On any given night in Australia, 1 in 200 people are homeless.

**Where are they?**

State and Territory distribution of people experiencing homelessness on Census night (rate per 10,000)

Number of people 105,237
Male 56% Female 44%
25% Indigenous (compared to just under 3% of the population)
30% born overseas

**Where do they stay?**

- Improvised dwellings, tents or sleeping out: 6%
- Supported accommodation for the homeless: 20%
- Staying temporarily with other households: 17%
- Boarding houses: 17%
- Other temporary lodging: 1%
- “Severely” overcrowded dwellings: 39%

**How old are they?**

75+ 2% (2,028)
65-74 4% (4,174)
55-64 8% (8,649)
45-54 12% (12,507)
35-44 14% (14,484)
25-34 18% (19,312)
19-24 15% (15,325)
12-18 10% (10,913)
Under 12 17% (17,845)

**Who are they?**

- Of people who stay in boarding houses: 74.8% male, 25.2% female
- Of people who sleep rough: 67.6% male, 32.4% female
- Of people staying in supported accommodation for the homeless: 49% male, 51% female

**Why are they homeless?**

From polling of people seeking support from specialist homelessness services:

- 23% Domestic and family violence
- 16% Financial difficulties
- 15% Housing crisis
- 11% Inadequate or inappropriate dwellings
- 6% Relationship or family breakdown
- 5% Housing affordability stress
- 20% Other reasons

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