28,191 people are experiencing homelessness in NSW - more people than any other state.

### How old are they?

**AS POPULATIONS AND PERCENTAGES**

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### Why are they homeless?

**AS PERCENTAGES**

- **Financial difficulties**: housing stress, unemployment - 22%
- **Accommodation issues**: housing crisis, inadequate or inappropriate dwellings - 28%
- **Domestic violence and relationship issues**: time out from family, family breakdown, violence and assault - 31%
- **Health reasons**: mental health issues, substance abuse issues - 7%
- **Other**: transition from care/custody, lack of support, discrimination - 12%

### Where do they stay?

**AS PERCENTAGES**

- Rough sleeping - 7% (National Average 6%)
- Supported Accommodation for the homeless - 18% (National Average 20%)
- Boarding Houses - 23% (National Average 17%)
- Overcrowded dwellings - 34% (National Average 39%)
- Staying with other households - 18% (National Average 17%)
- Other temporary accommodation - 1% (National Average 1%)

### Who are they?

**AS POPULATIONS**

- **Total**: male 16,788, female 11,403
- **Sleeping rough**: male 1,434, female 488
- **Specialist homelessness services**: male 2,448, female 2,479

**REFERENCES**


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