



Homelessness in Australia: Key facts

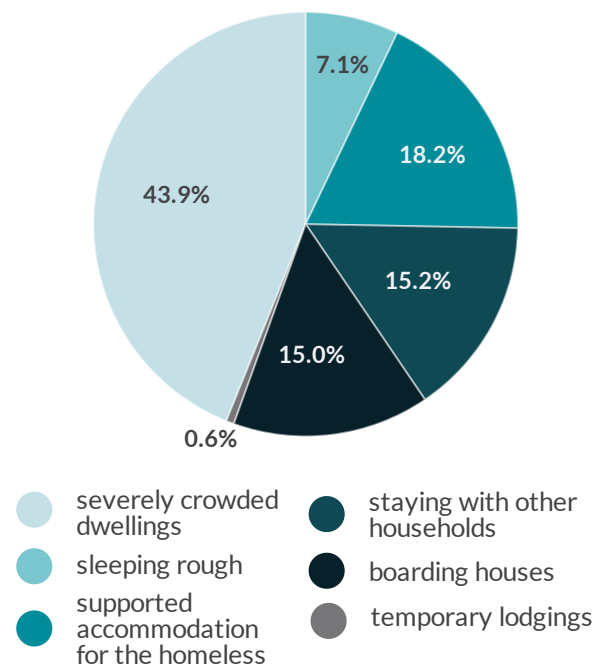
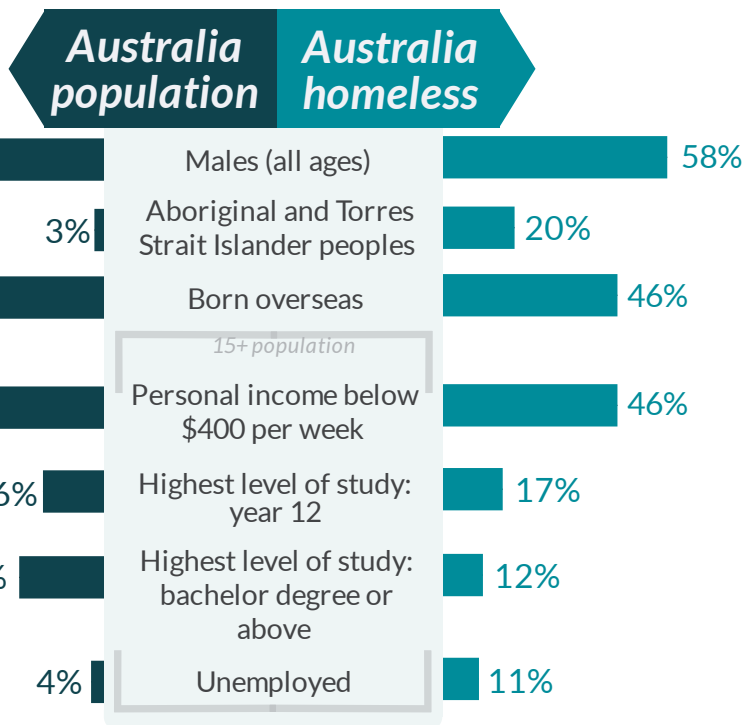
People experiencing homelessness can have a varied range of **complex** legal and other issues that, when not dealt with, can further exacerbate this experience.¹ Information on homelessness can therefore play a **vital role** in the planning of legal assistance services across Australia. People experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness are one of the **priority groups** under the **National Partnership Agreement on Legal Assistance Services**. The Foundation has recently updated the **2018 Collaborative Planning Resource** to include data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics "Estimating Homelessness" data release in March 2018 to assist with collaborative service planning. This infographic presents some **key facts** on homelessness.

Approximately **116,350** people in Australia **are homeless**

State	Estimated number of homeless people	Percentage of homeless people in Australia	Rate per 1,000 of state population
New South Wales	37,720	32.4%	5.0
Victoria	24,820	21.3%	4.2
Queensland	21,670	18.6%	4.6
South Australia	6,220	5.3%	3.7
Western Australia	9,010	7.7%	3.6
Tasmania	1,620	1.4%	3.2
Northern Territory	13,720	11.8%	59.9
Australian Capital Territory	1,600	1.4%	4.0

How do homeless people in Australia compare to the rest of the population?

Where do homeless people in Australia live?



Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing: Estimating Homelessness, 2016 & ABS Census of Population and Housing 2016.

¹ Forell, S, McCarron, E & Schetzer, L 2005, No home, no justice? The legal needs of homeless people in NSW, Law and Justice Foundation of NSW, Sydney.