

# Homelessness in Melbourne

There are **1084 people** without a home in Melbourne on any given night.

Homelessness affects **88 people per 10,000** compared to the state average of 42 per 10,000 – ranking Melbourne **3rd out of 88** Victorian electorates.

## Demographics

	Number of people	Proportion of total
<b>By sex</b>		
Male	696	64%
Female	387	36%
<b>By age</b>		
0–11	48	4%
12–18	35	3%
19–24	151	14%
25–34	275	25%
35–44	265	24%
45–54	193	18%
55–64	73	7%
65–74	38	4%
75+	14	1%

## Where people stay

	Number of people	Proportion of total
Rough sleeping	116	11%
Supported accommodation	266	25%
Couchsurfing	49	5%
Boarding/rooming houses	155	14%
Other temporary lodgings	357	33%
Severely overcrowded dwellings	131	12%

## Tracking progress

In March 2023, the ABS released its Estimating Homelessness report from the 2021 Census, allowing us to compare how homelessness has changed since 2016.

**Since the last Census, homelessness has decreased by 28.1% in Melbourne.**

In 2016, there were 1508 people without a home, ranking Melbourne 1st out of 88 Victorian electorates.