## FACTS & FIGURES Young people in Townsville Region

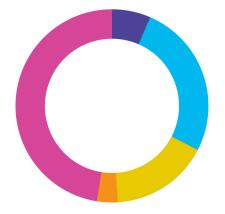
- On Census night in 2021 there were 1215 people homeless in Townsville.
- From this total 261(21.5%) were young people aged 12-24.
- Townsville young people constituted 5.41% of Queensland's homeless young people.
- 145 young people identified as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (accounting for 55.6% of homeless young people).
- A further 274 young people were counted within the Census as living in 'other marginal' accommodation (i.e. living in 'other crowded', 'other improvised dwellings', and



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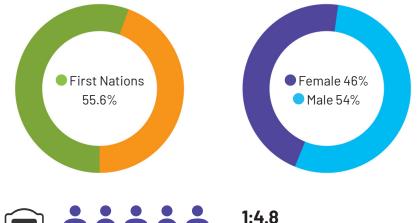
- 'housed in caravan parks' the majority of which were living in 'other crowded dwellings' (96.1%).
- In contrast to the 2016 Census Townsville saw a reduction in youth homelessness by 25.4% (down from 350).

## **YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS**



Breakdown of distribution for the 261 young people experiencing homelessness in 2021 included:

- Living in improvised dwellings, tents, or sleeping out (6.5%)
- Living in supported accommodation for the homeless (26.05%)
- Staying temporarily with other households (16.5%)
- Living in boarding houses (3.45%)
- Living in other temporary lodgings (0%)
- Living in 'severely' crowded dwellings (47.5%)
- For 'Young people living in supported accommodation for the homeless' – 50.7% were Male
- 'Young people living in boarding houses' was the dominant place of residence (47.5%) with Males accounting for 54% of this cohort.



Estimated bed per homeless young person based on 2022 QYHC survey