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Welcome to Country

Rosemary Wanganeen

Chief Executive Officer Australian Institute for Loss and Grief

KAURNA GROUP WELCOME



“Naa marní?”

Which sounds a bit like: No money

Naa Marney



Which means:

“Are you all well?”

You respond with:

Marney ~ ard ~ lu'!



Marney



ard



lu

:Which means: We're all well or fantastic or deadly!

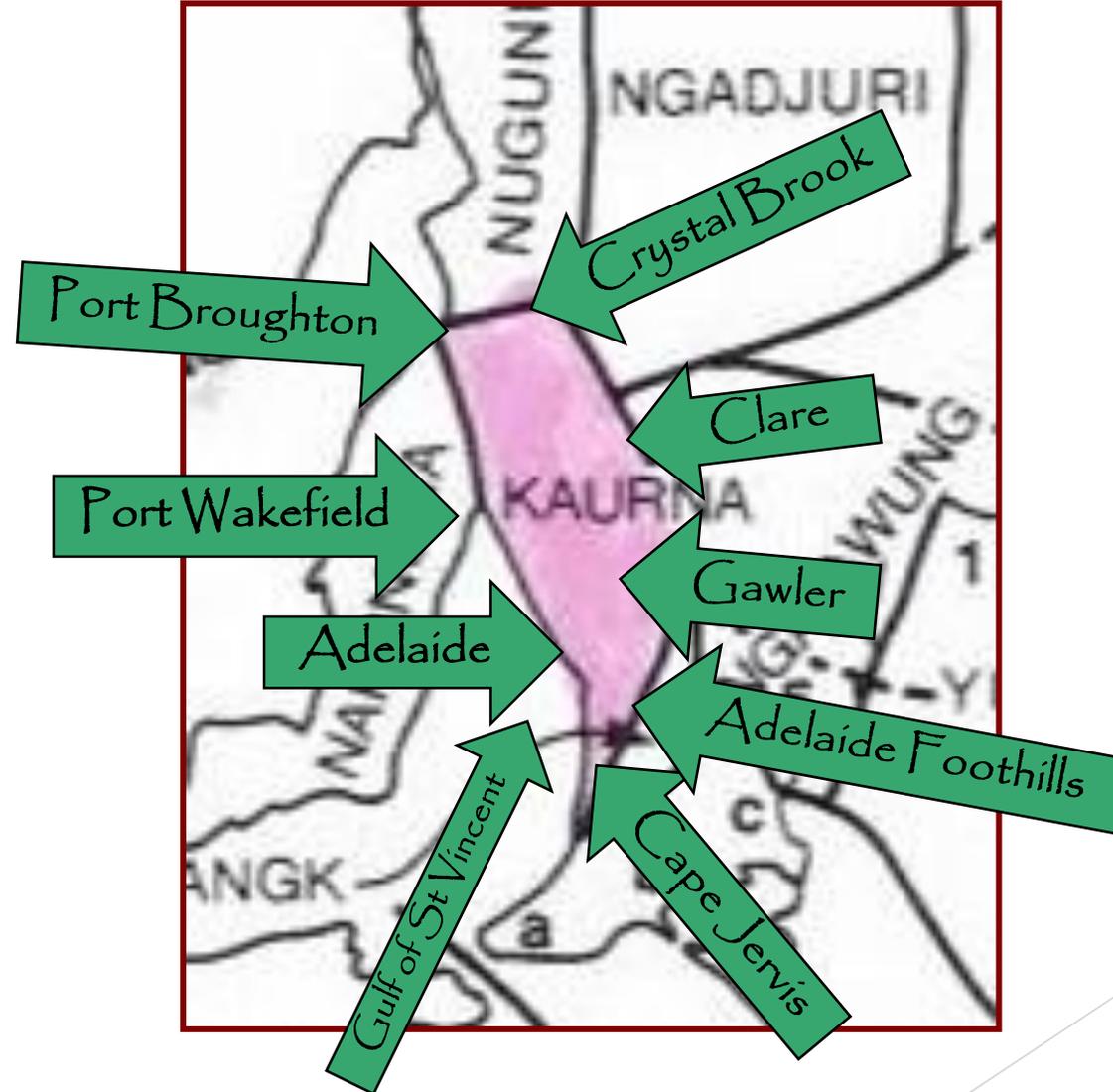
Naa marní?



Tandanya is the Kaurna word for 'place of the red kangaroo'.



Traditional Kaurma Country (approx.)





The Hon. Rev. Dr Lynn Arnold AO

Chairperson, Don Dunstan Foundation

Opening Address

Sandy Verschoor

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of Adelaide

Opening Address



The Hon. Michelle Lensink MLC

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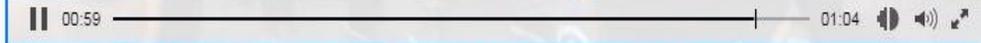
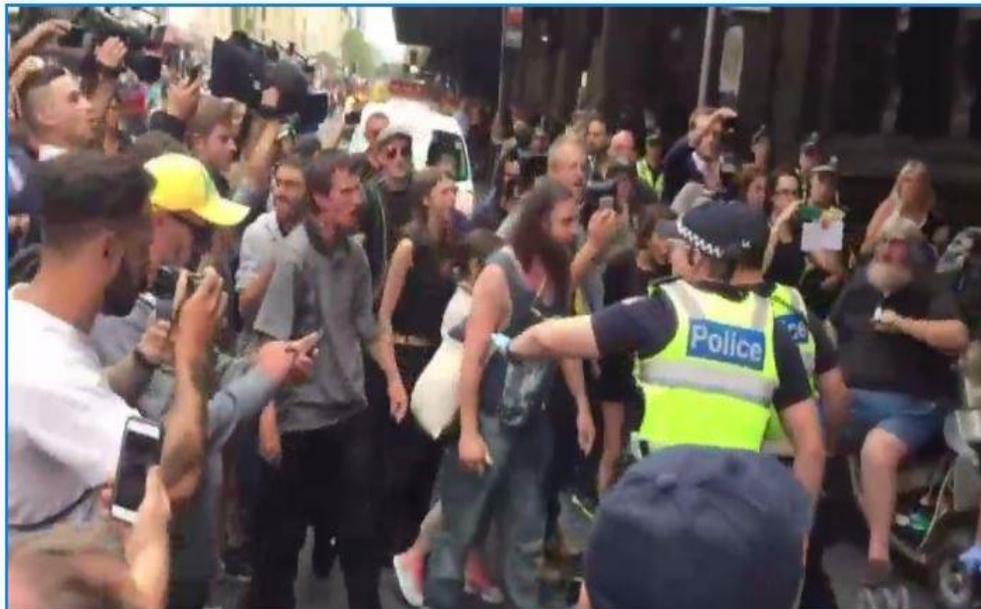
- Reminder of what we are trying to do
- Update on the Adelaide Zero Project
- Next Steps



We're trying to solve a problem...

Flinders Street homeless: Violent confrontations as police clear rough sleepers in Melbourne

Updated 1 Feb 2017, 11:29pm



VIDEO: Scuffle breaks out and crowds boo as police escort two protestors from Flinders Street Station. (ABC News)

Violence that broke out when authorities moved a group of homeless people from outside Flinders Street Station was caused not by the homeless, but by protestors, police say.

RELATED STORY: [Homeless in Melbourne's CBD to be given immediate housing](#)

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Bergen County first in nation to end chronic homelessness

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Posted on March 28, 2017 at 2:57 PM



Bergen County Executive Jim Tedesco announced that the county had become the first place in the nation to eradicate chronic homelessness. (Fausto Giovanny Pinto | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com)

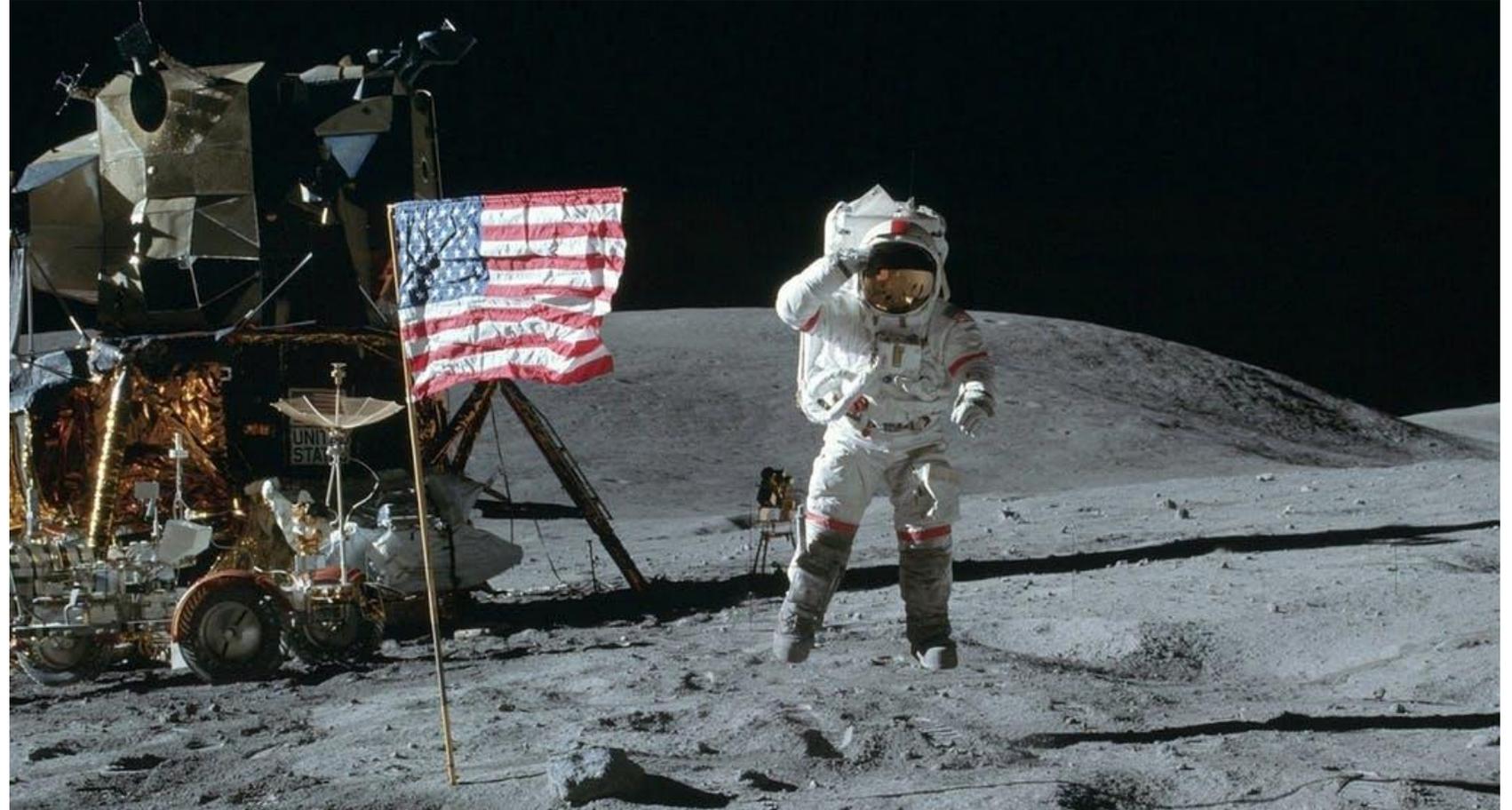
Simple Problems



Source: Community Solutions, US, 2017



Complicated Problems



Complex Problems



Homelessness a Wicked Problem



We're trying to understand this problem...

Problems	Approach
Simple	Initiatives / Programs
Complicated	
Complex	Systems Change / Collective Impact
Wicked	



We're trying to solve this problem in Adelaide's inner city...

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:

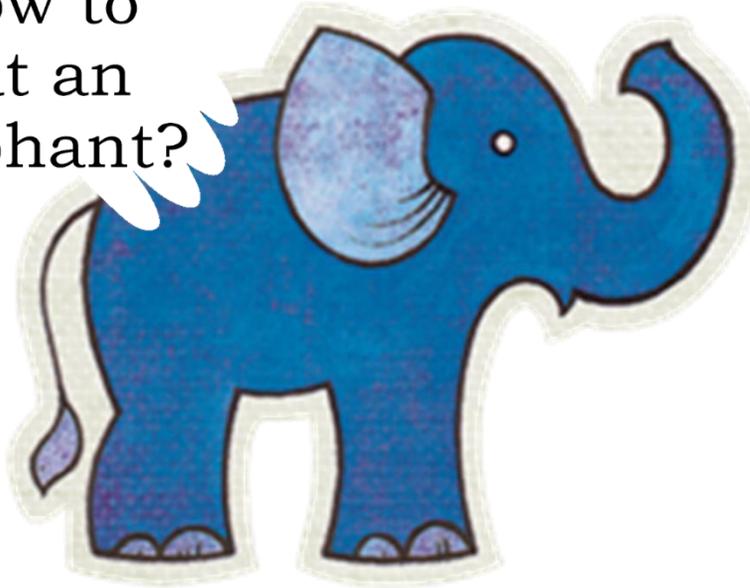
- STREET/PARK/OUT IN THE OPEN
- IMPROVISED BUILDING OR DWELLING
- TENT
- BOAT
- MOTOR VEHICLE
- CABIN

Source: DHS

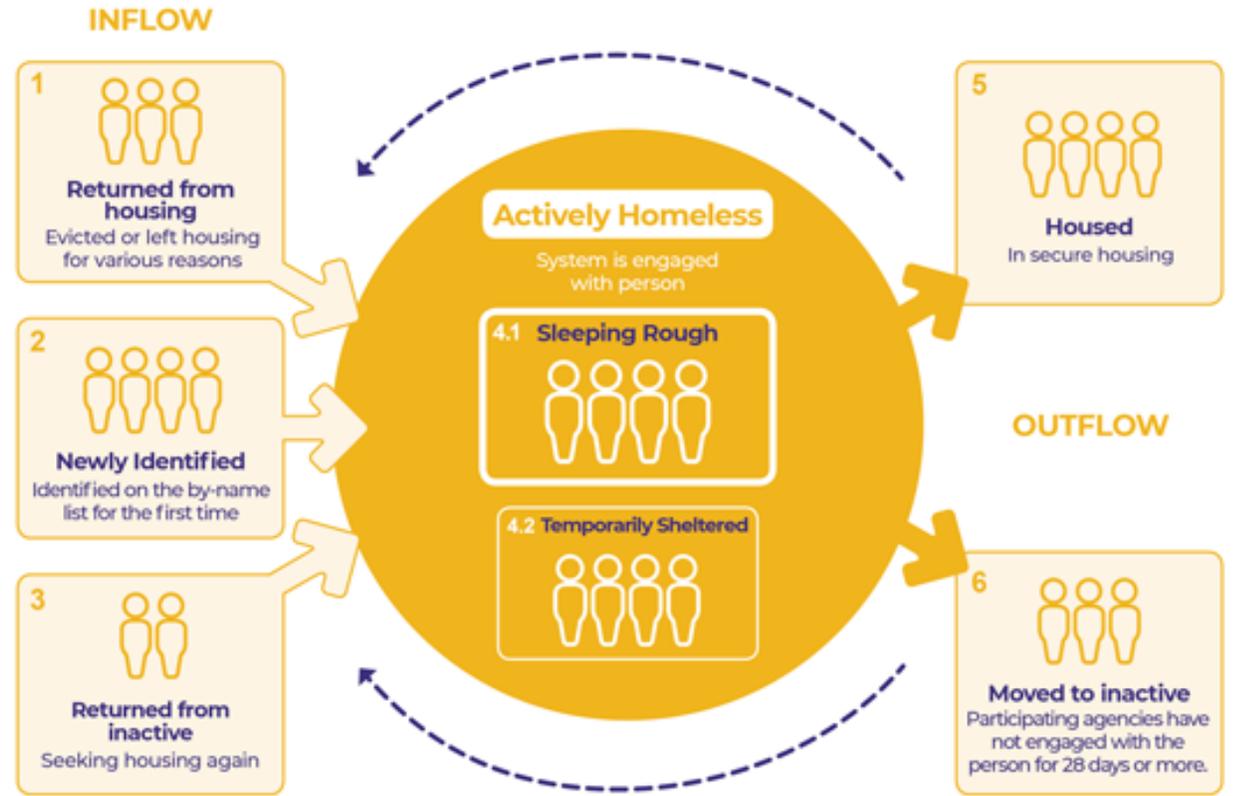
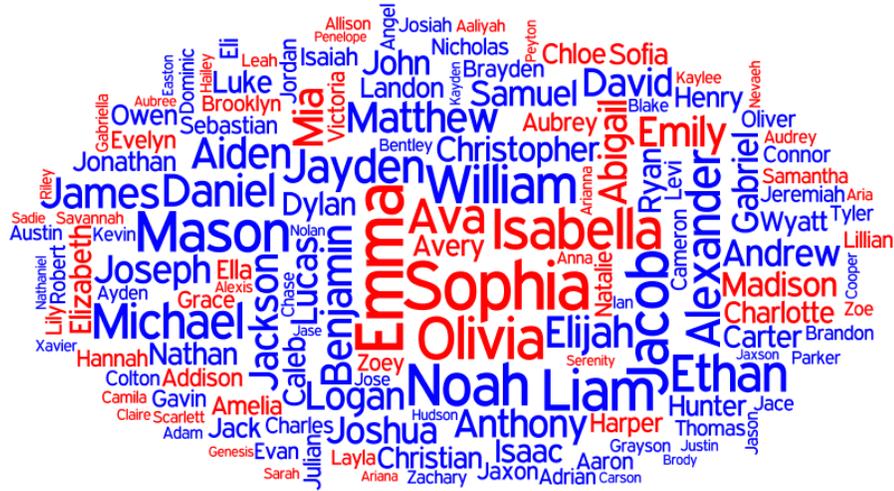


We're trying to break up this problem...

Do you know
how to
eat an
elephant?



Achievements...



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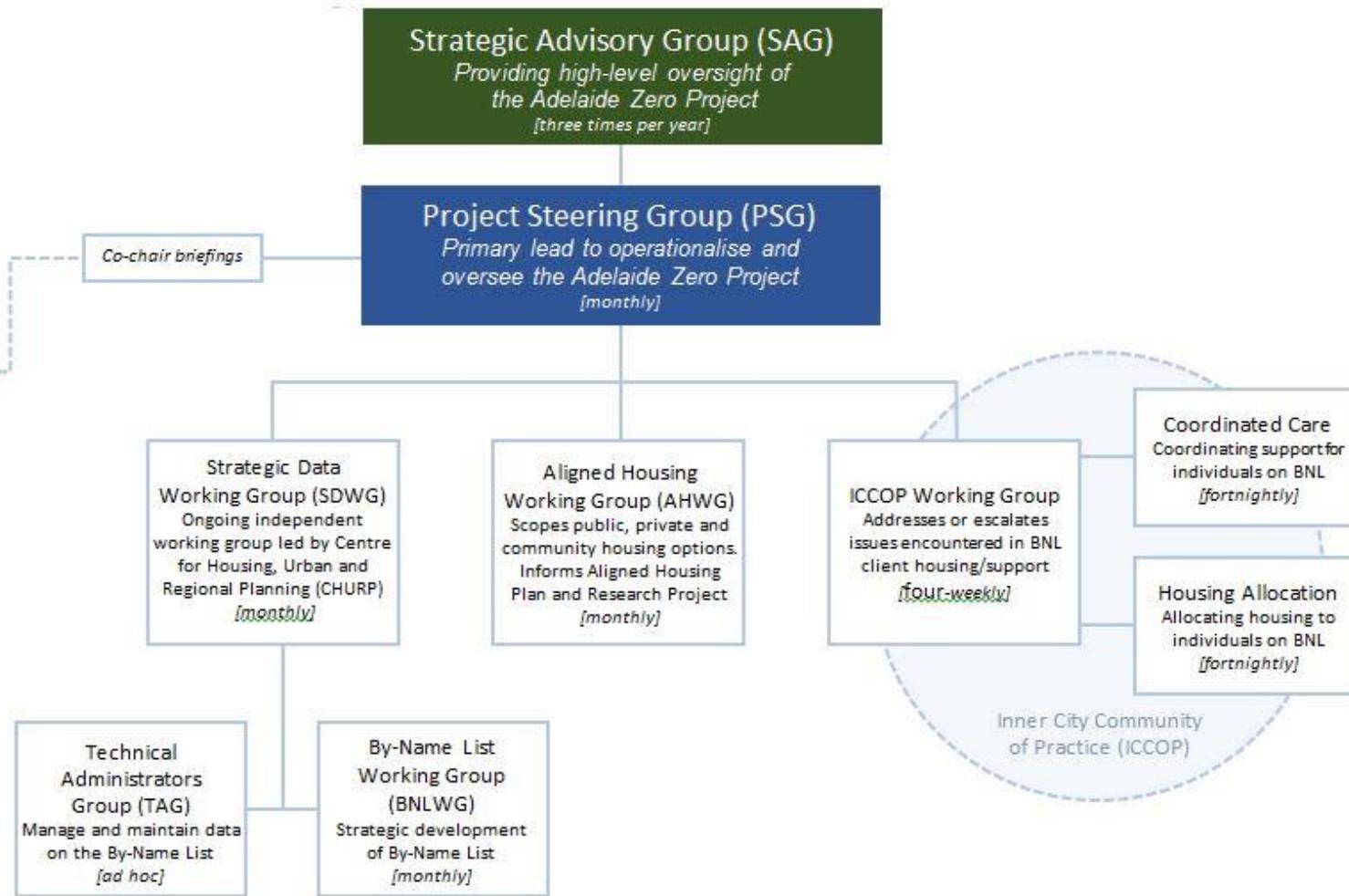
CO-ORDINATION AND SUPPORT



Backbone organisation for the Adelaide Zero Project



Providing support and advice through policy and resources for public homelessness services



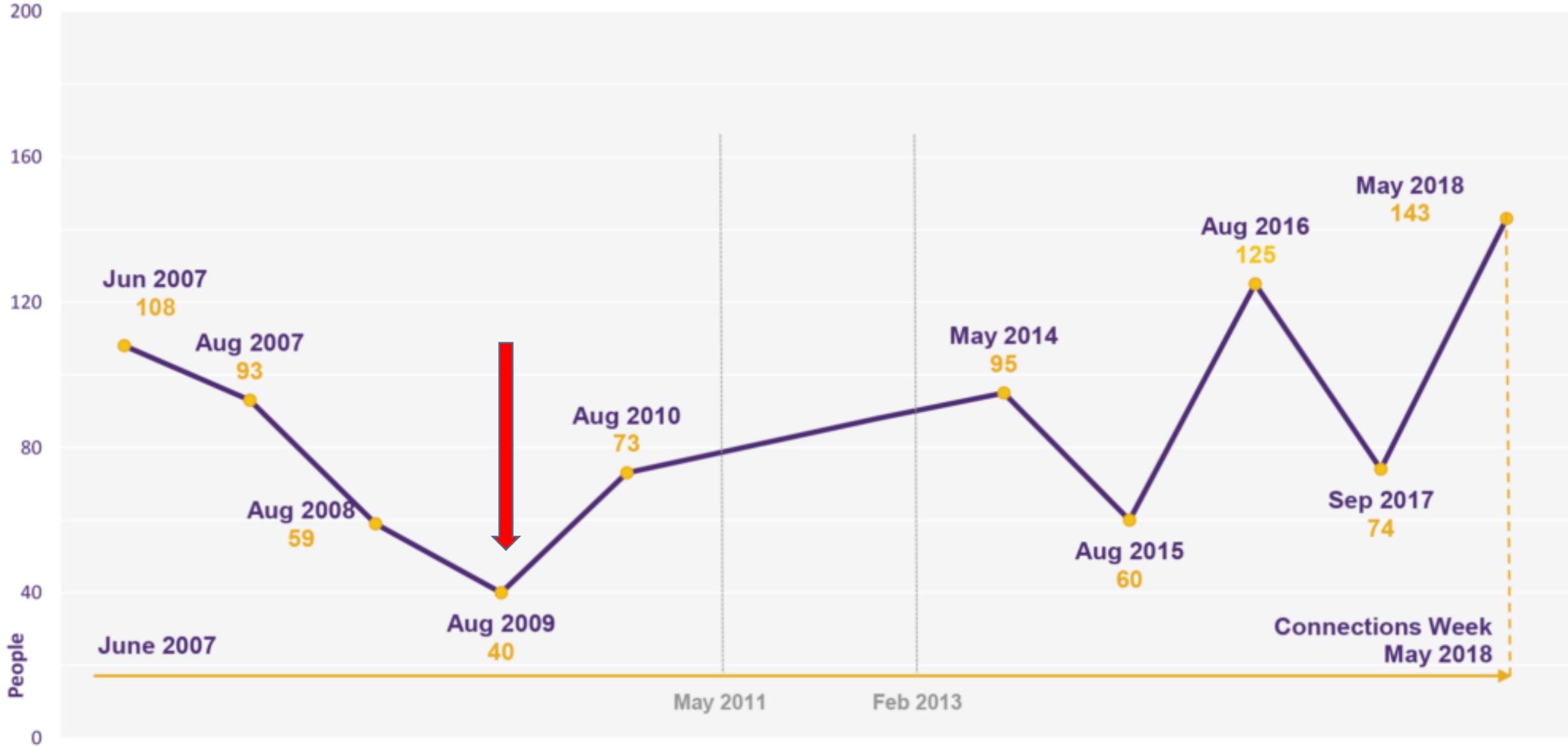
Sector Reference Groups	Aboriginal Homelessness Services Manager's Group	Homelessness Strategic Group (HSG)	IGH	Business Alliance to End Homelessness	Solutions labs	Community Solutions	AAEH
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The biggest achievement - 183 housing placements!



Rough Sleeping in Adelaide

Number of people sleeping rough in Adelaide's inner city



Not just a housing issue...



76%

Physical Health
Issues



82%

Mental Health
Issues



79%

Substance use
Issues



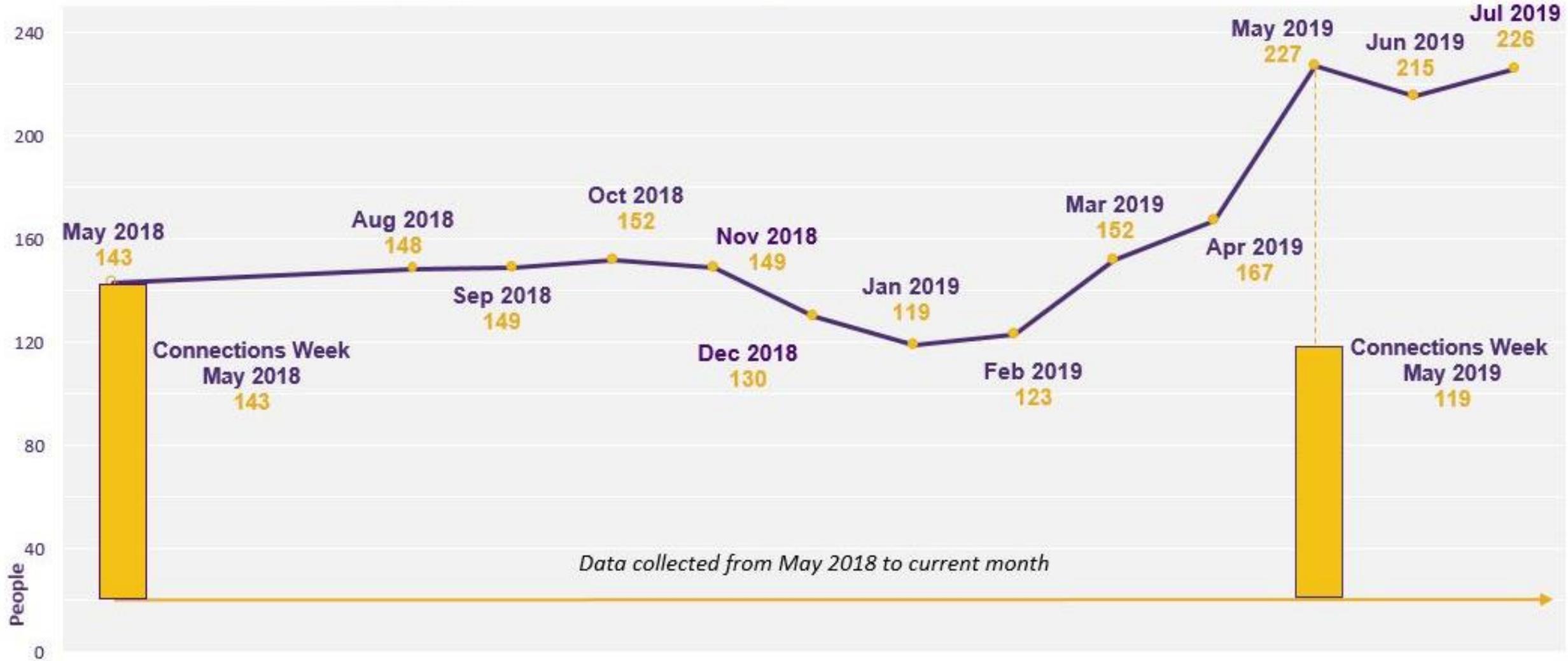
54%

With a combination of
physical, mental and
substance use issues

*as at July 2019

What we found...

Number of people sleeping rough in Adelaide's inner city



27%

had been sleeping rough for less than 1 year *

54%

had been sleeping rough for more than 2 years *

59%

people reporting they lack daily meaningful activity while sleeping rough

32.6%

of rough sleepers were



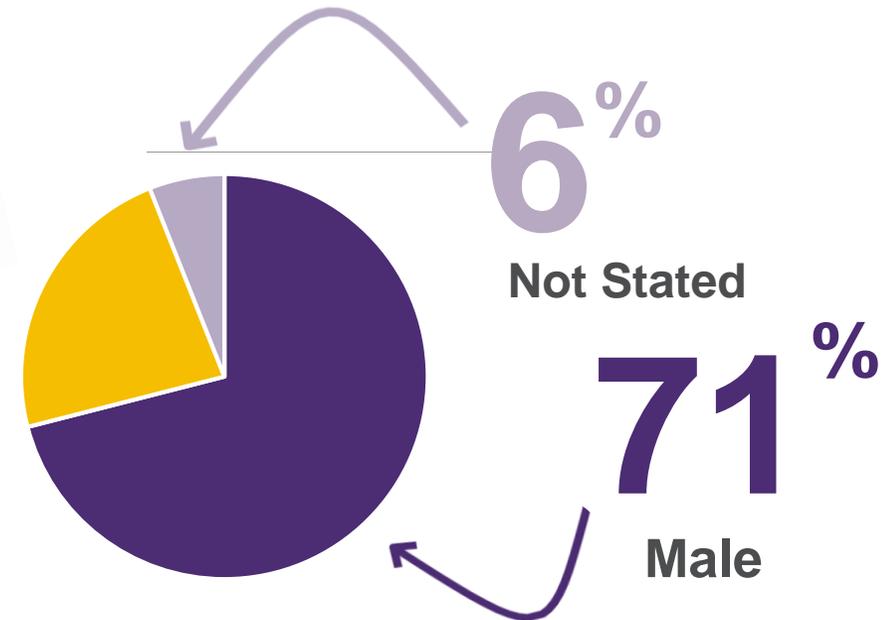
ABORIGINAL and/or **TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER**

despite being only 2% of the South Australian population

Gender

23%

Female



Prevention is half the challenge...

- Since connections week last year we have
 - housed 183 people
 - 384 new people have been identified at sleeping rough



RAISE
THE RATE



Next Steps ...



Next Steps – A National Campaign...

aaeh
australian alliance
to end homelessness

Campaign principles



Be housing-
focused



Know everyone
by name



Track our
progress



Improve local
systems

advance to zero

**local communities
ending homelessness**





Adelaide Zero Project



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Morning Tea

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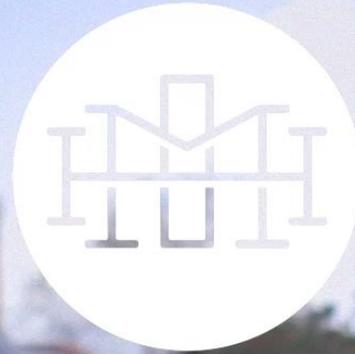
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HoMie: A Streetwear Clothing Social Enterprise Supporting Homelessness

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National Update on Homelessness and Housing

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National housing and homelessness update

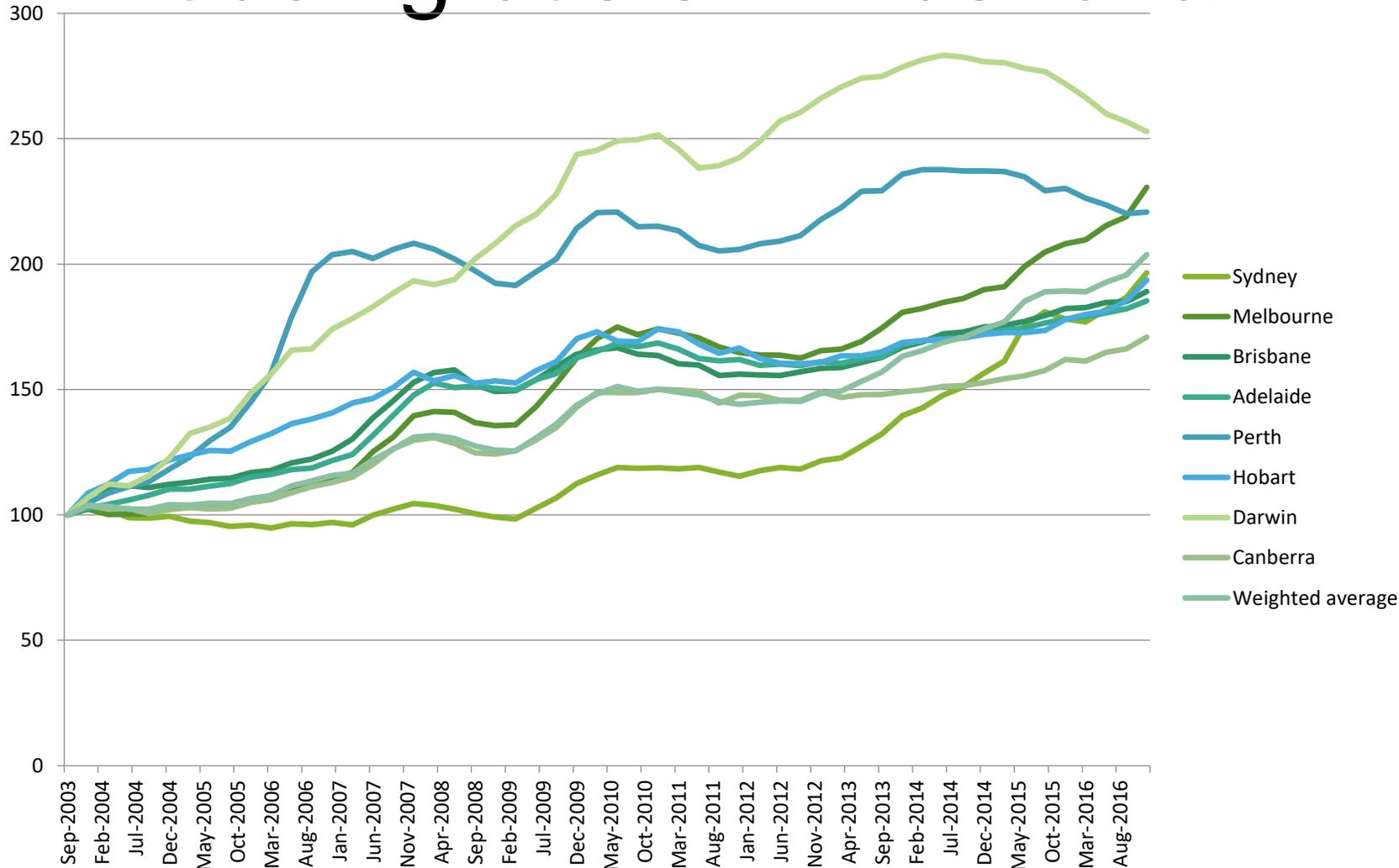
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National Housing and Homelessness Update

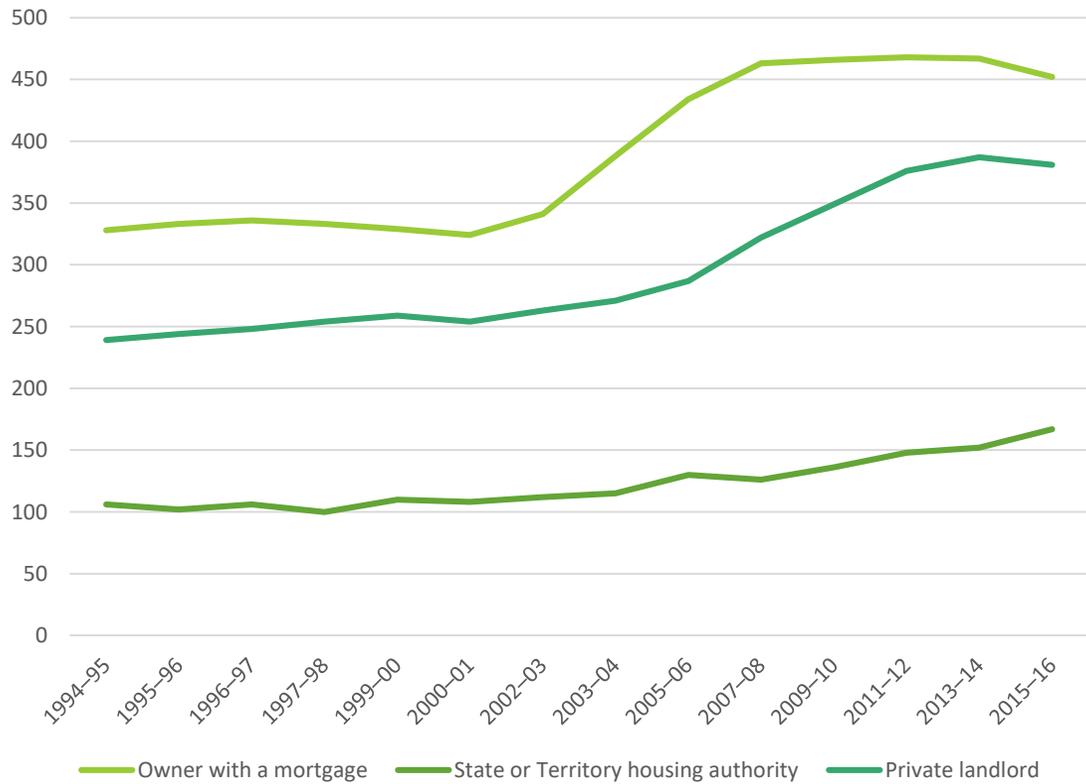
- Recent trends in housing costs
- Highlights from the Australian Homelessness Monitor
- Recent AHURI research on homelessness
- Trends in South Australia.

Housing costs in Australia



- \$7 tn
- 2.55 average household size
- \$791,000 average cost / hh
- \$61,000 average graduate starting salary (1:13)
- 116,000 homeless
- 101,000 increase in vacant homes
- 1.09 M total vacant homes

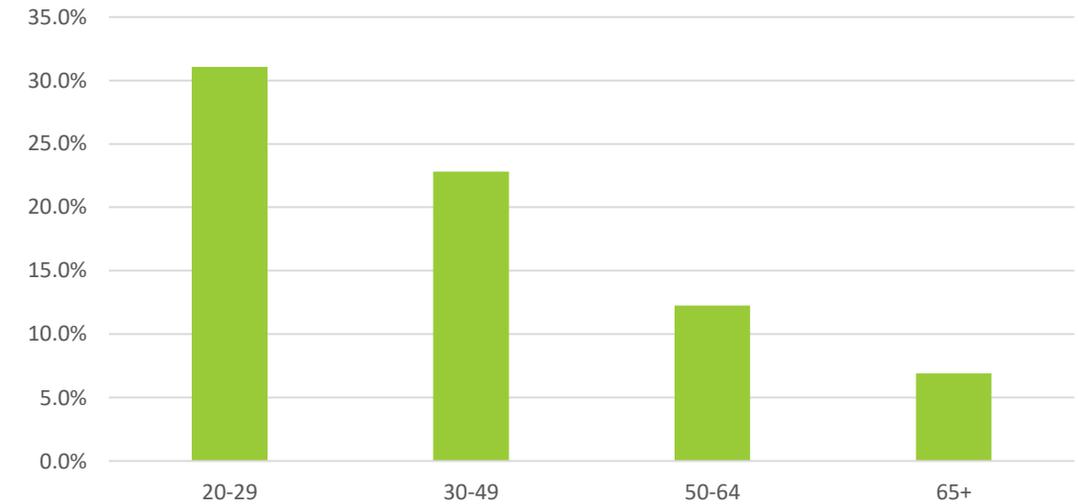
Affordability



Paying 30%+ of income



Paying 30%+ of income



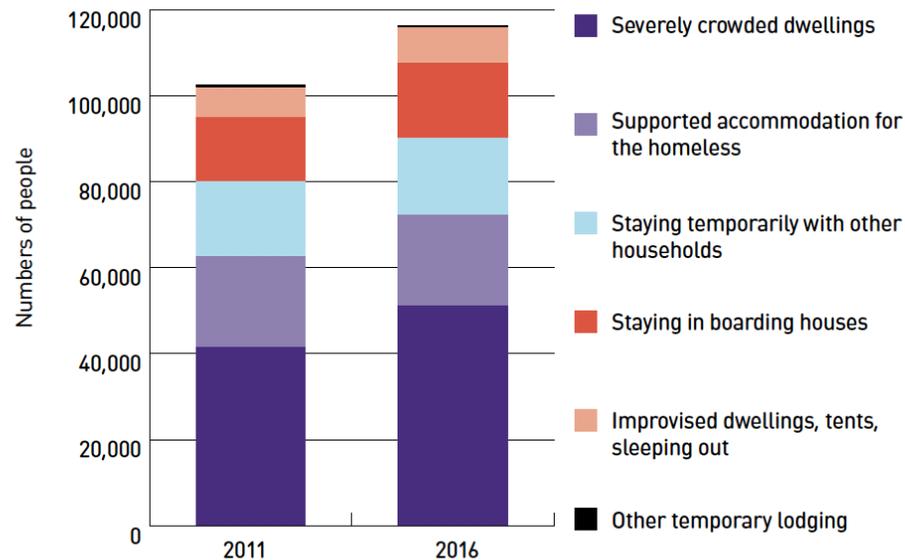
Who is affected?

- Not just younger households...
- More older people with mortgages
- Less likely to get social housing
- Around 20% will be in the private rental sector 40 years from now
- Homelessness is increasing at a faster rate for (55+) than any other age group.

Age Group	% of homeowners with a mortgage			% in private rental		
	2016	2011	2006	2016	2011	2006
65 years +	14.6	11.9	9.7	7.8	7.0	6.8
60-64	35.6	29.6	22.8	11.9	10.1	9.1
55-59	50.9	45.4	37.2	14.3	12.4	10.7
50-54	63.6	59.1	52.6	17.0	15.0	12.8

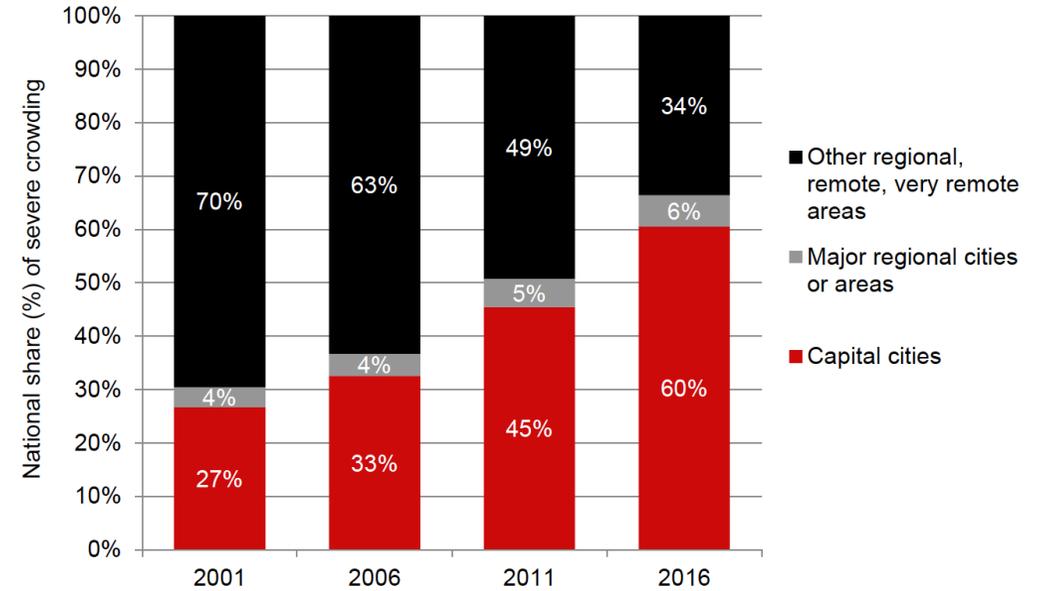
Growth in homelessness

Figure 5.6: ABS Census homelessness operational groups: Australia-wide numbers 2011 and 2016



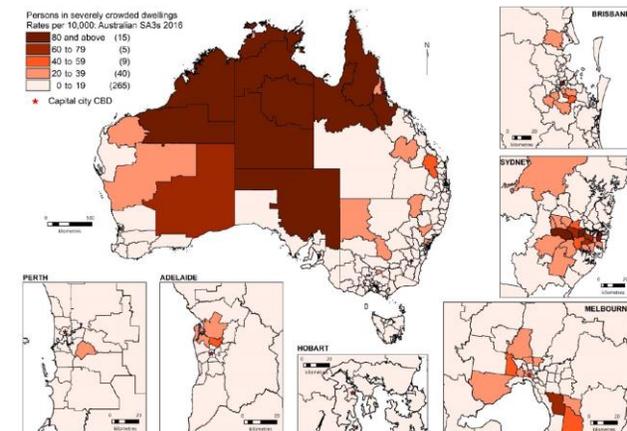
Source: ABS Census

Figure 7: Share of severe crowding by area type, 2001–2016



Source: Authors' panel dataset (ABS Census homelessness estimates).

Figure 13: Rates of operational group 6—persons in severely crowded dwellings, Australian SA3s, 2016



Source: Authors' panel dataset (ABS Census homelessness estimates); ABS digital Statistical Geography Boundaries, SA3, 2016.

Rough sleeping and other homelessness

Figure 5.1: Change in enumerated rough sleepers, 2011-16

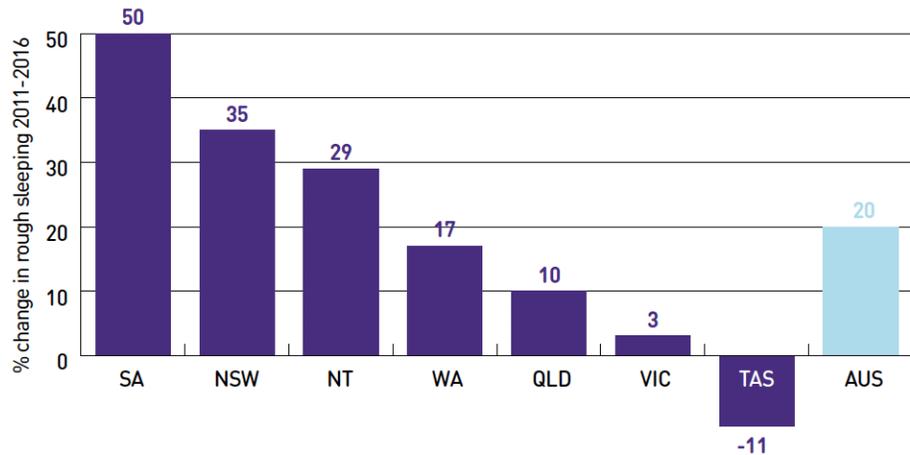
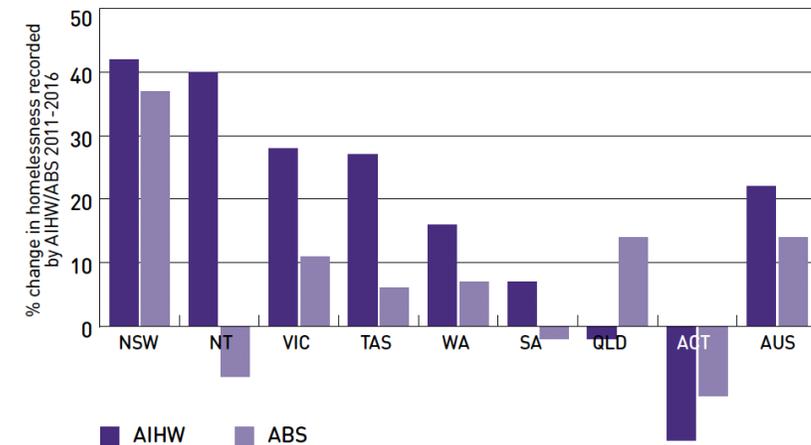


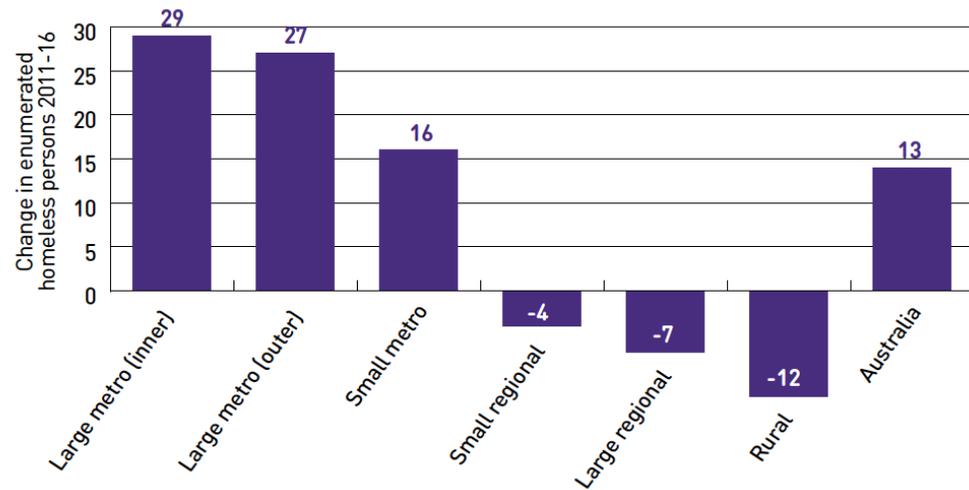
Figure 5.5: Change in scale of homelessness by jurisdiction, 2011-16: triangulating independently collated estimates



Sources: AIHW Specialist Homelessness Services statistics and ABS Census

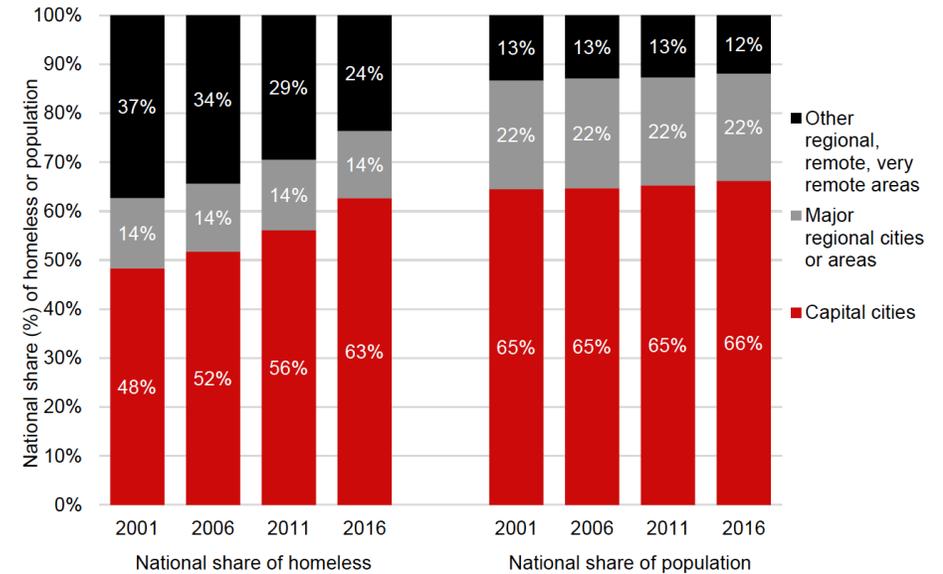
Distribution within Australia

Figure 5.13: Change in the incidence of homelessness 2011-16 by settlement type



Source: Based on ABS Census data.

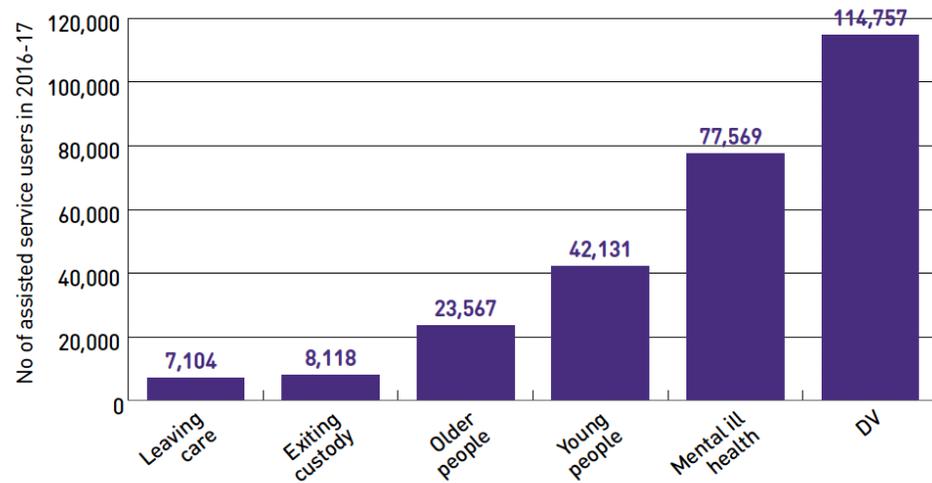
Figure 2: National shares (%) of homeless persons and population by area type: 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016



Source: Authors' panel dataset (ABS Census homelessness estimates and TSP).

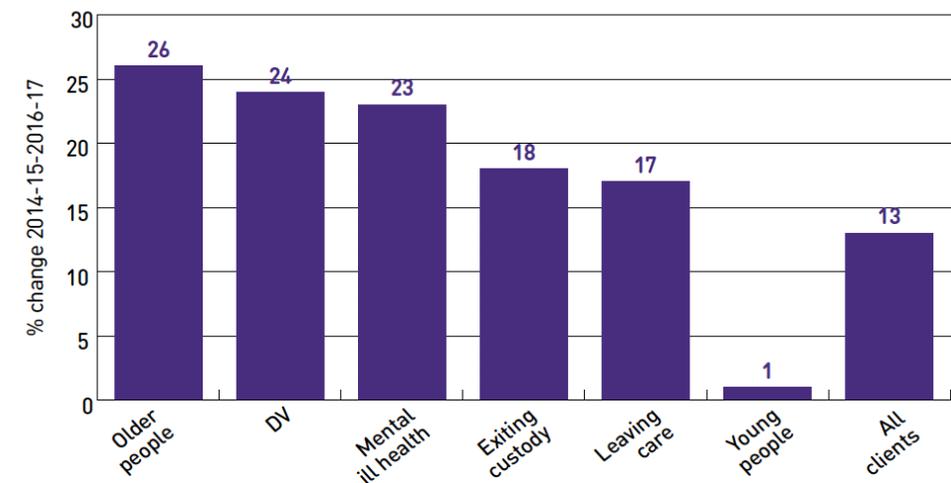
Correlation with other issues

Figure 5.16: Assisted homelessness service users in 2016-17: number with identified 'associated issues'



Source: AIHW Specialist Homelessness Services statistics.

Figure 5.17: Assisted homelessness service users with associated issues: % change 2014-15 - 2016-17



Source: AIHW Specialist Homelessness Services statistics.

Housing assets and homelessness in SA

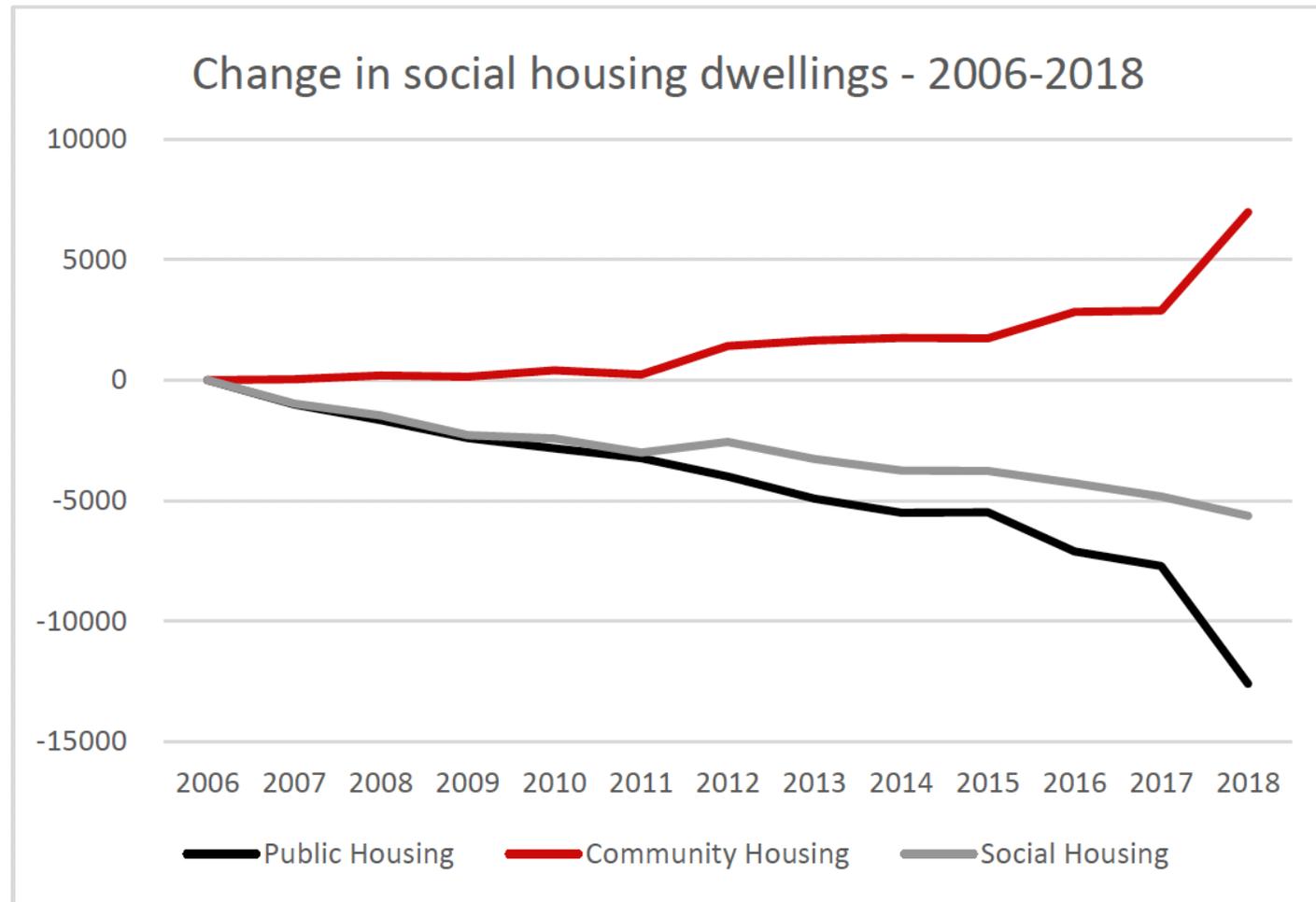
Table 1: Tenure structure in Greater Adelaide and rest of South Australia

Tenure	Greater Adelaide			Rest of South Australia			SA—2016	
	2006	2011	2016	2006	2011	2016	Number	%
Owned Outright	32.5%	30.7%	29.6%	37.6%	36.2%	35.5%	208,739	31.0%
Owned with Mortgage	34.8%	35.4%	35.1%	29.2%	30.0%	29.3%	227,204	33.7%
Rented	25.7%	27.5%	28.0%	25.5%	26.7%	26.0%	185,417	27.5%
Other Tenure Type	1.3%	1.4%	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%	1.4%	10,459	1.6%
Tenure Type Not Stated (NS)	5.8%	5.0%	5.7%	6.5%	5.7%	7.8%	41,727	6.2%
Total (N)	465,856	491,684	514,742	144,052	152,210	158,804	673,546	100%

Table 4: Housing costs—crude indicators

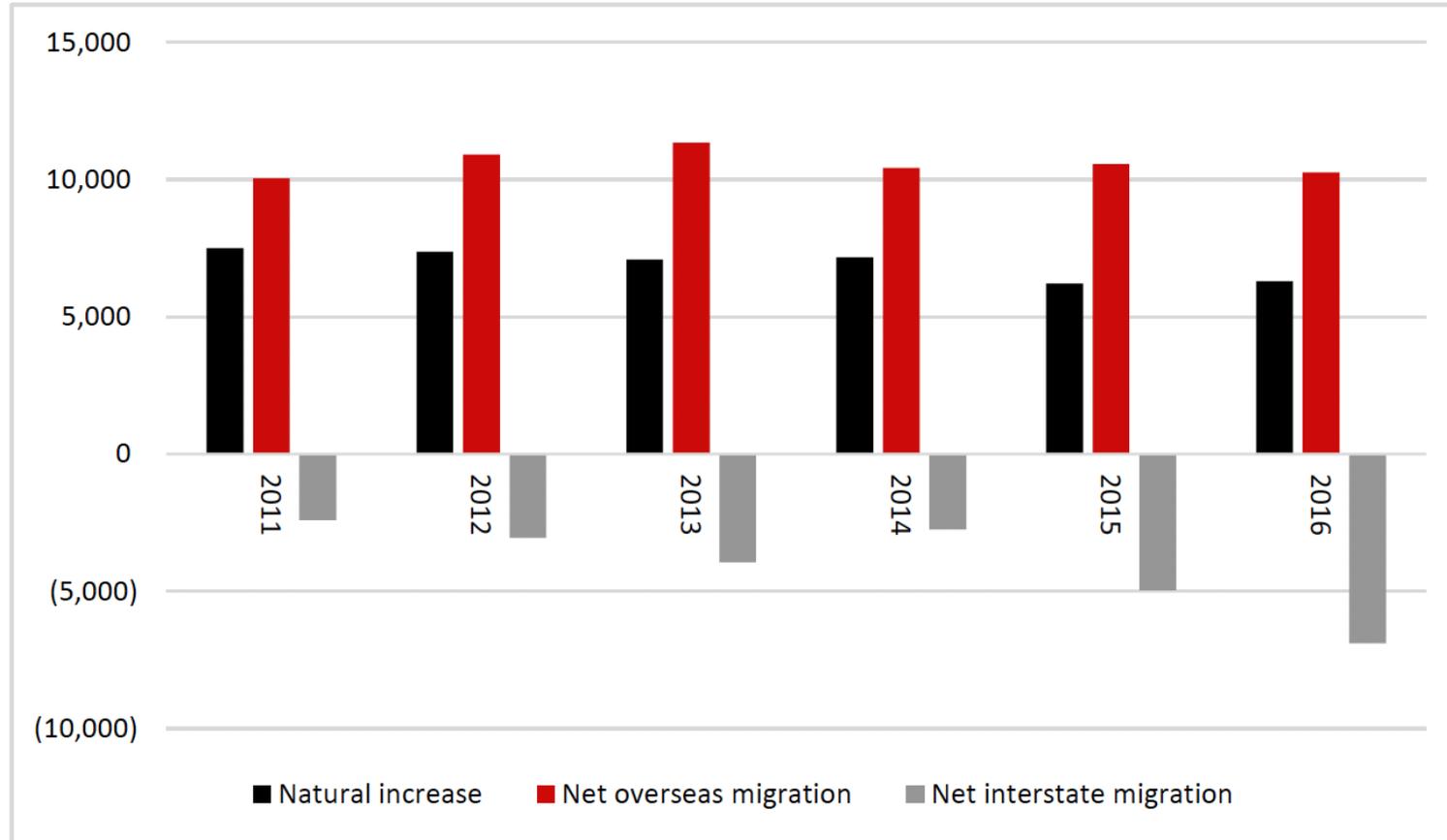
Housing costs	Greater Adelaide			Rest of South Australia		
	2006	2011	2016	2006	2011	2016
Median rent:HH income	17.8%	22.6%	22.6%	15.3%	17.5%	18.4%
Median mortgage:HH income	29.1%	34.8%	30.1%	27.5%	33.1%	28.4%

Figure 3: Increase / Decrease in social housing dwellings 2006 to 2018



Source—Productivity Commission, 2014 and 2019 Report on Government Services

Figure 6: Components of population change in South Australia



Source: ABS

Profile of public housing tenants

Table 16: South Australia: Percent of persons who live in state or territory housing authority rental by age 2006, 2011, 2016

Year	Less 20	20–30	40–59	60+	Total
2006	21.5%	13.3%	29.4%	47.1%	23.2%
Individuals in this age group	98,785	128,767	70,045	40,731	342,328
2011	15.8%	9.8%	24.2%	42.0%	18.4%
Individuals in this age group	111,890	153,242	87,173	46,275	395,580
2016	11.4%	7.6%	19.5%	36.0%	14.8%
Individuals in this age group	118,037	164,382	94,961	52,850	430,230

Source: ABS

Longer term trends

Table 21: South Australian totals for Homeless Operational Groups 2006, 2011 and 2016

	improvised dwellings, tents, or sleeping out	supported accommodation for the homeless	staying temporarily with other households	living in boarding houses	in other temporary lodgings	living in 'severely' crowded dwellings	All homeless persons
2006	436	1,474	1,328	977	30	1,362	5,607
2011	257	1,620	1,389	975	27	1,714	5,982
2016	387	1,433	1,323	906	31	2,140	6,224
% change	-11.2%	-2.8%	-0.4%	-7.3%	3.3%	57.1%	11.0%

Source: ABS—Estimating Homelessness 2049.0

Acknowledgements (further reading)

- SA growth in rough sleeping
- Over crowding
- Increase in housing costs more

- modest but
- Polarisation: younger and older individuals.



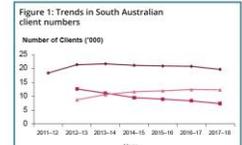
Specialist homelessness services 2017-18: South Australia

Homelessness can profoundly affect a person's mental and physical health, their education and employment opportunities, and their ability to fully participate in society. Governments across Australia fund a range of specialist services to support people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) deliver services for specific groups (such as people experiencing domestic and family violence and young people) as well as more generic services for people in housing crisis.

How many people were assisted?
One in 88 people in South Australia (SA) received homelessness assistance, lower than the national rate (1 in 85). The top 3 reasons for clients seeking assistance were:

- housing crisis (41%, compared with 39% nationally)
- domestic and family violence (33%, compared with 33%)
- inadequate or inappropriate dwelling conditions (26%, compared with 24%)



Source: Specialist Homelessness Services Collection (SHSC) unpublished data**

**Note: Data for 2011-12 to 2016-17 have been adjusted for non-response. Due to improvements in rates of agency participation and SLX validity, 2017-18 data are not weighted. The removal of weighting does not constitute a break in time series and weighted data from 2011-12 to 2016-17 are comparable with unweighted data for 2017-18. For further information, please refer to the Technical notes.

Quick facts

- 19,641 clients were assisted, representing 7% of the national Specialist Homelessness Services population (258,756 total clients).
- 46% were homeless on first presentation, higher than the national rate (43%).
- 9 in 10 clients (91%) at risk of homelessness were assisted to maintain housing.
- 6 in 10 clients (57%) who were homeless were assisted into housing.

Table 1: South Australia client characteristics, 2017-18

	SA	Australia
Sex (%)		
Male	40	36
Female	60	61
Indigenous (%)	27	25
Major cities	34	62
Inner regional	8	23
Outer regional	12	11
Remote and very remote	5	5
Living arrangements (%)		
Living alone	26	30
One parent with children	29	35
Couple with children	13	12
Couple without children	6	5
Other family or group	27	18
Labour force (%)		
Not in labour force	50	40
Employed	41	48
Education status (%)		
Not in education/training	23	22
In education/training	77	78
Median length of support (days)	55	59
Median length of accommodation (nights)	25	32
Proportion receiving accommodation (%)	22	29

Note: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. Source: SHSC, National and SA supplementary tables, 2017-18.



The changing geography of homelessness: a spatial analysis from 2001 to 2016

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On my Feet: Exercise Groups and Programs Creating Pathways to Self-sufficiency and Improved Wellbeing

Lived Experience Video



Building Links to Break the Cycle: How Hospitals and Community Services Can Work Together to Improve Health Outcomes for the Homeless

Facilitator: Jack Snelling

Speakers: Dr Amanda Stafford, Royal Perth Hospital (AUS)
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Going Downstream to get upstream:

Thoughts on Using By-Name List Data to Understand and Reduce Inflow

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