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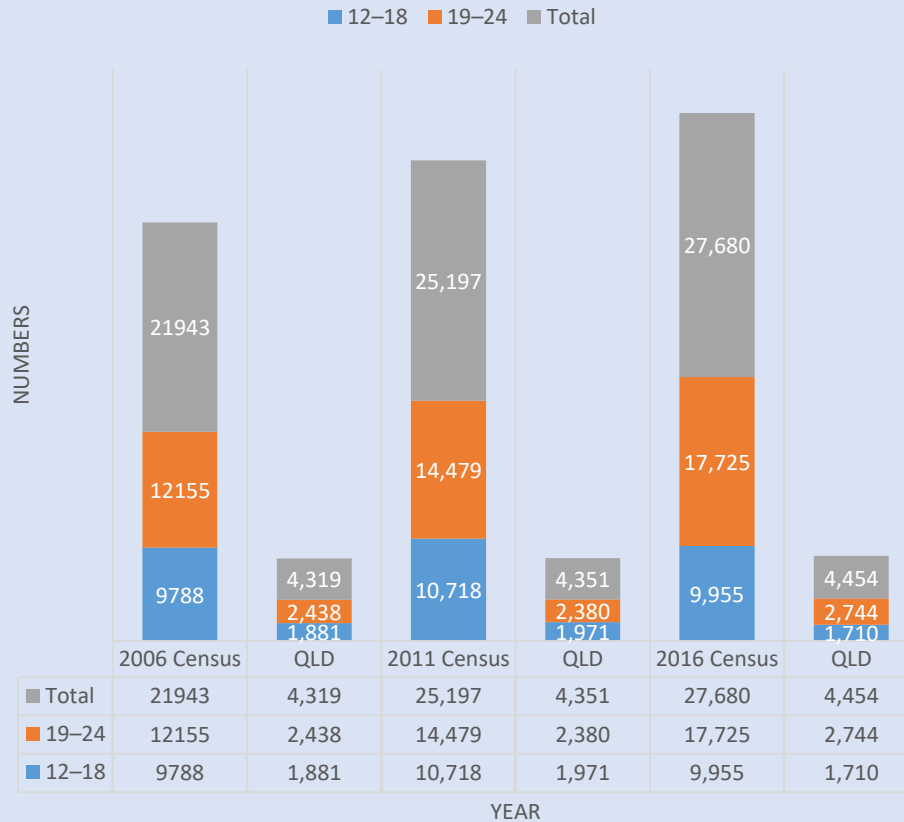
### Drivers of homelessness

Domestic and family violence (16% in 2016–17) or insecure housing (housing crisis 25% in 2016–17) remain the most common reason young people 15 – 24 years of age presenting alone for assistance to a specialist homelessness service. (AIHW data)

1:8 young people are living in poverty. (ACOSS)

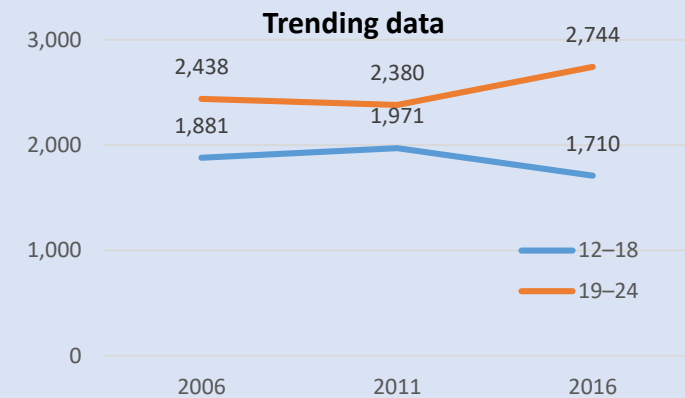


### YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS



Young people 12 to 24 years of age (regardless of family or household composition\*) make up nearly 21% of all the people who are experiencing homelessness in Queensland (ABS 2016 Census -).

There is general downward trend in young people aged 12 to 18 who are becoming homeless and a general upward trend for those aged 19 to 25 years – noting that the ABS has acknowledged an undercount in the numbers of young people who are experiencing homelessness.





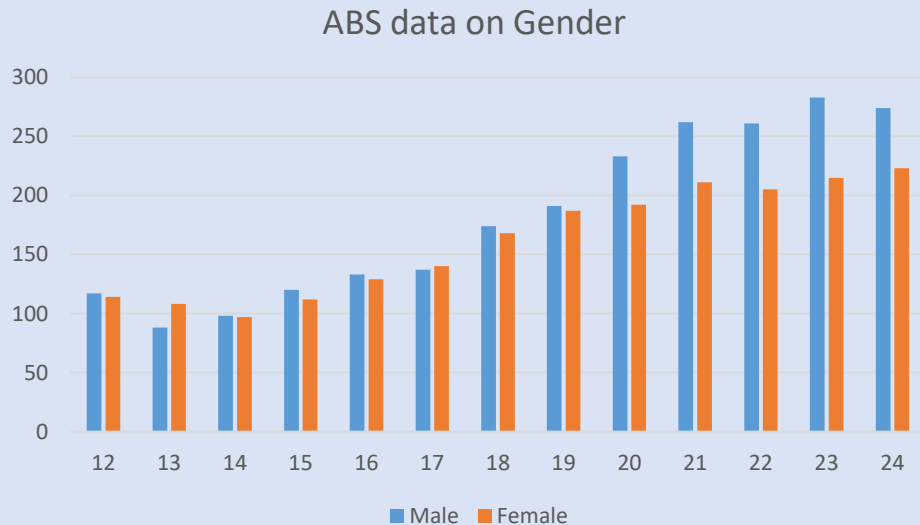
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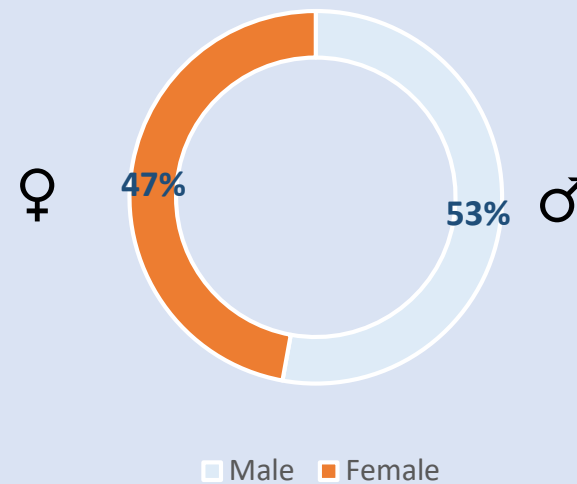
### Gender

The ABS Census of homelessness found that there were about equal numbers of young men and young women who were experiencing homelessness on Census night.

However the trending data does show an increase in the proportion of young men who were identified as experiencing homelessness as they entered into their 20's.



Gender Breakdown of Queensland Youth Homelessness Population



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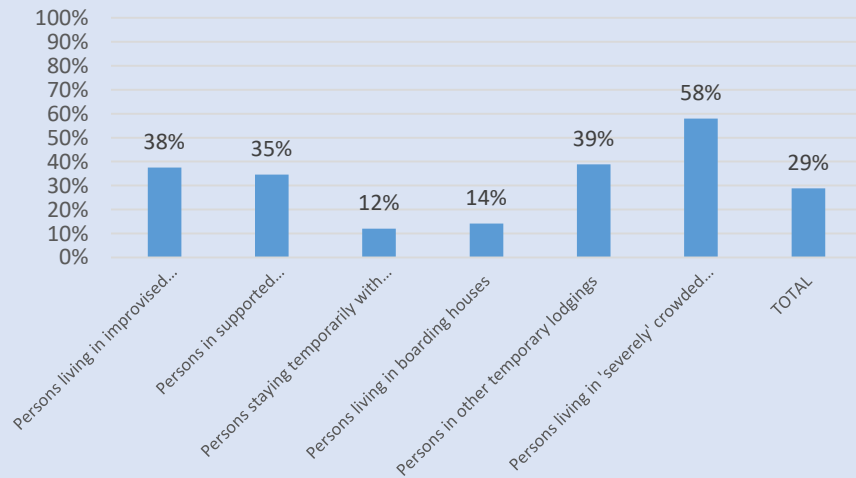
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### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people

There is an acceptance that there is an under-enumeration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the census. Further research needs to be undertaken by the ABS in terms of the statistical definition of homeless for ATSI people – for more information go to [ABS website](#).

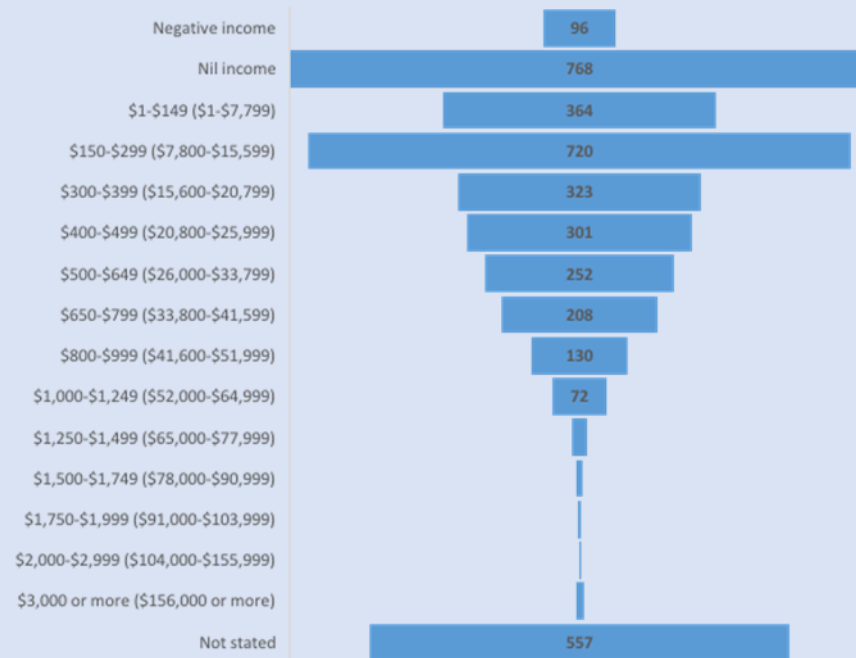
Significantly however is the fact that across Australia nearly 20% of all people experiencing homelessness were of a ATSI background. There is a high concentrations of young people in north and western Queensland who were indigenous particularly in the representation in 'severely crowded dwellings'.

Young people experiencing homelessness who identified as ATSI by operational group



### Income

Weekly/Yearly Income for QLD Youth Homelessness Cohort



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