



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS MATTERS 15th APRIL DAY

LET'S FACE THE REALITY OF
YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

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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

