

HOMELESSNESS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

WHAT THE DATA SHOWS US







There were **37,715 people in NSW in the Census** who are classified as being homeless on Census night 2016 (up 37% from 27,479 in 2011). This is higher than the national increase of 14%.

The homeless rate was 50.4 persons for every 10,000 persons in the 2016 Census, up 27% from the 39.7 persons in 2011.

2,278 Aboriginal people were recorded as homeless in 2016 (an increase from 2,205 in 2011). This is an increase of 3%.

Homelessness NSW

WHERE WERE PEOPLE STAYING?

TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION	TOTAL NUMBERS 2016	% OF HOMELESS PEOPLE IN NSW	% INCREASE BETWEEN 2011-2016
 People sleeping rough	2,588	7%	35%
 Persons in supported accommodation for the homeless	5,861	16%	19%
 Persons staying temporarily with other households	5,350	14%	8%
 Persons living in boarding houses	6,869	18%	19%
 Persons in other temporary lodgings	222	1%	-9%
 Persons in severely crowded dwellings	16,821	45%	74%







AGE OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

AGE	TOTAL NUMBERS 2016	% OF ENTIRE HOMELESS POPULATION	% INCREASE BETWEEN 2011-2016
Under 12	3,963	11%	10%
12-24	9,042	24%	36%
55 and over	6,411	17%	43%

REGIONAL/REMOTE STATUS OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

REMOTE AREA	TOTAL NUMBERS 2016	% OF ENTIRE HOMELESS POPULATION	% INCREASE BETWEEN 2011-2016
Major Cities in NSW	31,512	84%	48%
Regional NSW	5,955	16%	14%
Remote NSW	230	1%	18%

COUNTRY OF BIRTH OF PEOPLE SLEEPING ROUGH IN NSW



COUNTRY OF BIRTH	TOTAL NUMBERS 2016	% OF HOMELESS POP. IN NSW	% INCREASE BETWEEN 2011-2016
 Australia	15,753	42%	6%
 New Zealand, Melanesia and Polynesia	1,753	5%	0%
 Europe	1,645	4%	-7%
 Africa and the Middle East	2,008	5%	9%
 Asia	11,061	29%	137%
 Americas	746	2%	65%
Other	4,753	13%	67%

EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN NSW (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER)

15,024 or 45.6% of people experiencing homelessness are in the labour market in NSW, with 12,311 or 37.4% not in the labour force and 17% not stated. Of those in the labour market:

LABOUR FORCE STATUS	TOTAL NUMBERS 2016	% OF ENTIRE HOMELESS POPULATION	% INCREASE BETWEEN 2011-2016
Employed full time	5,597	17%	45%
Employed part time	5,377	16.3%	84%
Employed away from work	936	2.8%	38%
Unemployed	3,115	9.5%	26%

SEX OF PEOPLE IN NSW

SEX	TOTAL NUMBERS 2016	% OF ROUGH SLEEPING POP. IN NSW	% INCREASE BETWEEN 2011-2016
 Male	22,698	60%	39%
 Female	15,010	40%	35%