

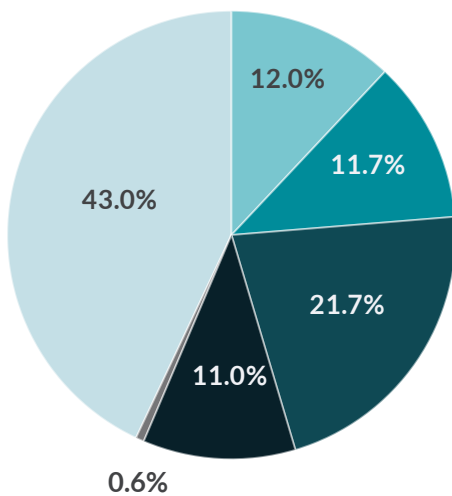


Homelessness in Western Australia: Key facts

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.

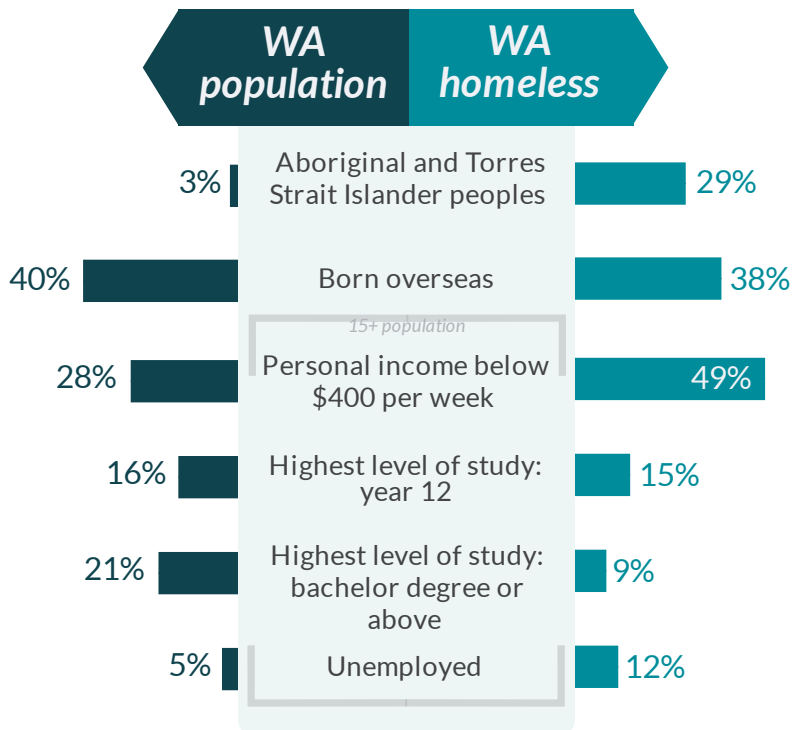


Where do homeless people in Western Australia live?



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

How do homeless people in Western Australia compare to the rest of the population?



LGAs by greatest per cent of homeless people		LGAs by greatest number of homeless people	
Sandstone	18.0% of the LGA	Stirling	520
Menzies	15.9% of the LGA	Perth	464
Halls Creek	8.3% of the LGA	Derby-West Kimberly	424
Cue	6.8% of the LGA	Gosnells	399
Ngaanyatjarraku	6.7% of the LGA	Wanneroo	367

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.

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