



# YOUTH HOMELESSNESS MATTERS 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL DAY

LET'S FACE THE REALITY OF  
YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

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## YOUTH HOMELESSNESS MATTERS DAY THE FACTS

Across Australia in 2024–25

**42,763**

**children and young people**  
(under 25 years) presented  
**on their own** to a specialist  
homelessness service (SHS)\*

The most common reasons  
young people sought assistance from  
an SHS in 2024–25 were:

- **Domestic and family violence**
- **Housing crisis**
- **Relationship/family  
breakdown**

Nationally, **half** of the young people  
who tried to get a bed in a  
crisis refuge in 2024–25  
**were turned away**  
**because services aren't**  
**sufficiently funded to**  
**accommodate them**

A third of young people  
presenting alone  
to Specialist  
Homelessness Services  
**identified as Indigenous\***

Young SHS clients presenting alone  
were more likely to be couch surfing,  
compared with any other  
SHS client group.

**Couch surfing leaves**  
**young people vulnerable to**  
**servitude, exploitation and abuse**

We're calling on  
national and state governments to  
**end youth homelessness**  
by funding the services needed  
to achieve this objective.

\* Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (2025), Specialist Homelessness Services Annual Report 2024–25

