

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) recently released the official homelessness estimates, showing that on Census night 2016, 116,427 Australians were experiencing homelessness. **This is an increase of nearly 14% from 2011 and comes as no surprise to Mission Australia, as staff in our services and others across the sector have witnessed rising levels of need since the last census.**

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Alarming facts:

25,827 
children under 19 are
homeless on any given night


Males make up **58%**  | Females make up **42%** 
of all people experiencing homelessness in Australia

15,872 
children under 12 are
homeless on any given night

51,000⁺  } The greatest contributor to the increase in homelessness

people live in 'severely' crowded dwellings

Rate of homelessness among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is **9.5x** 
the rate for non-Indigenous people

23% 
increase in people living in
'severely' crowded dwellings



We believe everyone should have access to safe, secure accommodation and a place to call home. Homelessness forces people into vulnerable and dangerous situations, and can have damaging long-term consequences.

Where do they stay?

