

HOMELESSNESS IN YOUR AREA / 2023

## Homelessness in Polwarth

There are 181 people without a home in Polwarth on any given night.

Homelessness affects **24 people per 10,000** compared to the state average of 42 per 10,000 – ranking Polwarth **61st out of 88** Victorian electorates.

## **Demographics**

	Number of people	Proportion of total
By sex		
Male	75	41%
Female	103	57%
By age		
0–11	43	24%
12–18	20	11%
19–24	20	11%
25–34	37	20%
35–44	23	13%
45–54	18	10%
55–64	7	4%
65–74	13	7%
75+	0	0%

## Where people stay

	Number of people	Proportion of total
Rough sleeping	6	3%
Supported accommodation	60	33%
Couchsurfing	48	27%
Boarding/rooming houses	21	12%
Other temporary lodgings	0	0%
Severely overcrowded dwellings	35	19%

## **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 increased by 22.8% in Polwarth.

In 2016, there were 147 people without a home, ranking Polwarth 67th out of 88 Victorian electorates.