People experiencing homelessness

Our Diverse Communities

On Census night 2021, the number of Victorians who were counted as being without a home rose by 24% since the previous Census in 2016

On any given day, Victorian homelessness services have to turn away 96 people



The top three reasons for people seeking homelessness assistance in Victoria are:

- financial difficulties (46%)
- family and domestic violence (44%)
- housing crisis (34%)

The majority experience hidden homelessness which includes; ‘couch surfing’, moving between shelters, living in overcrowded dwellings or sleeping in cars

25% of Victorians without a home are young people between 12 and 24 years of age

Banyule City Council

People rough sleeping represented less than 7% of all people without a home in Australia. The majority live in temporary, insecure, or unsafe housing situations

The data from this report has been sourced from ABS Census 2021, Banyule Household Survey 2022, Women’s Health Atlas, Australian Institute of Health & Wellbeing. Council to Homeless Persons,, (https://chp.org.au/about-homelessness/data-and-demographics/)