

About homelessness

Homelessness is not a choice. It can happen to anyone.

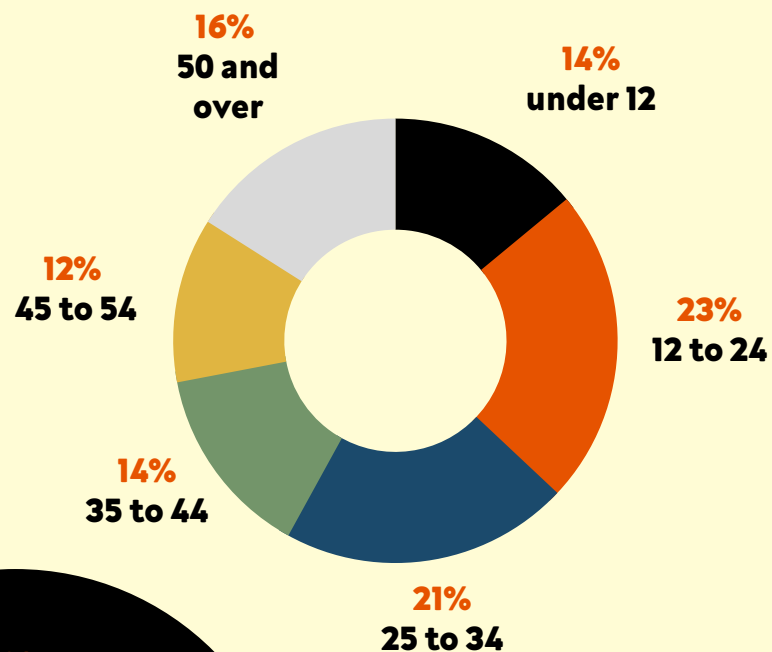
There are **7,428** people in South Australia experiencing homelessness. (2021 ABS Census). This is a **19.3%** increase since the 2016 Census.

5,982
in
2011

6,224
in
2016

7,428
in
2021

How old are people experiencing homelessness?



We prefer to say 'people experiencing homelessness' instead of 'the homeless' or 'homeless people'.

This is because homelessness is an experience, not a life sentence. Saying 'experiencing homelessness' is one of the first steps to changing the perception of homelessness.

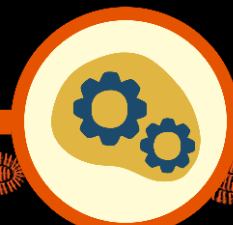
39%
are facing financial difficulties



39%
have experienced family and domestic violence



34%
are struggling with mental health issues



54%
have experienced family or relationship breakdown



53%
after losing their accommodation, like the end of a lease agreement



Common reasons why people experience homelessness

