

OLDER PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN AUSTRALIA







WHAT THE DATA SHOWS US

For the infographic, older people experiencing homelessness refers to people aged 55 years and over. In total **18,622 persons aged 55 years** and over were classified as homelessness on Census night in 2016. This represents **16% of the total homeless population in 2016** and is an increase from 14,583 (a 28 % increase)

This is a rate of homelessness of **29 people per 10,000** of the older population over 55.



Homelessness NSW









WHERE DID OLDER PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS STAY?

TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION	TOTAL NUMBERS 2016	% OF OLDER HOMELESS PEOPLE IN AUSTRALIA	% INCREASE BETWEEN 2011-2016
 People sleeping rough	1,895	10%	34%
 Persons in supported accommodation for the homeless	3,090	17%	61%
 Persons staying temporarily with other households	4,482	24%	16%
 Persons living in boarding houses	5,117	27%	8%
 Persons in other temporary lodgings	277	1%	40%
 Persons in severely crowded dwellings	3,777	20%	39%

OLDER PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS BY STATE AND TERRITORIES

SEX OF OLDER PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

SEX	TOTAL NUMBERS 2016	% OF HOMELESS POPULATION	% INCREASE BETWEEN 2011-2016
 Male	11,757	63%	26%
 Female	6,866	37%	31%

STATE AND TERRITORIES	TOTAL NUMBERS 2016	% OF OLDER HOMELESS PEOPLE IN AUSTRALIA	% INCREASE OF OLDER PEOPLE BETWEEN 2011-2016
 New South Wales	6,411	34%	43%
 Victoria	3,316	18%	24%
 Queensland	4,440	24%	31%
 South Australia	1,001	5%	27%
 Western Australia	1,508	8%	5%
 Tasmania	287	1.5%	14%
 Northern Territory	1,422	8%	1%
 Australian Capital Territory	240	.5%	36%