

Only **3 in 10 clients**
who experienced
homelessness were
assisted into housing.



Top 3 Reasons for Clients Seeking Assistance Across Victoria

44% Domestic & Family Violence

40% Housing Crisis

39% Financial Difficulties

1 in 5 

Australians experiencing homelessness are
**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES
STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE**

yet they represent only

 **3 in 100** of Australia's
total population

60%

of people experiencing
homelessness were

**UNDER
35 YEARS
OLD**



24,817

people in Victoria were
**EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS**
in 2016

11.3%
increase
from 2011



Australia's homelessness problem is growing.

116,000

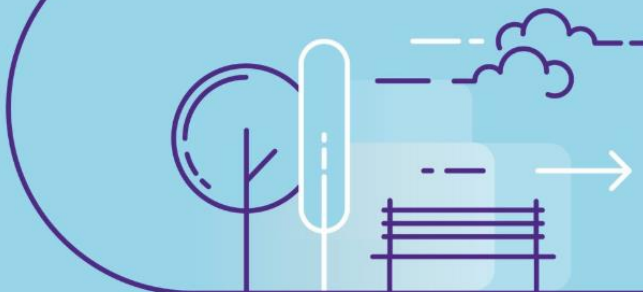
Australians
were homeless
on Census
night 2016.



That's a
14%
increase from
2011 to 2016

8,200

were sleeping rough on Census night 2016,
20% higher than 2011.

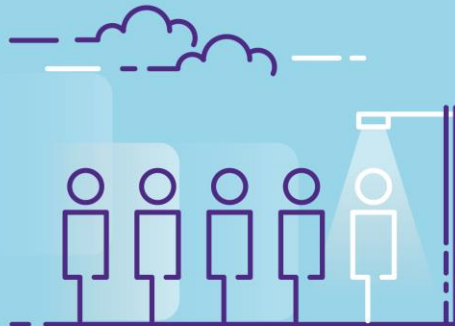


We need action on homelessness now.

Indigenous Australians are nearly 10x more likely to experience homelessness.

22%

of Australians experiencing homelessness are Indigenous Australians



despite this group only representing
2.8%
of Australia's total population

35%

increase in Indigenous Australians sleeping rough 2011-2016.

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Overcrowded accommodation is on the rise.

51,000+

Australians were living in severely overcrowded housing on Census night 2016.



That's a
23%
increase from
2011 to 2016



In severely overcrowded housing there's no personal living space or privacy. Cramped living negatively affects wellbeing and outcomes.

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Particular groups are at higher risk of homelessness.

Homelessness is complex with many causes:

- domestic violence
- financial difficulties
- family breakdown
- lack of affordable housing.



Australia has
SKYROCKETING
HOUSING COSTS

and a lack of
SOCIAL AND
AFFORDABLE
HOUSING

200,000

Australians are on housing
wait lists.



24%

experiencing homelessness are
affected by this housing crisis.

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Policy inaction on housing affordability is responsible for increasing homelessness.

29%

increase in spending on homelessness services.



but a
7%
drop in investment in affordable and social housing (2011-2016)

Social housing:

4%

of all dwellings in Australia



18%

of all dwellings in the UK



The rising cost of housing is a key contributor to poverty.

613,000

people have fallen below the poverty line due to high housing costs...

229,000

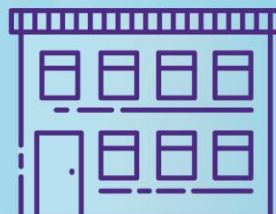
of whom are children.



Growing pressure on lower income renters paying over

30%

of their income is placing many at increased risk of homelessness.



The housing crisis is rapidly increasing as an immediate cause of homelessness. Less affordable housing available means it's harder to break the cycle.

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Welfare cuts and penalties = shortage to cover basic housing and living costs.

There have been
cuts to welfare
support

and a 5-fold increase
in penalties, leaving
many without
payments.



This has forced
**A SHARP
INCREASE IN**
those on Newstart
Allowance.



\$447.20 p/wk

Disability Support Pension

\$269.40 p/wk

Newstart Allowance



-\$177.80 p/wk

Shortfall (Minimum wage: \$694.90 per week)



People reliant on these social security payments are at
even higher risk of housing stress and homelessness.

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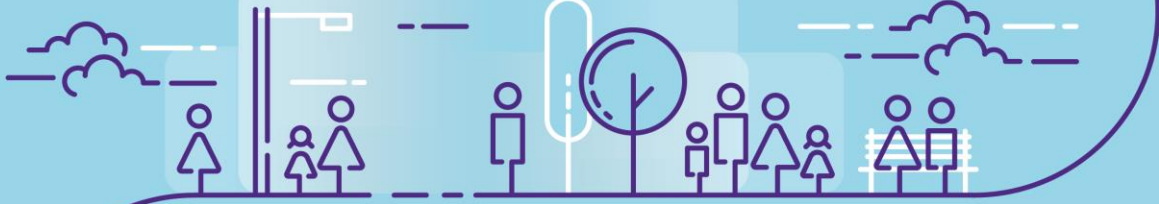
Well thought out policies and programs matter.

Increase in Rough Sleeping: — — — — —

20% ↑
Australia

35% ↑
NSW

3% ↑
VIC



The difference?

Successful and well-resourced programs in Victoria like Housing First, Street to Home and Rough Sleepers Initiative.



But they only work if they're well-funded, and there's access to enough affordable housing.

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1 in 2 women with
children seeking
homelessness services in
Victoria is escaping a violent
home



Homelessness can happen
at **any age**.

12% of people
experiencing
homelessness are aged **55+**



Young people experiencing homelessness often:

1. Couch surf
2. Sleep rough
3. Sleep in cars
4. Stay in emergency accommodation
5. Stay at hostels and motels

