

# Ending street homelessness in the inner city



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# Adelaide Zero Project

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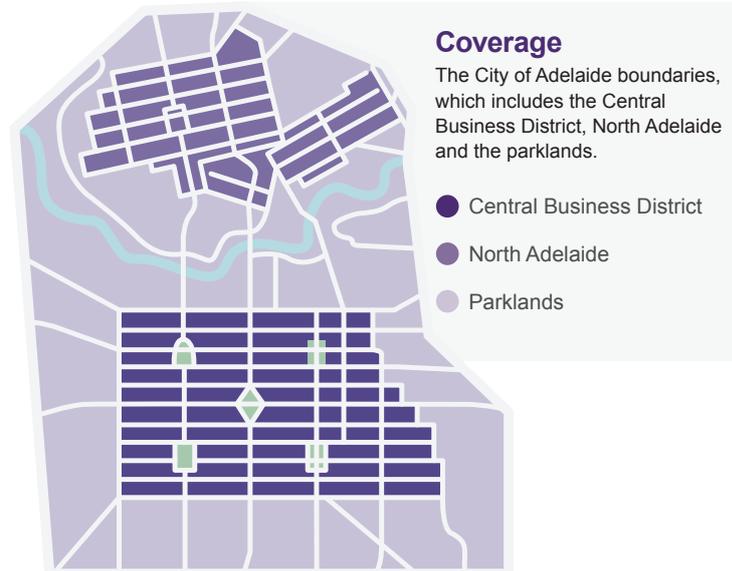
The goal of the Adelaide Zero Project is to end street homelessness in the inner city and ultimately end homelessness in South Australia.

**This project will engage with all people sleeping on the streets of the Adelaide inner city area.**

A person is recognised as a rough sleeper if they are living in a:

- STREET/PARK/OUT IN THE OPEN
- IMPROVISED BUILDING OR DWELLING
- TENT
- BOAT
- MOTOR VEHICLE
- CABIN

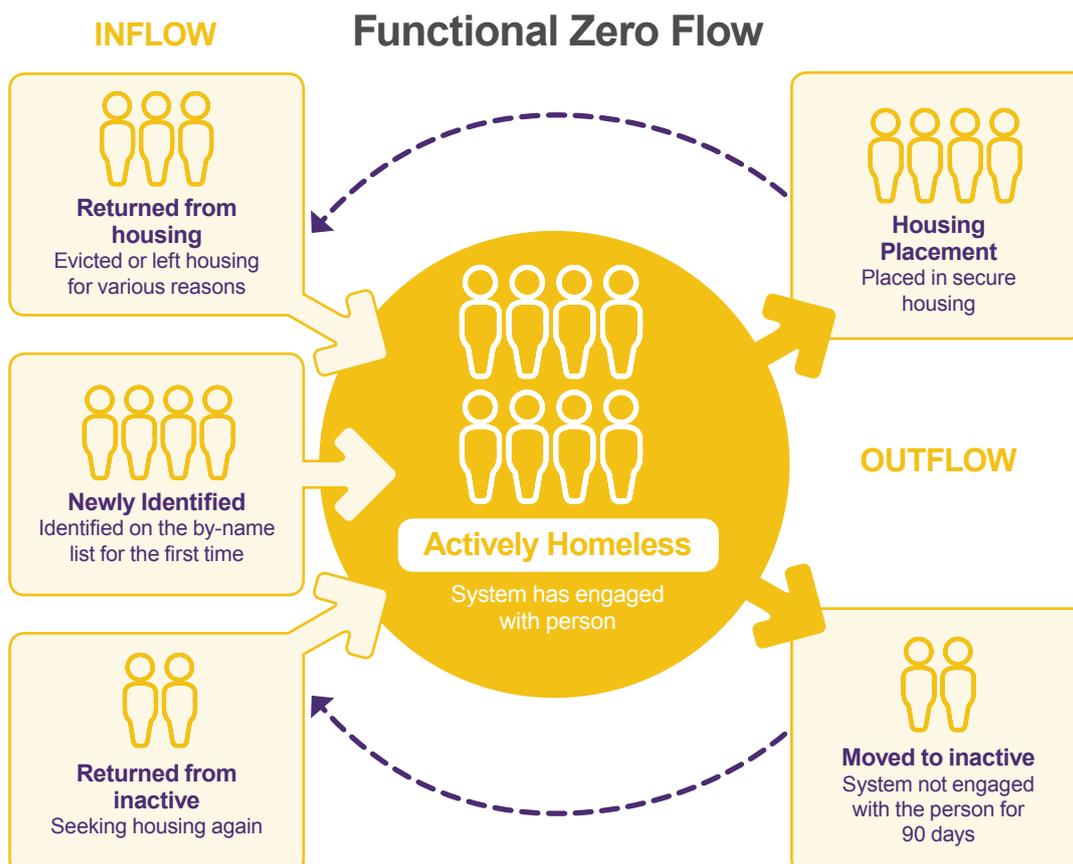
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## Functional Zero

Functional Zero is reached when the number of people who are homeless in a city at any point in time is no greater than the average housing placement rate for that same period (usually a month).

A community reaches Functional Zero when the average capacity of the housing system is greater than the existing need and it can be proven.



## Adelaide Zero Project principles

- Person-Centred and Inclusive
- Housing First
- No Wrong Door
- Continuous Improvement
- Collective Action

## Phases of the Adelaide Zero Project

### Phase 1 ESTABLISH

#### August 2017

Adelaide Zero Project launched  
Zero Research Project commenced  
Discussion paper

#### October 2017

90-Day Project commenced to  
establish deliverables

#### November 2017

Adelaide announced as a  
Vanguard City committed to tackling  
street homelessness

#### February 2018

Implementation Plan  
1.0 released



### Phase 2 IMPLEMENT

#### May 2018

Connections Week  
Establish By-Name List

#### June 2018

Zero Research Project Final Report  
Business Alliance to End  
Homelessness underway

#### August 2018

Charter underway  
Project target confirmed using 3 months  
of data since Connections Week  
Public dashboard launched to count  
down to Functional Zero by sharing the  
number of people sleeping rough  
in the inner city

#### Dec 2018

Aligned Housing Plan released

#### 2018 TBD

Commencement & completion of  
Aboriginal Homelessness 90-Day  
Project – details subject to consultation.



### Phase 3 SUSTAIN

### Phase 4 EXPAND

## Rough Sleeping in Adelaide

**143**  **Connections Week** volunteers engaged with **143** people sleeping rough in Adelaide's inner city in May 2018.



**73%**  
Physical  
Health Issues



**48%**  
Mental Health  
Issues



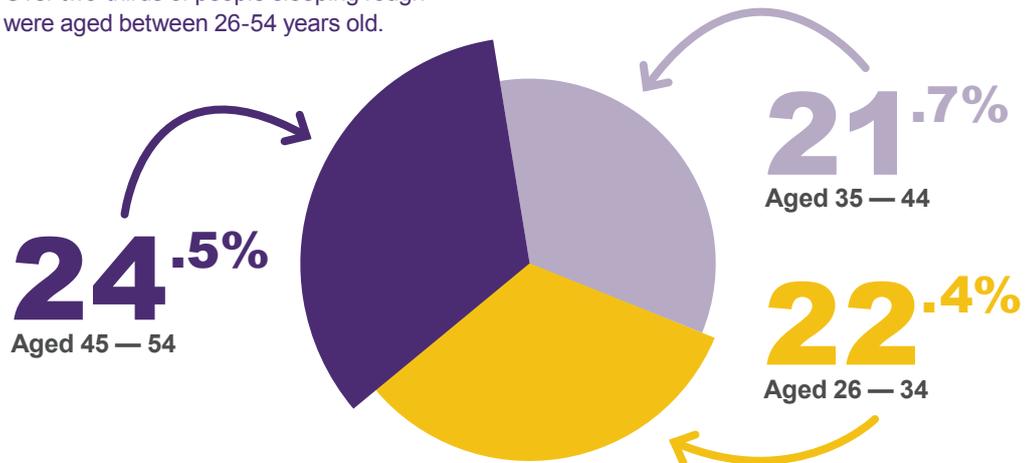
**44%**  
Substance  
Abuse



**37%**  
Relationship  
Breakdown

## Age of Rough Sleepers

Over two-thirds of people sleeping rough were aged between 26-54 years old.



**28%**  of rough sleepers were **ABORIGINAL** and/or **TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER** despite being only **3%** of the overall Australian population

**73%** of rough sleepers were **male** 

## Length of time sleeping rough

**29%**  
had been sleeping rough  
for more than **2** years

**15%**  
had been sleeping rough  
between **1 & 2** years

**35%**  
had been sleeping rough  
for less than **1** year

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