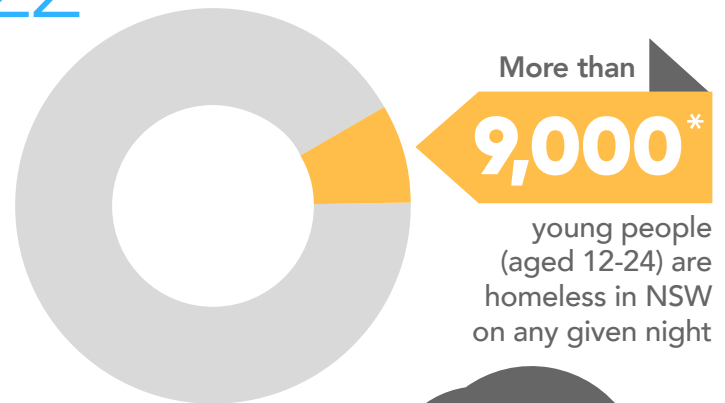


YOUTH HOMELESSNESS MATTERS 2021-22

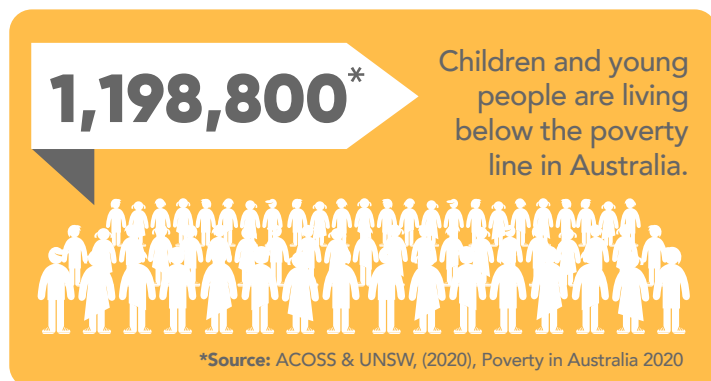


Severe overcrowding is the most common type of homelessness among young people in Australia (aged 12-24). Other common types of homelessness include; supported accommodation (18%*) couch surfing (10%*), living in boarding houses (9%*) or rough sleeping (3%*)

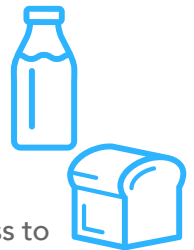
Youth unemployment rate was at 16% in June 2020. That's more than double the national average.



Source: ABS, (2021), Labour Force, Australia



9 in 10 young people on Youth Allowance skip meals, and 1 in 3 have withdrawn from their studies, because of a lack of funds.



This means that young people have to sacrifice food, housing, education, access to health and other essential services.

Source: ACOSS, (2019), Starved of Opportunity Report



36% of young people aged 12-25 who sought help from homelessness services live in rural or remote areas of NSW.

Source: AIHW Specialist Homelessness Collection Datacube 2019-20, commissioned by Yfoundations

Relationship and/or family breakdown was the most common reason for 12- to 25-year-olds in NSW to seek support from homelessness services.



Source: AIHW Specialist Homelessness Collection Datacube 2019-20, commissioned by Yfoundations



Around a third of young people presenting to SHS experienced family and domestic violence.

Source: AIHW, (2021), Specialist Homelessness Services Annual Report

Almost a quarter of LGBTQIA+ youth in Australia have experienced homelessness in their life.

They're more likely to be rejected or abused by their family than their cisgender and heterosexual peers.



Source: Hill, A., O. et al (2021), Writing Themselves In 4 Report