

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) recently released the official homelessness estimates, showing that on Census night 2016, 116,427 Australians were experiencing homelessness. **This is an increase of nearly 14% from 2011 and comes as no surprise to Mission Australia, as staff in our services and others across the sector have witnessed rising levels of need since the last census.**

# 116,427



## Australians were experiencing homelessness

Alarming facts:

**25,827**   
children under 19 are homeless on any given night

Males make up **58%**  | Females make up **42%**   
of all people experiencing homelessness in Australia

**15,872**   
children under 12 are homeless on any given night

**51,000<sup>+</sup>**  } The greatest contributor to the increase in homelessness

people live in 'severely' crowded dwellings

Rate of homelessness among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is **9.5x**   
the rate for non-Indigenous people

**23%**   
increase in people living in 'severely' crowded dwellings



We believe everyone should have access to safe, secure accommodation and a place to call home. Homelessness forces people into vulnerable and dangerous situations, and can have damaging long-term consequences.

## Where do they stay?

