



# Youth Homelessness: The facts

On Census night 2016



12-24 year-olds were  
counted as  
homeless

Young people now make up

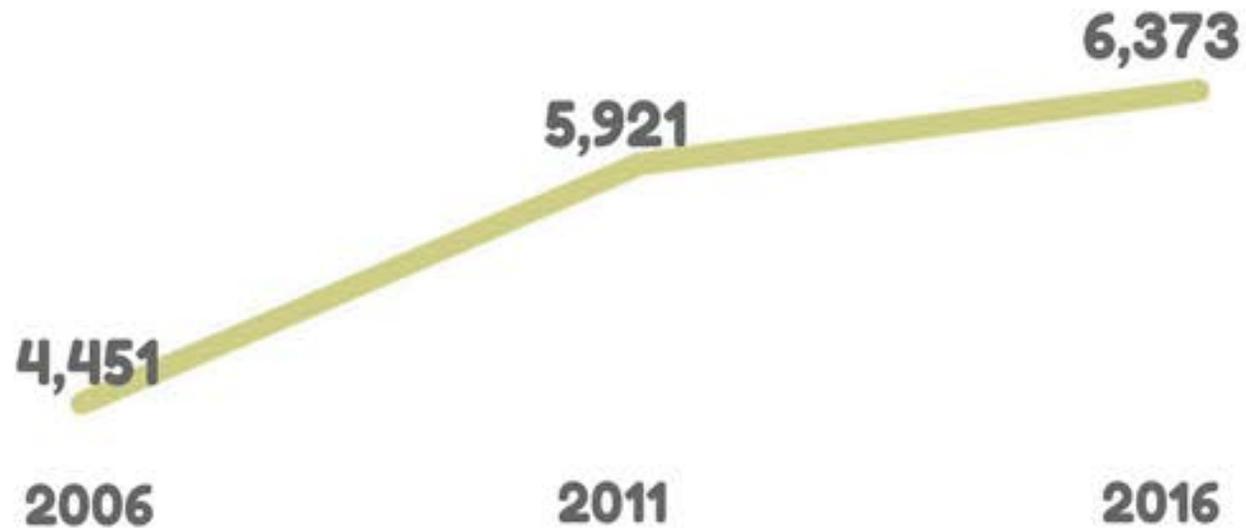


of the homeless population

ABS, 2016



In Victoria, youth homelessness has  
risen **43%** in a single decade



**Most youth homelessness is hidden. The top ways young people experience homelessness are:**

**couchsurfing  
homeless refuges  
dangerous overcrowding**

**#YHMD18**

ABS, 2016



# Top reasons young people need homelessness help

1. Housing Crisis
2. Domestic & family violence
3. Inadequate/inappropriate dwelling conditions

(15-24-year-olds) AIHW, 2017

**#YHMD18**



- One of the longest established specialist youth homelessness services in Victoria
- Over 35 years delivering responsive services to young people (16 – 25 yo) and young families
- Locally based in Melbourne's North and West
- Non faith based
- Accredited with DHHS



## About Hope Street

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# What we do

RESPONDING TO YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Hope Street provides compassionate and innovative programs that achieve meaningful outcomes for young people and young families at risk of or experiencing homelessness

# Wrap around services responding holistically to young people include:



## First Response Youth Refuge in Melton

*– one of two new refuges to which State Government is committed*



## First Response Youth Mobile Outreach Service in Melton



## Hope to Home in Melton and Whittlesea



## Hope Street in Melton and Whittlesea



## Youth Reconciliation



## Youth Residential and Support Services

# Providing solutions to address the impact of youth homelessness:

- Wider community approach works best
- Partnerships with community, corporate, government and philanthropic organisations and individuals



# Hope Street's Partners and Supporters



# What our young people say

“They helped me when my little girl was almost due, now we’re in a house and we can’t believe how far we have come. It is all because of Hope to Home.”

“I haven’t slept for so long, now I have a place to land and belong, I can sleep.”

“I felt I had support in things I had to complete and in setting up my future.”

“I was depressed that I had nowhere.”

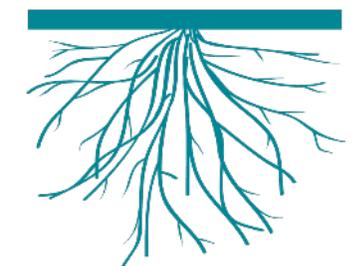
“I have been homeless on and off since I was 13. It’s hard not having parents that want to help you. There is lots of stuff I still need to learn.”

“[Without Hope Street] I would probably still be couch surfing.”

# Thank You



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