Youth Homelessness (12-24 years)

Young people make up 24% of the homeless population.

Where do they stay?
The top ways young people experience homelessness are:

1. ‘Severely overcrowded’ dwellings
2. Supported Accommodation for the homeless
3. Couchsurfing

Who are they?
12-24 year-olds who experience homelessness are 54% Male and 46% Female.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples make up 25% of 15-24 year-olds who seek help for homelessness, despite making up less than 0.3% of the Australian population.

Why are they experiencing homelessness?
The top reasons young people between 15-24 need homelessness help are:

- 37% Housing Crisis
- 25% Domestic and Family Violence
- 15% Inadequate/inappropriate dwelling conditions
- 13% Relationship/family breakdown
- 11% Financial difficulties

On Census night 2016, 12-24 year-olds were counted as homeless.

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