



Homelessness in Australia: Key facts

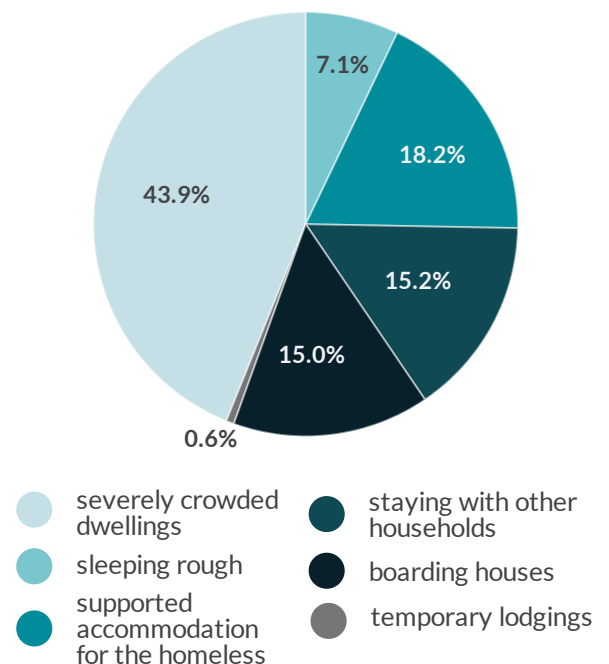
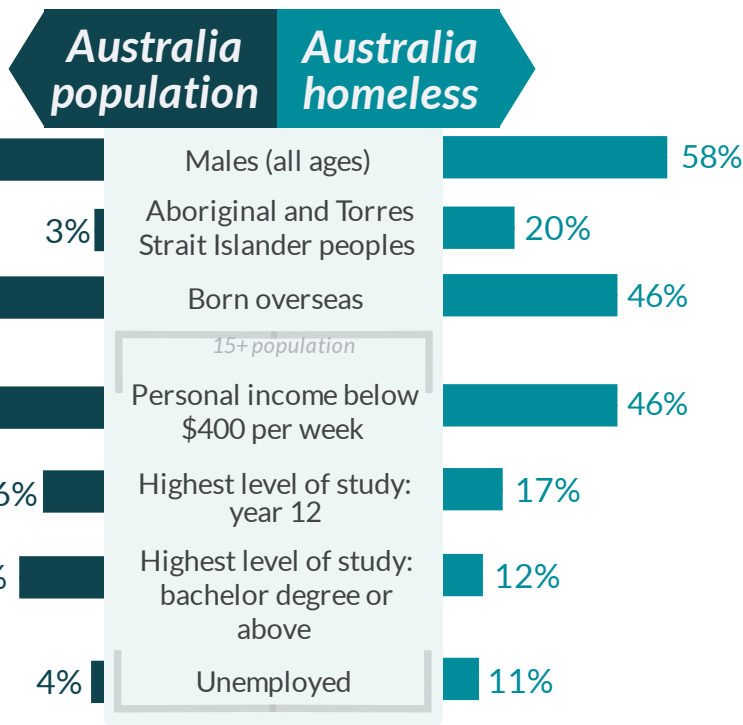
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Approximately **116,350** people in Australia **are homeless**

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?



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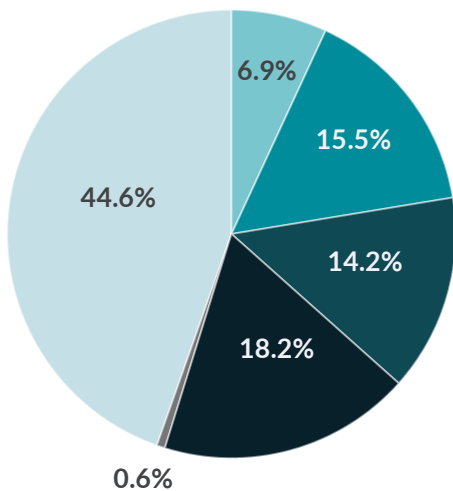


Homelessness in New South Wales: Key facts

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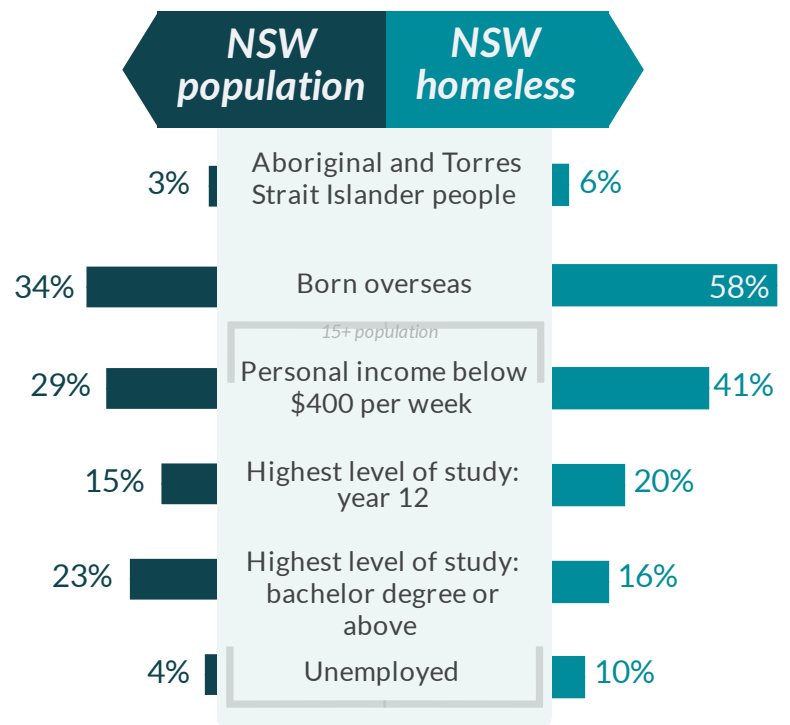


Where do homeless people in NSW live?



- severely crowded dwellings
- staying with other households
- sleeping rough
- boarding houses
- supported accommodation for the homeless
- temporary lodgings

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



LGAs by greatest per cent of homeless people		LGAs by greatest number of homeless people	
Sydney	2.4% of the LGA	Sydney	5,061
Walgett	2.1% of the LGA	Cumberland	3,129
Burwood	1.9% of the LGA	Canterbury-Bankstown	2,582
Brewarrina	1.8% of the LGA	Fairfield	2,226
Cumberland	1.4% of the LGA	Inner West	2,215

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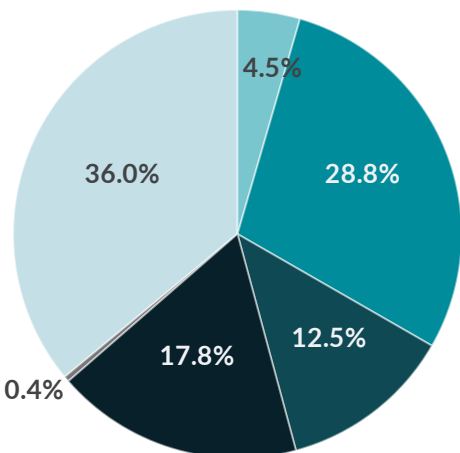
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How do homeless people in Victoria compare to the rest of the population?



- severely crowded dwellings
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- supported accommodation for the homeless
- staying with other households
- boarding houses
- temporary lodgings

LGAs by greatest per cent of homeless people		LGAs by greatest number of homeless people	
Greater Dandenong	1.3% of the LGA	Greater Dandenong	1,942
Melbourne	1.3% of the LGA	Melbourne	1,725
Port Phillip	1.1% of the LGA	Brimbank	1,477
Yarra	1.0% of the LGA	Casey	1,280
Maribyrnong	0.9% of the LGA	Port Phillip	1,127

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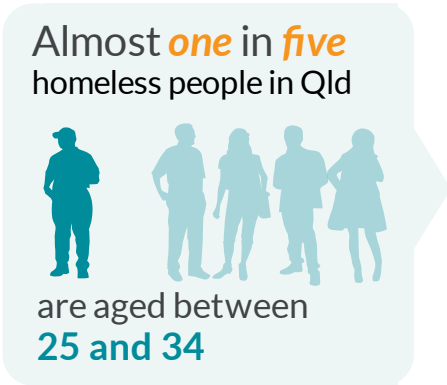
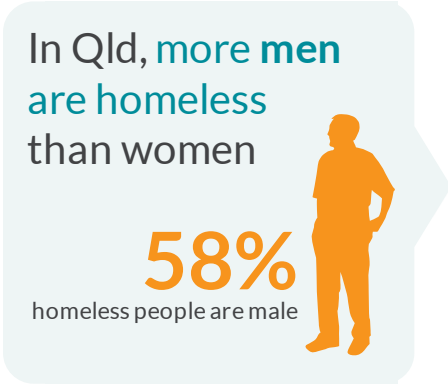
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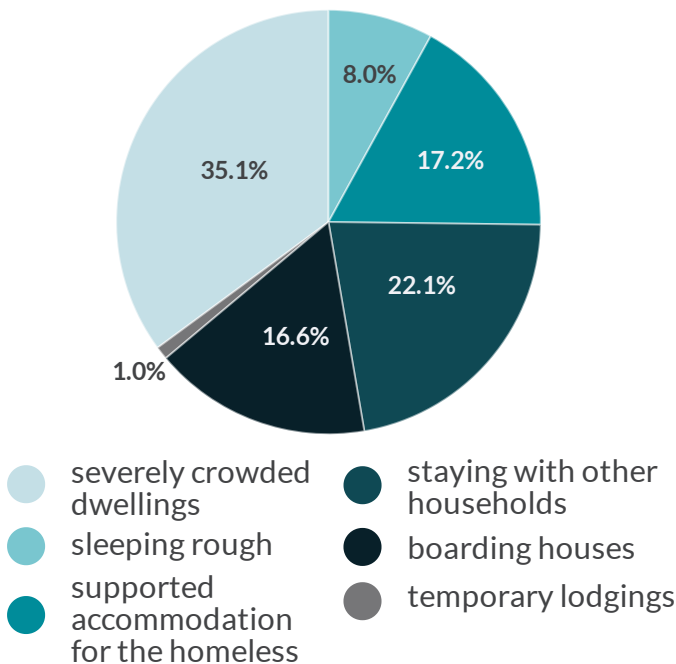


Homelessness in Queensland: Key facts

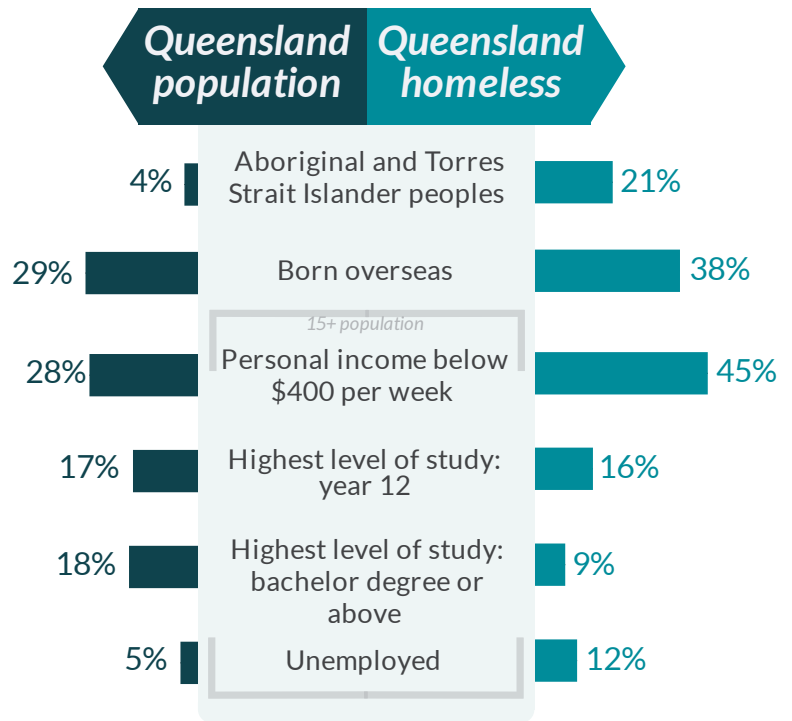
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Where do homeless people in Queensland live?



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LGAs by greatest per cent of homeless people		LGAs by greatest number of homeless people	
Palm Island	21.6% of the LGA	Brisbane	5,813
Yarrabah	21.4% of the LGA	Gold Coast	1,708
Lockhart River	16.5% of the LGA	Cairns	1,357
Aurukun	15.4% of the LGA	Logan	1,205
Doomadgee	13.4% of the LGA	Moreton Bay	1,166

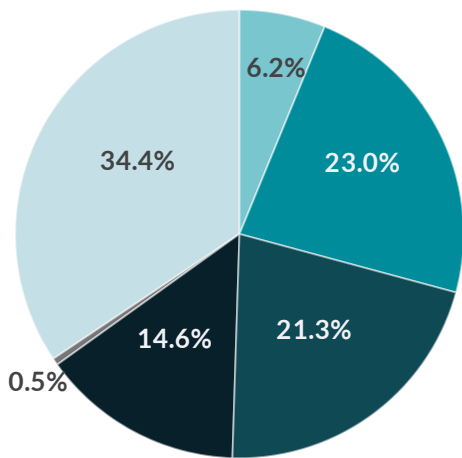


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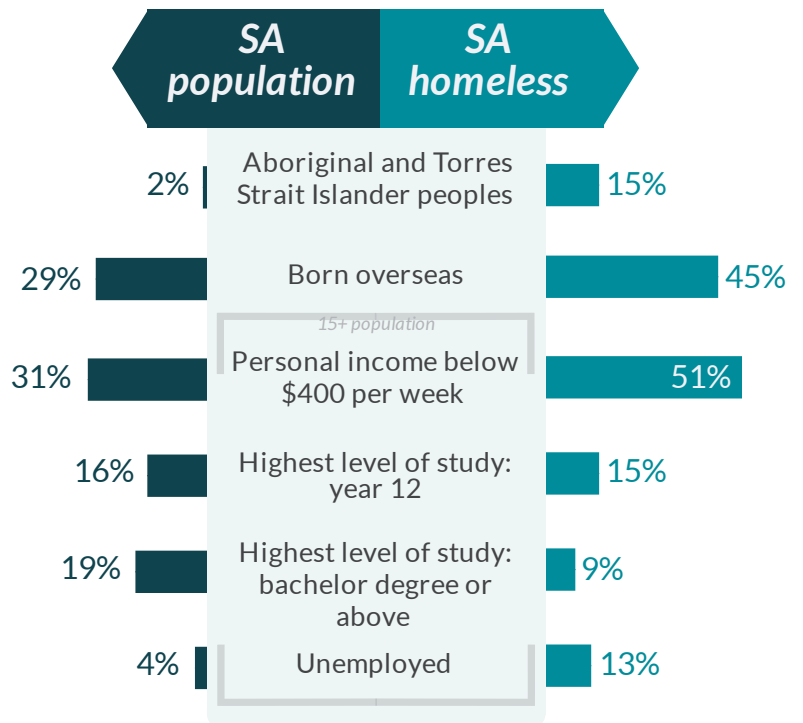


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LGAs by greatest per cent of homeless people	LGAs by greatest number of homeless people
Anangu Pitjantatjara 2.4% of the LGA	Port Adelaide Enfield 751
Adelaide 2.1% of the LGA	Adelaide 644
Orroroo/Carrieton 1.9% of the LGA	Salisbury 627
Unincorporated SA 1.8% of the LGA	Onkaparinga 485
Ceduna 1.4% of the LGA	Charles Sturt 426

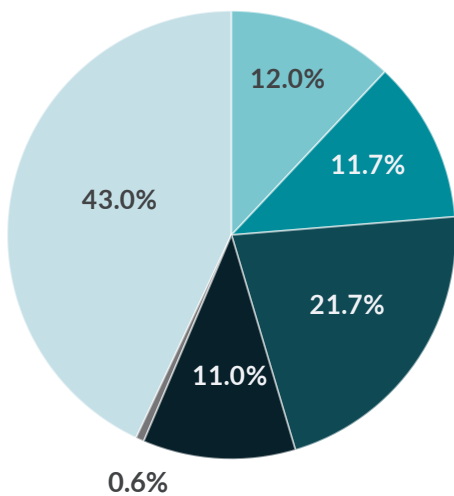


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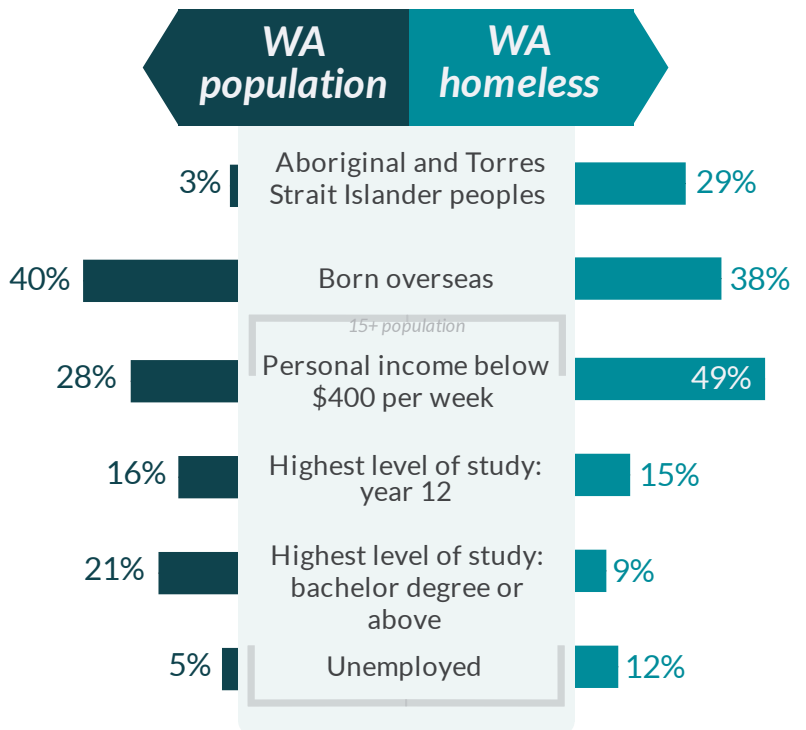


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LGAs by greatest per cent of homeless people		LGAs by greatest number of homeless people	
Sandstone	18.0% of the LGA	Stirling	520
Menzies	15.9% of the LGA	Perth	464
Halls Creek	8.3% of the LGA	Derby-West Kimberly	424
Cue	6.8% of the LGA	Gosnells	399
Ngaanyatjarraku	6.7% of the LGA	Wanneroo	367



Homelessness in the Northern Territory: Key facts

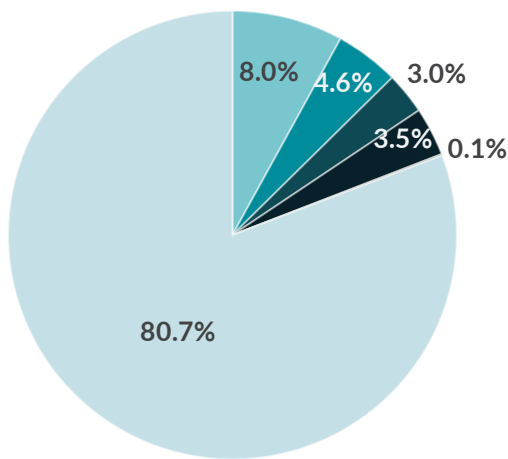
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Approximately **13,720** people in the NT are homeless

In the NT, the same amount of men and women are homeless **50%**

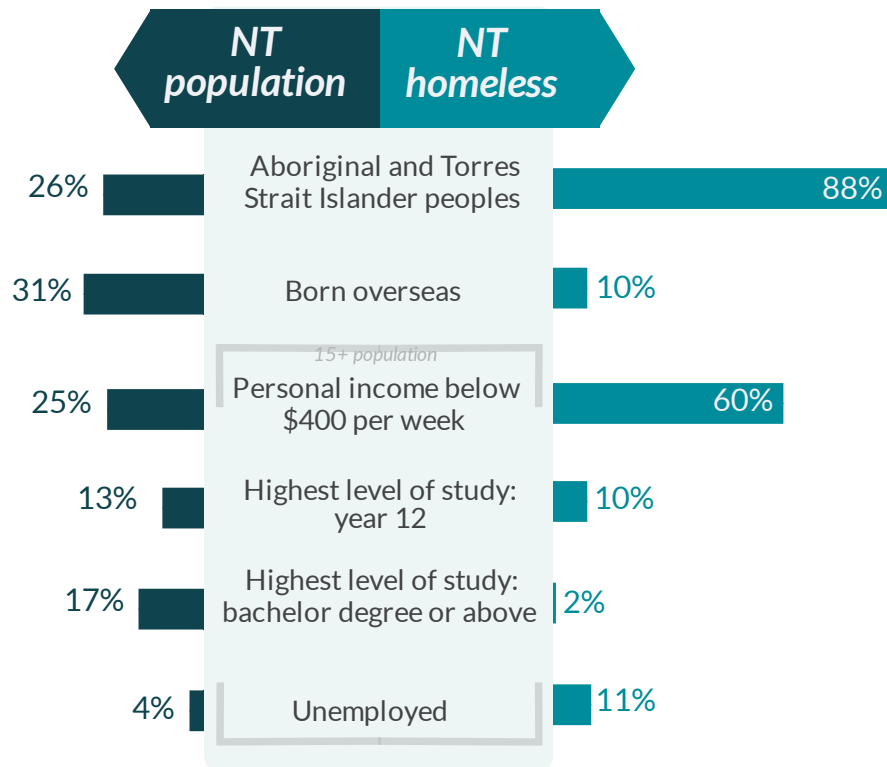
Over **one in five** homeless people in the NT are aged **under 12**

Where do homeless people in the NT live?



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



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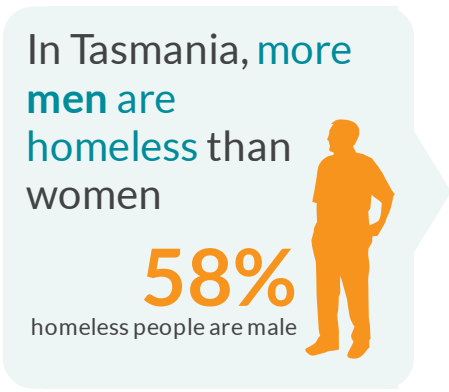
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LGAs by greatest per cent of homeless people		LGAs by greatest number of homeless people	
East Arnhem	42.5% of the LGA	East Arnhem	3,833
West Daly	31.5% of the LGA	Roper Gulf	1,773
Roper Gulf	27.3% of the LGA	Darwin	1,367
West Arnhem	21.8% of the LGA	West Arnhem	1,351
Barkly	15.4% of the LGA	Barkly	1,027

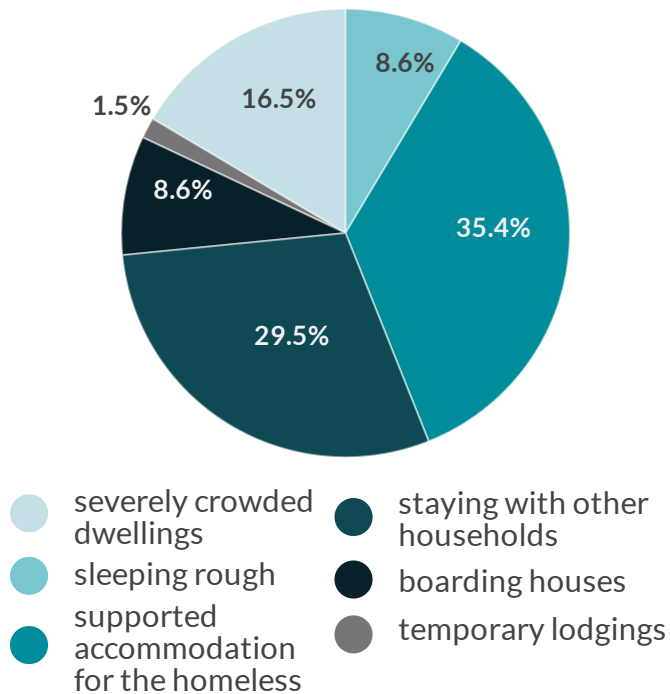


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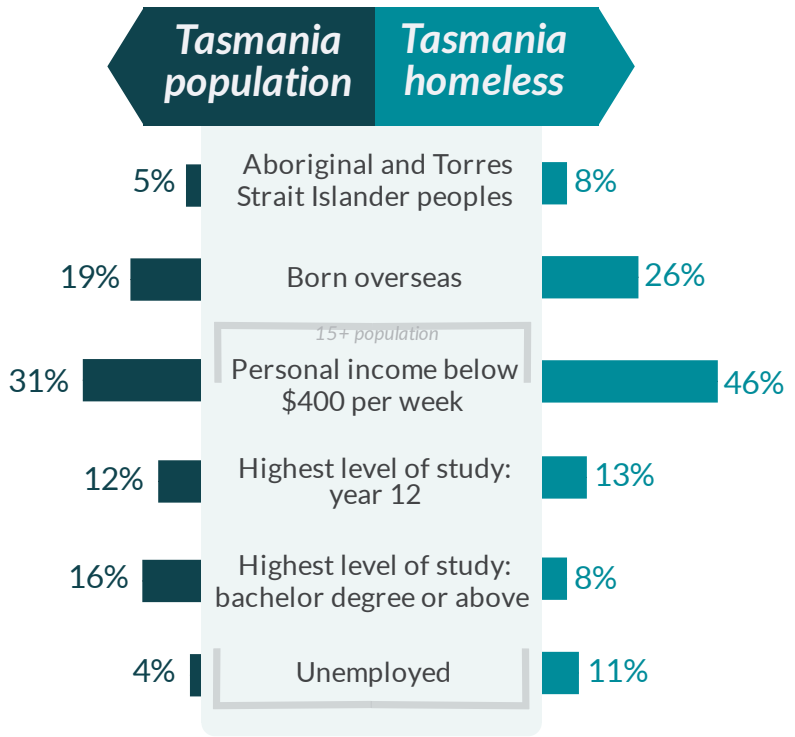
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LGAs by greatest **per cent** of homeless people

Hobart	0.6% of the LGA
Burnie	0.5% of the LGA
Glenorchy	0.4% of the LGA
Launceston	0.4% of the LGA
Devonport	0.3% of the LGA

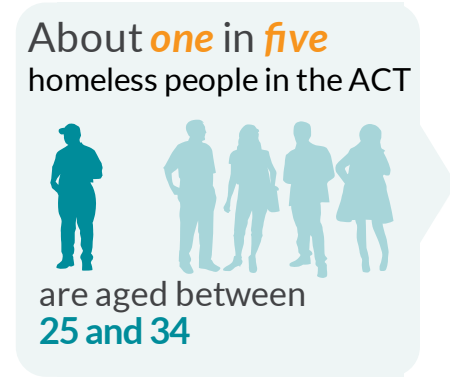
LGAs by greatest **number** of homeless people

Hobart	309
Launceston	236
Glenorchy	192
Clarence	174
Kingborough	116

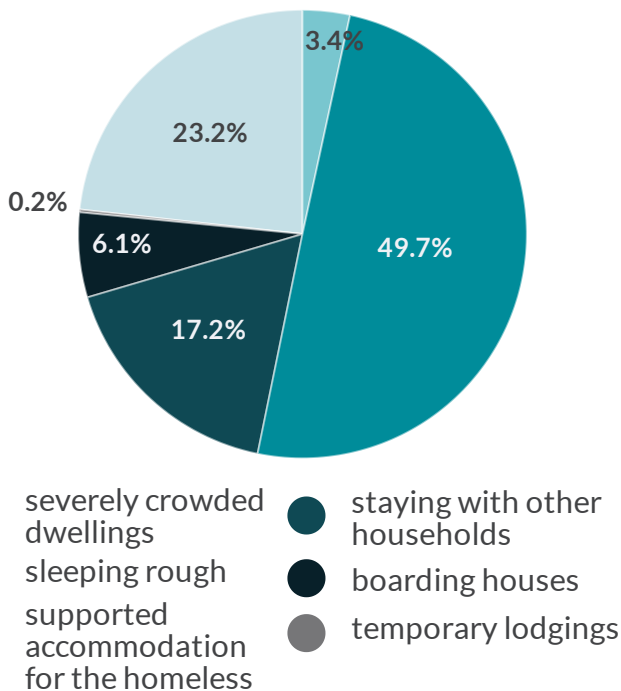


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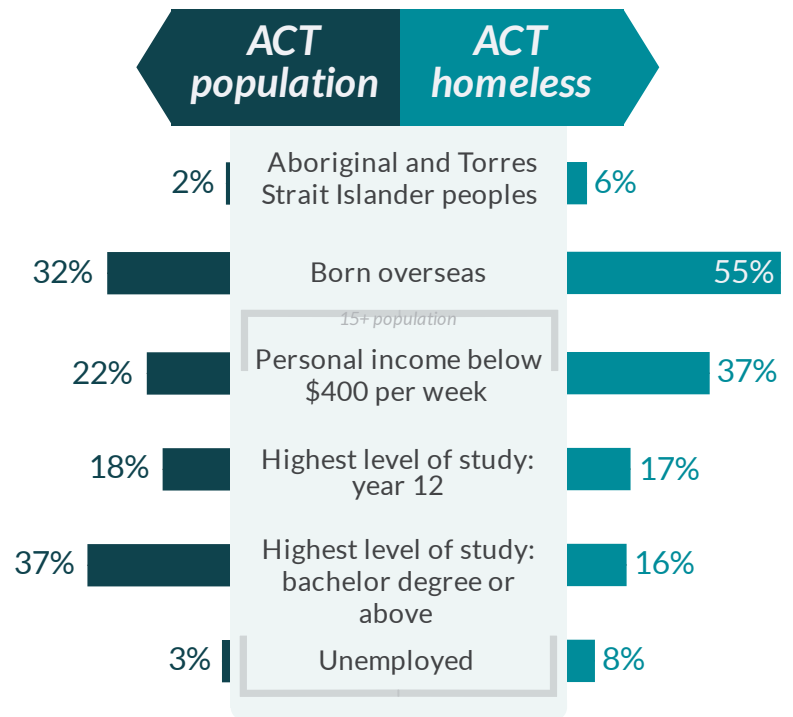
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Per cent of homeless people	Number of homeless people
Unincorporated Australian Capital Territory	Unincorporated Australian Capital Territory
0.4% of the LGA	1,596