



Homelessness in the Northern Territory: Key facts

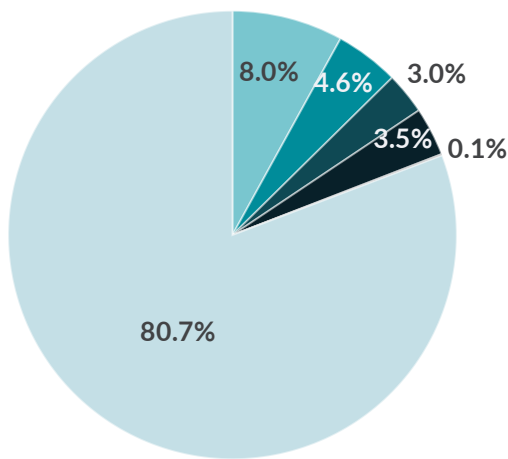
People experiencing homelessness can have a varied range of **complex** legal and other issues that, when not dealt with, can further exacerbate this experience.¹ Information on homelessness can therefore play a **vital role** in the planning of legal assistance services across Australia. People experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness are one of the **priority groups** under the **National Partnership Agreement on Legal Assistance Services**. The Foundation has recently updated the **2018 Collaborative Planning Resource** to include data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics "Estimating Homelessness" data release in March 2018 to assist with collaborative service planning. This infographic presents some **key facts** on homelessness.

Approximately **13,720** people in the NT are homeless

In the NT, the same amount of men and women are homeless **50%**

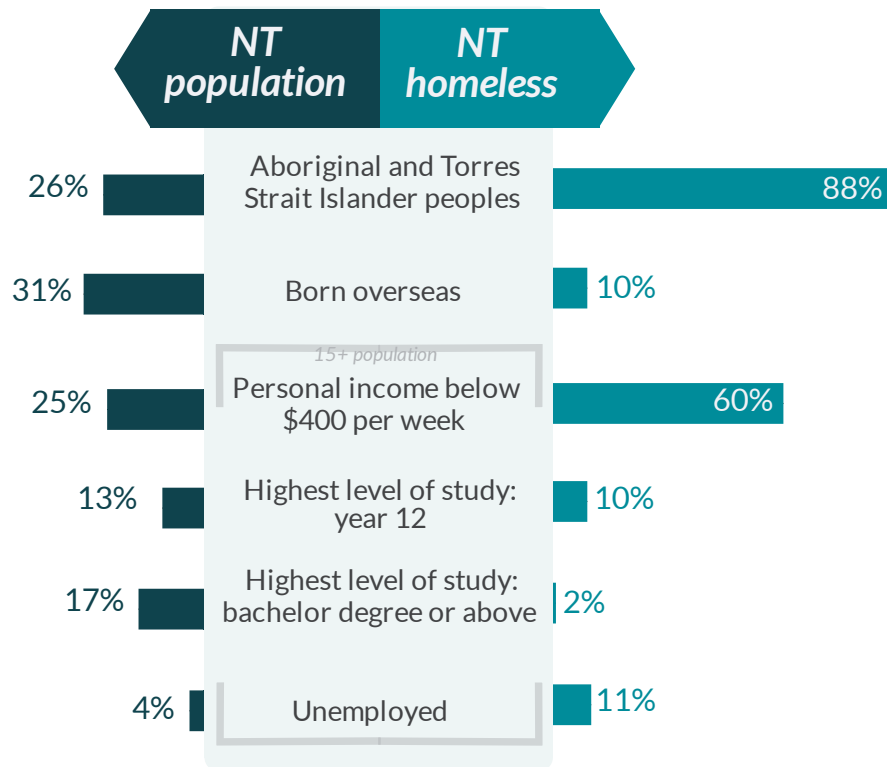
Over **one in five** homeless people in the NT are aged **under 12**

Where do homeless people in the NT live?



- severely crowded dwellings
- sleeping rough
- supported accommodation for the homeless
- staying with other households
- boarding houses
- temporary lodgings

How do homeless people in Northern Territory compare to the rest of the population?



Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing: Estimating Homelessness, 2016 & ABS Census of Population and Housing 2016.

¹ Forell, S, McCarron, E & Schetzer, L 2005, *No home, no justice? The legal needs of homeless people in NSW*, Law and Justice Foundation of NSW, Sydney.

Sarah Randell & Emily Hinton, Law and Justice Foundation of NSW, November 2018,

LGAs by greatest per cent of homeless people		LGAs by greatest number of homeless people	
East Arnhem	42.5% of the LGA	East Arnhem	3,833
West Daly	31.5% of the LGA	Roper Gulf	1,773
Roper Gulf	27.3% of the LGA	Darwin	1,367
West Arnhem	21.8% of the LGA	West Arnhem	1,351
Barkly	15.4% of the LGA	Barkly	1,027