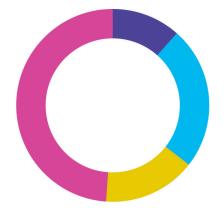
## FACTS & FIGURES Young people in Toowoomba



- On Census night in 2021 there were 821 people homeless in Toowoomba.
- From this total 226 (27.5%) were young people aged 12-24.
- Toowoomba young people constituted 4.68% of Queensland's homeless young people.
- 40 young people identified as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (accounting for 17.7% of homeless young people).
- A further 225 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' (97.4%).
- In contrast to the 2016 Census Toowoomba saw an increase in youth homelessness by 76.6% (up from 128).



## **YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS**



- Breakdown of distribution for the 226 young people experiencing homelessness in 2021 included:
- Living in improvised dwellings, tents, or sleeping out (11.55%)
- Living in supported accommodation for the homeless (24%)
- Staying temporarily with other households (15.55%)
- Living in boarding houses (0%)
- Living in other temporary lodgings (0%)
- Living in 'severely' crowded dwellings (48.9%)
- For 'Young people living in supported accommodation for the homeless' – 53.7% were Female
- For 'Young people living in 'severely' crowded dwellings' – 54.4% were Female

