# ABORIGINAL HOMELESSNESS IN AUSTRALIA

### WHERE WERE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE Experiencing homelessness staying?

#### WHAT THE DATA SHOWS US

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples made up 3% of the Australian population in 2016. However, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples accounted for 20% (23,437 persons) (down from 26% in 2011) of all persons who were homeless on Census night in 2016.



| TYPE OF<br>ACCOMMODATION |  | NO. OF<br>ABORIGINAL<br>PEOPLE 2016 | % OF<br>ABORIGINAL<br>HOMELESS<br>PEOPLE* | % OF PEOPLE<br>LIVING IN<br>ACCOMM.*<br>TYPE | %<br>INCREASE<br>BETWEEN<br>2011-2016 |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|
|                          | People sleeping<br>rough                                     | 2,169                               | 9%  | 26%  | 29%                                   |
|                          | Persons in<br>supported<br>accommodation<br>for the homeless | 2,911                               | 12%                                       | 14%  | -11%                                  |
|                          | Persons staying<br>temporarily with<br>other households      | 1,122                               | 5%  | 6%   | 11%                                   |
|                          | Persons living in boarding houses                            | 787                                 | 3%  | 4%   | 16%                                   |
|                          | Persons in other<br>temporary<br>lodgings                    | 43                                  | 0.18%                                     | 6%   | -2%                                   |
|                          | Persons in<br>severely crowded<br>dwellings                  | 16,399                              | 70%                                       | 32%  | -18%                                  |

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### ABORIGINAL PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS BY STATE AND TERRITORIES

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This figure also represents 361 per 10,000 of the total Aboriginal population (compared to the rate of 49.8 per 10,000 for the total national population).

| STATE AND TERRITORIES           | TOTAL<br>NUMBERS<br>2016 | % OF<br>ABORIGINAL<br>HOMELESS<br>POPULATION | % OF<br>HOMELESS<br>POPULATION<br>IN THAT STATE | %<br>INCREASE<br>BETWEEN<br>2011-2016 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| New South Wales                 | 2,278                    | 10%  | 6%  | 3%                                    |
| Victoria                        | 783                      | 3%   | 3%  | 5%                                    |
| Queensland                      | 4,450                    | 19%  | 21%   | -8%                                   |
| South Australia                 | 936                      | 4%   | 15%   | 14%                                   |
| Western Australia               | 2,618                    | 11%  | 29%   | 23%                                   |
| Tasmania                        | 130                      | 0.6%   | 8%  | 22%                                   |
| Northern Territory              | 12,131                   | 52%  | 88%   | 13%                                   |
| Australian Capital<br>Territory | 95                       | 0.4%   | 6%  | 64%                                   |