

Study Report: Access to Membership in the Tamil Nadu Unorganised Workers Welfare Boards by Unorganised Workers in Homeless Situations

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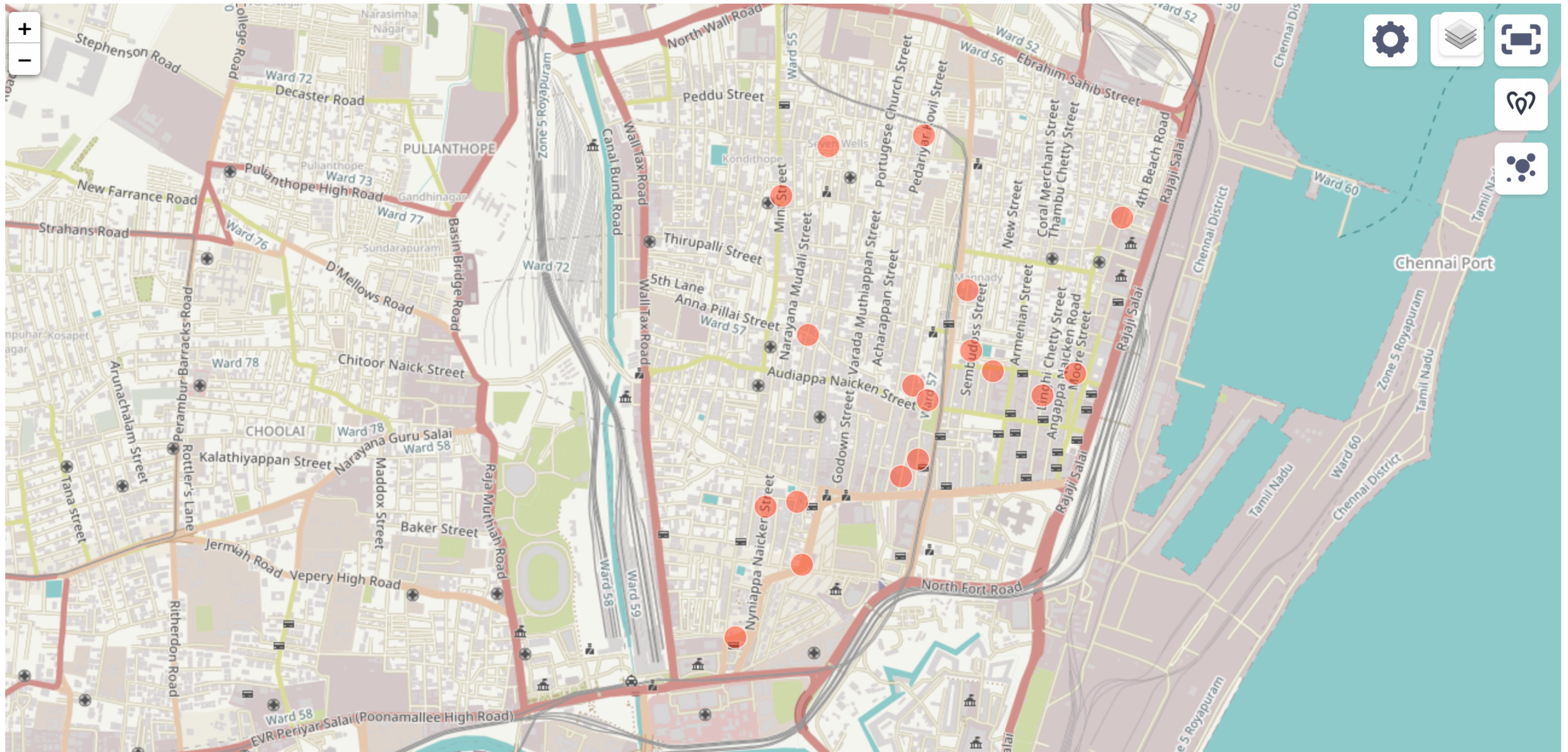
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Methodology Adopted

- Zone 5 was selected as the area of study as the Socio-economic and demographic survey of the homeless in Chennai conducted by Greater Chennai Corporation reveals that of the 9,087 homeless population identified in the city 3,211 persons (35%) in homeless situations are in Zone 5.
- The tool was designed based on the desk research conducted by the research team of IRCUDUC in consultation with experts working on labour issues
- The volunteers were provided with training on the tools and the need for adopting a sensitive approach during the study process
- Simple random sampling research methodology was adopted
- Google forms was used for data collection process
- The data was validated by the research team of IRCUDUC



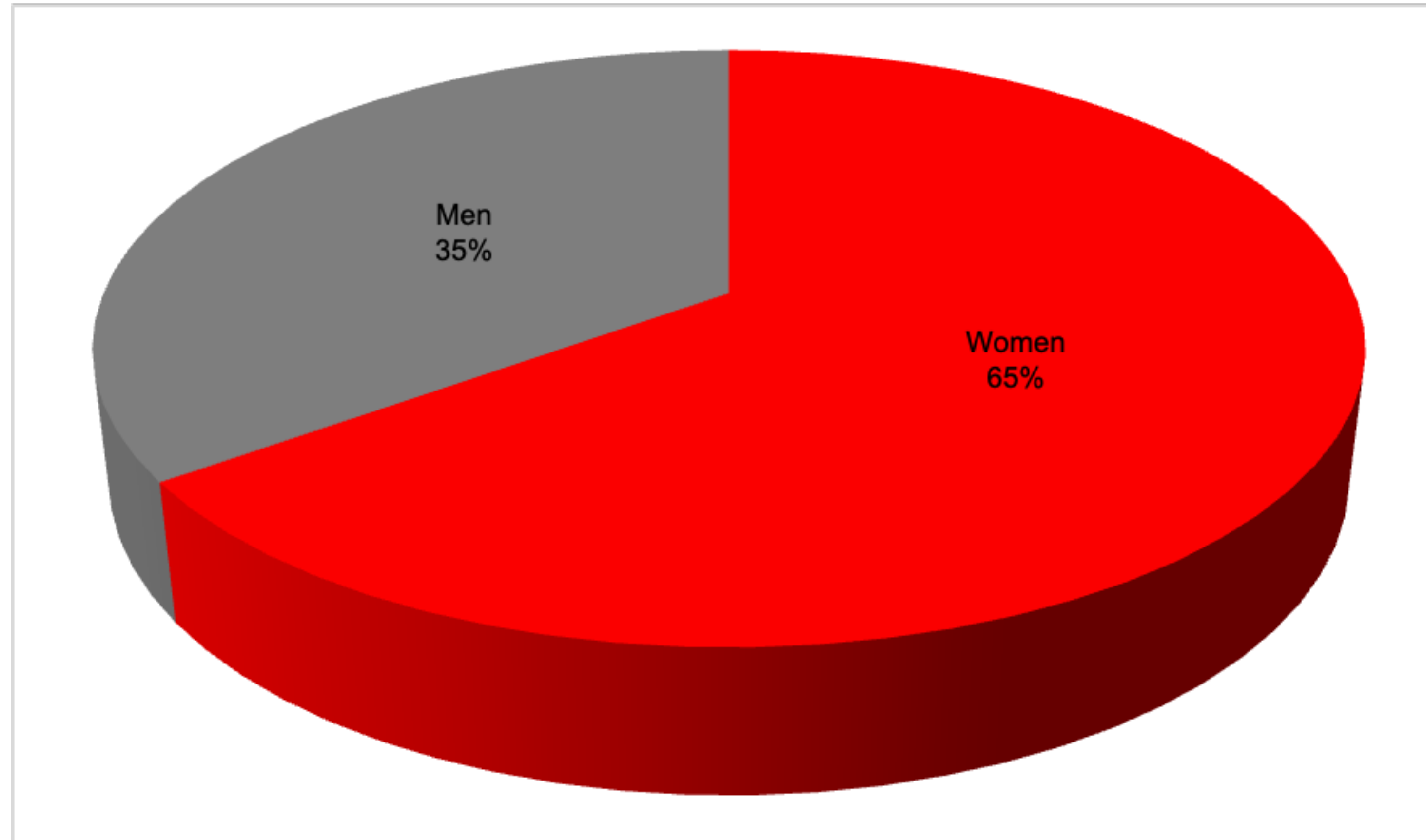
Location under Study - Zone 5 - George Town & Neighbouring Areas

List of Streets & Number of Respondents

Name of the Street	Number of Respondents
Andiyappan Mudali Street	1
Andrews Street	1
Anna Pillai Street	2
Chinna Thambi Street	1
Davidson Street	18
Dhamodhar Nagar	1
Devaraj Mudhaliyar Street	2
Grama Street	1
Jaffer Sarang Street	25
Jones Street	2
Lakshmi Puram	1
Linghi Chetty	2
Manikandan Street	2
Memorial Hall Street	45
Mint Street	20

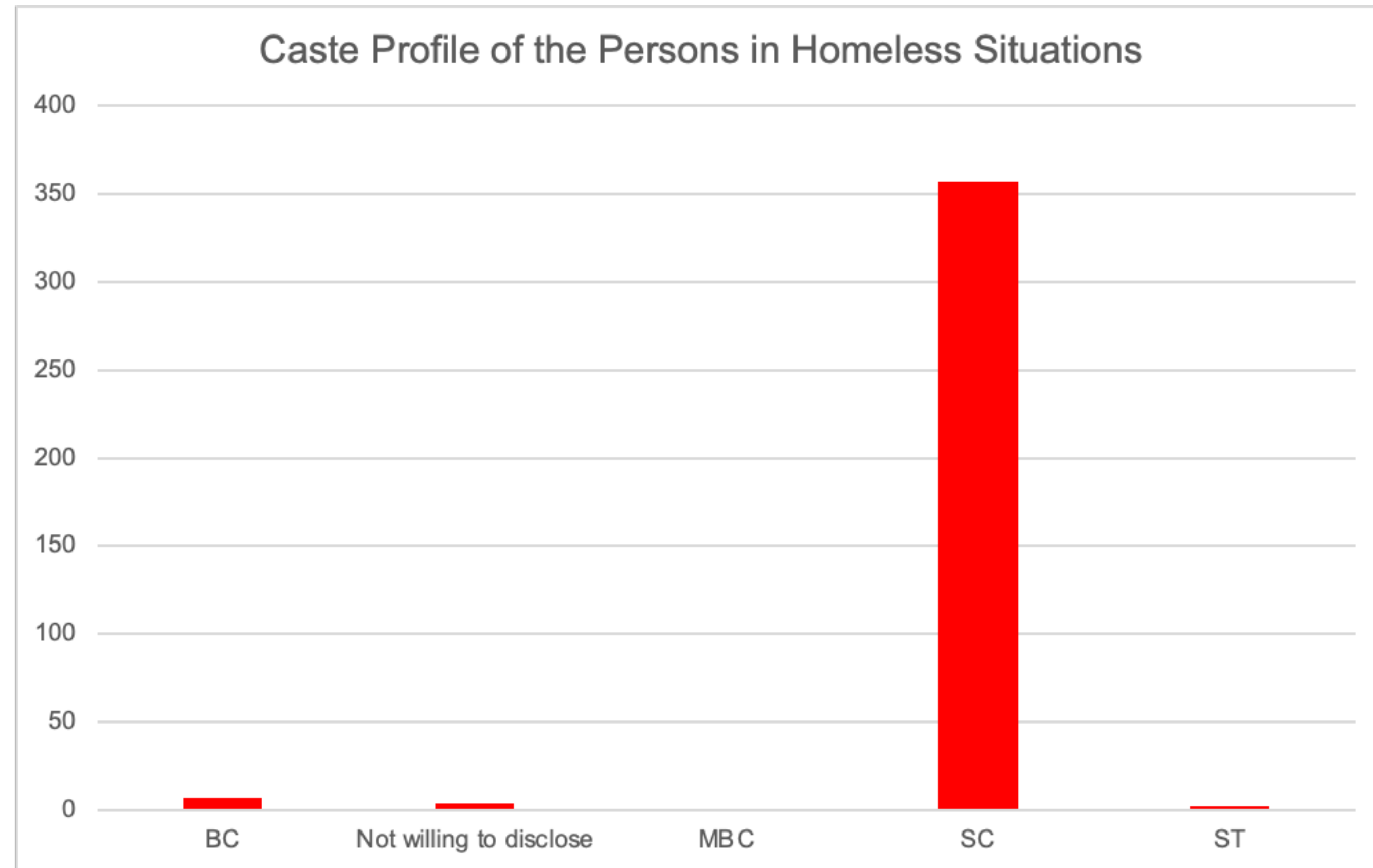
Name of the Street	Number of Respondents
Mookar Nalamuthu Street	9
Moore Street	2
Nainappa Naikan Street	30
Narayanapa Street	20
Pallavan Street	4
Pidariyar Amman Kovil Street	23
Rattan Bazaar	26
Sathya Murthy Street	3
Sembudoss Street	53
Stringer Street	12
Thangasalai Street	1
Thiruvallur Street	1
Umpherson Street	39
Xavier Street	25
Total	372

Gender of the Respondents



- 65% of the respondents are women in homeless situation (242 women)
- 35% are men in homeless situation (130 Men)

Caste Profile of the Respondents

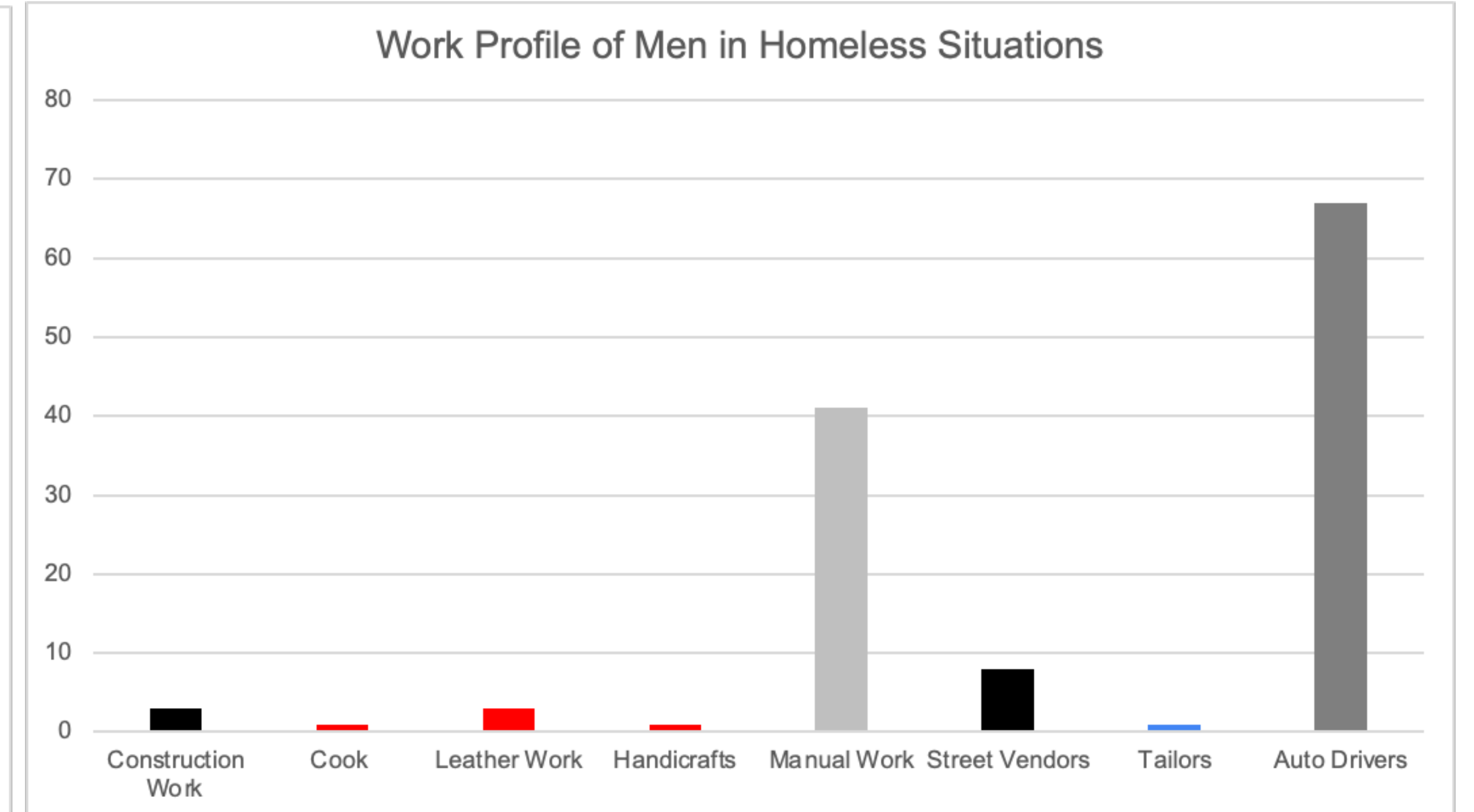
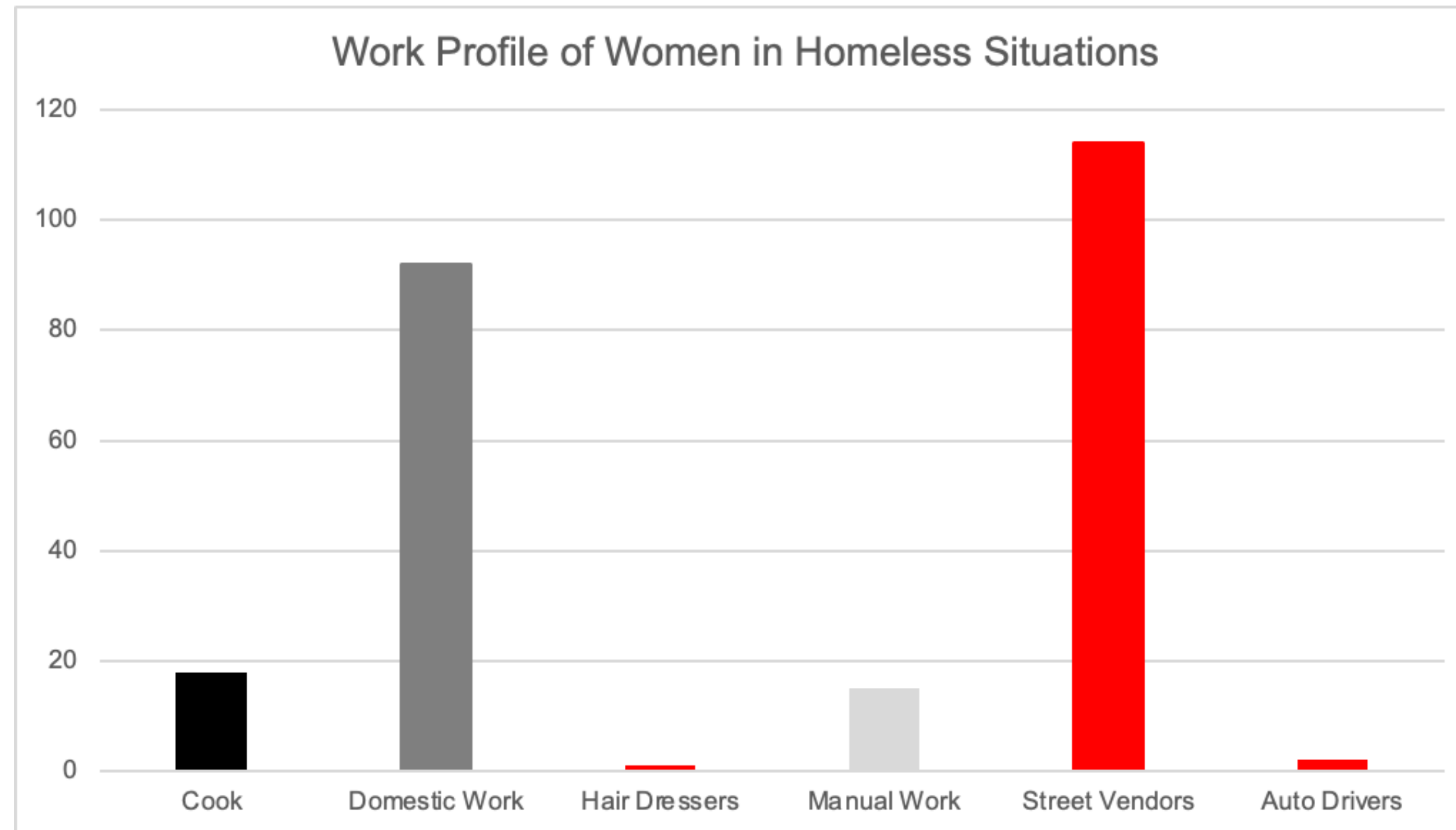


- 96% (357 individuals) of the respondents belong to Scheduled Castes

Work Profile of the Respondents

Work Profile	Women	Men	Total
Construction Work	0	8	8
Cook	13	1	14
Domestic Work	98	0	98
Footwear/Leather Goods/ Tannery	0	3	3
Hair Dressers	1	0	1
Handicrafts	0	1	1
Manual Workers	15	41	56
Street Vendors	114	8	122
Tailors	0	1	1
Auto Drivers	1	67	68
Total	242	130	372

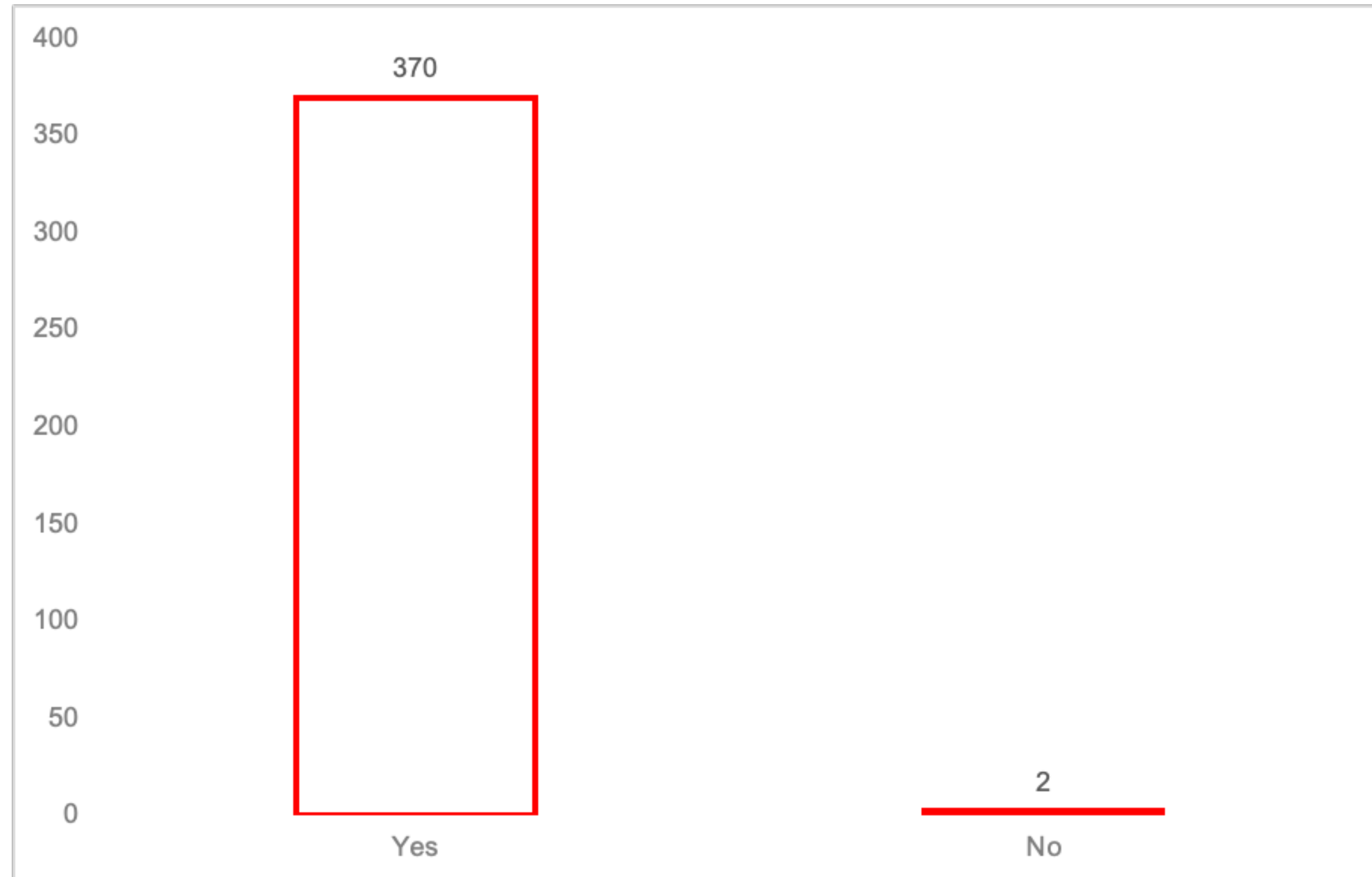
Work Profile of the Respondents



- 47% of the women in homeless situations are street vendors (114 women)
- 40% of the women in homeless situations are domestic workers (98 women)

- 52% of the men in homeless situations - the number could be on the higher side as many auto drivers were found to be present in the area of study. (67 men)
- 32% of the men in homeless situations are working as manual labourers (41 men)

Membership in the Tamil Nadu Unorganised Workers Welfare Board



- 99% of workers in homeless situation are not members of the Tamil Nadu Unorganised Workers Welfare Board and they were not aware of the benefits of they are entitled to.

Suggestions & Way Forward

- As workers in homeless situations are the extremely vulnerable persons in the urban spaces we suggest the following:
- Coordination meetings to be organised with NGOs/institutions working with urban homeless to facilitate enrolment camps in the hotspot locations where urban homeless reside
- Special enrolment camps for unorganised workers to be organised in hotspot locations where the urban homeless reside.
- Regular awareness drive on the importance of enrolling into the Tamil Nadu Unorganised Workers Welfare Board.

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