

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS MATTERS 16th APRIL DAY

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The below captions refer to each tile but personalise your message, share and let people know why you think youth homelessness matters!

Post regularly with different tiles and messaging so we can make the issue of youth homelessness too hard to ignore so politicians will be motivated to act and focus on solutions.

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Across Australia in 2023-24

43,226

children and young people
(under 25 years) presented
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* Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (2024), Specialist Homelessness Services Annual Report 2023-24

CAPTION YHMD25_01.jpg

Across Australia in 2023-24 almost 43,226 children and young people (under the age of 25) presented **on their own** to a specialist homelessness service (SHS).

These figures don't account for the thousands of kids who couch surf and sleep rough each year.

Ending youth homelessness must be a national priority for state and federal governments.

Sign the petition to end youth homelessness and donate now to change the reality of children and young people experiencing homelessness. YHMD25 – 16.04.25

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Nationally, **half** of the young people who tried to get a bed in a crisis refuge in 2023-24 were turned away

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CAPTION YHMD25_02.jpg

Half the young people presenting to specialist homelessness services (SHS) in 2023-24 were turned away because services aren't sufficiently funded to accommodate them.

The SHS sector is severely underfunded.

We're calling on national and state governments to make ending youth homelessness a national priority by developing a targeted plan and funding the services needed to achieve this objective.

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The most common reasons young people sought assistance from an SHS in 2023-24 were:

- Domestic and family violence
- Housing crisis
- Relationship/family breakdown

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Domestic and family violence, the housing crisis and relationship/family breakdown were the top main reasons for young people seeking assistance.

According to front line workers, the majority of young people reporting to services have experienced domestic or family violence.

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Approx one-third
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Approx 1/3 of young people presenting alone to a specialist homelessness service identified as Indigenous.

This is a massive over representation of First Nations people compared to the Australian population.

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We're calling on national and state governments to make ending youth homelessness a national priority by developing a targeted plan and funding the services needed to achieve this objective.

Everyday Australians can drive community conversation about youth homelessness and support leaders with a moral compass to develop and action this plan.

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Almost half the young people (15-24) presenting alone to specialist homelessness services had a mental health concern.

Homelessness is a very different experience for young people and they need sufficient care, not just a bed.

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Over a third of young people
(15-24 years) presenting to
homelessness services reported
experiencing domestic
and family violence

**Front line workers say the
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Over a third of young people (15-25 years) presenting to homelessness services reported experiencing some form of domestic and family violence.

Front line workers say the rate they see is much higher with some estimations sitting at close to 100%.

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Young SHS clients presenting alone were more likely to be couch surfing, compared with any other SHS client group.

Couch surfing leaves young people vulnerable to servitude, exploitation and abuse

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Young people are vulnerable to servitude, exploitation and abuse when they are couch surfing.

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DID YOU KNOW...



10-24 year olds make up

25% of the homeless population

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10-24 year olds represent a quarter of the homeless population in Australia.

This is unacceptable in one of the world's wealthiest nations.

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Across Australia there are

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* Anglicare Rental Affordability Snapshot National Report 2024

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According to the Anglicare Rental Affordability Snapshot National Report 2024 there were no affordable rental properties for someone on Youth Allowance.

The housing crisis was one of the major reasons young people (15-25 year olds) reported they were seeking crisis accommodation in 2023-2024.

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April 16, 2025.

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