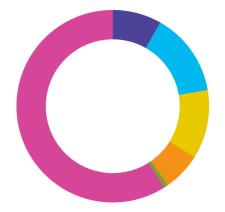
## FACTS & FIGURES Young people in Cairns Region

- On Census night in 2021 there were 2232 people homeless in Cairns.
- From this total 450 (20.2%) were young people aged 12-24.
- Cairns young people constituted 9.32% of Queensland's homeless young people.
- 224 young people identified as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (accounting for 49.89% of homeless young people).
- A further 446 young people were counted within the Census as living in 'other marginal' accommodation (i.e. living in 'other crowded', 'other improvised dwellings', and 'housed in caravan parks' – the majority of which were living in 'other crowded dwellings' (94.2%))
- In contrast to the 2016 Census Cairns saw an increase in youth homelessness by 1.4% (up from 444).



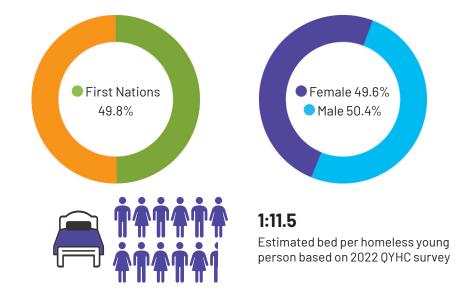


## **YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS**



## Breakdown of distribution for the 450 young people experiencing homelessness in 2021 included:

- Living in improvised dwellings, tents, or sleeping out (8.2%)
- Living in supported accommodation for the homeless (14.1%)
- Staying temporarily with other households (11.6%)
- Living in boarding houses (6.4%)
- Living in other temporary lodgings (0.7%)
- Living in 'severely' crowded dwellings (59%)
- For 'Young people living in supported accommodation for the homeless' – 63.8% were Female
- For 'Young people living in improvised dwellings, tents, or sleeping out' – 54.3% were Male
- For 'Young people living in 'severely' crowded dwellings' – 50.4% were Male



\*Totals for SA4 regions can be affected by random adjusts by ABS to avoid the release of confidential data. This accounts for minor discrepancies against other quoted homelessness figures.