

HOMELESSNESS IN AUSTRALIA

WHAT THE DATA SHOWS US







There were **116,427 people** were classified as being homeless on Census night 2016 (up 14% from 102,439 in 2011);

The homeless rate was **49.8 persons for every 10,000** persons in the 2016 Census, up from 47.6 persons in 2011








The rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were homeless in Australia was **361 persons for every 10,000 of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population**, a decrease from 487 in 2011;

Homelessness NSW

WHERE WERE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS STAYING?

TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION	TOTAL NUMBERS 2016	% OF HOMELESS PEOPLE IN AUSTRALIA	% INCREASE BETWEEN 2011-2016
 People sleeping rough	8,200	7%	20%
 Persons in supported accommodation for the homeless	21,235	18%	0%
 Persons staying temporarily with other households	17,725	15%	2%
 Persons living in boarding houses	17,503	15%	17%
 Persons in other temporary lodgings	678	1%	-1%
 Persons in severely crowded dwellings	51,088	44%	23%

PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS BY STATE AND TERRITORIES

STATE AND TERRITORIES	TOTAL NUMBERS 2016	% OF ENTIRE HOMELESS POPULATION	RATE PER 10,000 OF THE POPULATION	% INCREASE BETWEEN 2011-2016
 New South Wales	37,715	32%	50.4	37%
 Victoria	24,817	21%	41.9	11%
 Queensland	21,671	19%	46.1	14%
 South Australia	6,224	5%	37.1	7%
 Western Australia	9,005	8%	36.4	-2%
 Tasmania	1,622	1%	31.8	6%
 Northern Territory	13,717	12%	599.4	11%
 Australian Capital Territory	1,596	1%	40.2	-8%







AGE OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

AGE	TOTAL NUMBERS 2016	% OF ENTIRE HOMELESS POPULATION	% INCREASE BETWEEN 2011-2016
Under 12	15,872	14%	11%
12-24	27,680	24%	10%
55 and over	18,622	16%	28%



REGIONAL/REMOTE STATUS OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

REMOTE AREA	TOTAL NUMBERS 2016	% OF ENTIRE HOMELESS POPULATION	% INCREASE BETWEEN 2011-2016
Major Cities in Australia	75,202	65%	26%
Regional Australia	23,200	20%	7%
Remote Australia	18,027	15%	-15%

COUNTRY OF BIRTH OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

COUNTRY OF BIRTH	TOTAL NUMBERS 2016	% OF HOMELESS POP. IN AUSTRALIA IN 2016	% INCREASE BETWEEN 2011-2016
 Australia	62,816	54%	-6%
 New Zealand, Melanesia and Polynesia	4,356	4%	-6%
 Europe	4,699	4%	-18%
 Africa and the Middle East	5,540	5%	9%
 Asia	23,047	20%	94%
 Americas	1,456	1%	48%
Other	14,508	12%	49%

SEX OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

SEX	TOTAL NUMBERS 2016	% OF ENTIRE HOMELESS POPULATION	% INCREASE BETWEEN 2011-2016
 Male	67,407	58%	17%
 Female	49,017	42%	10%