Homelessness in the Australian Capital Territory

There are 1,758 people experiencing homelessness in the ACT.

### How old are they?

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<th>Age Group</th>
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<td>65-74</td>
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<td>55-64</td>
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<td>45-54</td>
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<td>35-44</td>
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<td>12-18</td>
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<td>Under 12</td>
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### Why are they homeless?

- **Financial difficulties**
  - housing stress, unemployment (17%)
- **Accommodation issues**
  - housing crisis, inadequate or inappropriate dwellings (37%)
- **Domestic violence and relationship issues**
  - time out from family, family breakdown, violence and assault (29%)
- **Health reasons**
  - mental health issues, substance abuse issues (5%)
- **Other**
  - transition from care/custody, lack of support, discrimination (13%)

### Where do they stay?

- Rough sleeping: 2% (6%)
- Supported accommodation for the homeless: 20% (62%)
- Boarding houses: 17% (3%)
- Severely overcrowded dwellings: 39% (16%)
- Staying with other households: 17% (18%
- Other temporary accommodation: 1% (0%)

### Who are they?

- **Sleeping out**: male 22, female 9
- **Staying with others**: male 153, female 162
- **Overcrowded dwellings**: male 138, female 139

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