

# Youth Homelessness in NSW

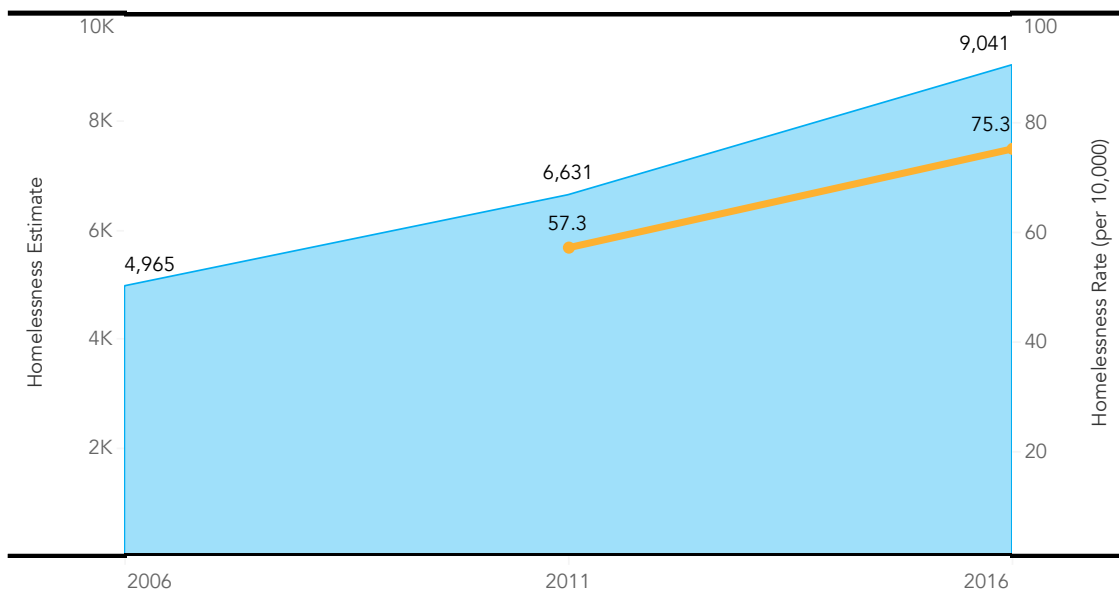


On any given night in NSW more than **9,000** young people (aged 12 to 24) are homeless.

The number of young people in NSW who are homeless on any given night has **almost doubled over the last decade**.

This is not because of general population increase. Young people in NSW are **more likely to experience homelessness now, than they were five years ago**.

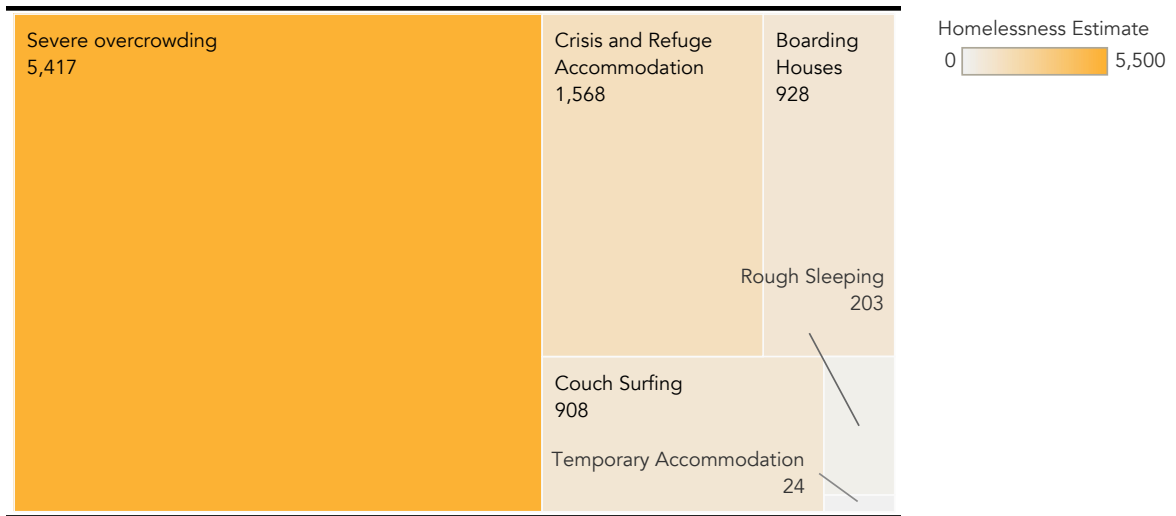
## Youth Homelessness in NSW from 2006 to 2016



- Homelessness Rate
- Homelessness Estimate

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics (2018) Census of Population and Housing: Estimating homelessness, 2016 (cat. no. 2049.0)

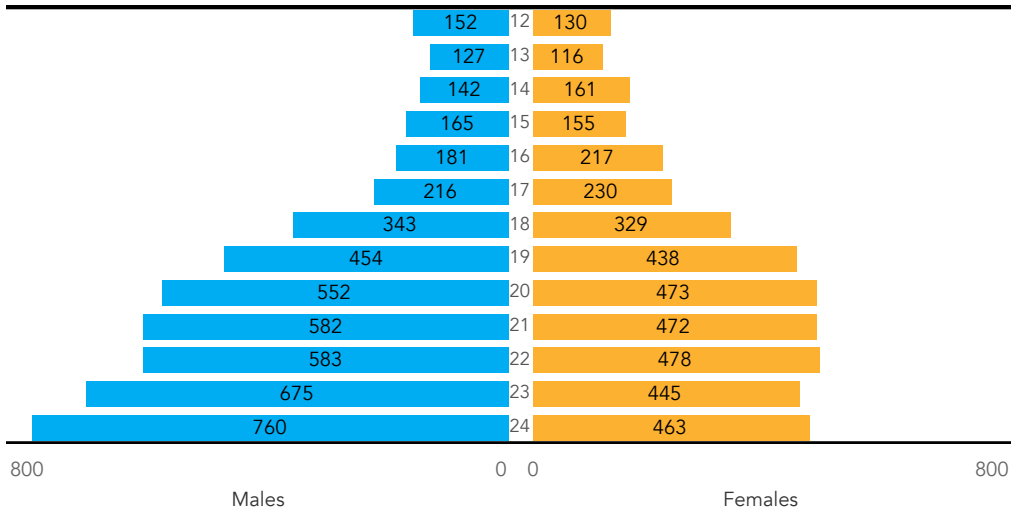
## Types of Youth Homelessness in NSW, 2016



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics. Table Builder Pro, Census 2016 Homelessness Estimates

Youth homelessness is often hidden. Most young people who are homeless have a roof over their head. But, their accommodation is insecure, precarious and for some, unsafe. Severe overcrowding is the most common type of homelessness experienced by young people in NSW. Followed by living in crisis or refuge accommodation, and couch surfing.

## Youth Homelessness in NSW by Age and Sex, 2016



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics. Table Builder Pro, Census 2016 Homelessness Estimates

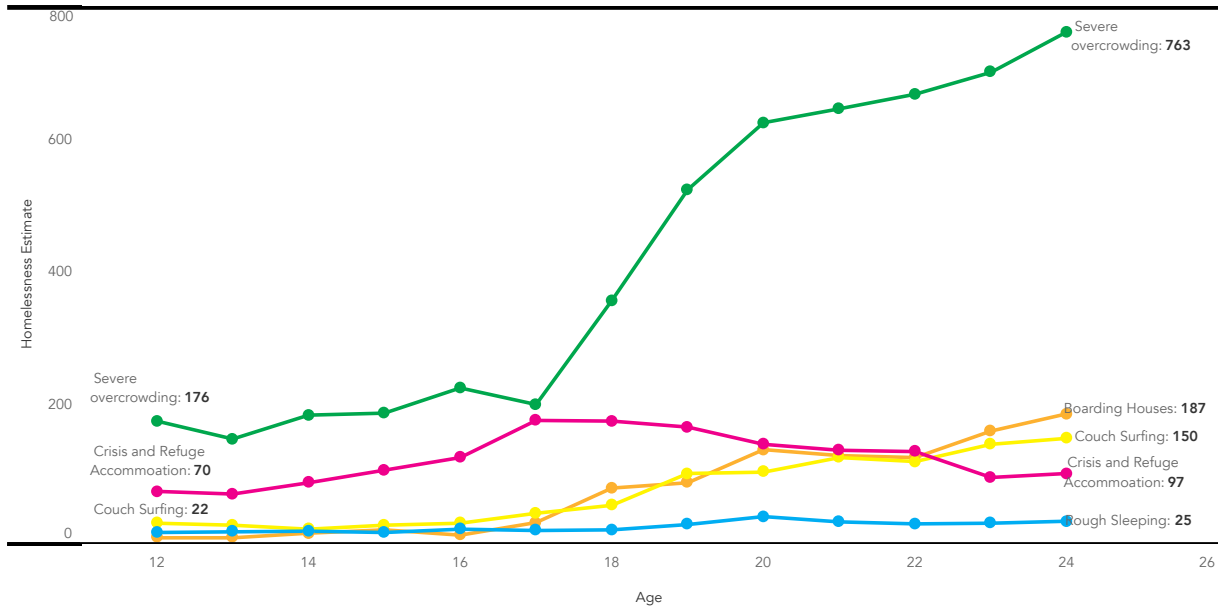
Focusing on young adults (aged 18 to 24 years), homelessness is more prevalent among males than females in NSW. This gender difference increases with age. Homelessness is relatively equal for male and female children (aged 12 to 17 years).

## Youth Homelessness Types by Age, 2016

Severe overcrowding is the most common form of youth homelessness for all ages from 12 years to 24 years.

After the age of 17 years, the number of young people living in severely overcrowded housing increases at a greater rate than other types of youth homelessness.

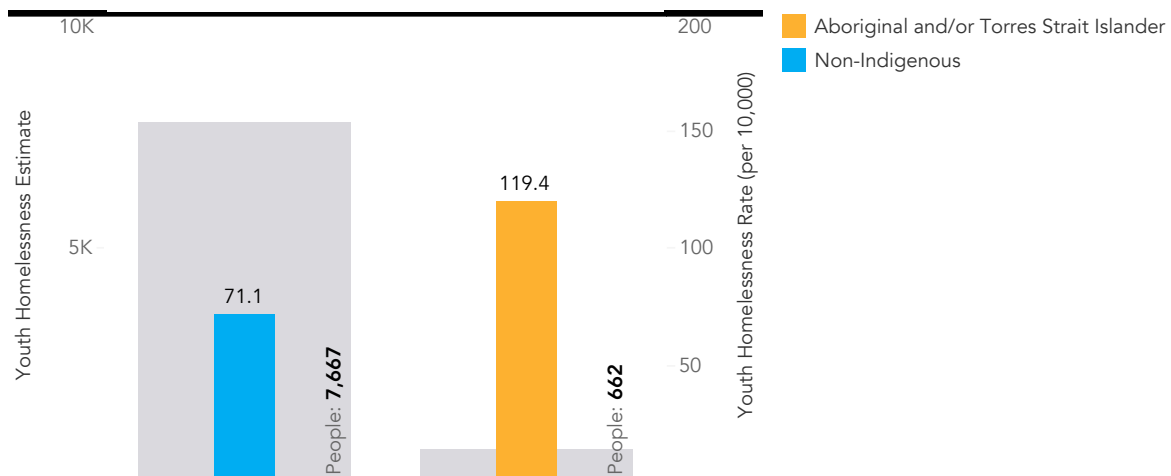
Crisis and refuge accommodation is the only type of youth homelessness than becomes less common with age.



- Rough Sleeping
- Crisis and Refuge Accommodation
- Couch Surfing
- Boarding Houses
- Severe overcrowding

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Table Builder Pro, Census 2016 Homelessness Estimates

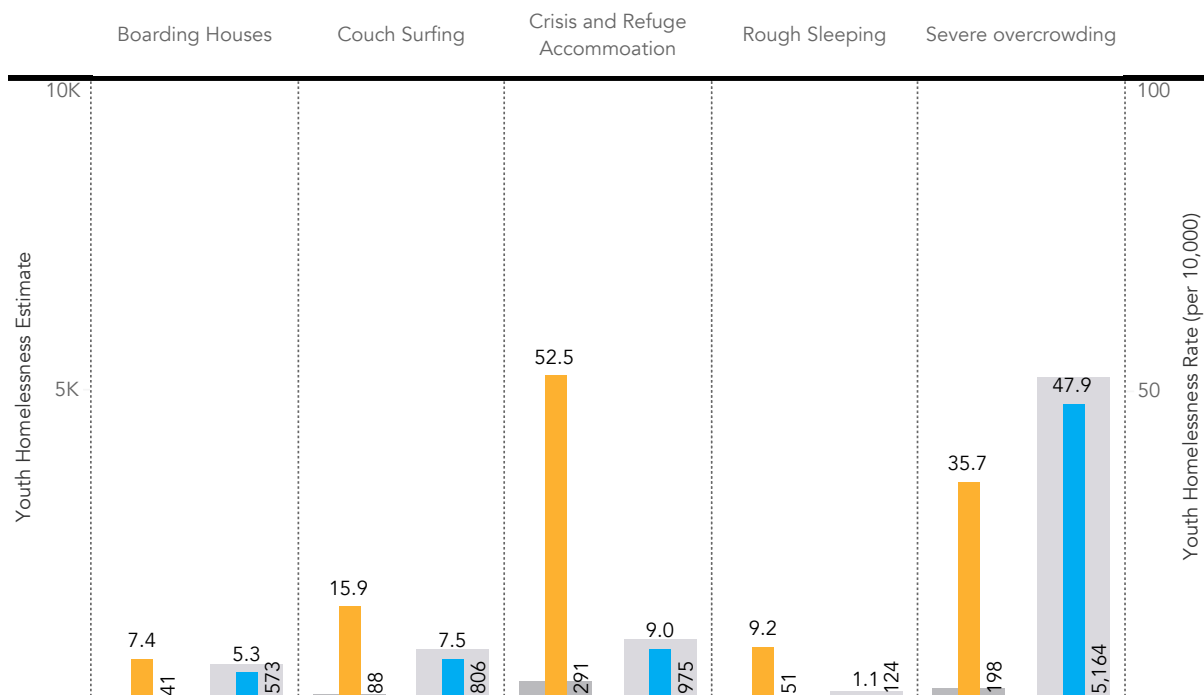
## Youth Homelessness by Indigenous Status, 2016



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics. Table Builder Pro, Census 2016 Homelessness Estimates

Young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are more likely to face homelessness than other young people in NSW.

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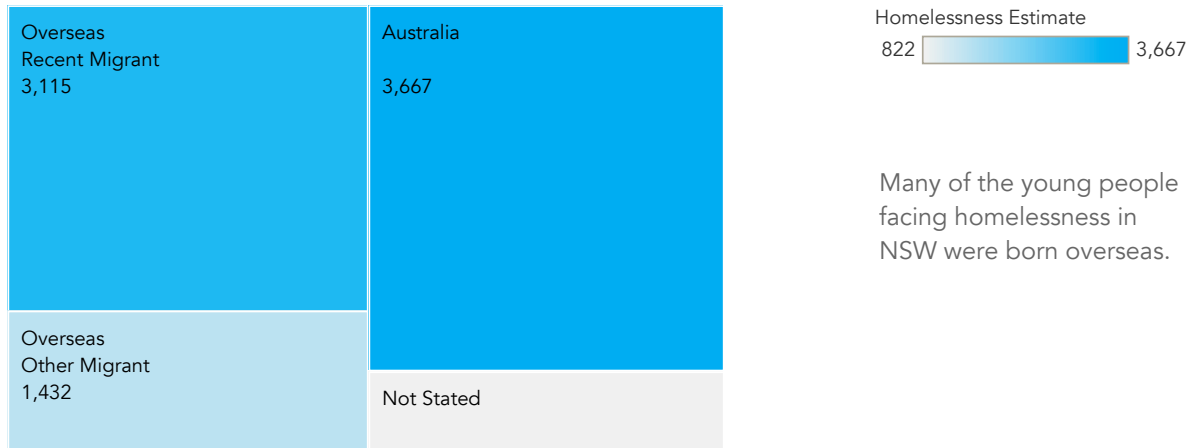


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Living in crisis or refuge accommodation is the most common type of youth homelessness for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in NSW.

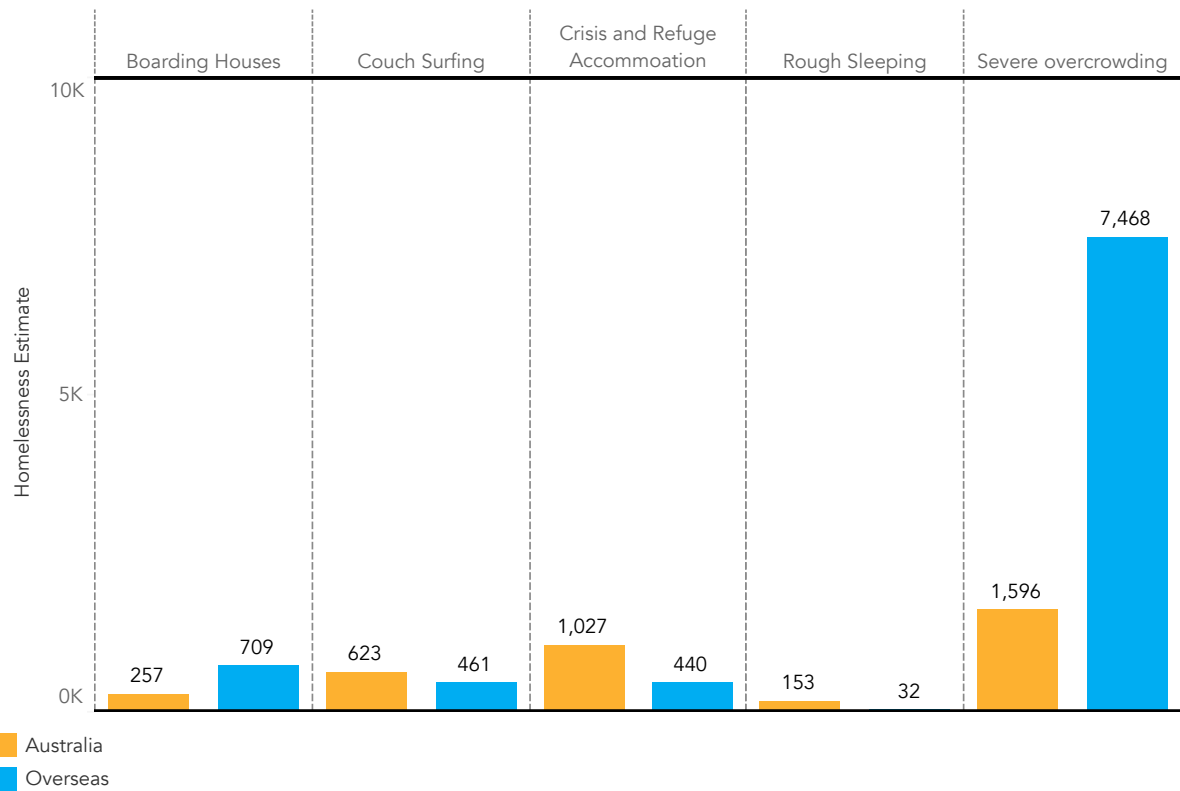
Other young people experiencing homelessness in NSW are more likely to be living in severely overcrowd..

## Youth Homelessness by Country of Birth, 2016



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics. Table Builder Pro, Census 2016 Homelessness Estimates

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In NSW, thousands of young people who have come to Australia from other countries are living in severely overcrowded housing.

