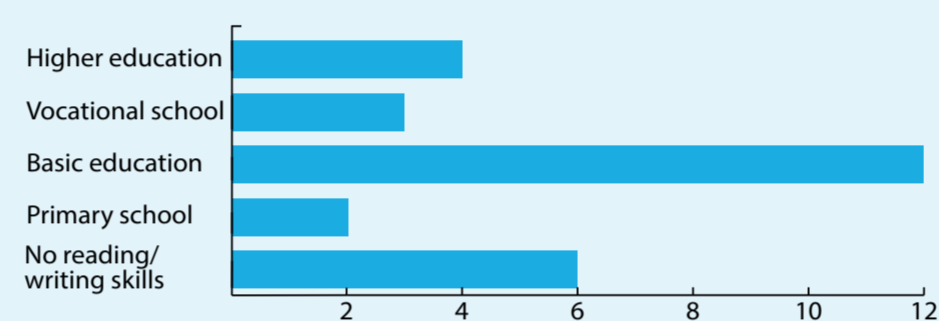
Qualitative analysis: Using constructivist grounded theory (Charmaz, 2006). The analysis process included four key steps: initial coding, focused coding: synthesizing larger segments, constant comparison, and final step integrating conceptual categories derived from the data into a coherent model or framework. This process was done separately for living alone participants and families.

Results and findings

Country of Origin



Level of Education



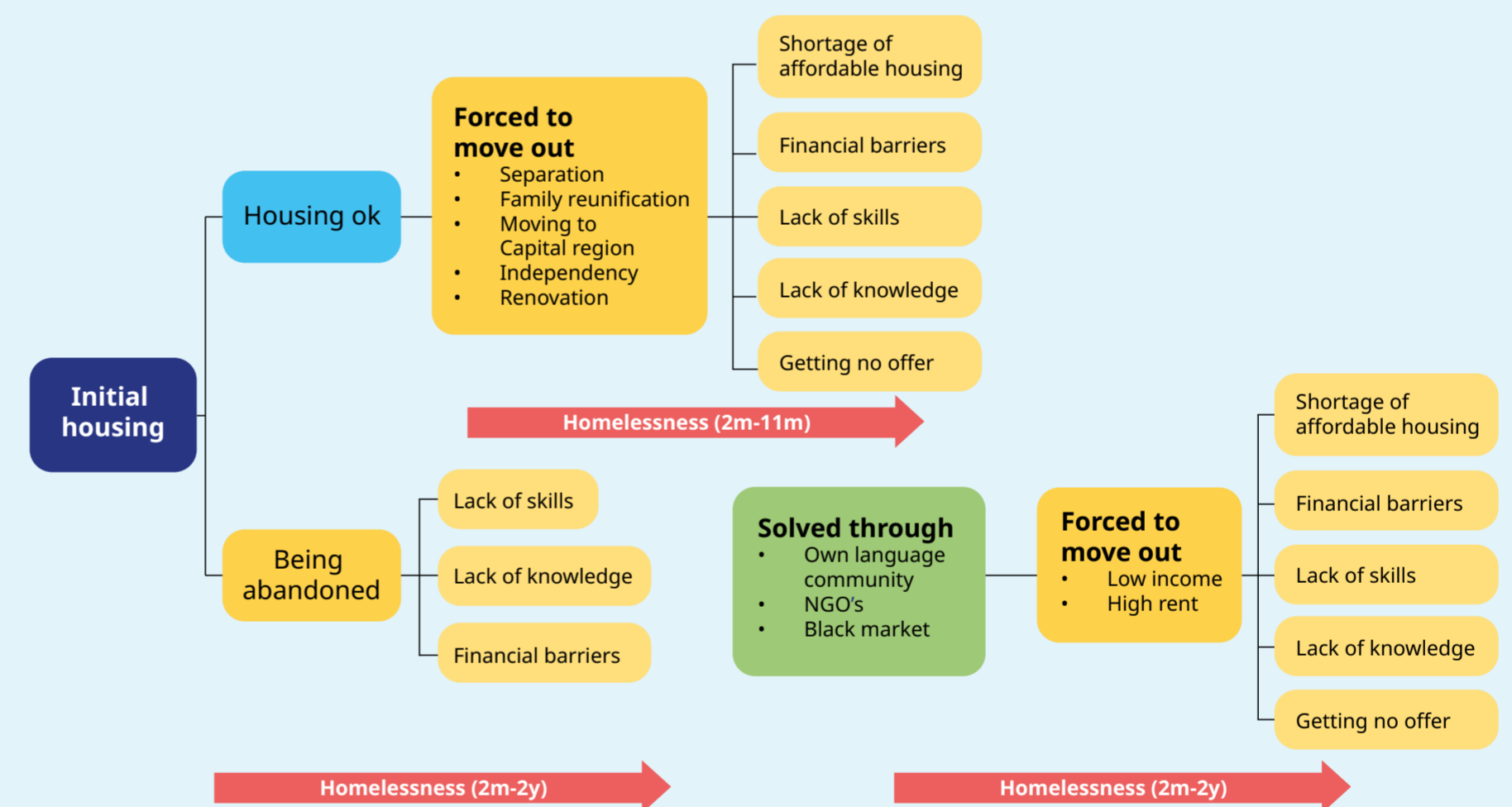
Reasons of moving to Finland

Asylum Seeker	18
Work	4
Family tie/Reunification	3
Quota refugees	2
Study	1
Tourist	1

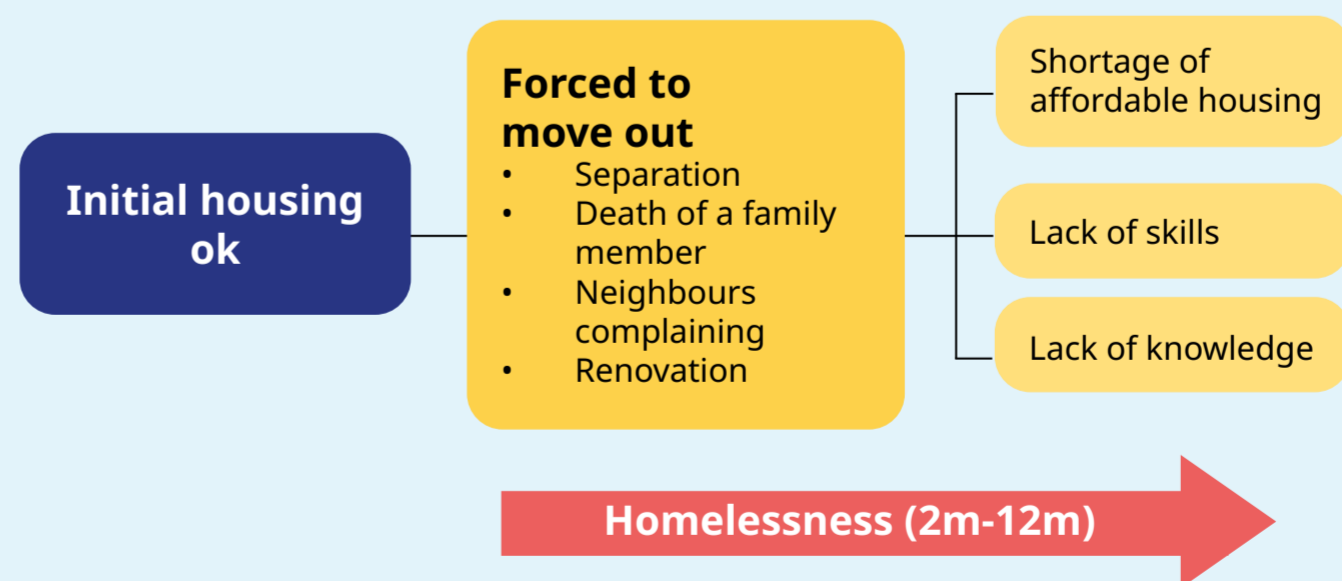
Type of Current Residence Permit

Finnish Citizenship	6
Permanent	8
Four-year	7
One-year	2
No residence permit (undocumented)	6

Pathways into Homelessness: Individuals living alone



Pathways into Homelessness: Families



Discussion

1. Migrants' homelessness experiences in Finland's Capital region can be attributed more to structural factors than individual factors.

2. Abandonment upon acquiring the residence permit (refugees, work based, study-based)

3. Integration plan is not inclusive (language challenge continues – low-paid job continues)

4. Lack of affordable housing

5. Undocumented migrants: the most vulnerable group with limited rights

6. Housing first model and social inclusion

7. KELA cuts and changes are worrying

8. Things did not go so well in 2015-2017