

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS MATTERS 2021

28,000

Young people (aged 12-24) are homeless on any given night in Australia.



Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing: Estimating Homelessness, 2016.

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%)



Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing: Estimating Homelessness, 2016.

1,198,800

Children and young people are living below the poverty line in Australia.



Source: ACOSS & UNSW Sydney: Poverty in Australia 2020

36%



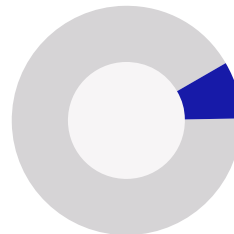
36% of young people aged 12-25 accessing homelessness services live in rural or remote areas of NSW.

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

1 in 3 young people aged 15-24 who sought assistance from homelessness services in NSW are Indigenous.



Source: AIHW Specialist Homelessness Collection Datacube 2019-20



Around

9,000

young people (aged 12-24) are homeless in NSW on any given night.

Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing: Estimating Homelessness, 2016.

Young people account for 24% of the homelessness population in Australia

ABS Census of Population and Housing: Estimating Homelessness, 2016

24%



The single rate of Youth Allowance is \$168 per week below the poverty line, and a survey of young people on Youth Allowance found that 9 in 10 skip meals because of a lack of funds.



Source: ACOSS & UNSW Sydney: Poverty in Australia 2020

Young people in NSW (aged 12-25) commonly seek support from Specialist Homelessness Service due to:

- 17% - Relationship and/or family breakdown
- 14% - Housing crisis
- 11% - Domestic and family violence
- 8% - Inadequate or inappropriate housing dwelling conditions

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