

Youth Homelessness in Australia



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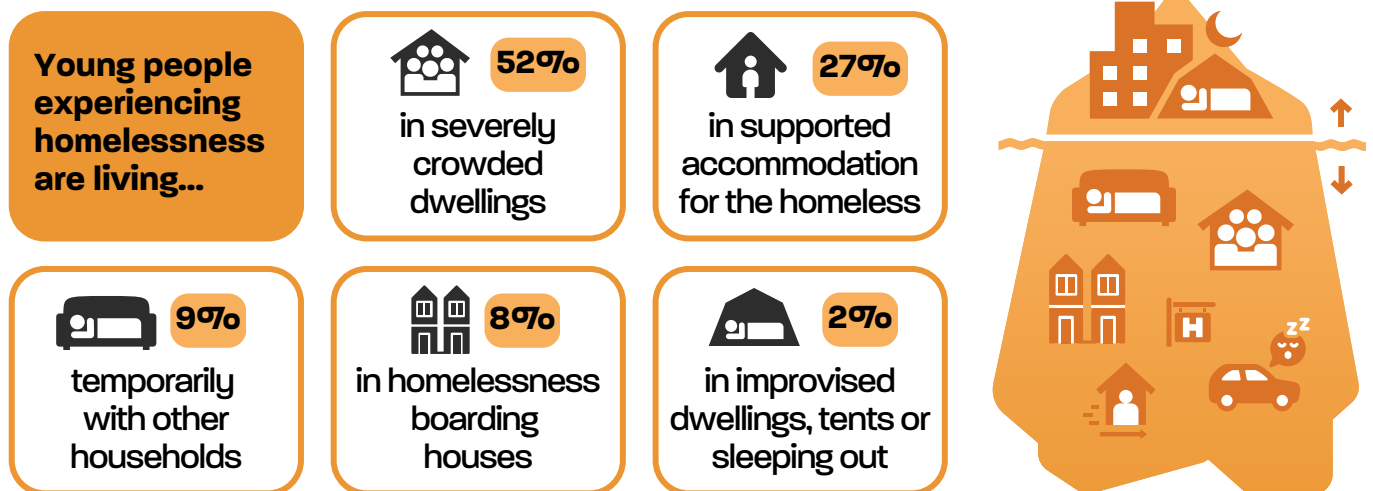
45,850

That's the estimated number of people under 25 experiencing homelessness in Australia.

Source: Estimating Homelessness, ABS Census 2021

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS – A HIDDEN CRISIS

When we think of homelessness, we often picture people sleeping rough on the streets. But that's just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to youth homelessness in Australia.



Source: Table 1.8, Estimating Homelessness, ABS Census 2021

WHAT CAUSES YOUTH HOMELESSNESS?

The reasons a young person might experience homelessness are often personal and complex. Some of the common causes are...

Family and domestic violence

Housing crisis (i.e. eviction)

Crowded or inappropriate living conditions

Relationship or Family breakdown

Mental health struggles

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In 2022-23 around **38,300 young people** presented alone to homelessness services.



1 in 3 had experienced family and domestic violence.



48% had a current mental health issue



32% identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Experiencing homelessness at a young age can put an individual at greater risk of experiencing it throughout their life.

Source: Scutella et al, Journeys Home Research Report No. 1, 2012

47% of young people presenting to homelessness services are in need of long-term housing.

Only 4.3% receive it.

Source: Specialist homelessness services annual report 2022-23

0% of rental listings surveyed across Australia last year were affordable for a young person living off youth allowance.

Source: 2024 Rental Affordability Snapshot

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?



Advocate

Sign the petition to develop a national strategy to end child and youth homelessness



Support

Volunteer, donate, or fundraise for organisations helping young people experiencing homelessness.



Amplify

Spread the word and help raise awareness about youth homelessness in Australia.



WHERE TO LEARN MORE...

- [**ABS** – Estimating Homelessness - 2021 Census](#)
- [**AIHW** – Specialist Homelessness Services Annual Report](#)
- [**Kids Under Cover** – Youth Homelessness: The Facts and Stats](#)