



Homelessness in Western Australia



9,595

Homelessness in WA - Rate per 10,000 population



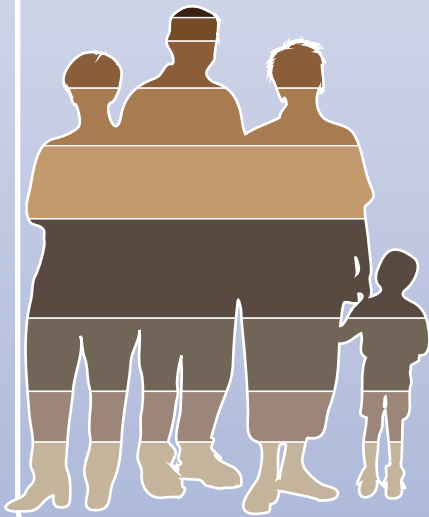
0 **48.9** National Average 200 400 600 800 1000

42.8 per 10,000

9,595 people are experiencing homelessness in Western Australia.

How old are they?

AS POPULATIONS AND PERCENTAGES



	NUMBER	%
Over 75	198	2.1
65-74	431	4.5
55-64	867	9
45-54	1116	11
35-44	1391	14
25-34	1819	19
19-24	1346	14
12-18	934	9.7
Under 12	1493	15.6

Why are they homeless?

AS PERCENTAGES



SHS supported 21,359 clients in WA in 2011-12. Of the SHS clients, 6,866 were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and 12,616 were non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

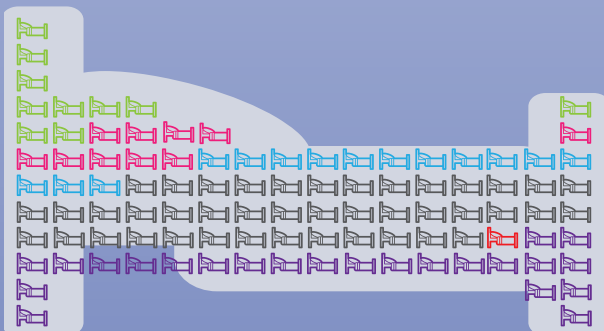
Financial difficulties housing stress, unemployment	28
Accommodation issues housing crisis, inadequate or inappropriate dwellings	19
Domestic violence and relationship issues time out from family, family breakdown, violence and assault	34
Health reasons mental health issues, substance abuse issues	5
Other transition from care/custody, lack of support, discrimination	14

Where do they stay?

AS PERCENTAGES

National Average

Rough sleeping	10	6
Supported Accommodation for the homeless	10	20
Boarding Houses	14	17
Overcrowded dwellings	43	39
Staying with other households	23	17
Other temporary accommodation	1	1



Who are they?

AS POPULATIONS

Total: male 5,356, female 4,236



Sleeping rough: male 595, female 332



Specialist homelessness services:

male 2,045, female 2,107



REFERENCES

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