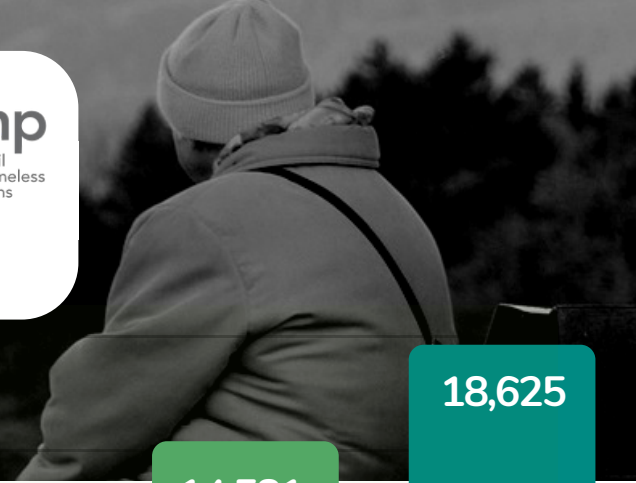


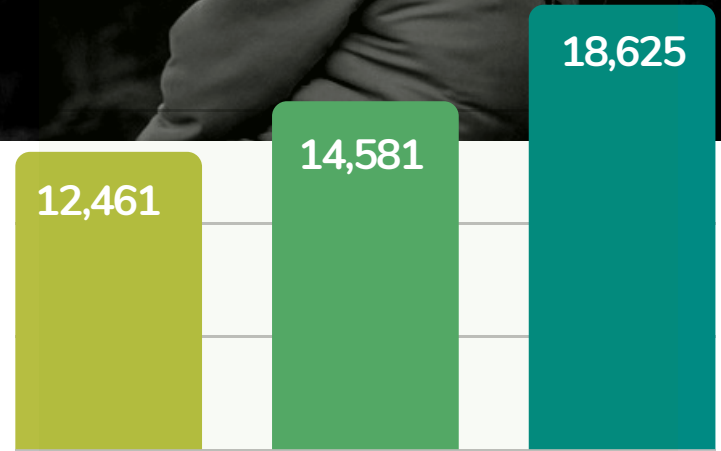
Homelessness & Older Australians



Council to Homeless Persons, 2018



On Census night 2016
18,625
people over the age of 55
were experiencing
homelessness ¹



Older persons' homelessness is growing dramatically in Australia. From 2006 -2016, homelessness in people over the age of 55 rose by **49%** ¹

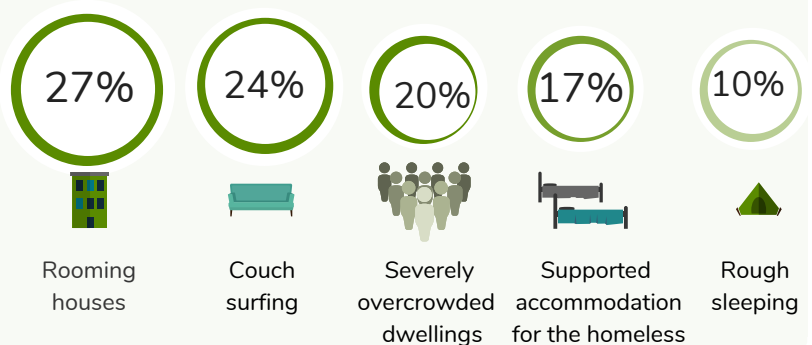
Who are they?

37% Female
63% Male



They represent **16%** of the homeless population (or 1 in every 6 people experiencing homelessness). ¹

Where do they stay? ¹



Why is homelessness in older people rising?

- Affordable housing is in short supply in Australia and, since 2011, there has been a 42% increase in people 65 and over paying more than 30% of their income on rent. ²
- Since 2011, there has been a 31% increase in the number of women aged 55+ experiencing homelessness. ¹ Women are more likely to be in casual or low-paid employment and to have spent time out of the workforce caring for children. This means that older women, particularly singles, often have lower savings and are therefore more vulnerable to housing stress in retirement.

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