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## Heat Map reveals worst State electorates for homelessness Peak body releases 'blueprint' for ending Victorian homelessness

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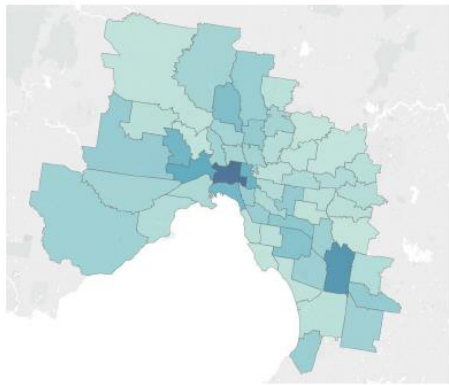
The Council to Homeless Persons (CHP) has released a [Homelessness Heat Map](#) which reveals an emerging corridor of homelessness running from Melbourne's west into the city and along the South Eastern metropolitan corridor, ending in Dandenong and Frankston.

The interactive map, based on ABS data, shows how many people are living in rooming houses, severely overcrowded homes and rough sleeping in each state electorate. (NB. Digital editors : map embed codes available upon request or [here](#)).

The map goes live on Monday to coincide with the release of CHP's [Victorian Homelessness Election Platform](#), a 'blueprint' for ending homelessness in Victoria.

CHP's platform says that the 69 per cent increase in stamp duty collected over the past five years (\$2.8 billion) could be directed towards solving Victoria's homelessness and affordable housing crisis.

### Metropolitan Melbourne



Number of people experiencing homelessness  
73  1,618

In the lead-up to the November election, CHP will be calling on the major parties to adopt its recommendations. Among the 17 actions called for in the platform are:

- HOUSING: A boost of 3,000 new social housing properties per year for 10 years, with 1,500 being one & two bedroom homes for singles, couples or small families
- PREVENTION: Stop renters being evicted into homelessness by helping to pay back rental arrears and providing more legal advice and support
- PEOPLE AT HIGH RISK: Helping people exiting prison and psychiatric care to get housing to prevent them exiting straight into homelessness
- ROUGH SLEEPING: Providing dedicated housing stock and intensive support for rough sleepers, like they do in Finland
- YOUTH: Rent subsidies for young people leaving refuges, raising the age young people exit state or foster care from 18 to 21, programs to help homeless youth stay in education, and more youth refuges.

### Key insights from the Homelessness Heat Map include:

- Ten out of the top 20 worst metro electorates for homelessness are in the South/South-East metro electorates: Dandenong, Frankston, Narre Warren South, Keysborough, Mulgrave, Clarinda, Oakleigh, Caulfield, Prahran, and Albert Park.
- Dandenong is the second worst electorate for homelessness after the seat of Melbourne.

- The Frankston electorate has the third worst rough sleeping rate in all of Victoria (Melbourne and Footscray rank first and second for rough sleeping)
- The top 5 electorates for people living in rooming houses are: Melbourne, Albert Park, Richmond, Dandenong, Prahran
- The electorates of Shepparton, Geelong and Ballarat (Wendouree) have a higher rate of homelessness than the metro median metro rate.

### Homelessness by state electorate (ABS, 2016)

Ranking	State electorate	Number of people homeless
1.	Melbourne	1,617
2.	Dandenong	1,158
3.	Footscray	894
4.	Richmond	792
5.	St Albans	739
6.	Albert Park	726
7.	Broadmeadows	644
8.	Clarinda	573
9.	Oakleigh	508
10.	Burwood	471
11.	Narre Warren South	465
12.	Preston	463
13.	Kororoit	438
14.	Caulfield	423
15.	Prahran	417
16.	Thomastown	410
17.	Frankston	410
18.	Keysborough	402
19.	Mulgrave	388
20.	Werribee	376
21.	Shepparton	372
22.	Cranbourne	366
23.	Yuroke	343
24.	Essendon	337
25.	Northcote	335
26.	Tarneit	322

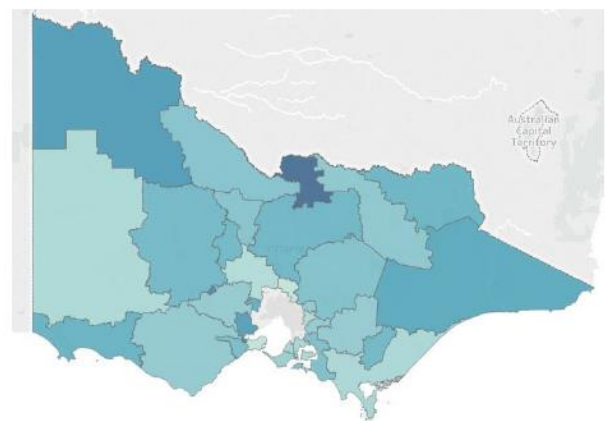
Quotes attributed to Kate Colvin, Acting CEO, Council to Homeless Persons:

*"This data makes it clear that homelessness is not just a city problem. Skyrocketing rents and a lack of social housing is driving homelessness in every electorate in Victoria. But there are solutions to overcome the crisis."*

*"With the right measures in place, we know we can prevent most homelessness, quickly rehouse people who do lose their homes, and keep people housed long-term."*

*"We've developed a blueprint for solving homelessness and now we're looking for the political leadership to implement it."*

Victoria



Number of people experiencing homelessness



27.	Bundoora	315
28.	Pascoe Vale	312
29.	Brunswick	309
30.	Geelong	295
31.	Wendouree	293
32.	Mildura	255
33.	Malvern	247
34.	Williamstown	247
35.	Lara	246
36.	Box Hill	236
37.	Ringwood	236
38.	Gippsland East	224
39.	Melton	216
40.	Hawthorn	210
41.	South-West Coast	205
42.	Altona	204
43.	Narre Warren North	203
44.	Morwell	202
45.	Benambra	197
46.	Bendigo West	192
47.	Ripon	192
48.	Euroa	190
49.	Bayswater	188
50.	Ivanhoe	188
51.	Bass	175
52.	South Barwon	174
53.	Croydon	170
54.	Eildon	167
55.	Sydenham	167
56.	Brighton	165
57.	Bendigo East	158
58.	Murray Plains	158
59.	Forest Hill	157
60.	Carrum	152

61.	Bentleigh	150
62.	Ferntree Gully	145
63.	Ovens Valley	144
64.	Polwarth	144
65.	Mill Park	143
66.	Kew	139
67.	Narracan	138
68.	Evelyn	136
69.	Gembrook	133
70.	Nepean	131
71.	Mordialloc	131
72.	Buninyong	127
73.	Mount Waverley	124
74.	Bulleen	118
75.	Sunbury	108
76.	Hastings	103
77.	Mornington	103
78.	Warrandyte	99
79.	Lowan	99
80.	Gippsland South	98
81.	Niddrie	95
82.	Sandringham	91
83.	Monbulk	87
84.	Macedon	87
85.	Rowville	77
86.	Eltham	73
87.	Yan Yean	69
88.	Bellarine	65