

Survey sheds light on homeless

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A City of Cape Town survey has revealed that close to 4 000 people are living on the streets of Cape Town with 333 living on the streets of Bellville alone.

The study was run over an 18-day period in November last year and revealed that there are 6 175 street people in the city with 2 084 of them accessing night shelters.

Mayco member for community services and health, Dr Zahid Badroodien, said the survey, conducted daily between 3am and 8am, revealed that of the 333

homeless people living on the streets of Bellville 56% of them are men, 40% are women while 6% are unspecified.

Further details of the survey show that 45% are between the ages of 18-35, 34% between 36-45, and 11% between 46-55.

Dr Badroodien added that many of them are found congregating at the Transnet Marshalling yard and the Hardekraaltjie Caravan Park in Boston.

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