

SOUTHERN HOMELESSNESS SERVICES NETWORK

Regional Overview



HOMELESSNESS IN THE SOUTHERN REGION ¹

22,411

Households supported by Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS)
(LASN data 2021-2022)



Of those supported by SHSN member services:

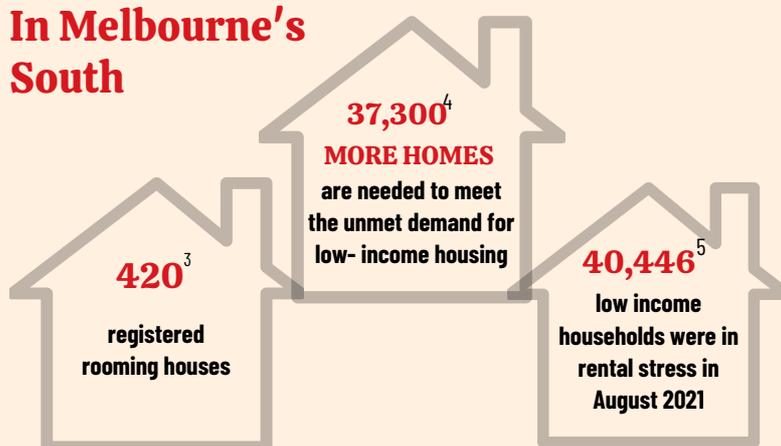
- 40%** experienced family violence
- 11%** were young people alone
- 8%** were Aboriginal
- 26%** exited support to social housing
- 31%** exited support to private rental

On Census night 2021 ² 8,548 were counted as homeless.

Of those:

- 1,335** were under 18
- 158** were sleeping rough
- 1,756** were in supported accommodation
- 578** were couch surfing
- 2,895** were in rooming houses
- 2,869** were in "severely" crowded accommodation

In Melbourne's South



ABOUT THE SHSN

The Southern Homelessness Services Network (SHSN) comprises all funded Specialist Homelessness Services in the Southern Region including services providing crisis, transitional, long term, family violence and youth support and accommodation. The SHSN seeks to work collaboratively to end homelessness in the Southern region.



SHSN MEMBER AGENCIES

- Better Health Network
- Emerge
- Ermha 365
- Fusion
- Good Shepherd
- Launch Housing
- Melbourne City Mission
- Moira
- NEAMI National
- Ngwala Willumbong
- Sacred Heart Mission
- South East Community Links
- South Port Community Housing
- The Salvation Army
- Thorne Harbour Health
- VincentCare
- WAYSS
- Whitelion
- Windermere
- Wintringham
- YWCA

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Facts about Homelessness in CITY OF BAYSIDE



HOMELESS ON CENSUS NIGHT 2021¹

- There were **147** people counted as homeless in **Bayside**
- This is a **12%** decrease since 2016 (**20** less people)

In **Bayside**, on Census night, there were:

- 6** people sleeping rough
- 62** people in homeless accommodation
- 22** people staying with family/friends
- 28** people in rooming houses
- 27** people in severely crowded dwellings

Of the people counted as homeless in **Bayside** on Census night:

- 27** were children (under 18)
- 8** were over 55
- 77** were male
- 70** were female
- 54** people were employed
- 9** were born overseas
- 0** were Indigenous



PEOPLE USING HOMELESSNESS SERVICES²

427 people from **Bayside** used Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) in 2021-22. SHS services include entry points, crisis accommodation, transitional support and housing, and youth and family violence refuges.

Of those supported by SHS services across the Southern region:

- **40%** experienced family violence
- **11%** were young people alone
- **8%** were Aboriginal
- **26%** exited support to social housing
- **31%** exited support to private rental



HOUSING STRESS IN BAYSIDE

1,500
MORE HOMES
are needed to meet the
unmet demand for
low-income housing in
Bayside⁵

- In March 2023 there were **2** affordable private rental listings in Bayside³
- There were **1,614** low income households living in rental stress (2021 Census)⁴
- There are **4** registered rooming houses in **Bayside** (July 2023)⁵



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Facts about Homelessness in SHIRE OF **CARDINIA**



HOMELESS ON CENSUS NIGHT 2021¹

- There were **337** people counted as homeless in **Cardinia**
- This is a **53%** decrease since 2016 (**117** more people)

In **Cardinia**, on Census night, there were:

- 7** people sleeping rough
- 68** people in homeless accommodation
- 47** people staying with family/friends
- 26** people in rooming houses
- 177** people in severely crowded dwellings

Of the people counted as homeless in **Cardinia** on Census night:

- 110** were children (under 18)
- 26** were over 55
- 172** were male
- 168** were female
- 95** people were employed
- 53** were born overseas, with 27 from India and Pakistan
- 15** were Indigenous



PEOPLE USING HOMELESSNESS SERVICES²

1,269 people from **Cardinia** used Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) in 2021-22. SHS services include entry points, crisis accommodation, transitional support and housing, and youth and family violence refuges.

Of those supported by SHS services across the Southern region:

- **40%** experienced family violence
- **11%** were young people alone
- **8%** were Aboriginal
- **26%** exited support to social housing
- **31%** exited support to private rental



HOUSING STRESS IN CARDINIA

In March 2023 there were:

- **58** affordable private rental listings in Cardinia³
- only **143** private rental listings affordable to households on the minimum wage (with Cardinia the second most affordable LGA in metropolitan Melbourne)⁴

There were **1,614** low income households living in rental stress (2021 Census).⁵

There are **8** registered rooming houses in **Cardinia** (July 2023).⁶



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Facts about Homelessness in CITY OF CASEY



HOMELESS ON CENSUS NIGHT 2021¹

- There were **1,852** people counted as homeless in **Casey**
- This is a **45%** increase since 2016 (**572** more people).
- **Casey** had **6%** of all Victorians experiencing homelessness and the **second highest** number of people experiencing homelessness in Victoria.

In **Casey**, on Census night, there were:

- 251** people in homeless accommodation
- 113** people staying with family/friends
- 364** people in rooming houses
- 28** people in temporary accommodation such as hotels
- 1,104** people in severely crowded dwellings

Of the people counted as homeless in **Casey** on Census night:

- 519** were children (under 18)
- 200** were over 55
- 961** were male
- 887** were female
- 475** people were employed
- 689** were born overseas, with **324** born in Afghanistan
- 13** were Indigenous



PEOPLE USING HOMELESSNESS SERVICES²

3,587 people from Casey used Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) in 2021-22. SHS services include entry points, crisis accommodation, transitional support and housing, and youth and family violence refuges.

Of those supported by SHS services across the Southern region:

- **40%** experienced family violence
- **11%** were young people alone
- **8%** were Aboriginal
- **26%** exited support to social housing
- **31%** exited support to private rental



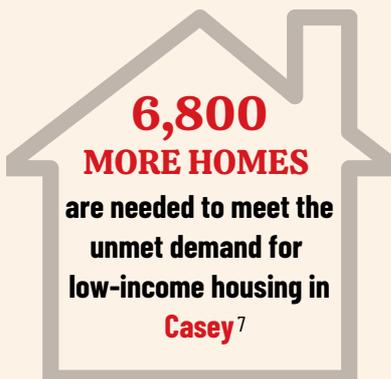
HOUSING STRESS IN CASEY

In March 2023 there was:

- **144** private rental listings affordable³
- only **176** private rental listings affordable to households on the minimum wage⁴

There were **6,720** low income households living in rental stress (2021 Census)⁵

There are **61** registered rooming houses in **Casey** (July 2023)⁶



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Facts about Homelessness in CITY OF FRANKSTON



HOMELESS ON CENSUS NIGHT 2021¹

- There were **785** people counted as homeless in **Frankston**
 - This is a **44%** increase since 2016 (**239** more people).
- In **Frankston**, on Census night, there were:
- 33** people sleeping rough
 - 176** people in homeless accommodation
 - 65** people staying with family/friends
 - 431** people in rooming houses
 - 11** people in temporary accommodation such as hotels
 - 77** people in severely crowded dwellings

- Of the people counted as homeless in **Frankston** on Census night:
- 111** were children (under 18)
 - 159** were over 55
 - 488** were male
 - 294** were female
 - 155** people were employed
 - 53** were born overseas
 - 15** were Indigenous



PEOPLE USING HOMELESSNESS SERVICES²

2,769 people from **Frankston** used Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) in 2021-22.

SHS services include entry points, crisis accommodation, transitional support and housing, and youth and family violence refuges.

Of those supported by SHS services across the Southern region:

- **40%** experienced family violence
- **11%** were young people alone
- **8%** were Aboriginal
- **26%** exited support to social housing
- **31%** exited support to private rental



HOUSING STRESS IN FRANKSTON

In March 2023 there were:

- **22** private rental listings affordable³
- were only **17** private rental listings for households receiving any kind of Centrelink income (with **Frankston** the most affordable LGA in metropolitan Melbourne for this income category)⁴

There were **4,567** low income households living in rental stress (2021 Census)⁵

There are **80** registered rooming houses in **Frankston** (July 2023)⁶



4,000
MORE HOMES
are needed to meet the
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low-income housing in
Frankston⁷

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Facts about Homelessness in CITY OF **GLEN EIRA**



HOMELESS ON CENSUS NIGHT 2021¹

- There were **561** people counted as homeless in **Glen Eira**
- This is a **13%** increase since 2016 (**64** more people).

In **Glen Eira**, on Census night, there were:

- 166** people in homeless accommodation
- 37** people staying with family/friends
- 212** people in rooming houses
- 5** people in temporary accommodation such as hotels
- 133** people in severely crowded dwellings

Of the people counted as homeless in **Glen Eira** on Census night:

- 57** were children (under 18)
- 35** were over 55
- 338** were male
- 222** were female
- 193** people were employed
- 213** were born overseas, with **110** born in India
- 3** were Indigenous



PEOPLE USING HOMELESSNESS SERVICES²

680 people from **Glen Eira** used Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) in 2021-22. SHS services include entry points, crisis accommodation, transitional support and housing, and youth and family violence refuges.

Of those supported by SHS services across the Southern region:

- **40%** experienced family violence
- **11%** were young people alone
- **8%** were Aboriginal
- **26%** exited support to social housing
- **31%** exited support to private rental



HOUSING STRESS IN GLEN EIRA

3,500
MORE HOMES
are needed to meet the
unmet demand for
low-income housing in
Glen Eira⁶

- In March 2023 there were **12** affordable private rental listings in Glen Eira
- There were **4,419** low income households living in rental stress (2021 Census)
- There are **35** registered rooming houses in **Glen Eira** (July 2023)



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Facts about Homelessness in CITY OF GR DANDENONG



HOMELESS ON CENSUS NIGHT 2021¹

- There were **2,366** people counted as homeless in **Gr Dandenong**
- This is a **22%** increase since 2016 (**424** more people).
- **Gr Dandenong** had **8%** of all Victorians experiencing homelessness and the highest number of people experiencing homelessness in Victoria.

In **Gr Dandenong**, on Census night, there were:

- 22** people sleeping rough
- 382** people in homeless accommodation
- 45** people staying with family/friends
- 724** people in rooming houses
- 87** people in temporary accommodation such as hotels
- 1,111** people in severely crowded dwellings

Of the people counted as homeless in **Gr Dandenong** on Census night:

- 480** were children (under 18)
- 316** were over 55
- 826** were male
- 428** were female
- 270** people were employed
- 310** were born overseas, with **96** born in Sri Lanka and India
- 25** were Indigenous



PEOPLE USING HOMELESSNESS SERVICES²

2,881 people from **Gr Dandenong** used Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) in 2021-22.

SHS services include entry points, crisis accommodation, transitional support and housing, and youth and family violence refuges.

Of those supported by SHS services across the Southern region:

- **40%** experienced family violence
- **11%** were young people alone
- **8%** were Aboriginal
- **26%** exited support to social housing
- **31%** exited support to private rental



HOUSING STRESS IN GR DANDENONG

In March 2023 there were:

- **70** private rental listings affordable³
- only **225** private rental listings affordable to households on the minimum wage (with **Gr Dandenong** the fifth most affordable LGA in metropolitan Melbourne)⁴

There were **5,256** low income households living in rental stress (2021 Census).⁵

There are **123** registered rooming houses in **GR Dandenong** (July 2023).⁶



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Facts about Homelessness in CITY OF KINGSTON



HOMELESS ON CENSUS NIGHT 2021¹

- There were **544** people counted as homeless in **Kingston**
- This is a **23%** increase since 2016 (**100** more people).

In **Kingston**, on Census night, there were:

- 3** people were sleeping rough
- 212** people in homeless accommodation
- 54** people staying with family/friends
- 100** people in rooming houses
- 47** people in temporary accommodation such as hotels
- 130** people in severely crowded dwellings

Of the people counted as homeless in **Kingston** on Census night:

- 115** were children (under 18)
- 53** were over 55
- 207** were male
- 203** were female
- 79** people were employed
- 57** were born overseas
- 20** were Indigenous



PEOPLE USING HOMELESSNESS SERVICES²

1,148 people from Kingston used Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) in 2021-22.

SHS services include entry points, crisis accommodation, transitional support and housing, and youth and family violence refuges.

Of those supported by SHS services across the Southern region:

- **40%** experienced family violence
- **11%** were young people alone
- **8%** were Aboriginal
- **26%** exited support to social housing
- **31%** exited support to private rental



HOUSING STRESS IN KINGSTON

3,300
MORE HOMES
are needed to meet the
unmet demand for
low-income housing in
Kingston ⁶

- In March 2023 there were **27** private rental listings affordable³
- There were **3,659** low income households living in rental stress (2021 Census)⁴
- There are **9** registered rooming houses in **Kingston** (July 2023)⁵



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Facts about Homelessness in SHIRE OF MORNINGTON PEN



HOMELESS ON CENSUS NIGHT 2021¹

- There were **421** people counted as homeless in **Mornington Peninsula**
 - This is a **41%** increase since 2016 (**123** more people).
- In **Mornington Peninsula**, on Census night, there were:
- 50** people were sleeping rough
 - 101** people in homeless accommodation
 - 107** people staying with family/friends
 - 89** people in rooming houses
 - 12** people in temporary accommodation such as hotels
 - 64** people in severely crowded dwellings

- Of the people counted as homeless in **Mornington Peninsula** on Census night:
- 85** were children (under 18)
 - 94** were over 55
 - 214** were male
 - 146** were female
 - 43** people were employed
 - 13** were born overseas
 - 13** were Indigenous



PEOPLE USING HOMELESSNESS SERVICES²

1,805 people from **Mornington Peninsula** used Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) in 2021-22. SHS services include entry points, crisis accommodation, transitional support and housing, and youth and family violence refuges.

Of those supported by SHS services across the Southern region:

- **40%** experienced family violence
- **11%** were young people alone
- **8%** were Aboriginal
- **26%** exited support to social housing
- **31%** exited support to private rental



HOUSING STRESS IN MORNINGTON PENINSULA

3,900
MORE HOMES
are needed to meet the
unmet demand for
low-income housing in
Mornington Peninsula⁶

- In March 2023 there were **9** private rental listings affordable³
- There were **3,809** low income households living in rental stress (2021 Census)⁴
- There are **10** registered rooming houses in **Mornington Peninsula** (July 2023)⁵



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Facts about Homelessness in CITY OF **PORT PHILLIP**



HOMELESS ON CENSUS NIGHT 2021¹

- There were **1,067** people counted as homeless in **Port Phillip**
- This is a **5%** decrease since 2016 (**60** less people).
- **Port Phillip** had the **9th** highest number of people experiencing homelessness in Victoria.

In **Port Phillip**, on Census night, there were:

- 33** people sleeping rough
- 180** people in homeless accommodation
- 63** people staying with family/friends
- 657** people in rooming houses
- 98** people in temporary accommodation such as hotels
- 7** people in severely crowded dwellings

Of the people counted as homeless in **Port Phillip** on Census night:

- 61** were children (under 18)
- 340** were over 55
- 697** were male
- 336** were female
- 141** people were employed
- 83** were born overseas
- 60** were Indigenous



PEOPLE USING HOMELESSNESS SERVICES²

2,152 people from **Port Phillip** used Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) in 2021-22.

SHS services include entry points, crisis accommodation, transitional support and housing, and youth and family violence refuges.

Of those supported by SHS services across the Southern region:

- **40%** experienced family violence
- **11%** were young people alone
- **8%** were Aboriginal
- **26%** exited support to social housing
- **31%** exited support to private rental



HOUSING STRESS IN PORT PHILLIP

2,900
MORE HOMES
are needed to meet the
unmet demand for
low-income housing in
Port Phillip⁶

- In March 2023 there were **9** private rental listings affordable³
- There were **4,322** low income households living in rental stress (2021 Census)⁴
- There are **46** registered rooming houses in **Port Phillip** (July 2023)⁵

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Facts about Homelessness in CITY OF STONNINGTON



HOMELESS ON CENSUS NIGHT 2021¹

- There were **463** people counted as homeless in **Stonnington**
 - This is a **17%** increase since 2016 (**68** more people)
- In **Stonnington**, on Census night, there were:
- 4** people sleeping rough
 - 158** people in homeless accommodation
 - 25** people staying with family/friends
 - 264** people in rooming houses
 - 4** people in temporary accommodation such as hotels
 - 8** people in severely crowded dwellings

Of the people counted as homeless in **Stonnington** on Census night:

- 37** were children (under 18)
- 50** were over 55
- 280** were male
- 184** were female
- 184** people were employed
- 111** were born overseas, with **41** born in India
- 4** were Indigenous



PEOPLE USING HOMELESSNESS SERVICES²

627 people from **Stonnington** used Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) in 2021-22. SHS services include entry points, crisis accommodation, transitional support and housing, and youth and family violence refuges.

Of those supported by SHS services across the Southern region:

- **40%** experienced family violence
- **11%** were young people alone
- **8%** were Aboriginal
- **26%** exited support to social housing
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HOUSING STRESS IN STONNINGTON

2,200
MORE HOMES
are needed to meet the
unmet demand for
low-income housing in
Stonnington⁶

- In March 2023 there were **17** private rental listings affordable³
- There were **3,624** low income households living in rental stress (2021 Census)⁴
- There are **44** registered rooming houses in **Stonnington** (July 2023)⁵



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