



# Homelessness in Victoria



**22,773**

Homelessness in VIC - Rate per 10,000 population



0 **48.9** National Average

200

400

600

800

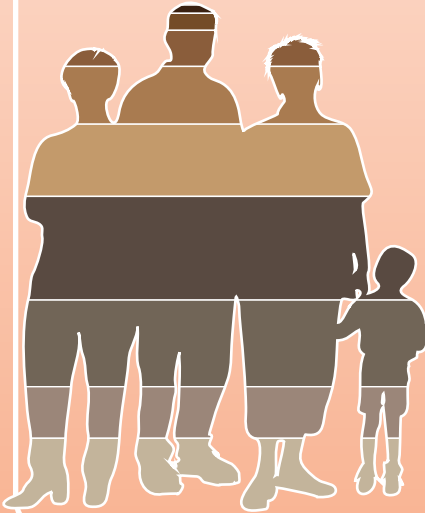
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**42.6 per 10,000**

22,773 people are experiencing homelessness in Victoria.

## How old are they?

AS POPULATIONS AND PERCENTAGES



|          | NUMBER | %    |
|----------|--------|------|
| Over 75  | 374    | 1.6  |
| 65-74    | 747    | 3.3  |
| 55-64    | 1591   | 7    |
| 45-54    | 2548   | 11.2 |
| 35-44    | 3177   | 14   |
| 25-34    | 4581   | 20.1 |
| 19-24    | 3834   | 16.8 |
| 12-18    | 2283   | 10   |
| Under 12 | 3638   | 16   |

## Why are they homeless?

AS PERCENTAGES



|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| <b>Financial difficulties</b><br>housing stress, unemployment  | <b>22</b> |
| <b>Accommodation issues</b><br>housing crisis, inadequate or inappropriate dwellings                             | <b>29</b> |
| <b>Domestic violence and relationship issues</b><br>time out from family, family breakdown, violence and assault | <b>33</b> |
| <b>Health reasons</b><br>mental health issues, substance abuse issues  | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>Other</b><br>transition from care/custody, lack of support, discrimination                                    | <b>14</b> |

## Where do they stay?

AS PERCENTAGES

|  |           | National Average |
|--|-----------|------------------|
| Rough sleeping                           | <b>5</b>  | 6                |
| Supported Accommodation for the homeless | <b>34</b> | 20               |
| Boarding Houses                          | <b>19</b> | 17               |
| Overcrowded dwellings                    | <b>27</b> | 39               |
| Staying with other households            | <b>15</b> | 17               |
| Other temporary accommodation            | <b>0</b>  | 1                |



## Who are they?

AS POPULATIONS

**Total:** male 12,968, female 9,805



**Sleeping rough:** male 789, female 302



**Specialist homelessness services:**  
male 3,739, female 4,105



### REFERENCES

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