

Homelessness in Preston

There are **611 people** without a home in Preston on any given night.

Homelessness affects **82 people per 10,000** compared to the state average of 42 per 10,000 – ranking Preston **14th out of 88** Victorian electorates.

Demographics

	Number of people	Proportion of total
By sex		
Male	357	58%
Female	257	42%
By age		
0–11	83	14%
12–18	45	7%
19–24	90	15%
25–34	116	19%
35–44	99	16%
45–54	96	16%
55–64	48	8%
65–74	20	3%
75+	13	2%

Where people stay

	Number of people	Proportion of total
Rough sleeping	62	10%
Supported accommodation	216	35%
Couchsurfing	30	5%
Boarding/rooming houses	131	21%
Other temporary lodgings	16	3%
Severely overcrowded dwellings	153	25%

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 24.4% in Preston.

In 2016, there were 491 people without a home, ranking Preston 11th out of 88 Victorian electorates.